



Weather Forecast

HYDERABAD	VIJAYAWADA	TIRUPATHI
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PRESIDENT OF INDIA ORDERED ENQUIRY ON A LADY SUB-INSPECTOR

SAME OFFICER INVOLVED IN JATWANI'S CASE?

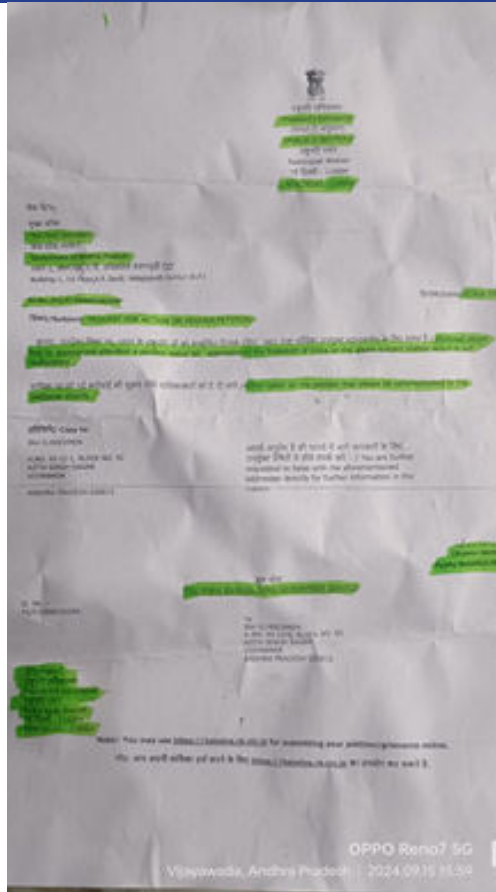
TPN, Andhra Pradesh: A Lady Sub-Inspector named A. Durga Devi is allegedly under the protection of higher officials, also named in the FIR of Kadambari Jatwani raising eyebrows across the board. It may sound unusual, but even an order from the President of India to investigate the actions of this Sub-Inspector has reportedly been neglected by these police officials. She is described as aggressive and highly loyal to her superiors, handling any assignment given to her with efficiency. This is speculated to be the reason why the President's order for an investigation seems to have been ignored.

The latest buzz suggests that this same Lady Sub-Inspector was involved in the controversial case of Mumbai actress Kadambari Jatwani. She is rumored to have been a part of the team that handled Jatwani's case. Allegedly, she was the officer who brutally assaulted Jatwani, with reports circulating within the

department that the Sub-Inspector acted like a "goon," kicking Jatwani in the stomach during the altercation.

The same officer has also been accused of framing false cases against another individual, alleging that he assaulted women. The accused wrote a letter to the President of India regarding these false allegations, which prompted the President's office to order an investigation into the Sub-Inspector. However, it is alleged that the Commissioner of Police ignored this directive.

The higher official involved in the Jatwani case is reportedly shielding and supporting the Lady Sub-Inspector. With these serious allegations making the rounds, the Andhra Pradesh Police Department has faced nationwide criticism, tarnishing its reputation. It remains to be seen how the current government will address these issues and restore the state's image.



Direct Flights from Vijayawada to Singapore and Dubai

- Minister Rammohan Naidu emphasized the need to focus on air connectivity to make Amaravati easily accessible from any city in the country.

- The minister revealed that four new services have been launched at Gannavaram Airport within the last three months.

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Union Civil Aviation Minister Rammohan Naidu stated that efforts are being made to start direct flights from Vijayawada (Gannavaram) Airport to Dubai and Singapore. He inaugurated the approach road connecting the National Highway to the entrance of Gannavaram Airport on Saturday. The minister also launched a new Indigo service to Delhi.

The Ongoing Process of Extracting Boats at Prakasam Barrage

- The extraction process has reached the sixth day
- Efforts to pull out the boats using iron ropes
- Boats moved only 20 meters despite three days of effort



TPN, Vijayawada: The removal of boats stuck at Prakasam Barrage has now entered its sixth day. During the recent floods, several boats washed away from upstream collided with the barrage gates and got stuck. The government has expressed suspicions of a conspiracy, as each boat weighs between 40-50 tons and they were tied together before hitting the gates. All five boats impacted the barrage gates. Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu himself alleged that this might be a deliberate attempt to tarnish the government's reputation by damaging the gates.

The government has initiated efforts to remove the boats that crashed into the gates. However, the first attempts failed. Efforts to break the boats apart and remove them were also unsuccessful. In response, the Kakinada Abbulu team is using iron ropes to pull the boats out with the help of poclains. After three days of continuous effort, the boats have only moved about 20 meters. The process has become more complicated as the boats are now stuck in the sand.

Later, Minister Rammohan Naidu mentioned that CM Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan had requested improved air connectivity for Amaravati to ensure easy travel from any city in the country. In response, new services have been introduced. He highlighted that four new services have been added from Gannavaram Airport in the past three months. He also noted that the number of air passengers has increased significantly compared to the pre-election period. Previously, an average of 85,000 people traveled per month, but that number has now risen to 100,000.

Minister Kollu Ravindra, Machilipatnam MP Balashauri, Mysore MP Yaduveera Krishnadatta, MLA Yarlagadda Venkatarao, and others participated in the event.

DGP Report to AP Government in Actress Kadambari Jethwani Case

CM Chandrababu has Signed the Suspension File

Harassment of Actress Kadambari Jethwani Allegations Against Three IPS Officers Three IPS Officers Suspended

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Three IPS officers have been suspended in connection with the Mumbai actress Kadambari Jatwani case. However, former Intelligence Chief PSR Anjaneyulu, Kanti Rana Tata, and Vishal Gunni have not been suspended.

Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has signed the suspension file for the three IPS officers involved. Government Orders (GOs) numbered 1590, 1591, and 1592 have been released. The suspensions were carried out based on a report submitted by the Director General of Police (DGP), which led to the dismissal of the three officers from their duties.

In addition to these suspensions, the DGP had already suspended

ACP Hanumantha Rao and Ibrahimpatnam Circle Inspector (CI) Satyanarayana, both of whom were also involved in the case.

On this regard The Director General of Police (DGP) has submitted a report to the Andhra Pradesh (AP) government regarding the harassment case involving Mumbai actress Kadambari Jethwani. The report is said to include detailed information about the roles played by three IPS officers. After reviewing the DGP's report, the AP government took the action.

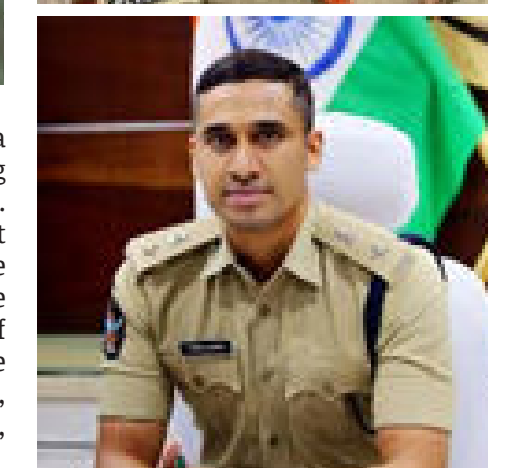
The AP government has already informed the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) about the involvement of these IPS officers in the Jethwani case, and the AP Home Department has reportedly



mentioned of their suspension. ACP Hanumantha Rao and CI Satyanarayana have already been suspended in connection with the case.

Following the DGP's submission, the AP government has moved to suspend IPS officers PSR Anjaneyulu, Kanti Rana Tata, and Vishal Gunni. However, an official announcement on this matter is still awaited.

Kadambari Jethwani had filed a complaint with the AP police alleging illegal detention and harassment. She made serious allegations against three IPS officers, claiming that she was unlawfully detained under the orders of then Intelligence Chief PSR Anjaneyulu. Additionally, she stated that her personal background, including her residence in Mumbai, was investigated by Vishal Gunni.





Minister Narayana Collects Acceptance Documents from Farmers for Land Acquisition



- Minister Narayana's visit to the capital region

- 10.37 acres of land collected from ten farmers in Errabalem village
- Minister offered to personally visit farmers' homes to facilitate land acquisition
- Allotment of plots to landless farmers in locations of their choice

TPN, Amaravati: State Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister Narayana toured the Amaravati capital region as part of the ongoing land acquisition process. During his visit, acceptance documents were collected from farmers in Errabalem village, amounting to 10.37 acres of land from ten farmers.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Narayana stated that farmers who participate in land pooling will be allotted plots in locations of their choosing. He also mentioned that if farmers contact him, he is willing to personally visit their homes to facilitate the acquisition

process. Additionally, he announced that jungle clearance work in Amaravati would commence from the next day.

Responding to rumors about potential floods from Budameru, Minister Narayana dismissed the claims as part of a conspiracy by the YSR Congress Party (YCP). He revealed that a complaint had been lodged with the Director General of Police (DGP) regarding false social media posts about floods, warning that legal action would be taken against those spreading misinformation.

Key Changes in the Registration Process

TPN, Amaravati: The Andhra Pradesh government has made a significant decision to reform the procedures in the registrar's offices. The revenue department has issued a circular outlining these changes. The registration department aims to overhaul the current system, where sub-registrars functioned like judges in courts. The government has decided to bring about these changes to improve the registration process and experience.

The new reforms will end the exclusive practices previously observed in sub-registrar offices. Revenue Department Special Chief Secretary RP Sisodia and Minister Angani Satya Prasad have approved changes to the office structure and issued a circular for

implementation. One of the key reforms is to ensure that the seating arrangements for sub-registrars are consistent with those in all other government offices. The goal is to create an environment where sub-registrars are perceived as regular public servants rather than figures of authority.

Sisodia has ordered the removal of the red cloth around the elevated podium where the sub-registrar sits. The sub-registrar's chair will now be at floor level, without any partitions or barriers. This is meant to break down the perceived divide between the public and government officials. The common people, who contribute to government revenue through land registrations, will be treated with greater respect, and the

practice of them having to stand until the registration process is completed will be eliminated.

In the current setup, sub-registrars perform their duties from a raised wooden platform, surrounded by a red cloth, which gives them a higher, authoritative position. This policy has been criticized for increasing the distance between the people and the government. The new circular from Revenue Principal Secretary RP Sisodia directs that these practices be discontinued. If there are delays in the registration process, the offices are instructed to offer the public tea and clean water as a gesture of respect and service.



Officials Working Hard to Contain Eleru Canal Breach

- Water is being wasted from the canal in Rachapalli, Makavaram Mandal
- Farmers are concerned as their fields are flooding due to frequent rains
- Farmers demand a permanent solution

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Eleru canal, which was swollen with floodwater, has suffered a breach. A 10-foot embankment collapsed in Rachapalli, Makavaram Mandal, Kakinada district. As a result, floodwater from the underground tunnel is seeping into nearby lands. Upon receiving information from locals, officials promptly arrived at the scene and assessed the situation, concluding that there was no immediate danger.

To prevent further water wastage, the officials quickly began excavation work. They are using

poclains to place sandbags at the breach site to stem the flow of water. They assured that the situation would be brought under control within two to three hours.

Local farmers are expressing concern as the Eleru canal frequently floods, inundating their crops. Some have voiced their frustration, saying that their harvest, which is often close to completion, is being destroyed. Farmers are demanding that the authorities find a permanent solution to this recurring problem.

Dr. Kiran Presents a Donation Check of Rs.5 Crore to AP Minister Nara Lokesh

- Flood disaster in Andhra Pradesh
- Divi's Laboratories responds with generosity
- Cash transfer of Rs.4.8 crore as immediate assistance
- Presentation of a Rs.5 crore check today
- Lokesh expresses gratitude for the total donation of Rs.9.8 crore

TPN, Amaravati: The management of Divi's Laboratories has responded generously to the flood disaster in Andhra Pradesh, announcing a total donation of Rs.9.8 crore for the relief of flood victims. The company had already transferred Rs.4.8 crore as immediate relief and presented an additional Rs.5 crore today.

Dr. Kiran, CEO of Divi's Laboratories, met with AP Minister Nara Lokesh today to present a check for Rs.5 crore. Minister Lokesh expressed his gratitude and praised the unity and generosity of the people of the state, led by CM Chandrababu Naidu, in coming together to assist the flood victims.

Dr. Murali Devi, head of Divi's Laboratories, who made the announcement of the Rs.9.8 crore donation with a generous heart, was also thanked by Lokesh for this significant contribution.

Minister Lokesh explained that the timely



assistance from Divi's Laboratories and the Akshaya Patra Foundation will provide much-needed relief to the flood victims, ensuring they receive adequate support during this difficult time.

Are All Government Medical Colleges in AP Being Privatized? Is Roja's Statement True?

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The condition of government medical colleges in Andhra Pradesh (AP) continues to worsen, with the blame being placed on controversial decisions made by the ruling Telugu Desam Party (TDP)-Jana Sena-Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) coalition government, led by Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan.

A heated exchange of words is ongoing between the leaders of the ruling TDP alliance and the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP). Former minister and YSRCP spokesperson RK Roja strongly criticized Health Minister Y Satyakumar's statements.

Satyakumar had earlier pointed out that the central government, led by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, sanctioned 17 medical colleges to



Andhra Pradesh during YS Jagan's tenure. He criticized the Jagan-led government for failing to complete even a single one of these colleges in the past four years, with more than half still in the foundation

stages. Satyakumar alleged that the Rajahmundry Medical College was opened last year without completing the hostel buildings, forcing second-year students to conduct classes in temporary facilities this year.

He also reminded that the Medical Council had denied permission to these colleges in July. Moreover, he highlighted that the construction of the medical college in YS Jagan's own constituency, Pulivendula, remains incomplete and that 48% of the teaching staff is missing.

Satyakumar further noted that the YSRCP's popularity had drastically reduced from 151 to 11 seats in the state assembly, suggesting that the public had grown weary of their governance. He urged the YSRCP to reflect on public opinion.

In response, RK Roja reacted sharply, accusing Chandrababu Naidu's government of attempting to privatize medical colleges in the state. She defended Jagan's record, stating that his government had made substantial contributions to medical education,

while Chandrababu's government failed to bring a single government medical college to the state. Roja described the alleged plan to privatize newly established medical colleges under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model as an "unforgivable crime" by the TDP.

Roja further criticized Chandrababu for writing to the Medical Council to cancel seats allotted to Pulivendula Medical College, calling it an "evil" act. She claimed that Chandrababu, out of jealousy and hatred towards Jagan, was trying to undermine the future of AP students and deprive talented, underprivileged students of medical education. Roja, on behalf of the YSRCP, demanded that all medical colleges built by Jagan's government should remain under public management, ensuring that the poor have access to medical education.



Nominated Posts Finalized.. Next Week's Announcement..!

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The field is ready for the announcement of nominated posts in AP, and the final exercise is underway. A key decision has been taken to finalize the state-level posts for the three parties. Although these positions were supposed to be announced earlier, the process was postponed for further filtering. Chandrababu is considering announcing the posts before Dussehra. It is reported that a decision has already been made regarding who will be assigned to which position.

Sector Preparation

The sector is gearing up for the filling of nominated posts. The long-awaited moment for the alliance ranks has finally arrived. According to the agreement reached between the three parties on the distribution of posts, TDP will receive 60 percent, Jana Sena 30 percent, and BJP the remaining 10 percent, according to leaders. In this context, the alliance government has now turned its attention to the remaining nominated posts, including temples and trust board governing



bodies in the state. A formula has been prepared to ensure justice for all.

With 164 MLAs in the alliance, constituencies have been taken as the unit for distributing posts. A formula has been adopted for the transmission of posts to the three parties. It is reported that state-level positions have been assured to leaders who did not secure seats in TDP. Party circles suggest that Devineni Uma has been appointed as RTC Chairman, Praveen Kumar Reddy as APIC Chairman, Pattabhi for the Civil Supplies Corporation, former minister Peethala Sujata for the SC Commission, and former minister

Kilari Shraavan for the ST Commission. Next Week's Announcement

It seems that former minister Alapati Rajendra Prasad, who lost his chance at the Tenali seat to Jana Sena chief Nandendla Manohar, will be entrusted with key responsibilities in Amaravati. There are about 90 corporations in the state, with hundreds of posts for chairmen and members. The government plans to fill these positions in phases rather than all at once. About 30 percent of the posts will be filled in the first phase. The post of TTD chairman seems certain for the head of a media house.

Welfare Did Not Stop Even During the Covid Crisis - What Is Your Situation??

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YSRCP leader YS Jaganmohan Reddy recently responded, criticizing Chandrababu Naidu's government for writing to the central government, suggesting that there is no need to celebrate the state's allocation of MBBS seats. Jagan condemned the state government's actions, calling it despicable for disrupting initiatives that strengthen public health. He questioned the government's intentions, especially when neighboring states are actively pursuing new medical colleges and MBBS seats. Jagan argued that returning MBBS seats allocated to AP reflects poor governance. He emphasized that providing quality ed-



2023-24 academic year, adding 750 MBBS seats to the state. He pointed out that many underprivileged students are now studying medicine as a result. Jagan also stated that 750 more seats will be available in five more colleges—Madanapalle, Pulivendula, Adoni, Markapuram, and Paderu—this year, giving more students the opportunity to pursue medical careers. Jagan criticized the reduction of Paderu Medical College to only 50 seats and the state's attempt to prevent the allocation of 50 seats to Pulivendula Medical College, questioning the government's motives to privatize medical colleges. He further pointed out that even during

the Covid crisis, Rs. 2,403 crore was spent on the construction of medical colleges, classes began in five colleges, and preparations were made for five more to start this year. He asked why Chandrababu's government couldn't spend gradually to complete the remaining colleges.

Jagan accused the TDP government of prioritizing the privatization of public health institutions and questioned its hostility toward government-run institutions. He warned that there should not be any obstacles in managing new medical colleges and emphasized that poor students should not suffer due to political decisions related to seat allocation during elections.

Jagan highlighted that the YSRCP government initiated the construction of 17 medical colleges, with an investment of Rs. 8,480 crore, to ensure a medical college in every Lok Sabha constituency. He questioned the harm caused to the government by this initiative. He noted that classes began in five colleges during the

Sharmila Questions the Chandrababu-Pawan Alliance

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A war of words has erupted between the leaders of the ruling TDP alliance and the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP). Former minister and YSRCP spokesperson RK Roja sharply rejected the criticisms made by Health Minister Y Satyakumar.

Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) chief YS Sharmila has also weighed in, alleging that there are efforts to privatize new medical colleges in the state, thereby making medical education even more inaccessible to poor students. "Medical education is already out of reach for the poor. Are there plans to make it worse?" Sharmila asked. She questioned why the government is considering running all



government medical colleges in AP under a Gujarat Public-Private-Partnership (PPP) model. Sharmila demanded that Chandrababu Naidu address the ongoing speculation and provide clarity on the privatization of medical colleges. Sharmila condemned Chandrababu's let-

ter to the medical board, which reportedly stated that medical colleges in Pulivendula, Adoni, Markapuram, Madanapalle, and Paderu would not receive the necessary facilities this year, and that it would be impossible to maintain them or add additional seats. She questioned whether any state would willingly forgo additional seats in the public sector, calling it a disgrace for the coalition government. She pointed out that the failure to add 750 new medical seats is a direct result of Chandrababu's negligence, noting that this has shattered the hopes of students who invested heavily in long-term coaching for these seats. Sharmila further criticized that students from AP are being forced to seek medical seats in neighboring states. She claimed that while the YSR Congress Party government was accused of selling medical seats under a self-financing policy, the current coalition government had promised to abolish this policy but has failed to do so.

Will you teach the lessons yourself Professor Jagan?: Minister Satyakumar

- Minister Satyakumar's Response to the Condition of Medical Colleges Under Construction
- Criticism arises that they could not complete the construction of a single college even after four years.
- It was revealed that there is a shortage of teaching staff at Pulivendula College. Who should teach the lessons?



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: AP Health Minister Satyakumar criticized YCP president Jagan. He questioned how an incompetent person like Jagan became the Chief Minister and responded harshly.

He revealed that the construction of 17 medical colleges was started during the previous YCP government's regime, but even after four years, not a single college has been completed. Minister Satyakumar explained that more than half of the colleges are still in the foundation stages.

He mentioned that a medical college was started in Rajahmundry last year before its construction was even completed, and now there is a situation where second-year students do not have a classroom. "Mr. Jagan... where should the students study? Should they study under the trees?" he asked, facing criticism.

Minister Satyakumar further stated that the construction of Pulivendula Medical College is still incomplete. "Does Jagan not know that 48% of the teaching staff is absent at Pulivendula College?" he asked.

"If there are no classrooms, how can we manage? And if there are no teaching staff, who will teach the lessons?" he questioned. "Will you teach the lessons yourself, Professor Jagan?" he added sarcastically. "Why do you want to play with the future of the students?" Minister Satyakumar expressed his anger.

He also stated that false claims are being spread, limiting them to only 11 seats. Minister Satyakumar said that Jagan should understand the public's opinion and change accordingly.

Budameru Flood Rumors Turns Out Fake: Minister Narayana

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The people of Vijayawada city panicked and fled as rumors spread that another flood would come on Saturday night. Social media circulated claims that Budameru had flooded and that floodwaters would soon enter houses again. Upon hearing this news, people from Ajit Singh Nagar, Payakapuram, and Kandriga came out of their homes and ran in fear.

However, officials, along with the district collector, confirmed that this was a fake campaign. There is no flood in Budameru, and people were advised not to worry. On the other hand, Minister Narayana also responded to the fake news. He emphasized that Budameru floods would not affect many parts of Vijayawada city.

Minister Narayana condemned the false propaganda that floods were coming to areas like New Rajarajeshwari Peta and Jakkampudi Colonies. He stated that it is completely untrue that the Budameru Dam has been breached again. He reassured the public that there is no reason for concern and that Vijayawada city is completely safe.

NTR District Collector Srujana urged people not to believe the rumors that Budameru was in trouble. She clarified that no floodwaters were coming to Budameru. The Collector mentioned that they discovered some miscreants had posted these rumors on social media and warned that strict action would be taken against such acts.

It is worth noting that Budameru recently caused flooding in many parts of Vijayawada due to heavy rains. Several people lost their lives, and there was significant damage to property and crops. Those who suffered from the floods for about a week are just now recovering. The rumors of another flood caused renewed worry, but they breathed a sigh of relief when it was confirmed to be false.

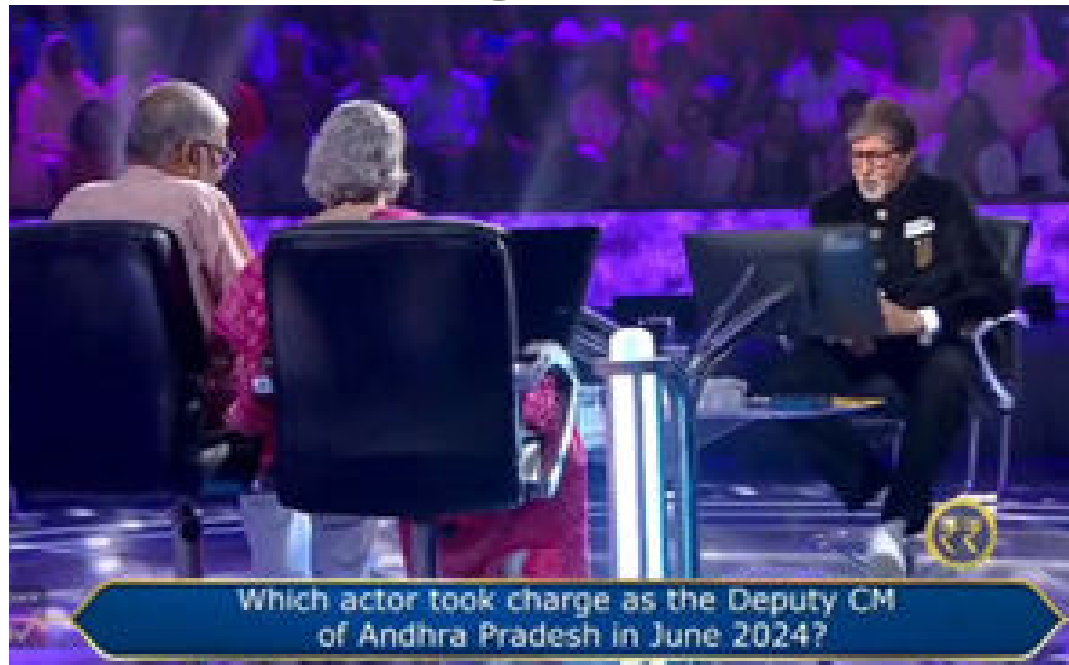


Pawan Kalyan's Political Milestone Featured in 'Kaun Banega Crorepati'

Power Star Pawan Kalyan made headlines beyond the film industry as his political achievements were highlighted on the popular game show *Kaun Banega Crorepati* (KBC). In the latest episode of the 16th season, hosted by Bollywood legend Amitabh Bachchan, a question about Pawan Kalyan's recent political role stumped a contestant, who turned to the audience poll for help.

The question posed by Amitabh Bachchan was: "Who is the actor who took charge as Deputy Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh in June 2024?" Faced with uncertainty, the contestant opted for the audience poll, which revealed that more than 50 percent of the viewers believed Pawan Kalyan was the correct answer.

The contestant chose Pawan Kalyan as the answer, which was confirmed as correct. This win earned the contestant Rs. 1.60 lakhs and allowed them to progress to the next question. Pawan Kalyan, who has made a significant impact in both the



film and political arenas, was noted for his impressive victory in the 2024 Andhra Pradesh Assembly elections, where his party secured 21 Assembly and two Parliament seats.

This feature on KBC underscores Pawan Kalyan's rising prominence in Indian politics, alongside his established legacy in cinema.

Minister Narayana Visits Flood-Affected Areas, Criticizes YCP for Alleged False Campaigns

TPN, Vijayawada: Minister Narayana has once again visited flood-affected regions in Vijayawada, inspecting the ongoing sanitation efforts in Kandrika and personally meeting with the victims of the recent floods. His visit aimed to assess the situation and address the needs of those impacted by the severe weather.

During his visit, Minister Narayana provided an update on the recovery efforts, stating that the situation in Vijayawada has significantly improved. He highlighted the ongoing cleanup operations, which involve using fire engines to assist in clearing out water and debris from affected homes.

Narayana took the opportunity to criticize the Yuvajana Sramika Rythu Congress Party (YCP), accusing them of spreading false information about the flood situation. He suggested that the alleged false campaign is part of a broader conspiracy against the state government, led by Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu.

The minister claimed that the YCP is unable to tolerate the efficiency of Naidu's administration and is resorting to malicious propaganda. He revealed that the state government has lodged a complaint with the Director General of Police (DGP) regarding these false claims and indicated that legal action will be pursued against those engaging in such campaigns. Minister Narayana's remarks come amid heightened political tensions and scrutiny over the handling of the flood crisis. The situation remains under close observation as recovery efforts continue and political reactions unfold.



Lokesh's Heartfelt Response to Modi's Video



TPN, Mangalagiri: A video posted by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has gone viral on social media. Many Bharatiya Janata Party leaders and fans are sharing photos of a calf that Modi is seen interacting with. The photos show Modi picking up the calf and playing with it.

What has caught the attention of many is that the calf belongs to the Punganur Melurak breed, native to Chittoor District. This has gained significance, with BJP leaders from Andhra Pradesh, including PVP, discussing it. The video posted by PM Modi is being widely shared on social media. IT Minister Nara Lokesh also took the opportunity to respond to this. Modi shared the video of the calf on his official X (formerly Twitter) account, commenting that the video touched his heart. Nara Lokesh explained that the calf, named Deepjyoti Duda, belongs to the Punganur breed, which hails from his home district of Chittoor. Lokesh expressed happiness that a calf from Andhra Pradesh is thriving at the residence of Prime Minister Modi.

It is known that Prime Minister Modi posted this calf video on Saturday afternoon. He accompanied the post with the Sanskrit phrase *avu sarva sukha pradam*, which means "the cow is the giver of all happiness." Modi was seen affectionately petting and kissing the calf, overjoyed in its presence.

The calf, a special attraction with its white color, was adorned with a garland of flowers and draped with a shawl during worship. Modi, picking it up with his own hands, took the calf to his residence, where he played with it in the garden.

This video reinforces the image of Prime Minister Modi, the powerful leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party, as someone who spends his limited free time interacting with animals and birds. Currently, he is busy with the election campaigns in Jammu & Kashmir, Haryana, Maharashtra, and Jharkhand for the upcoming state assembly elections, having already addressed public meetings in Jammu & Kashmir and Haryana.

Andhra Pradesh Home Minister Anita Vangalapudi Visits Tiruvannamalai

TPN, Tiruvannamalai: State Home Minister Anita Vangalapudi made a significant visit to Tamil Nadu's Tiruvannamalai district, where she paid homage at the Lord Arunachaleswara Temple. The visit included a traditional circumambulation of Arunachalam Giri, known as Giri Pradakshan, accompanied by her family members. Following this, she participated in a special pooja dedicated to Lord Arunachaleswara, a revered Jyotirlinga. This spiritual visit comes on the heels of Vangalapudi's intensive involvement in flood relief and rehabilitation efforts in Vijayawada. Over the past ten days, she has been deeply engaged in overseeing recovery operations at the NTR District Collectorate and the Disaster Management Authority Headquarters in Kunchanapalli, Guntur District. Her role also involved active participation in flood relief activities alongside Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, including direct engagement in affected areas such as Singh Nagar, Andhra



Prabha Colony, Yanamalakuduru, and Chittannagar.

During her visit to Tiruvannamalai, Vangalapudi was traditionally welcomed by members of the temple's governing council. She performed the ritual of Giri Pradakshan, completing the circumambulation of Arunachalam Giri by nightfall. After the temple darshan, she received Tirtha Prasa-

dam and offered prayers for the well-being of the people of her state, seeking divine blessings for their relief and recovery. The visit highlights the Minister's commitment to balancing her official duties with personal spiritual practices, as she continues to manage significant responsibilities in the wake of recent natural calamities.

Narendra Modi Launches New Vande Bharat Trains for AP and Telangana



Prime Minister Narendra Modi has continued his push for the Vande Bharat train initiative by virtually inaugurating a new Vande Bharat service connecting Visakhapatnam to Durg in Chhattisgarh on Monday. This latest addition highlights the central government's ongoing commitment to enhancing rail connectivity across major cities in India.

The Vande Bharat trains, known for their semi-high-speed capabilities, aim to significantly reduce travel time between key urban centers. Despite initial criticisms regarding ticket prices, the popularity of these trains has steadily increased as passengers experience their benefits.

Currently, four Vande Bharat trains operate from Visakhapatnam: two services to Secunderabad, one to Bhubaneswar, and one to Durg. The new service to Durg, which will travel via Rayagada, is expected to accommodate the high passenger demand stemming from Durg's industrial significance.

In addition to the Visakhapatnam-Durg route, the Vande Bharat network in the region includes the Secunderabad-Visakhapatnam, Secunderabad-Tirupati, Secunderabad-Nagpur, and Kachiguda-Bangalore routes. An additional service connects Vijayawada to Chennai. With this latest addition, the number of Vande Bharat trains operating from Secunderabad has reached five.

The expansion reflects the increasing passenger demand for efficient rail services in the Telugu states. Authorities are noting a strong public call for more Vande Bharat trains, particularly on high-demand routes such as Secunderabad-Nagpur and Visakhapatnam-Durg.

The introduction of these trains is a testament to the government's emphasis on improving transportation infrastructure and meeting the growing needs of travelers across India.

Minister Nara Lokesh Extends Financial Support to Young Badminton Player Charan Naik



TPN, Mangalagiri: Andhra Pradesh Minister Nara Lokesh has once again demonstrated his commitment to supporting emerging sports talents. Recently, Lokesh provided significant financial assistance to K. Charan Naik, a promising young badminton player from Mangalagiri.

Charan Naik, who has been excelling in international badminton tournaments, is set to compete in ranking events in Australia and New Zealand. The tournaments are scheduled to take place in Australia from October 16 to 20 and in New Zealand from October 23 to 26. Faced with the financial demands of participating in these international competitions, Naik sought help to cover his expenses.

Yesterday, Charan Naik met with Minister Nara Lokesh and shared his financial challenges. Moved by Naik's dedication and potential, Lokesh responded with generosity. Under the initiative named 'Pride of Mangalagiri,' Lokesh, through local TDP leaders, provided Rs. 3 lakhs to support Naik's participation in the tournaments. The young shuttler expressed his gratitude, acknowledging the crucial role Lokesh's support plays in his sporting career. This gesture reflects Lokesh's ongoing efforts to nurture and encourage young athletes from the region.

Old Classics Make a Big-Screen Comeback: Theatres Bet on Nostalgia

Theatres across India are witnessing an unexpected trend in 2024 – the re-release of old superhit films. In cities like Chennai, films such as *Vaaranam Aayiram*, *Vettaiyadu Vilaiyaadu*, *Kushi*, *Vinnaithandi Varuvaayaa*, and *Ghilli* have drawn large crowds, often outperforming some of the newer releases. This wave of nostalgia has even reached Bollywood, with classics like *Maine Pyar Kiya*, *Gangs of Wasseypur*, *Rehnaa Hai Terre Dil Mein* (RHTDM), and *Jab We Met* creating a buzz once again at the box office.

One of the driving forces behind this trend is the power of nostalgia. Many of these films were released over a decade ago, with fans from Gen Z, who were school children at the time, now eager to relive these cinematic experiences on the big screen. The memories these films evoke, coupled with iconic soundtracks that continue to be popular, create an emotional connection for viewers.

An example of this is *Rehnaa Hai Terre Dil Mein*, which, though not a box-office hit upon its release, has since become a cult classic. Actor R. Madhavan, who starred in the film, recently spoke about the surprising response to its re-release, noting how fans flocked to theatres



despite the movie being widely available on digital platforms. The success of *RHTDM* speaks to the enduring appeal of such films and how they resonate with new and old audiences alike.

The film industry has seen significant changes in recent years, especially post-pandemic, with shifting audience preferences. Big-budget films that were once guaranteed hits are now

struggling, leading producers and distributors to explore new strategies to fill theatres. Nitin Datar, President of the Cinema Owners and Exhibitors Association of India, highlighted how re-released films have been helping theatres engage audiences differently, especially as newly released films fail to draw crowds. This has become an effective way to keep the exhibition industry afloat amidst fewer new films in the pipeline.

Another reason for the resurgence of these old hits is that many films were ahead of their time when they were originally released. *Gangs of Wasseypur*, for instance, did not perform as expected at the box office, possibly due to its raw content and language. However, over time, it has gained recognition as a cinematic masterpiece, particularly for its innovative storytelling and soundtrack. Now, its re-release is garnering the kind of attention it originally missed.

While the re-release trend is doing well, it seems to be largely limited to multiplexes in urban areas rather than rural cinemas. Nevertheless, the big screen experience offers something irreplaceable – a sense of collective enjoyment. Despite the convenience of watching films at home, there is something magical about sitting in a theatre, enjoying a classic film, singing along to the songs, and indulging in popcorn.

With fewer new films in production and audiences eager for nostalgic experiences, theatres are betting on this trend to continue, providing both an opportunity for box office success and a chance for audiences to reconnect with the movies that defined their past.

Clean Air And Blue Skies Still Far For India

India continues to grapple with one of the highest levels of air pollution globally, with its capital, Delhi, frequently ranking among the most polluted cities. This poses significant risks to both public health and the country's economy. According to a World Bank report, all of India's 1.4 billion people are exposed to harmful levels of particulate matter (PM2.5), a dangerous pollutant emitted from various sources. As India marks the International Day of Clean Air for Blue Skies on 7 September, the day serves as a reminder of the urgent need for decisive action to address this critical issue.

Delhi's winter season, historically marked by hazardous air quality, looms on the horizon. However, this year, the state government seems more prepared. Last week, the Supreme Court (SC) criticised pollution control boards in Delhi, Punjab, and Haryana for their ineffectiveness. The SC asked the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM), the body responsible for managing pollution in the region, for a concrete plan to address the issue, including controlling stubble burning—a significant contributor to air quality deterioration during winter months.

For over four decades, the SC has been at the forefront of efforts to mitigate air pollution in Delhi, with varying degrees of success. Landmark decisions, such as the switch to compressed natural gas (CNG) for public transport, have helped reduce pollution. However, the number of private vehicles has surged, contributing to worsening air quality. Meanwhile, measures like the installation of smog towers, mandated by the SC, have failed to produce significant results.

On 31 August, the CAQM submitted its action plan for 2024 in an affidavit to the SC. The states of Punjab and Haryana, both major contributors to air pollution due to stubble burning, also submitted their targets for achieving "zero paddy residue burning." However, recent data shows a slight increase in paddy cultivation in Punjab, from 3.1 million hectares in 2023 to 3.154 million hectares in 2024, resulting in a corresponding rise in paddy straw production. As these states prepare for the winter season, their ability to manage the additional stubble will be a key factor in determining whether air quality will improve.

One of the SC's more controversial directives was its recommendation to withhold Minimum Support Price (MSP) benefits from farmers who engage in stubble burning. This has become a sensitive issue, particularly in politically significant regions like Punjab, Haryana, and Delhi, where elections are scheduled. The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government in Delhi, which has historically pointed fingers at neighbouring states for the city's pollution problems, faces a challenging test ahead. The annual smog in Delhi-NCR is likely to become a major election issue, with both political parties and the public demanding solutions.

Delhi's Environment Minister, Gopal Rai, recently claimed that pollution in the city had decreased by 30% over the last nine years. Citing a report by the Centre for Science and Environment (CSE), Rai noted that only 31% of the pollution is generated within Delhi, with the rest



coming from neighbouring states. Despite this claim, the AAP government was criticised last year for its failure to effectively address the issue of stubble burning.

Data from Punjab and Haryana indicates a reduction in stubble burning incidents, with Punjab reporting 36,663 cases in 2023, a 27% decrease from 2022, and Haryana showing a 37% reduction. However, these improvements did not translate into better air quality in Delhi-NCR, which remained among the worst in the country last year.

Another major source of pollution in Delhi is vehicular emissions. Recent data from the Delhi Transport Department reveals that out of 8.29 million registered vehicles in the city, 2.62 million vehicles are operating without valid Pollution Under Control Certificates (PUCs). This is concerning, especially given a study by the Delhi government and IIT-Kanpur, which found that vehicle emissions accounted for nearly 38% of Delhi's air pollution in November 2023.

During the winter months, air quality plummets further due to a combination of adverse weather conditions, vehicular emissions, firecrackers, and paddy straw burning. Exposure to air pollution has been linked to numerous health problems, including asthma, bronchitis, chronic obstructive pulmonary disease (COPD), lung cancer, and cardiovascular diseases. A 2019 study found that air pollution contributed to 1.67 million deaths in India, or 17.8% of the country's total mortality that year.

In response, the Indian government launched the National Clean Air Programme (NCAP) in 2019, aiming to reduce PM levels through targeted mitigation strategies. However, the programme has not been particularly effective, with many states lacking sufficient air quality monitoring stations and relying on outdated technology. The situation is exacerbated in rural and remote areas, where a lack of awareness leads to poor monitoring and data collection, resulting in significant gaps in AQI measurements.

Elections 2024

The Influence of 'Others' Looms Large Once Again

As India gears up for the 2024 state elections, 'Others'—comprising smaller parties and independent candidates—are once again positioned to play a decisive role in shaping the political landscape. With key states like Jammu & Kashmir, Haryana, Jharkhand, and Maharashtra heading to the polls, the impact of these candidates could be pivotal, particularly in the context of hung assemblies and internal dissent within major parties.

The upcoming elections are set to unfold in phases, beginning with Jammu & Kashmir and Haryana, where the campaigning has intensified. Smaller parties and independents, who have historically influenced election outcomes, are expected to exert considerable influence once more, especially given the recent history of hung assemblies in these regions.

In Jammu & Kashmir, the past three elections (2002, 2008, and 2014) have all resulted in fragmented verdicts, with 'Others' consistently securing a significant portion of the vote share. The upcoming election is no different, with 458 candidates contesting 50 seats, signalling fierce competition. Independents have made notable inroads in the region, and with 25% of the vote share in the last general elections, they remain a force that could tip the balance in a tightly contested race.

Meanwhile, in Haryana, 'Others' have also played a significant role in previous elections, with two of the past five state elections (2009 and 2019) resulting in hung assemblies. While 'Others' won eight seats in the 2019 assembly polls, the local nature of state elections suggests that they could perform better in 2024, despite a reduced presence in the general elections. The potential alliance between smaller parties like the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) and Indian National Lok Dal (INLD), and the rising number of independents dissatisfied with the major parties, could fracture the vote and disrupt expected outcomes.

Jharkhand, known for producing unpredictable electoral outcomes, has also seen 'Others' take center stage in past elections. In the 2005 and 2009 elections, independents and smaller parties commanded around half of the vote share, and despite their diminishing presence in the 2014 and 2019 elections, they still secured a third of the vote. The state even elected an independent, Madhu Koda, as Chief Minister in 2006, showcasing the potential of 'Others' to rise in a fragmented political environment. With key alliances shifting in 2024, their influence may either diminish or disrupt the plans of the major parties.

Maharashtra, too, has seen the 'Others' leave a mark, with a 25% vote share and significant influence in 86 constituencies in 2019. Regional parties such as the Bahujan Vikas Aaghadi (BVA), All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM), and the Vanchit Bahujan Aaghadi (VBA) have the ability to alter the course of elections in several seats, making the 2024 elections a complex affair.

In all these states, 'Others' could once again be kingmakers or spoilers, depending on how the vote splits. With rebellion within major parties and the rise of multi-cornered contests, the 2024 state elections are set to see these smaller players and independents flex their political muscles, potentially influencing the formation of new governments in key states.



PM Slams Congress, Accuses Gandhi Family of Anti-Reservation Agenda

In a rally held in Kurukshetra, Haryana, ahead of the state Assembly elections on October 5, Prime Minister Narendra Modi accused the Congress party, specifically the Gandhi family, of opposing reservations for Dalits, Other Backward Classes (OBCs), and tribals. He alleged that the Congress leadership has historically sought to do away with the reservation system. Modi emphasized that as long as he remains in power, he will protect the quota system established by B. R. Ambedkar, stating, "I will not allow a fraction of the reservations to be looted or removed." Modi criticized former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, claiming that he referred to those who received reservations as "fools" and that Congress has always been opposed to the Mandal Commission and other reservation policies. The prime minister also highlighted past incidents of violence against Dalits in Haryana, such as the Gohana (2005) and Mirchpur (2010) incidents, accusing the Congress of remaining silent during these events. He urged the Dalit community to remain vigilant against Congress's



alleged anti-Dalit stance. Modi reiterated his commitment to development and transparency, stating that under the BJP government, over 1.5 lakh jobs were provided in a fair manner, contrasting it with the Congress era of alleged

favoritism. He concluded by promising that the BJP would continue working for "sabka vikas, tez vikas" (development for all, rapid development). Haryana will go to polls on October 5, with results to be announced on October 8.



Opposition Offered To Back Me For PM, But I Asked...': Nitin Gadkari

Nitin Gadkari, however, did not name the Opposition leader.

Union minister Nitin Gadkari on Saturday revealed that an Opposition leader approached him before the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, offering support to make him the Prime Minister. However, he declined the offer, stating that he did not have such an ambition.

"There was a surprising incident. I will not name anyone — that person said, 'If you are going to become Prime Minister, we will support you'," Mr. Gadkari, a senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leader, said at a journalism awards function in Nagpur, Maharashtra.

"But I asked why you should support me, and why should I take your support? Becoming the Prime Minister is not the aim of my life. I am loyal to my conviction and my organisation, and I am not going to compromise for any post because my conviction is foremost for me," he said.

The 67-year-old leader, who scored a hat-trick by winning the Nagpur seat in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, said he believes that "this conviction is the biggest strength of Indian democracy." In his address, he also emphasized the importance of ethics in both journalism and politics.

Nitin Gadkari has often received praise from the Opposition. He retained the road transport and highways portfolio in the third Narendra Modi government after his stellar work in expanding road connectivity in the country during the first two terms.

Mr. Gadkari entered politics as a student leader in the Akhil Bharatiya Vidyarthi Parishad (ABVP) and later joined the Janata Yuva Morcha, the youth wing of the BJP.

He also headed the Maharashtra BJP until 2009, before being elevated as the BJP National President, becoming the youngest-ever party president.

Kejriwal to Resign in 48 Hours, BJP Questions "Why Not Today?"

Responding to Arvind Kejriwal's announcement of resignation, BJP's Harish Khurana questioned why the AAP leader is creating a drama by delaying his resignation.

Two days after being granted bail and released from prison following six months of incarceration, Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal made a shocking announcement during a party meeting, stating that he will resign from the top post in 48 hours. "I will not sit on that chair until the people announce their verdict. Elections in Delhi are months away. I got justice from the legal court; now I will seek justice from the people's court," Kejriwal said. He emphasized that he would sit in the Chief Minister's chair only with the people's approval.

Kejriwal also announced that a new Chief Minister from the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) would be chosen within the next two days. He expressed his intent to go to the people to seek their support and called for Delhi's elections, scheduled for February,



to be held in November alongside the Maharashtra polls.

In his address to AAP workers, Kejriwal criticized the Modi government, accusing it of being more dictatorial than the British. He claimed he did not resign earlier to protect democracy. The BJP's Harish Khurana criticized the timing of the resignation, saying, "Why after 48 hours? He

should resign today." Meanwhile, Delhi BJP chief Virendra Sachdeva noted that the people had already given their verdict during the Lok Sabha elections.

Delhi Congress welcomed Kejriwal's decision, stating it was better late than never and hoping for a new Chief Minister who can effectively handle the city's administration.

"There May Be Nexus": CBI to Court After Cop's Arrest in Kolkata Horror

Dr. Sandip Ghosh and Abhijit Mondal were produced in court today and remanded in CBI custody for two days.

Dr. Sandip Ghosh, former principal of Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College, spoke to Tala Police station's officer-in-charge, Abhijit Mondal, in the hours after a 31-year-old doctor was found dead on the hospital premises. The CBI told a Kolkata court today that there may be a nexus, which needs to be uncovered.

The central agency arrested Mr. Mondal last night on charges of tampering with evidence in the rape-murder case that has shocked the nation. Dr. Ghosh, who was earlier arrested in a financial irregularities case, also faces

charges of evidence tampering.

The two were produced in court today and remanded in CBI custody for two days. The case will be heard again on September 17.

"The FIR was registered at night. We have call records showing communication between the OC and Sandip Ghosh. There may be a nexus, and we need to uncover the case. We want to confront both of them," the CBI's counsel told the court.

"There is no clash between the CBI and the police. We want to get to the truth. For us, he is not a police officer; he is a suspect," the counsel added.

Both the Calcutta High Court and the Supreme Court have questioned the

delay in registering the FIR, which was filed over 14 hours after the doctor's body was found. The courts have asked why the hospital administration, then led by Dr. Ghosh, did not register a police complaint that would have ensured the filing of an FIR.

"He was under an obligation to register the FIR. They tried to downplay it as suicide. There was a lapse on his part. It was a case of sexual assault, and he should have handled it cautiously. He was in conspiracy with other people," the CBI told the court today.

The lawyer for Mr. Mondal responded, "They allege there was a delay. They don't say whether I am an accused or a witness. There is no ground for arrest



here. This is, at best, a case of alleged dereliction of duty. For that, a departmental inquiry could have been done." The CBI clarified that Mr. Mondal is not an accused in the rape and murder case but may have played a role in a larger conspiracy related to an alleged cover-up.

These are the CBI's first two arrests in the rape and murder case following their month-long investigation. Earlier, Kolkata Police had arrested civic volunteer Sanjoy Roy in the case. The CBI took Roy into custody after the High Court transferred the probe to the central agency.

"Will End Bihar Liquor Ban Within One Hour If Elected": Prashant Kishor

Prashant Kishor stated that if the Jan Suraj government is formed, the liquor ban will be ended within one hour.

Ahead of his party's foundation day on October 2, Jan Suraj chief Prashant Kishor vowed on Saturday to immediately end the liquor ban in Bihar if elected to power. While speaking to ANI, Mr. Kishor said, "There is no need for any special preparation for the 2nd. We have been preparing for the last two years... If the Jan Suraj government is formed, we will end the liquor ban within one hour."

When asked about Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) leader Tejashwi Yadav's yatra, he remarked, "My best wishes to him. At least he has come out of the house and is going among the public."

Commenting on the ongoing war of words between the RJD and Chief Minister Nitish Kumar, following Tejashwi Yadav's claim that Nitish Kumar had apologized with folded hands for joining the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA), Mr. Kishor said both leaders have harmed Bihar. "This issue is between Nitish Kumar and Tejashwi Yadav, and it doesn't matter who apologized with folded hands to whom; both have caused damage to Bihar. The people of Bihar have witnessed both

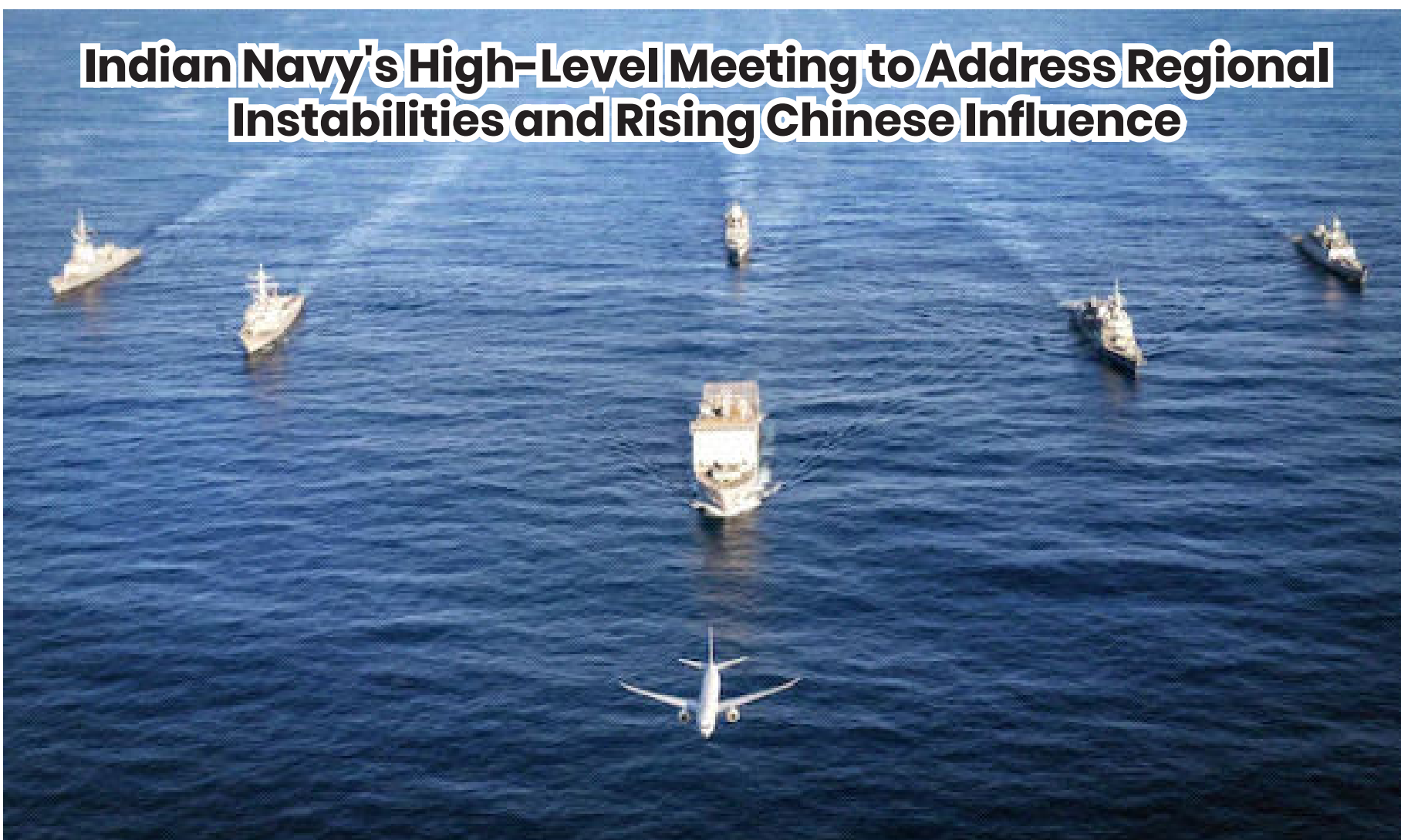
of them for 30 years. We are urging them both to leave Bihar," said Prashant Kishor.

Earlier, Mr. Kishor launched a scathing attack on Bihar's Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Yadav, questioning his ability to lead the state's development. Addressing a gathering in Bhojpur, Bihar, Mr. Kishor said, "If someone could not get educated due to a lack of resources, it is understandable. But if someone's parents were Chief Ministers and he couldn't pass the 10th class, it reflects their approach towards education."

Criticizing Tejashwi Yadav's educational background, Mr. Kishor highlighted the irony, saying, "A 9th-class dropout is showing the way to Bihar's development. He (Tejashwi Yadav) doesn't know the difference between GDP and GDP growth, yet he claims to know how Bihar will improve." Mr. Kishor further questioned Tejashwi Yadav's credentials, pointing out that his only claim to leadership is being the son of former Bihar Chief Minister Lalu Yadav and a leader in the RJD due to family ties.

Mr. Kishor argued that Mr. Yadav needs to work hard and prove himself through his actions if he wants to build a reputation beyond being Lalu Yadav's son.





Indian Navy's High-Level Meeting to Address Regional Instabilities and Rising Chinese Influence

Starting Tuesday, the Indian Navy's top commanders will convene at the new Naval Headquarters in Delhi for a critical four-day meeting to assess and respond to emerging security challenges. This high-level conference, the first since Admiral Dinesh K Tripathi assumed the role of Chief of Naval Staff in April, aims to address several pressing concerns, including the recent regime change in Bangladesh and escalating Chinese military activities.

A key agenda item will be the shifting political landscape in Bangladesh, where an in-

crease in extremist radical groups is raising regional security concerns. The meeting will also focus on the growing Chinese presence in the Indian Ocean region and its military support to Pakistan, which has been a point of increasing anxiety for Indian defense officials. Defence Minister Rajnath Singh's recent call for heightened readiness in the face of unexpected challenges at the Joint Commanders' Conference in Lucknow underscores the urgency of this gathering. The Navy's strategic review will include discussions on the creation of new theatre commands to enhance

operational efficiency and responsiveness. Admiral Tripathi has directed all naval commanders to ensure peak operational preparedness. The Navy will also evaluate its successful operations in the Gulf of Aden, where it has effectively countered piracy and drone threats earlier this year.

The outcomes of this meeting are expected to shape India's naval strategy and operational focus in the coming months, reflecting the country's commitment to safeguarding its maritime interests amid a complex and evolving regional security environment.



Punjab Police Bust Scam Involving 25 Travel Agencies Offering Fake Jobs Abroad

In a significant crackdown on fraudulent travel agencies, the Punjab Police have lodged FIRs against 25 travel agencies across the state for duping young people with fake job opportunities abroad. The operation, spearheaded by the NRI and Cyber Crime wings of the Punjab Police in coordination with the Protectorate of Emigrants, Chandigarh, has uncovered widespread deceit involving bogus job offers in Western countries and Russia.

The authorities have filed a total of 20 FIRs under Sections 24/25 of the Emigration Act at various NRI police stations in Amritsar, Jalandhar, Hoshiarpur, Ludhiana, Patiala, Sangrur, and SAS Nagar. These agencies were found to be illegally advertising job opportunities on social media platforms, including Instagram and Facebook, promising "guaranteed" employment with questionable or non-existent documentation processes.

Assistant Director General of Police (ADGP) Praveen K. Sinha explained that the agencies involved operated without the necessary licenses and permissions required for legal employment services. "Our investigation involved monitoring online platforms and verifying the credentials of these agencies. Upon confirming their illicit activities, FIRs were registered against them," ADGP Sinha said, according to the Tribune.

The crackdown comes amid increasing incidents of travel agencies facilitating illegal migration to Western nations or even sending youths to Russia for involvement in the ongoing conflict in Ukraine. ADGP Sinha has urged the public to exercise caution and thoroughly verify the credentials of travel agents before sharing personal documents or money.

Missile Fired from Yemen Falls into Central Israel, Escalating Regional Tensions

On Sunday, a missile launched from Yemen fell into central Israel, adding to the already heightened regional tensions amid ongoing conflicts. The Israeli military confirmed that the missile, a surface-to-surface projectile, crossed into central Israel and landed in an open area, causing no injuries. The incident marks a significant escalation as the Gaza conflict continues to draw in various regional actors.

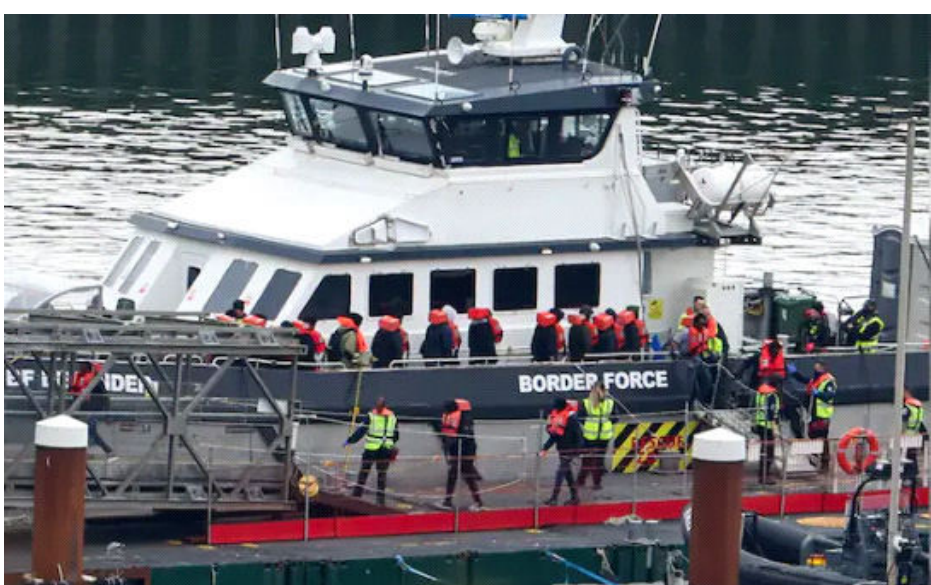
The missile landed near Lod and Modin, both southeast of Tel Aviv. AFP photographers reported that firefighters were seen addressing a brush fire caused by the missile, and broken glass was observed at a nearby train station. While Yemen's Huthi rebels have not officially claimed responsibility for this attack, they have previously engaged in similar actions in solidarity with Palestinian militants. The Huthis, backed by Iran and part of the broader "axis of resistance," have been involved in vari-

ous regional conflicts and attacks on shipping routes, particularly in the Gulf of Aden and the Red Sea.

In response to the missile attack, Israel's military noted that explosions heard were related to air-defense interceptors attempting to address the incoming threat. The situation is under review, and further details about the missile's trajectory and impact are being assessed. The recent escalation comes after a July attack by the Huthis that reached Tel Aviv, leading to Israeli airstrikes on Huthi-controlled facilities in Yemen. This retaliatory strike marked Israel's first direct military action in Yemen. Meanwhile, on Israel's northern front, tensions with Lebanon's Hezbollah continue to escalate. Hezbollah has been involved in regular cross-border exchanges with Israeli forces, and recent incidents have displaced thousands on both sides of the border.



As the conflict between Israel and Hamas in Gaza persists, with significant casualties reported on both sides, efforts by international mediators to secure a truce and address humanitarian concerns have so far failed. The ongoing violence has intensified calls for a resolution and heightened scrutiny of the Israeli government's handling of the crisis.



Eight Migrants Die in Channel Crossing as Crisis Continues

French maritime authorities have confirmed that eight migrants lost their lives early Sunday when their overcrowded vessel capsized while attempting to cross the English Channel from France to England. The tragic incident occurred shortly after the boat set sail, highlighting the ongoing dangers faced by those making the perilous journey in small, unseaworthy crafts. The disaster comes less than two weeks after the deadliest Channel crossing of the year, which resulted in the deaths of 12 migrants, mostly from Eritrea. This brings the total number of migrant deaths in the Channel this year to 37, a sharp increase from 12 deaths recorded in 2023.

French and British governments have been grappling with the issue of migrant crossings for years, as thousands of people pay smugglers exorbitant fees to make the dangerous journey from France to England. Despite efforts to curb the flow, the perilous crossings continue. Over the past 24 hours, maritime authorities rescued around 200 people attempting similar crossings.

In response to the ongoing crisis, British Prime Minister Keir Starmer and French President Emmanuel Macron have pledged to enhance cooperation to manage the surge in undocumented migrants.

Authorities in France have indicated that they are focusing on rescue operations and have refrained from intervening with migrants once they are afloat due to safety concerns.

India Launches Operation Sadbhav, Sends Relief Supplies to Typhoon-Hit Myanmar, Laos, and Vietnam

In response to the devastating impact of Typhoon Yagi, described as Asia's most powerful storm this year, India has initiated a major relief operation named 'Operation Sadbhav.' The operation aims to provide crucial aid to Myanmar, Laos, and Vietnam, which have been severely affected by the massive floods caused by the typhoon.

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar announced the dispatch of relief materials via various means. A total of 10 tonnes of aid, including dry rations, clothing, and medicines, was sent to Myanmar aboard the Indian naval ship INS Satpura. This shipment is part of India's commitment to support its neighbors in their time of need.

For Vietnam, an Indian Air Force (IAF) military transport aircraft has delivered 35 tonnes of aid. This shipment includes essential items such as water purification supplies, water containers, blankets, kitchen utensils, and solar lanterns.

The aid aims to address both immediate and long-term needs of the affected populations. Additionally, another IAF aircraft has transported 10 tonnes of relief materials to Laos. This includes generators, water purification items, hygiene supplies, mosquito nets, blankets, and sleeping bags, which are critical for ensuring basic needs and health standards in the flood-stricken areas.

Minister Jaishankar highlighted India's solidarity with the affected countries on social media, stating, "India launches #OperationSadbhav. Demonstrating our solidarity with the people affected by Typhoon Yagi, India is dispatching aid to Myanmar, Vietnam, and Laos."

Operation Sadbhav underscores India's readiness to extend humanitarian assistance to its neighbors in times of crisis, reinforcing regional cooperation and solidarity in the face of natural disasters.





Mixed Market Sentiment Ahead

FII's Buying, Rate Cut Prospects, and Weak Dollar Drive Optimism in Large Caps

Domestic stock market indices may move mixed this week. A good sign is that foreign institutional investors have resumed buying. Decline in crude oil prices, weakness in the dollar index and chances of central banks across the world to follow the path of interest rate cuts are showing momentum in the equity markets. Nifty may hover in the 25,000 range for some years. Consumer durables, FMCG, IT, metal and media sectors gained last week.

Bullishness is seen in the banking and finance sectors again with FIIs buying. There is interest in largecap shares.

Stock recommendations

LIC Housing Finance:

These shares, which hit a lifetime high in August, plunged 23% on headline supply. Currently, the key support level stands at Rs.700. The up trend started again with increasing relative strength and demand from investors. Investors should take a position in the range of Rs.720/700 with a target price of Rs.770/805 in this counter which closed at Rs.723 with a gain of 2.79% on Friday. Stoploss should be placed at Rs.685.



Piramal Enterprises:

A golden crossover is in sight in this stock which has been in a downtrend for two years. The uptrend has started again. This counter, which took support at Rs.800 level, has now reached the crucial resistance level of Rs.1120. Exceeding this will strengthen the uptrend. Investors can invest at Rs.1100 level with a target price of Rs.1250/1310 in this counter which closed at 1119 with a gain of 4.69% on Friday. Stoploss is mandatory at Rs.1070.



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Bandhan Bank: A base is forming in these stocks which have been in a downtrend for a long time.

Once again strength is seen at the key support level of Rs.170. Institutional investors are investing after better results and dividend announcement in the last quarter. EPS also increased by 1841%. Investors can take a position at Rs.205/200 level with a target price of Rs.245 in this counter which closed at Rs.207 with a gain of Rs.5.41% on Friday. Stoploss should be set at Rs.190.



Godrej Properties: These

shares saw a 16% correction as profit taking hit a lifetime high. Consolidation is currently underway. Support was found at Rs.2850 level. Investors should take a position in the range of Rs.2940/2920 with a target price of Rs.3250 in this counter which closed at Rs.2950 with a gain of 2.46% on Friday. Stoploss is mandatory at Rs.2880.



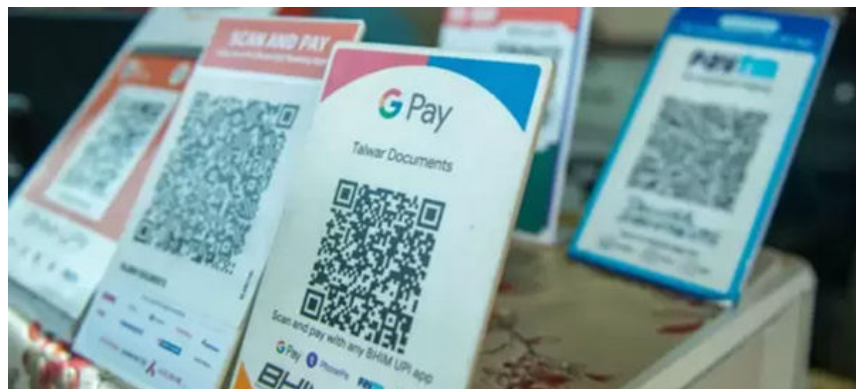
Apollo Tire: These shares are currently in the final stages of consolidation.

Moving towards lifetime highs once again. Demand is increasing as supply is low. In this counter which closed at Rs.526 on Friday, investors should take a position in the range of Rs.520/500 with a target price of Rs.570. Stoploss should be set at Rs.480.



UPI Transaction Limit May Increase to ₹5 Lakh for Specific Payments

Starting Monday, September 16, 2024, Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions for certain purposes may have an enhanced limit of up to ₹5 lakh per transaction. This change, reported by the Economic Times, reflects an update from the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) aimed at accommodating larger transactions for specific categories.



Currently, the general UPI transaction limit is ₹1 lakh, with a higher limit of ₹2 lakh per day for transactions related to capital markets, insurance, collections, and foreign inward remittances. The NPCI's circular dated August 24, 2024, highlights the need to boost this limit to better support the growing preference for UPI as a payment method.

The new ₹5 lakh transaction limit will apply to:

- Tax payments
- Payments to hospitals and educational institutions
- Investments in IPOs and RBI retail direct schemes

This enhancement aims to facilitate higher-value transactions in these crucial sectors, making it easier for users to manage large payments efficiently through UPI.

Oil India Plans Expansion of Assam Refinery to 180,000 BPD by 2027

Oil India Ltd aims to boost the capacity of its Numaligarh Refinery Ltd (NRL) in Assam to 180,000 barrels per day (bpd) by March 2027, according to Chairman Ranjit Rath. Currently, the refinery operates at 60,000 bpd, and the expansion includes a new crude oil pipeline linking the facility to Paradip Port in Odisha.



oping a 50,000 tons per year biorefinery in Assam to produce ethanol from bamboo, with production anticipated to start by the end of September.

NRL also exports diesel to Bangladesh via a pipeline with a capacity of 1 million tons per year. Rath assured that diesel supplies to Bangladesh have not been affected by the ongoing political crisis in the region, as a letter of credit is in place.

Rath confirmed that both the refinery expansion and pipeline projects are on track and expected to be completed by December 2025. The expanded refinery will process approximately 110,000 bpd of imported crude oil.

The company plans to invest ₹250 billion (\$3 billion) by 2030 across various initiatives, including clean energy projects. Additionally, NRL is devel-

Furthermore, Oil India holds stakes in two upstream projects in Russia—Vankorneft and Tass-Yuryakh. The company's \$250 million dividend from these projects remains in an Indian Bank's Moscow branch, pending repatriation. Overall, Indian companies are awaiting approximately \$600 billion in dividends from these ventures.

India's Forex Reserves Near \$700 Billion Amid Economic Uncertainty

Despite global economic challenges and rising geopolitical tensions, India's foreign exchange reserves are at a record high and are expected to surpass \$700 billion in FY25 sooner than anticipated.

Jefferies, a global investment firm, projects that the RBI's forex reserves will increase by \$53 billion, reaching \$700 billion within the current fiscal year. This surge is attributed to the rupee's stability, which has become the most stable among major currencies.

India's forex reserves recently hit a new peak of \$689.24 billion as of September 6, up by \$5.2 billion. Foreign currency assets (FCAs) also rose by \$5.10 billion to \$604.1 billion.

The country is experiencing robust domestic financial flows, with foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) significantly boosting the market. FPIs invested Rs 16,800 crore in Indian equities last week, bringing their total investment to Rs 27,856 crore by Sep-

tember 13. For 2024, FPIs have invested Rs 70,737 crore to date.



These positive FPI inflows are contributing to record forex levels, enhancing India's external sector resilience and supporting economic growth across various sectors. The substantial reserves provide the RBI with greater flexibility in monetary policy and currency management. India's reserve position with the IMF has increased by \$9 million to \$4.631 billion.

Market experts suggest that India's strong forex reserves will bolster its international economic standing, attract foreign investments, and support domestic trade and industry. With inflation likely to remain below the RBI's 4.4 percent forecast due to easing food prices, the central bank might consider rate cuts in upcoming Monetary Policy Committee meetings. Jefferies notes that a global trend toward lower interest rates could provide room for the RBI to adjust benchmark rates in the near future.

Adani Group Wins Bid to Supply 6,600 MW of Power to Maharashtra

Adani Group has secured a long-term contract to supply Maharashtra with 6,600 MW of bundled renewable and thermal power, outbidding competitors like JSW Energy and Torrent Power. Adani's bid of Rs 4.08 per unit was nearly a rupee less than the current procurement cost and will support the state's future electricity needs.



The contract, set to begin in 48 months, includes a fixed solar power tariff of Rs 2.70 per unit for the entire 25-year period, with coal power prices indexed to coal costs. Maharashtra State Electricity Distribution Company (MSEDCL) had issued a tender in March for 5,000 MW of solar power and 1,600 MW of coal-generated power.

The tender was awarded to Adani before the announcement of state assembly elections. The unique bid combined solar and thermal power to balance peak and off-peak energy demands, with equal energy weight given to both sources. Adani's winning bid was significantly lower than the Rs 4.70 per unit average cost of power in Maharashtra last year and the Rs 4.36 per unit bid from JSW Energy.

This bundled approach aims to achieve a lower effective power tariff. Separate Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) will be executed for solar and thermal projects, but the combined procurement will meet the state's future needs, which are projected to exceed current contracted capacities by 2028-29.

Currently, Maharashtra meets 12 percent of its power demand from solar sources, with a regulatory target of 32 percent by 2028. Adani Power, already India's largest private-sector thermal power generator with a capacity of over 17 GW, is expected to reach 31 GW by 2030.

SEBI Clears NSE Executives of High-Frequency Trading Charges

Five years after the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) imposed severe penalties on the National Stock Exchange (NSE) over alleged lapses in its high-frequency trading system through the co-location (colo) facility, the market regulator has now disposed of the charges against the NSE and its former top officials.

In 2019, SEBI had directed the NSE to disgorge Rs 624.89 crore and imposed a five-year ban on seven senior officials, including Ravi Narain and Chitra Ramakrishna, who were former managing directors and CEOs. Other banned individuals included Anand Subramanian (former group operating officer), Ravindra Apte and Umesh Jain (former chief technical officers), Mahesh Soparkar (former senior vice president - special projects), and Deviprasad Singh (former head of IT operations).

The latest SEBI order clears these individ-



uals and the NSE from the charges, which is a significant relief for them, particularly as the NSE is preparing for its large initial public offering (IPO). The decision comes as a major boost for the NSE and its former executives, who had faced scrutiny over the alleged preferential access to high-frequency trading systems provided through its colo facility.



MODI 3.0 STRENGTHENS TIES WITH SOUTHEAST ASIA: A STRATEGIC FOCUS



As Prime Minister Narendra Modi embarks on his third consecutive term, Southeast Asia has emerged as a central focus of India's foreign policy. The region is vital to India's strategic, economic, and diplomatic interests, particularly within the Indo-Pacific framework. High-level visits, growing economic partnerships, and strategic collaborations demonstrate Modi 3.0's emphasis on fostering deeper relationships with Southeast Asian nations.

India's recent engagements, including Modi's visits to Singapore and Brunei, discussions on the South China Sea, and the visits of Vietnamese and Malaysian leaders to India, underscore the region's importance in India's foreign policy. These moves not only aim to bolster economic cooperation but also counterbalance China's increasing influence in the region.

From 'Look East' to 'Act East'

India's "Act East Policy" has been a key component of its Indo-Pacific strategy, evolving from the earlier "Look East Policy" to signify a more proactive engagement with Southeast Asia. Under Prime Minister Modi, this policy has become a cornerstone of India's efforts to promote a free, open, and rules-based order in the region.

Southeast Asia holds strategic significance due to its proximity to India and its position as a gateway to the South China Sea, one of the world's busiest maritime corridors. The region has become crucial to India's broader Indo-Pacific strategy, which seeks to balance China's expanding influence and ensure stability in the area. With this in mind, Modi 3.0 aims to deepen India's role as a reliable partner in Southeast Asia, ensuring its presence in regional and global discussions.

A key focus has been on the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN), a regional bloc comprising ten Southeast Asian countries. India's trade with ASEAN nations surpassed \$100 billion in 2023, demonstrating the growing economic ties between the two. Beyond trade, India's strategic interests in the region—particularly in maritime security and defence cooperation—have also expanded significantly.

Strengthening Relations with Singapore and Brunei

Prime Minister Modi's recent visit to Singapore resulted in several important agreements, notably in the semiconductor sector. The "India-Singapore Semiconductor Ecosystem Partnership" is a key initiative that will enable Singaporean companies to enter India's growing semiconductor industry. This partnership aligns with New Delhi's ambitions to become a global semiconductor hub, enhancing the resilience of the global supply chain.



Modi's visit to Brunei was equally significant, marking the first visit by an Indian Prime Minister to the small but strategically located nation. Situated in the South China Sea, Brunei plays an important role in India's broader Indo-Pacific vision. The visit, which coincided with the 40th anniversary of diplomatic ties between India and Brunei, underscored India's commitment to strengthening partnerships with even the smaller nations of Southeast Asia.

Vietnam: A Crucial Partner in the South China Sea

In Modi 3.0, Vietnam has emerged as one of India's most critical partners in Southeast Asia. Both countries share strategic concerns over China's assertiveness in the South China Sea, where India and Vietnam have interests in oil exploration and ensuring freedom of navigation.



Vietnamese Prime Minister Phạm Minh Chính's recent visit to India highlighted the growing defence and maritime cooperation between the two nations. Several agreements were signed, including those focusing on defence, energy security, and economic collaboration. Vietnam's importance to India's Act East Policy cannot be overstated, as the two nations have deepened their naval ties, ensuring they can uphold international law and freedom of navigation in the region.

Beyond defence, the bilateral relationship between India and Vietnam has expanded into areas like renewable energy, information technology, and infrastructure development. India's role in supporting Vietnam's development agenda has further solidified their strategic partnership, with both countries aligned in promoting peace and stability in Southeast Asia.

Resetting Relations with Malaysia

The visit of Malaysian Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim to India marked a reset in bilateral relations that had experienced a dip in recent years. Malaysia is strategically important to India due to its location along key maritime routes and its role as a significant trading partner. The two countries discussed enhancing cooperation in areas such as technology, renewable energy, and digital connectivity.



Malaysia's support for India's Act East Policy, coupled with its leadership role in ASEAN, makes it a valuable partner as India seeks to expand its presence in Southeast Asia. The visit helped to address past diplomatic challenges and set the stage for a stronger relationship moving forward.

India's Evolving Stance on the South China Sea

India's position on the South China Sea has shifted over time, with the country taking a clearer stance in recent years. In Modi 3.0, India has expressed support for the sovereign maritime claims of Southeast Asian nations, such as the Philippines, in line with international law. This more assertive stance signals India's intent to counter China's unilateral actions in the region, ensuring freedom of navigation and security in the Indo-Pacific.



India's nuanced approach to the South China Sea is informed by its own tensions with China along their northern land border. By aligning itself with Southeast Asian nations, India seeks to deter any unilateral advances by China, while also safeguarding its own strategic interests in the region.

A Strategic Future for Southeast Asia in Modi 3.0

As Modi enters his third term, India's engagement with Southeast Asia continues to deepen. The Modi administration has steadily expanded its relationships in the region over the past decade, with trade, defence, and strategic partnerships flourishing. Southeast Asia's role in the Indo-Pacific, combined with the geopolitical challenges posed by China, ensures that India's focus on the region will only grow stronger.

In Modi 3.0, India's partnerships with ASEAN nations, along with key countries like Singapore, Vietnam, Brunei, and Malaysia, will be critical to shaping the future of the Indo-Pacific. The Modi government's proactive diplomacy in the region highlights its commitment to ensuring peace, stability, and prosperity in Southeast Asia, solidifying its place as a key player on the global stage.



Marrow Martini: The \$13,000 Luxury Cocktail

The trend for extravagant and visually stunning food continues to captivate, and the latest sensation is the Marrow Martini, a cocktail priced at \$13,000 (around ₹1.90 lakh). This opulent drink is available at Adalina, a Chicago restaurant, and is designed to offer a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

Crafted by Colin Hofer, named Michelin Guide's 2022 Sommelier of the Year, the Marrow Martini is a smoked heirloom tomato mezcal cocktail. What makes this drink extraordinary is its inclusion of a tennis necklace from Marrow Fine, a prestigious jewelry store on the Gold Coast. The necklace features 150 diamonds set in 14-karat gold, adding an unparalleled touch of luxury, according to CBS News.



The cocktail itself combines Clase Azul Mezcal, clarified heirloom tomato water, and lemon basil olive oil. It is presented

under a smoke-filled cloche, adding an element of mystery and grandeur.

Hofer shared with Fox News Digital that the Marrow Martini stands out due to its blend of fine jewelry and high-end dining. "It's not just about the cocktail—it's about creating an elevated experience," he said. He chose Mezcal over traditional spirits like gin or vodka, believing it to be an underappreciated luxury spirit. The Mezcal used in this cocktail is a rare, highly sought-after brand made from Green Agave, native to the deserts of San Luis Potosí, Mexico.

This lavish drink highlights a growing trend where luxury and artistry intersect in the culinary world, pushing the boundaries of what defines a high-end dining experience.

Netflix to Drop Support for Older iPhones and iPads



Netflix has announced that it will soon discontinue support for several older iPhones and iPads running iOS 16 and iPadOS 16. This change will affect users who have not updated their devices to the latest operating systems.

Upon updating Netflix to the newest version on these older devices, users will see a message stating, "We've updated the Netflix app! To use the latest version, install iOS 17 or later." This notification indicates that users must upgrade their operating systems to continue using the app.

The decision to drop support for these older iOS versions reflects Netflix's focus on maintaining optimal performance and security for its users. As technology evolves, app developers often phase out support for outdated systems to ensure a consistent and high-quality experience for users with the latest devices and software.

For those affected, upgrading to iOS 17 or later will be necessary to access the latest features and improvements offered by Netflix. Users with older iPhones and iPads may need to consider updating their devices or exploring other ways to enjoy Netflix content.

This move aligns with broader industry trends where software and apps increasingly require the latest operating systems to function properly. It also highlights the ongoing need for users to keep their devices updated to maintain compatibility with modern apps and services.

Taxidermist Creates Unusual Items from Frozen Animals

A man's unconventional business has stirred both shock and fascination on social media. In a viral Instagram video, Jack Devaney reveals how he transforms dead frozen animals into everyday items, sparking a mix of reactions from viewers.

The video showcases items like a pencil case made from a dead rat and a toaster adorned with the exterior of a deceased rabbit. Devaney, a taxidermist, explains that he enjoys making these unusual creations, despite the initial confusion and surprise from people when he first started. "I just like making things out of frozen animals," he says. "When I started, people were like, 'What did you do this for?'"

Devaney's process involves taking frozen animals out of the freezer in the morning and crafting them into various objects. He assures viewers that all the animals he uses are "ethically sourced," and emphasizes that he is an animal lover who has no issue with working with deceased creatures.

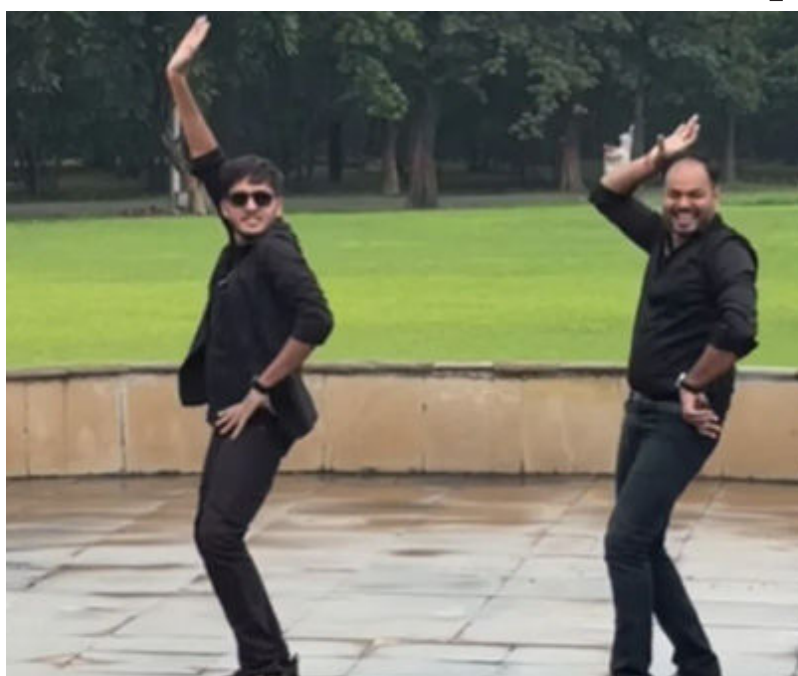
His motivation? Devaney finds joy in making people laugh through his work. "It feels nice—almost therapeutic," he explains. "I love what I do. It's the best thing in the world that I could be doing." He clarifies that his creations are not meant to convey any deeper meaning but are intended to bring humor and amusement.

The video's caption humorously describes Devaney as a "bad taxidermist from Plymouth" and highlights some of his quirky creations, including the "Rat Butt Pencil Sharpener," "Rabbit Toaster," "Marge Simpson Rat," and "Rat Pencil Case." Despite the mixed reactions, Devaney's work continues to intrigue and entertain, showing that art can take many unexpected forms.



Teacher and Student Dance to Bollywood Hit, Steal the Spotlight

A viral video featuring a student and his teacher dancing to the Bollywood classic "UP Wala Thumka" by Govinda has taken social media by storm. The clip, shared by Adarsh Ag on Instagram, showcases a high-energy performance from OP Jindal University in Chhattisgarh. With 8.4 million views and over 1 million likes, it's clear this dance has captured widespread attention.



In the video, the student starts off with impressive dance moves, captivating the audience with his rhythm and flair. Mid-performance, the teacher joins him on stage, both wearing matching black shirts and trousers. The duo's synchronized dance steps and lively energy draw cheers from

the crowd. The highlight of the performance comes when the teacher adds a touch of style by slipping on black sunglasses,

further electrifying the atmosphere.

Social media users have been quick to praise the duo. Comments include, "The teacher literally nailed it," and "He stole the show with his control and swagger." Many have expressed their admiration for the engaging teacher-student interaction, with one viewer noting, "Ek aisa college toh main bhi deserve karti hoon" (I also deserve a college like this).

The video has not only highlighted the fun and dynamic relationship between the teacher and student but has also sparked a broader appreciation for spirited and supportive educational environments.

Truecaller to Improve iPhone Integration

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Truecaller, the popular caller ID service used by millions globally, is set to enhance its functionality on iPhones. Although the app has been available for Apple devices for some time, it has not performed as efficiently as it does on Android smartphones.

Currently, the Truecaller app on iOS devices lacks real-time caller ID capabilities. This limitation requires users to manually open the app and search for the caller's number to identify incoming calls. This process is less convenient compared to the seamless integration available on Android, where caller ID is displayed in real time.

Truecaller's improvement for iPhones aims to address this gap, ensuring that users can benefit from real-time caller identification similar to their Android counterparts. This update is expected to streamline the user experience, making it easier to identify callers without needing to manually check the app.

India remains Truecaller's largest market, highlighting the importance of optimizing the app's performance for iOS users in the region. The planned updates are anticipated to enhance the app's functionality and user satisfaction on Apple devices, aligning it more closely with the efficient performance seen on Android phones.

Human Tooth Found in Mooncake: Sam's Club Investigates



Sam's Club is under scrutiny following a disturbing incident at its Changzhou location in Jiangsu province, China. A customer discovered a human tooth embedded in a meat-filled mooncake, sparking an investigation by the supermarket chain. The South China Morning Post reported that the woman, who posted a video of the unsettling find on Douyin, revealed the tooth in the 30-yuan (\$4) pastry. The footage shows a molar covered in meat filling, found next to a partially eaten mooncake. The woman confirmed the tooth was not from her family and reported the issue to the police.

Sam's Club has launched an investigation into the incident, while the mooncake manufacturer, Liu, has denied any possibility of contamination. Liu stated that the manufacturing process includes mincing meat and scanning it with X-ray machines to detect bone fragments. He emphasized the company's decade-long record of incident-free production and provided surveillance footage to Sam's Club and the local market regulatory department for review.

Reactions online ranged from disgust to dark humor, with one user sarcastically commenting, "Mooncake: now with meat and a side of calcium!" Another user suggested the possibility that the tooth might have come from a family member who lost it unknowingly.

This isn't the first time Sam's Club has faced food safety issues in China. In 2022, a Fujian province resident reported finding three artificial human teeth in Swiss rolls purchased from a Sam's Club store, though no conclusive findings were released following the promised investigation.



Anmol Kharb Clinches First Title at Belgian International Challenge

Anmol Kharb, India's rising badminton star who played a pivotal role in securing the Asian Team gold medal earlier this year, has had a rollercoaster eight months. The 17-year-old made headlines in February with her decisive performances, but her journey hit a rough patch when she collapsed in tears with a severely swollen ankle at the Uber Cup in May.

Despite this setback, Kharb has made a triumphant return to form. In September, she secured her first individual title by winning the Belgian International Challenge in Leuven. The victory was hard-fought, with Kharb overcoming World No. 80 Amalie Schulz of Denmark in a thrilling final. Kharb won with scores of 24-22, 12-21, 21-10.

Reflecting on her win, Kharb expressed her deep emotional connection



to the title. "This title is very special to me and will remain close to my heart," she said. "But there's no time to celebrate right now. I'm heading to Poland next week and have many more challenges ahead."

Kharb's victory at the Belgian In-

ternational Challenge marks a significant milestone in her career, showcasing her resilience and determination. The Faridabad teenager's remarkable comeback is a testament to her skill and perseverance as she continues to rise in the badminton world.



Harry Brook to Lead England in ODI Series Against Australia

Harry Brook will captain England in the upcoming ODI series against Australia, stepping in for the injured Jos Buttler, the team announced on Sunday. Buttler, who has been sidelined since England's loss to India in the T20 World Cup semi-final in June, continues to struggle with a persistent calf injury. As a result, the 34-year-old has been unable to participate in the recent T20 series and will miss the upcoming five-match ODI series.

Brook, 25, will take on the captaincy role despite having only 15 ODI caps. He had previously remarked during last year's World Cup campaign in India that he was still "trying to figure out the format." Nonetheless, England sees the Yorkshire batsman as a future leader, and his appointment follows a season of changes in captaincy across all formats. Ollie Pope took over Test captaincy from Ben Stokes due to the latter's hamstring injury, and Phil Salt led the T20 team in Buttler's absence.

Additionally, 20-year-old left-arm fast bowler Josh Hull, who made his Test debut earlier this month, will not be part of the ODI squad due to a quad injury. He will rest and prepare for the upcoming tour to Pakistan. Liam Livingstone, who was initially dropped from the ODI squad, has been recalled following impressive performances in the T20 series against Australia.

The ODI series, which begins on Thursday at Trent Bridge in Nottingham, will see Brook lead England against the reigning 50-over world champions.



India Falls 0-4 to Sweden in Davis Cup World Group I Tie

In a disappointing Davis Cup World Group I tie held in Stockholm, India was defeated 0-4 by Sweden on Sunday. The Indian team, featuring Ramkumar Ramanathan and N. Sriram

Balaji in the doubles match, struggled to find their rhythm and fell short in crucial moments.

After losing both singles matches on

Saturday, India needed a win in the doubles rubber to keep their hopes alive. However, Ramanathan and Balaji were unable to deliver, losing 3-6, 4-6 to the Swedish pair of Andre Goransson and Filip Bergevi in just 79 minutes. With this loss, India conceded an unassailable 0-3 lead in the tie.

India's ongoing struggles against Sweden continued, marking their sixth consecutive defeat in Davis Cup ties against the Scandinavian team.



Neeraj Chopra Reveals Fracture During Diamond League Final

Neeraj Chopra, the double Olympic gold medallist in javelin throw, revealed that he competed in the Diamond League final despite suffering a hand injury. In an intense finale on Saturday in Brussels, Chopra narrowly missed winning the Diamond League title, finishing as runner-up for the second consecutive year with a throw of 87.86 meters.

Chopra shared the news on social media, explaining that he sustained the injury during a training session earlier in the week. "On Monday, I injured myself in practice, and X-rays showed that I had a fracture in the fourth metacarpal of my left hand," the 26-year-old athlete said. He described the injury as a significant challenge but expressed gratitude for the support of his team, which enabled him to compete despite the pain.

The javelin star's revelation adds context to his impressive performance in Brussels, where he fell just a single centimeter short of the top spot. Chopra's determination to participate under such conditions highlights his resilience and commitment to the sport.

As he continues to recover, Chopra's remarkable effort in the Diamond League final underscores his status as one of the leading athletes in javelin throw. The close finish and his injury reveal further emphasize his exceptional performance and dedication to his athletic career.



Anshul Kamboj Claims Eight Wickets as India C Tops Duleep Trophy Standings

Pacer Anshul Kamboj delivered a stand-out performance with an eight-wicket haul, leading India C to a commanding position in the Duleep Trophy standings. The match, held in Anantapur, saw India C take the lead over India B based on the first innings.

Starting day four at 309 for seven, India B was all out for 332 in 108 overs, with Kamboj taking three more wickets to add to his overnight tally of five. India B's captain, Abhimanyu Easwaran, remained unbeaten on 157 from 286 balls. India C, having scored 525 in their first innings, reached 128 for four in their second innings before the match was declared a draw.

India C secured three points for their first innings lead, placing them at the top of the table with nine points from

two matches. India B earned one point for the draw.

In addition to Kamboj's exceptional bowling, India C's captain Rituraj Gaikwad scored 62, marking his second fifty of the match, while Rajat Patidar fell in the 40s for the second time in the game. Kamboj's eight-wicket haul is only the third instance of a pacer achieving such a feat in Duleep Trophy history, and he was named Player of the Match for his efforts. This was Kamboj's first five-wicket haul in his 15-match first-class career. He has also played for Mumbai Indians in the IPL this season.

Another notable performance came from Ishan Kishan, who made a strong return to red-ball cricket with a 111 off 126 balls.

The reverse singles matches, which followed, were rendered inconsequential. Indian captain Rohit Rajpal took this opportunity to test debutant Siddharth Vishwakarma, who also fell short, losing 2-6, 2-6 to Elias Ymer.

Despite fielding a depleted squad, this was seen as India's best chance to secure a win against Sweden, but the team could not capitalize on their opportunities. As a result, India will need to compete in the Play-offs next year to retain their place in World

Group I.

In the doubles match, India had a glimmer of hope when they earned a breakpoint in the third game of the first set, but the Swedes managed to hold off the challenge. Sweden quickly took control, with Ramkumar being broken and the team slipping to a 2-5 deficit. The Swedes wrapped up the first set comfortably and managed to close out the match in the second set, despite a valiant effort from the Indian pair.



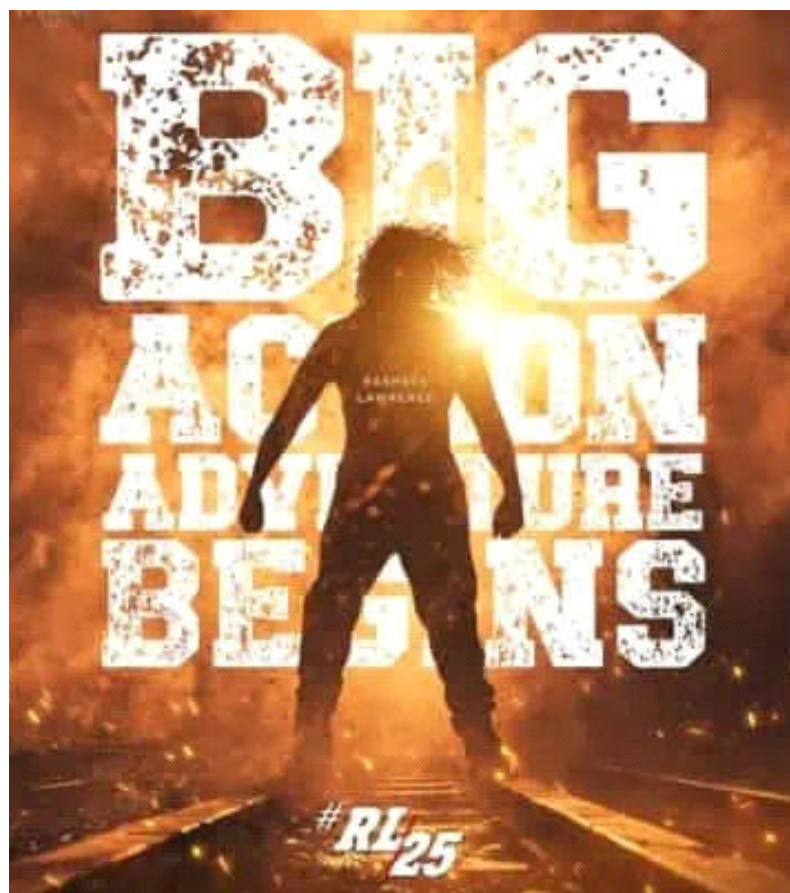
Raghava Lawrence's Next Film: Not a Remake, but an Original Script

Raghava Lawrence, currently focused on his next project in the *Kanchana* franchise, has signed on for a new film directed by Ramesh Varma. This action-adventure film, produced in partnership with Koneru Satyanarayana, has stirred rumors about being a remake of the Hindi film *Kill*. However, these rumors are unfounded.

While the production house did acquire the remake rights to the Hindi hit *Kill*, the upcoming film is not a remake. Instead, it will feature an original script and will mark Lawrence's 25th film milestone. The script work has been completed, and pre-production is nearing its end.

The film is scheduled to start shooting in November 2024, with a grand release planned for Summer 2025. As of now, details about the cast and crew are not finalized and will be announced at a later date.

Fans can look forward to an exciting new project from Lawrence, distinct from any existing Bollywood remakes.



Nani's Hat-Trick: Dasara, Hi Nanna Shine at SIIMA Awards

Natural Star Nani is celebrating a successful streak with his recent films *Dasara*, *Hi Nanna*, and *Saripodhaa Sanivaaram*, which are all performing well. Both *Dasara* and *Hi Nanna* have been particularly notable, winning several accolades at the Filmfare Awards and making a strong impact at the SIIMA Awards.

At the SIIMA Awards, *Dasara* clinched four awards, including Best Actor for Nani. The film's other winners included Keerthy Suresh (Best Actress), Srikanth Odela (Best Director), and Deekshit Shetty (Best Supporting Role).

Hi Nanna, on the other hand, dominated the awards scene with a total of five wins. The film's accolades included Mrunal Thakur for Best Actress (Critics), Shouryuv for Best Debutant Director, Hesham Abdul Wahab for Best Music Director, and Dr. Vijender Reddy Teegala of Vyra Entertainments for Best Debutant Producer. Baby Kiara also won Best Supporting Actress for her role in the film.

Nani's success continues with the recent commencement of his new project, *HIT: The 3rd Case*, directed by Sailesh Kolanu. This film marks another exciting chapter in Nani's career as he builds on his recent accomplishments.



Diljit Dosanjh and Alia Bhatt Reunite for 'Chal Kudiye' in Upcoming Film Jigra



After their memorable collaboration on the song "Ikk Kudi" from *Udda Punjab*, singer-actor Diljit Dosanjh and Alia Bhatt are reuniting for a new track in her upcoming film, *Jigra*. The much-anticipated song, titled "Chal Kudiye," is performed by Diljit and marks their return to the music scene together after eight years.

On Sunday, Alia Bhatt took to Instagram to share a teaser of the new song. The short clip features both Alia and Diljit, with Alia seen facing away from the camera wearing a t-shirt that reads 'Ghar' (Home). Diljit makes a stylish appearance in an all-white outfit, while the word "Jigra" is prominently displayed in the background.

Alia's Instagram post announcing the teaser read, "It's yours soon 📺 #ChalKudiye @diljitdosanjh #Jigra in cinemas 11th October." This message builds excitement for the film's release and the new song, which is expected to be a significant highlight of the movie.

The release of "Chal Kudiye" and *Jigra* is eagerly anticipated by fans, who are looking forward to experiencing the latest collaboration between Alia Bhatt and Diljit Dosanjh. With its release date set for October 11, the film promises to offer both a compelling story and memorable music.

Sohum Shah Announces 'Tumbbad' Sequel After Theatrical Re-release



On Saturday, actor Sohum Shah revealed plans for a sequel to his critically acclaimed 2018 film, *Tumbbad*. This announcement came just a day after the film was re-released in theaters. Directed by Rahi Anil Barve, *Tumbbad* initially garnered praise for its atmospheric horror and compelling narrative. Sohum Shah, who produced the film under his banner Sohum Shah Films, expressed his excitement about the project.

Shah shared his enthusiasm for the sequel, promising it will explore the theme of greed even more deeply. He remarked, "Tumbbad' has been a special journey and a labor of love for us. The continued affection from audiences is overwhelming and reaffirms our belief at Sohum Shah Films that content is king." The original film, known for its unique storytelling and rich visual style, had a significant impact upon its release and continues to resonate with viewers. With the sequel, Shah aims to build on the success of the first film, delving further into the dark and intriguing themes that made *Tumbbad* a standout.

Thalapathy Vijay's Next Film Announced: 'Thalapathy 69' Directed by H Vinoth

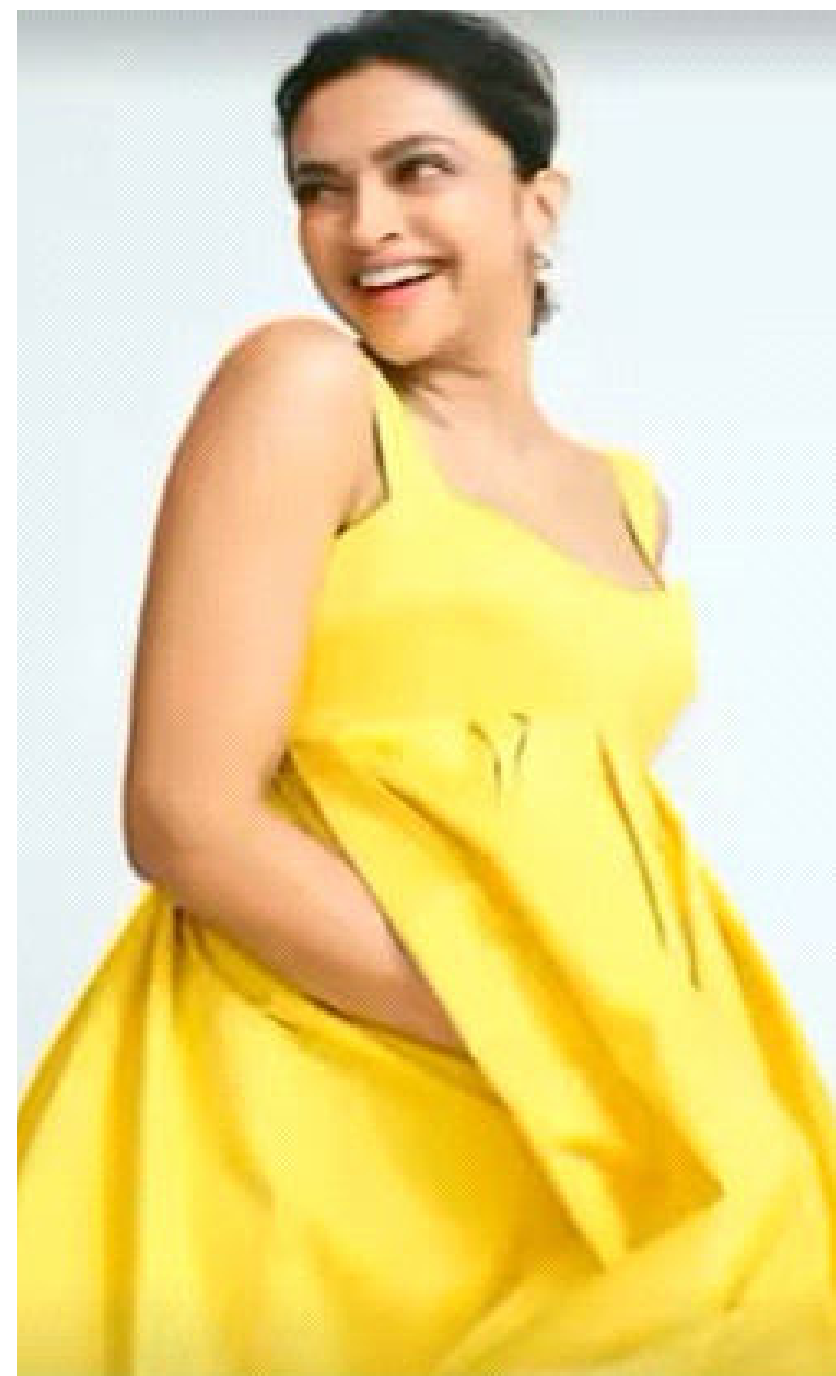
KVN Productions has officially announced that Thalapathy Vijay's upcoming film, tentatively titled *Thalapathy 69*, will be directed by H Vinoth. This highly anticipated project will see Vijay reuniting with the acclaimed music sensation Anirudh Ravichander.

The announcement was made on Instagram, where the production house unveiled an intriguing poster for the film. The poster features a striking bluish background with Thalapathy Vijay depicted as a torchbearer, holding a blazing torch. The caption reads, "The Torch bearer of democracy... Arriving soon," hinting at a significant and impactful narrative.

The film is expected to be a major event in Vijay's career, particularly as it is poised to be his farewell film before he transitions into politics. The choice of H Vinoth as director and Anirudh Ravichander for the music indicates a high level of creative collaboration and anticipation surrounding the project.



Fans are eagerly awaiting further details about the film, including its plot and additional cast members, as the production gears up for what promises to be a grand cinematic experience.



Deepika Padukone Updates Instagram Bio After Welcoming Baby

New mom Deepika Padukone has updated her Instagram bio to reflect her new routine of "feeding, burping, and sleeping," replacing her previous quote, "Follow your bliss." This change comes after Deepika and her husband, Ranveer Singh, recently brought their baby girl home. The couple was spotted leaving the hospital in a video that surfaced earlier today, marking their first public appearance since the birth of their daughter.

Deepika and Ranveer announced the arrival of their first child on September 8 with a social media post that simply read, "Welcome baby girl. 8.09.2024. Deepika and Ranveer." The announcement was met with an outpouring of congratulations from their celebrity friends. Priyanka Chopra, who co-starred with them in *Bajirao Mastani*, commented with heart emojis, while Alia Bhatt and Masaba Gupta also filled the comments section with red heart emojis. Kareena Kapoor, who referred to the couple as "mommy and daddy," sent her blessings from Saif and herself. Arjun Kapoor playfully commented, "Laxmi aayi hai. The queen is here."

Deepika and Ranveer, who began their relationship during the filming of *Ram Leela* in 2013 and married in 2018, announced their pregnancy earlier this year.