

Weather Forecast

HYDERABAD

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VIJAYAWADA

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Win-Win Policy in AP - Chandrababu at Global Renewable Energy Investors Meet



TPN,Gujarat : Chief Minister Chandra babuNaidustatedthatAndhraPradesh has achieved significant progress by implementing top industrial policies. He emphasized the need to introduce clean energy technology through the establishment of clean energy knowledge and skill development centers. Chandrababu was speaking at the Global Renewable Energy Investors Meet held in Gandhinagar, Gujarat. He assured that land acquisition in Andhra Pradesh will follow a "win-win" approach and promised to facilitate necessary permissions for companies.

The CM highlighted his commitment to supporting innovations and offering incentives for solar and

wind hybrid projects. Speaking at the 4th Global Renewable Energy Investors Meet, he reflected on India's economic reforms since 1991, pointing out that growth was moderate before these reforms. He proudly noted that one out of every four IT professionals globally is Indian, and a significant number of them come from the Telugu states. He compared the revolutionary changes brought by the IT sector to the current green energy revolution.

Chandrababu addressed past issues of power shortages and outlined the significant reforms that have taken place in the power sector. He stressed the importance of promoting clean energy solutions and integrating

cutting-edge technologies to manage electricity bills efficiently. He advocated for improving the electricity transport system and properly managing green energy corridors to ensure grid stability. He also proposed direct transmission through green hydrogen hubs and the promotion of a manufacturing ecosystem around clean energy solutions.

The CM emphasized that the best industrial policies in Andhra Pradesh have led to the successful execution of numerous projects. He called for the establishment of a clean energy knowledge and skill development center to introduce and propagate clean energy technology, with Nedcap acting as the nodal agency.

He reiterated that land acquisition in Andhra Pradesh will be done with a humanitarian approach, ensuring a favorable environment through collaboration with the Central and state governments.

Chandrababu assured that his government will arrange the necessary permissions for companies and provide incentives for solar and wind hybrid projects. He also mentioned that land will be leased at reasonable rates to encourage investment in the clean energy sector.

Earlier, the CM met with Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Gandhinagar to discuss energy sector investments in Andhra Pradesh.

Chandrababu highlighted Andhra Pradesh's leadership in technology and expressed the state's readiness to offer opportunities in the energy sector. He noted that the meeting aimed to explore the potential for renewable energy production in the state, emphasizing the need for fundamental changes in the production, supply, and distribution of non-conventional energy.

He concluded by stating that the 4th Global Renewable Energy Investors Meet is crucial for attracting investments in the energy sector and reiterated Andhra Pradesh's leadership in technology, positioning the state as a hub for clean energy opportunities.

AP held a world record with 13,326 gram sabhas held in a single day

- Gram sabhas across the state in the name of 'Swarna Gram Panchayat' on August 23
- Pawan Kalyan thanked CM Chandrababu for participating in the Gram Sabha and giving direction.
- Jana Sena is happy to see a new milestone in the journey of self-governance aspiration.
- World Records Union presented the certificate at Pawan's residence in Hyderabad.



TPN, Andhra Pradesh : In a historic achievement, Andhra Pradesh set a world record by organizing 13,326 Gram Sabhas across the state on a single day, August 23, under the initiative 'Swarna Gram Panchayat.' This remarkable feat was recognized by the World Records Union, which officially confirmed the record and awarded a certificate. The certificate was presented to Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan at his residence in Hyderabad on Monday. The event marks a significant milestone, as the record was set within just 100 days of Pawan Kalyan assuming office as the Panchayat Raj Minister in the state government led by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu. Expressing his gratitude, Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan thanked Chief Minister Chandrababu for his participation in the Gram Sabha sessions and for providing valuable

guidance. He also praised the efforts of the officials, local organizations, and representatives who played a crucial role in conducting the Gram Sabhas across Andhra Pradesh. "I am delighted to see this new milestone in our journey toward self-governance. It reflects the collective aspirations of our people," Pawan Kalyan said. He added that the success of the 'Swarna Gram Panchayat' initiative highlights the state's commitment to grassroots democracy. The record certificate was handed over to Pawan Kalyan by officials of the World Records Union. IPS officer Krishna Teja was also present during the ceremony. This achievement is seen as a major boost for the Jana Sena Party, which is proud of this accomplishment in the area of self-governance and community engagement.

Amaravati is completely in safe zone Minister Ponguru Narayana

TPN,Andhra Pradesh : Amaravati is completely in the safe zone, and there is no danger from the River Krishna, assured Minister of Municipal Administration and Urban Development, Mr. Ponguru Narayana, during a media conference at the CRDA headquarters in Vijayawada. The minister dismissed rumors spread by the previous government, claiming that the capital would be submerged due to floods. He urged the public not to believe any future propaganda.

Minister Narayana explained that the government has taken measures to prevent any flooding in Amaravati by constructing canals and reservoirs. He announced that three key canals – Kondaveeti Vagu (23.6 km from Ananthavaram to Undavalli), Pala Vagu (16.7 km from Dondapadu to Krishnayapalem), and Vaikunthapuram Gravity Canal (8 km) – will be developed for a total of



48.3 km. Tenders for the project will be called soon, and the canals are expected to be completed before the next monsoon season.

Additionally, six reservoirs with a combined capacity of over 1 TMC are being constructed at locations including Niru Konda, Krishnayapalem, Sakhamuru, Lam, Peda Parimi, and Vaikunthapuram. These measures ensure that no water will be retained in the capital area, even during heavy rains or floods. The

minister emphasized that pumping systems will divert excess water back into the Krishna River if needed.

Minister Narayana also revealed that experts from IIT Hyderabad and IIT Chennai conducted studies on the buildings constructed between 2014 and 2019 in Amaravati. The report confirmed that the iconic structures, including Secretariat Towers, the High Court, and 3600 residential flats for officials, are structurally sound, and construction can resume. Minister Narayana announced that ₹175 crore will be deposited as one-year lease payments to farmers who provided land for the capital. Additionally, the government will extend the tax payment deadlines for residents of flood-affected areas in Vijayawada.

Office of the Minister for Municipal and Urban Development, Secretariat, Amaravati

Political Manipulation, Money Power Involved: Mumbai Actor on Illegal Arrest

TPN Andhra Pradesh : Mumbai actor Kadambari Jethwani has alleged that she and her family members were illegally arrested by three officers of the Andhra Pradesh police to help protect a corporate bigwig from Mumbai, against whom she had filed a sexual harassment case. In a media conference, she claimed that the arrest, along with the seizure of her cellphone and other electronic devices, was illegal and amounted to "deprivation of democratic and human rights."

Jethwani said her arrest was carefully timed. It took place just before her sexual harassment case was scheduled to be heard in Mumbai. Due to her absence, the case was closed. She stated that she was arrested on February 3, just days before the court hearing, which was set for the window of February 5-9.



Applications are invited from such persons only : Minister Nara Lokesh
- Lokesh has turned universities into platforms for political rehabilitation in the last five years
- Revealed that universities are being purged
- Those who are willing to form universities are invited to apply



It was a pleasure to meet PM Modi: CM Chandrababu

World Renewable Energy Conference in Gandhinagar, Gujarat
- Prime Minister Modi and AP CM Chandrababu were present
-Chandrababu that the energy sector needs positive strategies



TPN,Andhra Pradesh : The 4th Global Renewable Energy Investors Meet was held today in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, with the presence of Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu. The conference, focusing on renewable energy strategies and opportunities, attracted global attention.

In a statement shared on social media, CM Chandrababu expressed his pleasure at meeting Prime Minister Modi during the event. He highlighted the significance of the World Renewable Energy Investors Conference and discussed the tremendous potential of renewable energy in Andhra Pradesh.

Chandrababu emphasized the need for positive strategies in the energy sector to adapt to varying climatic conditions. He pointed out

that achieving this would require fundamental changes in the way power is generated, transmitted, distributed, and consumed.

“The 4th World Renewable Energy Investors Conference holds great importance as we discuss the future of the energy sector,” Chandrababu said. He also underscored Andhra Pradesh’s leadership in technology for public welfare and expressed confidence that the state could now set an example for the energy sector as well.

As India moves forward in its renewable energy ambitions, the collaboration and ideas shared at this global platform are expected to pave the way for significant advancements in clean energy, particularly in states like Andhra Pradesh, which has already showcased its potential in this field.

Political Manipulation, Money Power Involved: Mumbai Actor on Illegal Arrest

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All three officers involved in the arrest – P.S.R. Anjaneyulu (DG rank), Kanthi Rana Tata (IG rank), and Vishal Gunni (SP rank) – have since been suspended.The complaint that led to her arrest was reportedly filed by a senior leader of the YSR Congress, which was the ruling party in Andhra Pradesh at the time. It was alleged that Jethwani had scammed him in connection with a land deal. However, she stressed that neither she nor her family had ever set foot in Andhra Pradesh and that there was no land deal.

“There was a lot of political manipulation and money power involved. Without it, this level

of orchestration would not have happened,” Jethwani told media. She revealed that the FIR against the corporate boss was filed in December, and claimed that the “charade” was carried out to protect his reputation.

Jethwani further alleged that the leader behind the complaint, Kukala Vidyasagar, had a history of legal troubles. “He has 18 or more cases against him since 2015. He has a zone of influence in Kukalapatnam, and holds significant local political clout,” she said.She pointed out that irregularities in her case included the fact that her arrest took place before a First Information Report (FIR) was even filed based on Vidyasagar’s complaint. “I am just stating facts here, not implying anything,” she added.

The JanaSena high command ordered Johnny Master to stay away from the party

- Johnny Master who is a star choreographer in Tollywood
- Dance assistant who accuses Johnny Master of sexual harassment The police have registered a case
- Johnny Master who recently joined the Janasena before the elections
- Pawan who has been given the post of Vice Chairman of the State Campaign Committee

TPN,Andhra Pradesh : Tollywood choreographer and Jana Sena leader Johnny Master has been ordered to stay away from party activities following serious allegations of sexual harassment. The Jana Sena high command issued this directive in light of a registered case against him at the Rayadurgam Police Station.

Johnny Master, known for his work in Tollywood and recent involvement with the Jana Sena, has been accused of sexual harassment by a young woman who was previously a dance assistant. The complaint alleges that Johnny Master sexually harassed her in Mumbai and on a shooting vehicle, and that he subsequently threatened her and denied her professional opportunities. The police initially registered a zero FIR at Rayadurgam Police Station, but the case has since been transferred to the Narsinghi Police Station, where an investigation is underway.

The Jana Sena high command’s decision to bar Johnny Master from party activities was announced by Ajay Kumar, president of the party’s dispute management department. The announce-

ment stated that this measure is effective immediately and is a response to the serious nature of the allegations.

Johnny Master recently joined the Jana Sena ahead of the general elections and was appointed as Vice Chairman of the Party’s State Campaign Committee. There were even discussions about him contesting from the Nellore assembly seat. The party’s decision to remove him from active participation reflects its commitment to addressing the allegations seriously while the investigation continues.



Release of MBBS Convenor Quota Seats in AP

- MBBS 1st year admissions in AP
- 35 medical colleges in the state
- Allotment of seats applicable to academic year 2024-25

TPN,Andhra Pradesh : NTR Health University announced the release of MBBS Convenor Quota Seats in Andhra Pradesh today, applicable for the academic year 2024-25. The quota seats have been allocated across 35 medical colleges in the state.

According to the announcement, a total of 3,879 MBBS seats are available in all medical colleges across Andhra Pradesh, with 267 seats reserved under special categories, including Sports, NCC, Ph.C, and CAP. For the first phase of counseling, 3,612 seats were available, of which 3,507 have already been filled by various colleges. Only 105 seats remain for further allotment, with 102 of these

reserved for minority communities and 3 for Scouts and Guides. Important Dates:

- The 3,507 students who secured seats in the first phase of counseling are required to complete their admissions at the respective colleges by **September 19**, before 3 PM.
- MBBS first-year classes are scheduled to commence on **October 1.

This announcement marks a crucial step in ensuring smooth admissions for aspiring medical students across the state, as they begin their journey toward becoming healthcare professionals.

Applications are invited from such persons only : Minister Nara Lokesh

TPN,Andhra Pradesh : Andhra Pradesh Education Minister, Nara Lokesh, announced that the state has issued a notification to appoint qualified educational experts as Vice Chancellors (VCs), distancing from political appointments. The move aims to prioritize research and improve the rankings of the state’s universities, transforming them into international-level educational institutions.

Minister Lokesh emphasized that the government is committed to purging the universities from political influence, which had plagued

them in the past. He criticized the previous government, stating that over the last five years, universities were turned into platforms for political rehabilitation. “Universities were misused for political activities, but under the current coalition government, we are restoring them to their true academic and research-oriented nature,” he said.

To achieve this goal, Lokesh stated that applications are now being invited from professors and experts who are dedicated to advancing the standards of education in Andhra Pradesh. “Those with the will and expertise

to elevate the universities to international levels are encouraged to apply,” he added.

The deadline for submitting applications is the 28th of this month, and the government aims to fill these positions with individuals who are not only academically accomplished but also committed to improving the educational landscape in the state.

The minister’s efforts are seen as part of a broader reform initiative to enhance the quality of higher education in Andhra Pradesh and attract global recognition for its universities.

Land Grab Uncovered in Venkatachalam Fake Documents and Fraudulent Registrations

TPN,Andhram Pradesh : A land grab in Venkatachalam Mandal of Potti Sriramulu Nellore district has come to light, revealing a large-scale conspiracy involving forged documents and illegal registrations. The incident highlights the pressing need for police action against those involved in land grabs with the assistance of corrupt revenue officials.According to the victims, the case revolves around two acres and seventy cents of land owned by Challa Annapoornamma, registered in 1975. In 2011, after selling portions of the land over the years, Annapoornamma and her son, Challa Edukondalu, sold the remaining 1.70 acres to Vidhya Ravikumar, who then sold it to Katakam Venkatanarayana. As Venkatanarayana was employed in Bangalore, the land was leased to a local resident, Papaiah.The land grab scheme began after Ravikumar died in a

road accident. Real estate broker Bellamkonda Tulsi Rao, with the help of corrupt revenue officials, manipulated the records, falsely claiming ownership of the land. Tulsi Rao then forged documents to list himself as the rightful heir and conspired with his son-in-law, Gunji Jayakrishna, to sell the land. In 2022, they registered the land in the name of Bellamkonda Ravindra and later transferred it to Jayakrishna under Deed No. 8958/2024. When potential buyers inspected the land, they discovered the fraudulent activity and alerted the original owner, Venkatanarayana.This incident raises concerns about the involvement of revenue officials in aiding illegal land seizures. The police are urged to take immediate action against Tulsi Rao, Ravindra, and Jayakrishna, as well as the complicit revenue officials, to prevent further fraudulent land grabs in the region.



Who knows where Jagan studied and what he studied?, Minister Nara Lokesh

TPN,Andhra Pradesh : Andhra Pradesh Education Minister Nara Lokesh, a former Chief Minister of the state, has sharply criticized the previous government's handling of education. He questioned why the number of students in government schools has declined if the previous YCP government under Jagan Mohan Reddy made significant improvements in the education sector. Nara Lokesh accused Jagan of endangering the future of 75,000 students in class 10 by implementing decisions that he deemed misguided. He criticized Jagan for making unilateral decisions about government schools without considering their long-term impact, particularly regarding the introduction of CBSE exams.

The Education Minister sarcastically remarked that it is surprising to hear Jagan speak about education when there are questions about his own educational background. Lokesh accused the former government of poorly implementing the CBSE examination system without ad-



equately training teachers or preparing the necessary infrastructure. He promised that his government would take thoughtful decisions to improve the education system, including preparing students from class six for CBSE exams starting next year. Lokesh emphasized that the Chandrababu Naidu government is committed to investing in the future of

students and will make necessary changes to the examination system. The new reforms will aim to address the issues caused by the previous government's policies, which, according to Lokesh, had a detrimental effect on the education of thousands of students in government schools.

Mithun Reddy's key comments on contesting the next elections..!!



TPN Andhra Pradesh : YSR Congress Party (YCP) MP Mithun Reddy made significant comments regarding his potential candidacy in the upcoming elections. During a meeting with party workers in Punganur, Mithun touched upon the topic of Jamili elections, emphasizing the importance of conducting a census before the redistribution of constituencies. In this key meeting, Mithun Reddy stated that a re-division of constituencies would only be possible after the census, which hasn't been conducted since 2011. He clarified that once the census is completed, the delimitation process could proceed. Interestingly, he mentioned that if Punganur constituency is split into two after delimitation, he would contest as an MLA from one of the new constituencies. Mithun also urged the state government to expedite projects initiated by the previous administration for the development of Punganur. Specifically, he mentioned the Toyota electric bus manufacturing plant and the water grid scheme aimed at providing drinking water to every village in the region. He highlighted the employment opportunities these projects would generate and appealed to leaders from the alliance parties to convince the Chief Minister to complete these works, stressing that development should go beyond politics. These remarks signal Mithun Reddy's commitment to the development of the Punganur region, which has long suffered from adverse weather conditions and underdevelopment.

Suspension of three IPS at once is a historic decision: Raghurama

- **Actress Kadambari Jethwani case against three IPS**
- **Raghurama that the alliance government will not tolerate such things**
- **It is revealed that the CM is not a man of words but a man of deeds**

TPN,Andhra Pradesh : In a landmark move, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has suspended three IPS officers involved in the controversial case against actress Kadambari Jethwani. The decision to suspend PSR Anjaneyulu, Kanthi Rana Tata, and Vishal Gunni was hailed as historic by TDP MLA Raghuramakrishna Raju. The suspensions come in the wake of allegations that the officers were involved in the harassment and illegal detention of Kadambari Jethwani. Raghurama Raju commended the alliance government's decisive action, emphasizing that such mis-



conduct by police officers is unacceptable and will not be tolerated by the coalition government. Raghurama Raju stated that the suspensions were a result of a thorough field-level inquiry, underscoring the Chief Minister's commitment to justice and accountability. He highlighted that this decisive action reaffirms that CM Chandrababu Naidu is not merely a figure of rhetoric but a leader who takes concrete steps to address issues and uphold the rule of law. The case involving Kadambari Jethwani has brought significant attention, and the swift suspension

of the three officers marks a significant step in addressing the allegations. The Andhra Pradesh government's action has been described as a strong message against police misconduct and a testament to its commitment to justice.

Your retrograde decisions... all over again Carrying: Jagan

- **Jagan's criticism of Chandrababu and Lokesh**
- **Criticism that education reforms are being trampled**
- **Tweet saying that government schools are being undermined**

TPN,Andhra Pradesh : YCP President Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy has launched a strong critique against Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and Education Minister Nara Lokesh, accusing them of undermining educational reforms and neglecting government schools.

In a recent tweet, Jagan condemned the decision to cancel the CBSE system in government schools, labeling it as evidence of Chandrababu's anti-poor stance. He criticized both Chandrababu and Lokesh for their regressive decisions, asserting that they are taking government schools back to their previous state of disarray. Jagan questioned why, while they seek to provide the best education for their own children, there is such apparent discrimination against children attending government schools.

Jagan highlighted the achievements of the YCP government, noting that they implemented numerous reforms within five years that Chandrababu's administration failed to achieve in fourteen years. These reforms include the Nadu-Nedu initiative, introduction of English medium and CBSE, implementation of IB and TOEFL programs, provision of subject teachers, interactive flat panels from the 6th grade, tablets for 8th-grade students, Vidyakanuka, and Gorumudda with a daily menu.

However, Jagan alleged that many of these schemes are being dismantled under the current coalition government. He accused Chandrababu of wanting to strengthen private schools owned by party leaders while weakening government schools. Jagan reminded that Chandrababu had previously opposed the introduction of English medium in government schools and even sought to block it through the courts.

Jagan urged Chandrababu to change his approach towards government schools and the children and teachers within them. He emphasized that education is a critical tool for eradicating poverty and called for the continuation of the educational reforms initiated by the YCP government. Jagan warned that failure to address these issues would result in Chandrababu's legacy being remembered unfavorably.

Chandrababu and Pawan should answer..!!



TPN,Andhra Pradesh: Andhra Pradesh is witnessing rising political tensions as debates over the privatization of the Visakha Steel Plant and medical colleges intensify. Steel plant workers are protesting against the proposed privatization, while opposition parties criticize the government's handling of medical colleges. Both Chandrababu Naidu and Pawan Kalyan are being called to account for their positions on these contentious issues.

CPI State Secretary Ramakrishna accused the government of plotting to privatize medical colleges, alleging that there is a deliberate effort to undermine public education institutions. In a press conference held on Monday, Ramakrishna condemned the government for what he termed as attempts to privatize essential services and facilities, shifting away from their earlier promises.

He also voiced strong opposition to the proposed privatization of the Visakha Steel Plant, emphasizing the need for the allocation of special coal mines to Visakhapatnam. "If the government is genuinely committed, they should focus on revitalizing Visakha Steel rather than pursuing privatization," he said, underscoring the plant's significant role in India's steel industry.

Ramakrishna demanded that Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan provide clear answers regarding their stances on these issues. He criticized the consistency of employee behavior across changing governments and highlighted the suspension of officials who had previously shown allegiance to Jagan Mohan Reddy.

In response to the growing concerns, the CPI plans to conduct inspections from Kolleru to Budameru and meet with Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu to address these pressing matters.



Andhra Pradesh Sub Registrars Association’s Flood Relief Efforts Receive High Praise

TPN, Vijayawada: The Andhra Pradesh Sub Registrars Association's efforts to support flood victims have garnered widespread acclaim. RP Sisodia, Special Chief Secretary to the State Government, lauded the association's actions as exemplary during a recent distribution event in Singh Nagar.

On Monday, the association distributed cloth bags worth Rs. 1,100 each to 2,500 families affected by the floods in Vijayawada's Singh Nagar. Each bag contained essential garments, including a saree, a skirt, a nightie, a lungi, and a towel. Sisodia highlighted the significance of such contributions, urging others to follow suit and support those impacted by the devastating floods.

In addition to the clothing distribution, the Registration and Stamps Department employees have made a notable contribution of Rs. 25 lakh to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund. Sisodia praised the department for both their financial support and their active involvement in flood relief efforts, underscoring their role as a model for community engagement in times of crisis.

The event saw participation from several prominent figures, including Vijayawada Central Constituency Legislator Bonda Umamaheswara Rao, Andhra Pradesh Sub Registrars Association President A. Gopal, General Secretary M. Krishna Prasad, and senior officials from the Reg-



istration and Stamps Department such as DIGs A. Ravindranath and V. Kiran Kumar, along with NTR District Registrar V. S. R. Prasad and District Registrar (Market Value and Audit) K. Rama Rao. Legislator Bonda Umamaheswara Rao took the opportunity to honor Sisodia for his unwavering dedication and continuous service during the floods, acknowledging his significant contributions to

relief efforts. Residents of Singh Nagar expressed their gratitude for the generous distribution, which provided much-needed relief during these challenging times. The collective efforts of the Sub Registrars Association and its members stand as a testament to the power of community support and solidarity in the face of natural disasters.

Tax Collection Amid Flood Crisis in Vijayawada Sparks Outrage

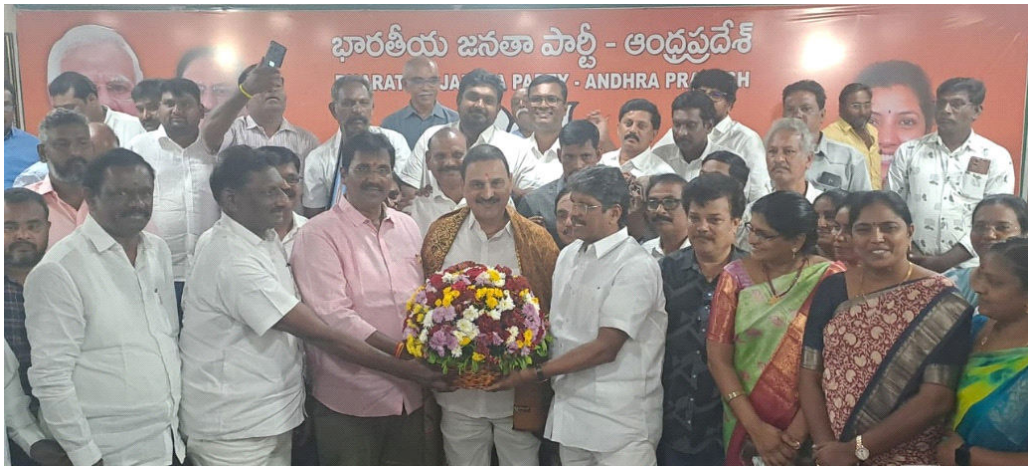
TPN, Vijayawada: Amid the ongoing flood crisis that has devastated Vijayawada, the Municipal Corporation's insistence on tax collection is drawing sharp criticism. Flood victims, whose lives and properties have been severely impacted, are facing additional stress as they are warned of penalties for not paying house tax, fresh water charges, drainage fees, and taxes on vacant plots within 15 days.

With over 2.7 lakh families and nearly 8 lakh residents submerged in the recent floods, the economic and social fabric of the city is in shambles. Critics argue that the current focus on tax collection is both insensitive and impractical given the scale of the disaster. Ch. Baburao, the CPM State Secretary, has voiced strong opposition, calling for the complete abolition of house tax and other charges for the 2024-25 fiscal year in flood-affected areas. He emphasized the need for the government to shift its focus from revenue collection to providing necessary support and relief to the victims.

The Municipal Corporation's decision to extend toll collection hours, including holidays, has further aggravated the situation. Officials, while visiting affected areas and making promises of support, are simultaneously issuing directives demanding tax payments, which many view as contradictory and unhelpful.

The ruling party and local representatives have been accused of failing to adequately address the crisis, with accusations of ignoring their responsibilities. Critics urge the state government to issue a special grant to the Vijayawada Municipal Corporation to compensate for the lost revenue due to tax cancellations, allowing the municipal administration to concentrate on supporting the flood victims rather than enforcing tax payments.

In light of these concerns, there is a growing call for the municipal department to issue orders for the cancellation of taxes in affected areas and for the government to prioritize humanitarian aid over revenue collection during this critical time.



APJAC Amaravati Honors Central Minister Bhupathiraju Srinivasa Varma

TPN, Vijayawada : Leaders from the Andhra Pradesh Government Job Unions Joint Action Committee (APJAC) Amaravati gathered to celebrate and honor Shri Bhupathiraju Srinivasa Varma, who recently assumed his role as Union Minister of State for Steel and Heavy Industries.

The event, held at the APJAC Amaravati office, was attended by various affiliated unions and their leaders. Shri Bhupathiraju Srinivasa Varma, who began his political journey as a dedicated member of the Bharatiya Janata Party, has garnered respect for his integrity, hard work, and commitment, ascending to his current ministerial position through persistent effort and dedication.

The ceremony was presided over by APJAC Amaravati State Chairman Bopparaju Venkateshwarlu, State Secretary General Palishetti Damodar Rao, and Treasurer Kanaparthi Sangeetha Rao. They extended their heartfelt congratulations and praised Varma for his exemplary service and contributions.

Bopparaju Venkateshwarlu expressed confidence in Varma's potential to make a significant impact in public service. He highlighted Varma's popularity among employees and trade unions, emphasizing the hope that Varma would honor the trust placed in him by the people.

Each leader and their executive committee members participated in the event, offering their congratulations and support to the new Central Minister.

The occasion underscored the unity and collective spirit of the various employee unions, showcasing their commitment to supporting leaders who have proven their dedication to public service.



Efforts Intensify to Remove Stuck Boats at Vijayawada's Prakasam Barrage

TPN, Vijayawada: In a concerted effort to resolve the issue of boats stuck at the Prakasam Barrage in Vijayawada, Telugu Desam Party (TDP) State General Secretary and former Minister Devineni Umamaheswara Rao has been closely overseeing the operations. The operation has now entered its seventh day, with engineers and staff from Bekem working tirelessly to address the situation.

The current strategy involves a novel approach to dislodge the boats. Engineers have employed a method where two large sand barges are connected with iron gadders. This configuration is designed to facilitate the movement of the heavy boats, which are being

maneuvered towards the barrage gates. The plan includes securing the boats with chains to the shore to prevent any further drift and to assist in their removal.

The ongoing efforts reflect the complexity of the task and the commitment of the team working under challenging conditions. The successful extraction of the boats is critical to restoring normal operations at the Prakasam Barrage and ensuring the safety and efficiency of river traffic in the area.

As the operation progresses, officials and local leaders continue to monitor the situation closely, hoping for a swift resolution to the issue.

Vijayawada Government Offices Embrace Modernization with Removal of Formal Podiums

TPN, Vijayawada: In a significant move to modernize and humanize government offices, Vijayawada has witnessed the removal of formal stages and podiums in sub-registrar offices. The initiative, spearheaded by Special Chief Secretary RP Sisodia and MLA Gadde Rammohan Rao, aims to create a more approachable and courteous environment for citizens.

At a recent event held at the Sub-Registrar Office near the BSNL office, Sisodia and Rammohan Rao led the effort to dismantle the elevated podiums that had long been a feature in these offices, reminiscent of a courtroom setting. This change is part of a broader government directive to eliminate outdated practices and enhance the interaction between public servants and the people they serve.

Special Chief Secretary RP Sisodia addressed the gathering, reflecting on

the previous intimidating atmosphere that often deterred citizens from visiting government offices. He recalled a time when even he felt apprehensive about going to such offices, highlighting the necessity of treating citizens with respect and kindness. "Our goal is to ensure that government offices are welcoming and not reminiscent of courtrooms," Sisodia stated.

He emphasized that the removal of these formal structures is designed to break away from the monarchical practices inherited from the British era, which fostered an atmosphere of fear and formality. By removing these podiums, the government aims to create a more egalitarian environment where citizens feel comfortable and valued.

MLA Gadde Rammohan Rao echoed Sisodia's sentiments, stressing that the initiative reflects Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu's vision of a gov-

ernment that is both responsive and accessible. "Our mission is to end the outdated hierarchical practices and promote a friendly and supportive environment," Rammohan Rao said. He urged officials and staff to embrace this change and provide selfless service to the public.

The event also saw participation from IG MV. Seshagiri Babu and other local officials, including Gunadala Joint Sub Registrars K. Prasada Rao and M. Krishna Prasad. They joined in the effort to dismantle the podiums and support the new approach.

Sisodia further assured that the government is committed to maintaining transparency and ensuring that all services are provided without corruption or bribery. Measures are being put in place to uphold the highest standards of service and integrity in all registration offices across the state.



Japan's Elderly Population Hits Record High, Govt Data Reveals

Japan's elderly population has reached a record high, with government data revealing that 36.25 million people in the country are now aged 65 or older. This demographic shift places Japan at the forefront of the world's fastest-ageing societies, as the proportion of elderly residents now stands at 29.3 percent of the total population—a new high.

According to data released by the Ministry of Internal Affairs and Communications on Sunday, Japan ranks first among 200 countries and regions with populations exceeding 100,000 in terms of its elderly proportion. Italy, Portugal, Greece, Finland, Germany, and Croatia follow closely, representing Europe in the top 10, with elderly populations making up more than 20 percent of their total population. In Asia, South Korea's elderly population accounts for 19.3 percent, while China follows at 14.7 percent.

Japan's ageing crisis is a growing concern for the country, which is struggling with the economic and social consequences of a rapidly expanding elderly population and a shrinking labour force. This ageing trend has led to increased medical and welfare costs, putting significant pressure on government resources. Moreover, Japan's overall population continues to decline, shrinking by 595,000 people in 2023, bringing the total to approximately 124 million.

Despite government efforts to combat the decline and slow down the ageing of its population, meaningful success has been elusive. Over the years, various policy measures have been implemented to encourage higher birth rates and alleviate the challenges posed by an ageing society. These initiatives have included providing financial incentives for families, improving childcare services, and extending retirement ages. However, these efforts have so far failed to reverse the trend, and the ageing population continues to outpace the growth of the younger demographic.

One striking aspect of Japan's ageing society is the increasing number of elderly people who remain employed. Sunday's data also showed that a record 9.14 million elderly people were working in 2023, constituting 13.5 percent of the total workforce. This means that one in every seven employees in Japan is aged 65 or older. The phenomenon of elderly people staying in the workforce longer is driven partly by financial necessity and partly by the desire to remain active and engaged in society.

Japan's demographic crisis has sparked growing concerns over the sustainability of its economy and social welfare systems. As the number of working-age individuals declines, the financial burden of supporting the elderly falls on a smaller pool of taxpayers, resulting in increasing pressure on the country's healthcare and pension systems. The government has been exploring ways to boost productivity, encourage greater workforce participation, and extend the working lives of citizens in an attempt to address these challenges.

Japan's situation stands as a stark reminder of the potential consequences of population ageing, an issue many other countries are beginning to confront as well. As Japan continues to grapple with its population crisis, the rest of the world is watching closely to learn how to manage the implications of a society where the elderly increasingly outnumber the young.

How Yemen's Houthi Rebels Acquired Ballistic Missiles to Attack Isra

The recent ballistic missile attack launched by Yemen's Houthi rebels near Tel Aviv has raised important questions about how this militia, operating in a war-torn country, has managed to develop such long-range missile capabilities. The Houthis, part of the broader Iran-backed Axis of Resistance, have a history of acquiring and launching missiles from various sources, with their arsenal primarily built on historical weapons caches, Iranian support, and international arms trafficking.

Historical Weapons Caches in Yemen

The Houthis, officially known as Ansar Allah, initially gained access to ballistic missiles through Yemen's pre-existing military stockpiles. During the Cold War, North Yemen (backed by the United States and Saudi Arabia) and South Yemen (backed by the Soviet Union) received military aid from competing superpowers. This included Scud missiles and other ballistic systems. By the 1970s, the Yemeni military had acquired a significant number of these missiles, particularly from the Soviet Union and North Korea.

Following the unification of Yemen in 1990 and the 1994 civil war, these weap-

ons stockpiles grew larger. The government continued to build its missile arsenal through arms deals with Iran, North Korea, and even Saudi Arabia. Between 2004 and 2010, the Houthis began to loot government armouries, acquiring older but still functional missile systems. By 2015, their alliance with former Yemeni President Ali Abdullah Saleh gave them broader access to Yemen's missile stockpiles, expanding their missile capabilities even further.

Iranian Support and Arms Trafficking

Iran has been a crucial backer of the Houthis, providing them with arms, training, and technical support throughout the ongoing Yemeni civil war, which began in 2015. Although Iran denies direct involvement, various reports and intercepted arms shipments suggest that Tehran has supplied the Houthis with missile components and helped them enhance their missile capabilities. US and coalition forces have documented multiple instances of Iranian-made missiles, including components marked with Farsi inscriptions.

Iran's support has helped the Houthis develop more advanced missile systems,

such as the Burkan series and the Quds-1 cruise missile, which they have used to target Saudi Arabia and other regional adversaries. Iran has also provided training in missile assembly and launch operations, further boosting the Houthis' capacity to launch long-range missile strikes.

The Houthi Missile Arsenal Today

Today, the Houthis possess a range of ballistic and cruise missiles, many of which are believed to have originated in Iran. The group has become increasingly adept at launching missiles at long-range targets, including cities in Saudi Arabia, UAE, and now Israel. These missile systems have been modified to extend their range and precision, allowing the Houthis to strike targets well beyond Yemen's borders.

The recent attack near Tel Aviv underscores the Houthis' growing role in regional conflicts, especially as they continue to align with Iran's Axis of Resistance. While the strike caused limited physical damage, its symbolic value, as well as the increasing reach of the Houthi missile arsenal, adds a new layer of complexity to an already volatile Middle East.



Bebinca, The Strongest Typhoon to Hit Shanghai in 70 Years, Makes Landfall

Typhoon Bebinca, the most powerful storm to strike Shanghai in over seven decades, made landfall early Monday morning, unleashing strong winds and torrential rains across China's largest city. The typhoon has forced the cancellation of flights, the closure of highways, and the evacuation of residents as authorities brace for its impact.

Shanghai's 25 million residents are under a red alert, with city officials advising people to remain indoors as the storm batters the region. Coastal areas have seen the brunt of the storm's impact, particularly in Lingang New City in Pudong, where Bebinca made landfall. The China Meteorological Administration confirmed that this is the most severe storm to hit Shanghai since Typhoon Gloria struck in 1949.

The Mid-Autumn Festival holiday has helped mitigate some disruptions, with many businesses already closed. However, the storm's timing has brought widespread impacts to transportation and city infrastructure. All flights at Shanghai's two major airports were grounded, and ferry services as well as some train



operations have been suspended. Highways were closed at 1:00 am local time (1700 GMT), and a 40-kilometre-per-hour speed limit was imposed on roads throughout the city.

Evacuations and Flooding Concerns

Authorities have evacuated 9,000 residents from the Chongming District, an island located at the mouth of the Yangtze River. In northern Baoshan District, powerful winds up-

rooted trees and caused significant damage to infrastructure, including billboards. The city's flood control headquarters reported numerous incidents related to the typhoon, although most were associated with falling trees and minor property damage.

Footage from CCTV showed intense winds and heavy rain hammering neighboring Zhejiang province, where coastal areas were lashed by mas-

sive waves. A reporter in the region described the extreme conditions, stating that it was nearly impossible to speak due to the storm's ferocity. The footage depicted towering waves crashing against the coastline, underscoring the storm's intensity.

Impact on Transport and Businesses

Shanghai's roads, which are usually packed with traffic, were eerily empty during rush hour, with live feeds showing the city's skyline obscured by thick fog and rain. While many businesses were closed due to the holiday, the storm has led to further disruptions across the city. Ferries, trains, and air travel remain suspended, and authorities are closely monitoring the storm's progress.

Typhoon Bebinca is expected to move northwest, impacting the provinces of Jiangsu, Zhejiang, and Anhui with heavy rainfall and strong winds. The China Meteorological Administration warned of potential flooding and landslides in these regions as the storm progresses.

Bebinca's Path of Destruction

Before hitting China, Bebinca passed through Japan and the central and southern Philippines, where it claimed the lives of six people, mostly due to falling trees. This is the second major typhoon to affect China this month. Earlier, Typhoon Yagi struck China's southern Hainan Island, resulting in four deaths and 95 injuries.

Climate Change and Extreme Weather

China is no stranger to extreme weather events, and scientists have increasingly linked the frequency and intensity of storms like Typhoon Bebinca to climate change. China, the world's largest emitter of greenhouse gases, is particularly vulnerable to the consequences of global warming. Rising sea temperatures and changing weather patterns are making storms more intense, with larger amounts of rainfall and higher wind speeds.

As Typhoon Bebinca continues its path of destruction, Shanghai and other affected regions are grappling with the immediate effects of the storm, while also facing the long-term challenges of mitigating and adapting to a changing climate.

PM Modi Inaugurates Tuticorin International Container Terminal, Highlights India's Growing

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Monday inaugurated the Tuticorin International Container Terminal in Tamil Nadu, emphasizing India's expanding role in the global supply chain. The virtual inauguration highlighted the country's commitment to enhancing maritime infrastructure, with an investment of over ₹7,000 crore for developing an Outer Harbour Container Terminal at the VO Chidambaranar Port, formerly known as Tuticorin Port.

Modi described the VOC Port as poised to significantly impact India's maritime development, with Tamil Nadu emerging as a major maritime trade hub due to its three major and 17 non-major ports. The new container terminal, featuring a deep draft of over 14 meters and a 300-meter-long berth, is expected to boost port capacity, reduce logistics costs, and conserve foreign exchange.

The Prime Minister also lauded the terminal for its commitment to gender diversity, noting that 40 percent of its workforce consists of women. He underscored



India's progress in sustainable development, pointing out that the VOC Port is set to become a Green Hydrogen hub and a key port for offshore wind energy.

Modi highlighted that India's innovations and collaborative efforts are driving the nation towards becoming the world's third-largest economy, with Tamil Nadu playing a crucial role in this growth. The Prime Minister stressed that India's extensive network of roadways, highways, waterways, and airways is fortifying the country's position in global trade.



Amit Shah: Kashmir Election a Choice Between BJP and Article 370 Supporters

Union Home Minister Amit Shah declared on Monday that the upcoming election in Jammu and Kashmir represents a stark choice between the BJP and the Congress-National Conference (NC) alliance. He emphasized that the contest is not just about development but also about the future of Article 370, which grants special status to the region.

Addressing a rally, Shah highlighted that voting for BJP candidate Shugan Parihar supports not only progress and development but also pays tribute to martyrs, including Parihar's father. He characterized the election as a battle between those committed to reinstating Article 370 and those who have made its abrogation a key policy.

Shah asserted that the BJP, following the ideology of Prem Nath Dogra—"One Constitution, one flag, and one Prime Minister"—is dedicated to maintaining Jammu and Kashmir as an integral part of India. He stressed that the removal of Article 370 is irreversible, stating, "There will never again be two Constitutions, two Prime Ministers, and two flags in India."

He criticized the NC and Congress for their stance on Article 370, alleging that their return to power would lead to the revival of terrorism and a rollback of current protections and progress. Shah accused these parties of nurturing terrorism and claimed that their policies had allowed it to flourish in the past.

Shah also noted that Congress once accused the Abdullah family of being traitors and kept Omar Abdullah's grandfather in jail. He criticized the current alliance for contradicting their past positions and alleged that their policies would lead to renewed violence and instability.

In contrast, Shah praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for strengthening democracy and providing benefits like free medical treatment up to ₹5 lakh for residents across Jammu and Kashmir. He recalled the historical struggle led by the BJP's predecessors against the idea of multiple flags and constitutions for India and celebrated the successful removal of Article 370 despite past opposition.

Internet Ban Lifted in Manipur Valley Districts, Schools to Reopen

The Manipur government has lifted the internet ban in five valley districts, effective immediately, after a six-day suspension. Schools across the state are set to reopen tomorrow following the removal of the restrictions. The decision was announced by N. Ashok Kumar, the state government's Commissioner (Home), who confirmed that all forms of internet services—including lease lines, VSATs, broadband, and VPNs—are to be restored.

The internet suspension had been imposed on September 10 in Imphal West, Imphal East, Thoubal, Bishnupur, and Kakching districts to address escalating law and order issues triggered by student-led protests. These protests, which demanded a return to normalcy after 16 months of ethnic violence, resulted in clashes with police and led to a shutdown of schools in the affected areas.



On September 12, the state government had already lifted the suspension on broadband connections, but mobile internet services had remained restricted until now. Kumar's order emphasized that the decision to lift the ban was based on a review of the current law and order situation and was taken in good faith as a preventive measure for public interest.

Following the reinstatement of internet services, Kumar urged residents to use the internet responsibly and avoid activities that could lead to future disruptions. The government's move is seen as a step towards restoring normalcy in the state, allowing educational institutions to resume operations and alleviating some of the restrictions that have been in place.

Arvind Kejriwal To Meet Lt Governor At 4.30 pm Today, He May Resign

Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal has requested a meeting with Lieutenant Governor VK Saxena, scheduled for 4:30 PM today, following his surprise announcement of his intention to resign. During the meeting, Kejriwal is expected to formally submit his resignation.

Kejriwal's unexpected decision was revealed to Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) workers yesterday. He stated, "In two days, I will resign as Chief Minister. I will not sit on that chair until the people announce their verdict." He emphasized that he would only return to office after receiving a mandate from the public, suggesting that the upcoming Delhi elections, months away, will be the deciding factor.

This announcement comes in the wake of the Supreme Court granting bail to Kejriwal, who had been arrested six months ago in connection with a corruption case linked to Delhi's now-abandoned liquor policy. Despite his bail, the court imposed several conditions on him.

Kejriwal also indicated that a meeting of AAP MLAs will be convened within the next two days to select an interim Chief Minister until the elections are held. Senior AAP leader and former Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia has similarly expressed his intention to let the people decide his political future through the election.



Kolkata Doctors Resume Talks with CM Mamata Banerjee After Failed Attempts



Protesting junior doctors in Kolkata, after two failed attempts, have successfully reached Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee's residence in Kalighat for a third meeting, described by the state government as a "fifth and final invitation for talks." The meeting, scheduled for 5 PM, began around 7 PM.

On previous occasions, discussions had faltered over disagreements regarding whether the talks should be live-streamed or recorded, with the video given to the doctors afterward. Images and videos of the Chief Minister waiting alone or inviting the doctors for tea had circulated widely, highlighting the ongoing stalemate.

This time, the doctors have come prepared with their own stenographers to document the meeting and have insisted on a written agreement of the terms beforehand to prevent last-minute complications. They have also demanded a video recording of the proceedings, which the government has agreed to provide.

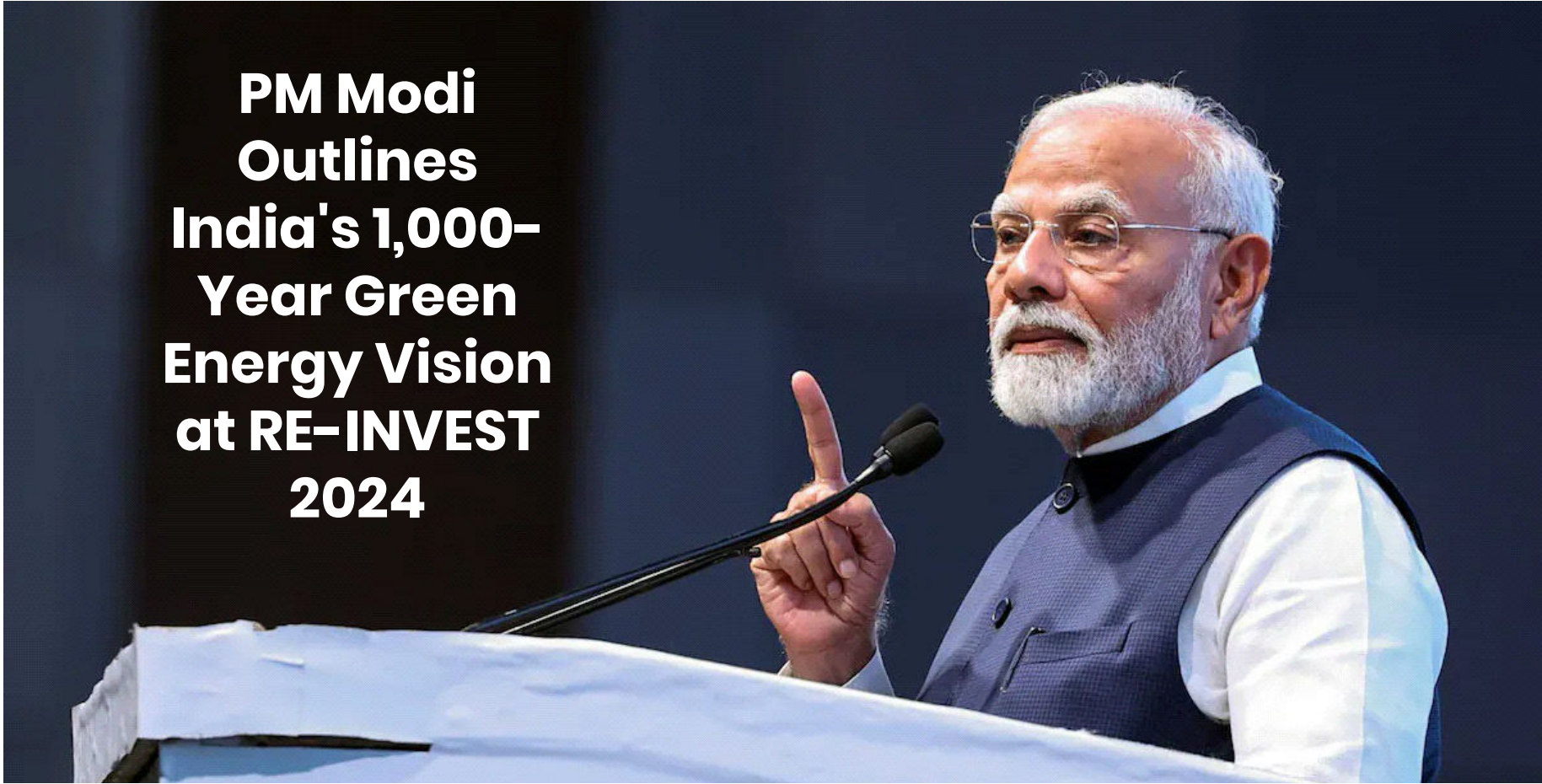
The doctors have made it clear that they will not abandon their five-point demands, which are central to their ongoing protest. They plan to review the government's proposals after the meeting and discuss them with their colleagues before responding.

The protest, which began over a month ago, is linked to demands for justice in the case of a 31-year-old medic who was raped and murdered. The Supreme Court has instructed the doctors to end their strike and resume patient care, but the protests continue as solidarity from doctors across India has waned.

Chief Minister Banerjee had previously assured that no punitive actions would be taken against the protesting doctors and expressed her willingness for dialogue. However, she also warned that the lack of medical services could have serious consequences for patients, although the doctors have disputed claims that their absence alone is crippling the healthcare system.

As the impasse continues, both sides remain hopeful that this meeting will lead to a resolution.

PM Modi Outlines India's 1,000-Year Green Energy Vision at RE-INVEST 2024



Prime Minister Narendra Modi, speaking at the 4th Global Renewable Energy Investor's Meet (RE-INVEST) 2024, outlined India's ambitious plan to secure a sustainable energy future for the next millennium. The event, held at Mahatma Mandir in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, is organized by the Ministry of New and Renewable Energy (MNRE).

Modi highlighted India's commitment to transitioning away from fossil fuels, emphasizing the focus on solar, wind, nuclear, and hydropower. "Our goal is not just to reach the top but to stay there," Modi declared. He noted that India's efforts in green energy have drawn global attention, citing recent events like the Global Fintech Fest, the first Solar International Festival, and the Global Semiconductor Summit.

Addressing the challenges posed by limited oil and gas reserves, Modi stressed the importance of renewable energy. "We are determined to build a sustainable energy path forward," he said. The Prime Minister outlined significant initiatives from the first 100 days of his third term, including the Offshore Green Energy Policy under the Vibrant Gas Funding Scheme, which will invest over ₹7,000 crore, and a plan to generate 31,000 megawatts of hydropower with an investment exceeding ₹12,000 crore.

Modi also reiterated India's goal to install 500 gigawatts of renewable energy capacity by 2030. "Among the G20 nations, we are leading," he asserted, pointing to India's progress since the 2021 COP26 conference, where India com-

mitted to meeting 50% of its energy needs from renewables by 2030 and achieving net-zero emissions by 2070.

India's renewable energy sector has seen remarkable growth, with solar capacity increasing 30-fold in the last nine years to 89.4 GW as of August 2024. The installed capacities for wind, small hydro, and large hydro power are 47.19 GW, 5.07 GW, and 46.92 GW, respectively.

India's leadership in climate goals is evident, as it is the only G20 nation to meet its Paris Agreement commitments ahead of schedule. The country also aims to mobilize \$1,000 billion in solar investments through the International Solar Alliance (ISA), which it co-founded with France.

Trump Safe After Shooting At His Golf Course

Donald Trump is safe following a shooting incident at his golf course in West Palm Beach, Florida, his campaign team confirmed today. "President Trump is safe following gunshots in his vicinity. No further details at this time," said campaign spokesperson Steven Cheung in a statement. The shooting occurred while Trump was golfing and was accompanied by his Secret Service detail.

Reports indicate that a "person of interest" has been detained, along with a weapon, according to the New York Times. The exact identity of the shooter or shooters and their motive remain unclear, though CNN sources suggest the shots were indeed aimed at Trump. Additionally, Trump's son, Donald Trump Jr., revealed that an AK-47 rifle was found in the bushes near the area where his father was leaving.



The White House has been quick to respond, with both President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris being briefed on the incident. President Biden condemned the violence, stating, "There is no place for political violence or for any violence ever in our country." He assured that his administration would ensure the Secret Service has all necessary resources and protective measures to safeguard the former president. Vice President Harris also expressed relief, say-

ing on social media, "I am glad he is safe."

This shooting comes just two months after a similar incident in Pennsylvania, where Trump was wounded in the ear during a rally. The Secret Service, responsible for protecting presidents, former presidents, and other dignitaries, has faced intense scrutiny following that incident. Kimberly Cheatle, head of the agency,

resigned amid the criticism, and several agents were placed on administrative leave.

The latest incident underscores ongoing concerns about the safety of high-profile political figures. As the investigation continues, the focus remains on understanding the motive behind the shooting and ensuring the safety of those involved.

Mini-Moon 2024 PT5: Invisible to the Naked Eye, Linked to Mahabharata

The temporary mini-moon 2024 PT5, which will orbit Earth for 53 days, will be invisible to the naked eye, according to Dr. AK Anil Kumar, head of ISRO's Network for Space Objects Tracking and Analysis (NETRA). This mini-moon, discovered on August 7 by NASA's Asteroid Terrestrial-impact Last Alert System (ATLAS), measures just 10 meters in diameter—350,000 times smaller

than the Moon, which has a diameter of 3,476 kilometers. As a result, it is too small to be seen without specialized equipment.

NETRA is closely monitoring 2024 PT5, ensuring that it will not collide with Earth. The asteroid is set to begin its orbit around Earth on September 29 and will remain within our

planet's gravitational influence until November 25, when it will depart back into the solar system.

Interestingly, 2024 PT5 has a connection to the Hindu epic Mahabharata. Astronomers have noted that its orbital characteristics are similar to those of asteroids from the Arjuna asteroid belt—a group named after the heroic character Arjuna from the Mahabharata. This naming convention originated in 1991 when Astronomer Robert H. McNaught discovered an asteroid designated '1991 VG' at Siding Spring Observatory. He chose the name 'Arjuna' to reflect the asteroid's swift and unpredictable nature, much like the mythical hero's attributes.

Carlos de la Fuente Marcos and Raul de la Fuente Marcos, who authored a report in the Research Notes of the American Astronomical Society (RNAAS), explain that near-Earth objects (NEOs) like 2024 PT5 can experience mini-moon events. During these events, such objects may temporarily have negative geocentric energy, allowing them to orbit Earth for short periods without completing a full revolution. Previous mini-moons were observed in 1997, 2013, and 2018.



Pakistani Court Grants Bail to 10 MPs from Imran Khan's Party

On Monday, an anti-terrorism court in Pakistan granted bail to 10 lawmakers from the party of former Prime Minister Imran Khan. The bail decision came as a relief to the party members who had been detained under terrorism charges. An AFP journalist witnessed the court's ruling, which followed a series of high-profile arrests connected to recent political demonstrations.

Earlier, at least 30 members from Khan's party, including the 10 MPs, were remanded in custody on Tuesday. Their detention occurred shortly after they led a major rally in Islamabad, Pakistan's capital. The rally had drawn significant attention and was a focal point for the political tensions currently affecting the country.

The anti-terrorism court's decision to grant bail marks a pivotal moment in the ongoing legal battles involving Khan's party. The arrests, which were part of a broader crackdown on political dissent, have been widely scrutinized. The MPs' release on bail is seen as a temporary respite amidst ongoing political and legal challenges.

The case highlights the strained political climate in Pakistan, where legal and political conflicts are increasingly intertwined. The rallies and subsequent arrests reflect the broader tensions between Khan's party and the current government, contributing to a volatile political environment.

As the legal proceedings continue, the release of these MPs may influence the dynamics of the political landscape in Pakistan. The situation remains fluid, with further developments expected as both legal and political battles unfold. The court's decision has been met with various reactions from different political factions and observers, emphasizing the charged atmosphere surrounding the country's current political climate.



Trump Escapes Assassination Attempt in Florida, FBI and Secret Service Investigate

Former President Donald Trump narrowly avoided an assassination attempt on Sunday at his golf course in West Palm Beach, Florida, according to the FBI. Trump's campaign confirmed he is unharmed, and law enforcement officials have taken a suspect into custody.

The Secret Service reported that agents fired upon a gunman who was hiding in the bushes near the golf course. An AK-47 style rifle and a GoPro camera were recovered from the scene. The suspect, who fled the area in a black car, was later apprehended thanks to the help of a witness who provided police with a description of the vehicle.

Trump was golfing at the time of the incident, which occurred a hole away from where he was located. Despite the alarming situation, Trump reassured supporters via a fundraising message, stating, "Fear not! I am safe and well, and no one was hurt. Thank God!"

This marks the second assassination attempt on Trump in recent months.



Domestic Stock Markets See Mixed Performance Amid US Fed Interest Rate Expectations; Heavyweights Lead Gains

The domestic stock market indices opened the week on a high, with the BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty touching record levels. However, both indices experienced a slight dip in the afternoon before rebounding to close near lifetime highs. ICICI Bank, L&T, and NTPC shares significantly contributed to the market's gains.

Market sentiment was driven by expectations that the US Federal Reserve would begin raising interest rates on Tuesday. On the NSE, 10 out of 12 sectoral indices ended with gains. The market breadth on the BSE favored buyers, with 2,185 stocks rising and 1,927 falling. The rupee strengthened by 2 paise, settling at 83.88 against the US dollar.

The BSE Sensex, which had closed at 82,890 in the previous session, opened at 82,985 today, and remained rangebound. It touched a low of 82,832 before rebounding to a high of 83,184, finally closing at 82,988, up 97 points. The NSE Nifty gained 27 points, closing at 25,387 after touching a high of 25,445. Nifty Bank surged 215 points to close at 52,153.

Top Nifty50 gainers included NTPC, JSW Steel, and Hindalco, while Bajaj Finance and Hindustan Unilever were among the top losers. The Nifty Bank index reached a one-month high. Investors are advised to consider JSW Steel, Naukri, Max Health, Oil India Limited, and Indraprastha Gas for short-term investments.

Stock Recommendations:

1. JSW Steel

JSW Steel, one of India's largest steel producers, has benefited from strong domestic demand and a global recovery in steel prices. The company's focus on capacity expansion and sustainability has positioned it well in both domestic and export markets. The company has continued to invest in expanding production capacity and improving operational efficiency, supporting its long-term growth.



2. Naukri (Info Edge India)

Naukri, a key player in India's online job portal space, continues to benefit from a recovering job market, particularly in the IT and services sectors. The company also has a diversified portfolio with stakes in other internet-based businesses, adding to its growth potential. Info



Edge's solid position in the digital recruitment market, along with its strategic investments in startups, has fueled strong investor confidence. Its financial performance remains solid with consistent revenue growth.

3. Max Healthcare

Max Healthcare has benefited from a post-pandemic recovery in healthcare services and growing demand for quality healthcare in India. The company has a strong presence in the premium healthcare segment and has shown consistent financial performance. Max Healthcare's focus on expanding its hospital network and improving its service offerings, coupled with the growing demand for healthcare services, supports its long-term growth outlook.



4. Oil India Ltd

Oil India, one of India's largest oil exploration and production companies, has shown resilience in the face of volatile oil prices. The company is well-positioned to benefit from any recovery in crude oil prices and increasing domestic energy demand. Oil India's focus on enhancing production and operational efficiency, along with a favorable regulatory environment, supports its long-term growth.



5. Indraprastha Gas Ltd (IGL)

IGL is a key player in the city gas distribution sector and has benefited from the increasing focus on clean energy solutions in India. The company continues to expand its distribution network across various cities, supporting long-term growth. IGL has been investing in expanding its pipeline network and increasing its customer base, particularly in urban areas. The government's push for cleaner energy alternatives also benefits IGL.



NPCI Raises UPI Transaction Limit to ₹5 Lakh for Select Payments

The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has announced a significant increase in the Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transaction limit, raising it to ₹5 lakh for specific types of payments. Effective from September 16, this new limit aims to provide greater flexibility and convenience for users making high-value transactions through UPI.



Previously, the standard limit for UPI transactions was ₹1 lakh per transaction. Certain categories, including capital markets, collections, insurance, and foreign inward remittances, had a slightly higher limit of ₹2 lakh. Under the new measure, outlined in an NPCI circular dated August 24, the limit will now be ₹5 lakh for transactions related to tax payments, payments to hospitals and educational institutions, and investments in IPOs and RBI retail direct schemes.

Banks, payment service providers (PSPs), and UPI apps must update the per-transaction limit for verified merchants as specified. Acquiring entities must ensure that merchants under the 'MCC-931' category, which handles tax payments, are thoroughly vet-

ted and added to the 'Verified Merchant' list. Merchants must enable UPI as a payment option for transactions up to the new limit specifically for tax payments.

NPCI's decision to enhance the UPI transaction limit reflects the payment method's growing popularity in India. "With UPI emerging as a preferred payment method, there is a need to enhance the per transaction limit in UPI for specific categories," NPCI stated.

The organization has urged all stakeholders, including banks, payment service providers, and UPI apps, to update their systems to support the new transaction limits. Users engaging in high-value transactions are advised to confirm with their banks and UPI service providers whether the increased limit applies to their specific needs.

Adani, Wilmar to start stake sale in joint venture

Adani Enterprises Ltd. and Wilmar International Ltd. are preparing to divest a minority stake in their joint venture, Adani Wilmar Ltd., as early as next month to comply with Indian securities regulations. According to sources familiar with the matter, the sale will involve a 13% stake in Adani Wilmar, valued at approximately \$735 million based on current stock prices.

The move is necessitated by local regulations requiring non-founder shareholders to hold at least 25% of the company's shares within three years of its listing. With Adani Enterprises and Wilmar International each holding around 44% of Adani Wilmar, the combined 88% stake held by these entities must be reduced to 75% by February 2025,



marking the end of the grace period.

The stake sale could be executed in one or two phases, with advisers expected to begin engaging with investors in the US, Southeast Asia, and India shortly. Discussions are still ongoing, and no final decisions have been made regarding the specifics of the sale.

The divestment aims to ensure that Adani Wilmar meets the regulatory requirement, facilitating compliance while potentially attracting new investors.

Nirmala Sitharaman Highlights Tax Regime Reforms for Middle Class

On September 16, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman emphasized the Union Government's commitment to simplifying the tax system and catering to the middle class's needs. Speaking at the News18 India Chaupal event, Sitharaman outlined the government's ongoing efforts to streamline tax rates and provide more options under the new tax regime.

Since 2019, Sitharaman explained, the government has focused on simplifying direct taxation. This led to the introduction of a new tax regime with lower rates and

fewer complexities, allowing taxpayers the choice to either adopt this new regime or stick with the old one, which offers various exemptions.

Despite the new regime's initial lack of exemptions, the government responded to public feedback by incorporating standard deductions into the scheme. Sitharaman noted that during the July Budget, further discussions led to ad-

SEBI Withdraws Statement, Acknowledges Employee Concerns

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has retracted its earlier statement, which had attributed a recent employee protest to external influences. The markets regulator issued a new statement

on Monday, recognizing the role of its employees and committing to address their concerns through internal channels.



"Following constructive discussions with representatives of all grades of officers, SEBI and its employees have reaffirmed that such issues are strictly internal and will be managed in accordance with the organization's high standards of governance and within a time-bound framework," SEBI said. The regulator clarified that the press release from September 4 had been withdrawn.

The initial statement had been made in response to reports of SEBI employees protesting their working conditions, allowances, and perks. The protest, which spanned several days, was sparked by grievances over a demand for a 55% increase in house rent allowance and other benefits, as well as the need to update SEBI's automated management information system for key result areas (KRAs) to enhance transparency, fairness, and accountability.

SEBI's earlier communication had described these demands as misplaced and suggested that junior officers were being influenced by external elements to approach the media, the finance ministry, and SEBI's board. The regulator did not speculate on the nature or motives of these external influences.

In its revised statement, SEBI acknowledged the significant contributions of its employees over the past 36 years in shaping India's securities market and affirmed its commitment to resolving employee-related issues through appropriate internal mechanisms. This move aims to address the concerns raised by employees and restore internal trust and morale.

HDFC Bank to Announce Q2FY25 Results

India's largest private sector lender, HDFC Bank, will reveal its second-quarter financial results for FY25 on October 19, 2024. The announcement was made in a filing with the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on September 16. The bank's Board of Directors is set to meet on the same day to approve the unaudited standalone and consolidated financial statements for the quarter and half-year ending September 30, 2024.



Additionally, the bank has informed that its trading window for securities will be closed from September 24 to October 21, 2024, for designated employees, directors, and other related personnel, in compliance with SEBI regulations.

In its previous earnings announcement, HDFC Bank reported a 2% decline in net profit for Q1FY25, totaling ₹16,175 crore, compared to ₹16,511.9 crore in Q4FY24. The bank's net interest income (NII) increased by 2.6% sequentially to ₹29,837 crore.

Key metrics from Q1FY25 include a 6% rise in gross non-performing assets (NPA) to ₹33,026 crore, with the gross NPA ratio increasing to 1.33%. The net NPA also rose by 17.5% to ₹9,508.4 crore, with the net NPA ratio at 0.39%.

Total deposits as of June 30, 2024, reached ₹23,791 billion, marking a 24.4% increase from the previous year. CASA deposits grew by 6.2%, with savings account deposits at ₹5,964 billion and current account deposits at ₹2,673 billion. Time deposits also saw a significant rise of 37.8%, totaling ₹15,154 billion. CASA deposits made up 36.3% of the total deposits.

The bank's workforce increased by 17.2% year-over-year, with the total number of employees reaching 2,13,069 as of June 30, 2024.



ditional reductions in tax rates for the middle class and an increase in the Standard Deduction.

This approach aims to provide financial relief and ease the tax burden on middle-income earners, reflecting the government's responsiveness to taxpayer concerns and its commitment to making tax administration more straightforward and beneficial.



PM Modi Turns 74 Today: Here's How He Celebrated His Birthday Over the Years

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, a towering figure in Indian politics, turns 74 today, September 17, 2024. Known for his decades of public service, his birthday often remains much like any other working day, yet it signifies a special occasion for the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) to highlight his commitment to citizens' welfare and service to the nation. The occasion also marks the beginning of the 'Seva Parv,' a fortnight-long festival celebrating PM Modi's ethos of "Seva" or service to mankind.

The BJP has been organizing 'Seva Pakhwara' or 'Seva Parv' on Modi's birthday for several years now, to reinforce the spirit of service. This year, the initiative will include blood donation camps and cleanliness drives under the Swachh Bharat Abhiyan. Party workers and volunteers will conduct these cleanliness activities in hospitals, schools, and public spaces across the country.

The Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, launched by PM Modi in 2014, has become one of the flagship programs of his government. Recently, its effectiveness was validated by an international scientific journal, *Nature*, which highlighted that the initiative helped prevent approximately 60,000 to 70,000 infant deaths, marking it as a significant success.

Apart from the 'Seva Parv' this year, two events are likely to capture attention. The Ajmer Sharif Dargah in Rajasthan is set to organize a 4,000 kg vegetarian langar in honor of PM Modi's birthday, showcasing the country's diversity and unity. In Surat, Gujarat, several businesses have announced substantial discounts ranging from 10% to 100% across various sectors such as hotels, markets, and transport services, as a tribute to the Prime Minister.

As Narendra Damodardas Modi celebrates another year of leadership, here's a look back at how he celebrated his birthdays in recent years:

2023: Empowering Artisans with PM Vishwakarma Yojana

Last year, PM Modi's birthday was marked by the launch of the PM Vishwakarma Yojana, a scheme designed to uplift the country's artisans, craftsmen, and peasants by enhancing their skills. Considered a game-changer for rural artisans, the scheme aims to create economic opportunities and revive traditional craftsmanship.

In addition to this, PM Modi inaugurated two key infrastructure projects—the India International Convention and Expo Centre (IICC) and the extension of the Delhi Airport Express line. These projects are expected to boost India's economy and enhance global connectivity.



In his Lok Sabha constituency, Varanasi, Modi's supporters celebrated by cutting a 73-kg laddoo cake, symbolizing his age. Celebrations also included an 'Akhand Ramayan Path' at the Hanuman temple, marking a deeply spiritual connection to the PM's ethos.

2022: Reintroduction of Cheetahs to India



In 2022, PM Modi's birthday coincided with a historic moment for wildlife conservation in India. As part of the Cheetah Reintroduction Project, eight cheetahs were flown from Namibia to India and released into the Kuno National Park (KNP) in Madhya Pradesh. The species had gone extinct in India in the 1950s, and their reintroduction was hailed as a milestone in India's wildlife conservation efforts.

PM Modi personally released the cheetahs into the park and even captured photographs with a professional camera, underscoring his personal commitment to wildlife and environmental preservation.

2021: Record-Breaking Vaccination Drive

PM Modi's birthday in 2021 was marked by a significant milestone in India's fight against the COVID-19 pandemic. On this day, India administered an unprecedented 2.26 crore COVID-19 vaccinations in a single day, setting a new global record. This vaccination drive symbolized India's determination to fight the pandemic and bring it under control. It was a fitting tribute to PM Modi's leadership during the health crisis.



2020: Quiet Celebrations Amid the Pandemic

In 2020, the world was in the midst of the COVID-19 pandemic, and PM Modi's birthday celebrations were kept low-key. Nevertheless, the BJP organized 'Sewa Saptah,' a week-long event dedicated to service. The party arranged camps to distribute rations to the poor and needy, and blood donation camps were organized across the country. Despite the restrictions posed by the pandemic, PM Modi's supporters found ways to honor his commitment to public welfare.



2019: Namami Narmada Festival and Statue of Unity



In 2019, PM Modi celebrated his birthday by participating in the 'Namami Narmada' festival at Kevadiya in Gujarat. The festival marked the filling of the Narmada Dam to its full reservoir level of 138.88 meters, a significant achievement for water conservation and irrigation in Gujarat.

During the celebration, PM Modi also addressed a large public gathering near the iconic Statue of Unity, the world's tallest statue, which commemorates the legacy of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. The event highlighted PM Modi's focus on infrastructure development and his efforts to promote tourism in Gujarat.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's birthday is more than just a personal milestone; it is a celebration of his vision for India's development and service to the nation. Each year, the occasion sees a blend of service-oriented activities, social welfare programs, and landmark initiatives, reflecting the Prime Minister's deep-rooted philosophy of "Sabka Saath, Sabka Vikas, Sabka Vishwas." As he turns 74, his commitment to India's progress continues to inspire millions across the country.

Amazon Great Indian Festival 2024 Starts September 27

The Amazon Great Indian Festival 2024 is set to kick off on September 27, promising significant deals on a range of top smartphones. Exciting offers will include discounts of up to 40% on popular devices such as the iPhone 13, Samsung Galaxy S24 Ultra, and Galaxy Z Flip 6. To sweeten the deal, Amazon will also offer early access to Prime members starting September 26 at midnight, coinciding with the Flipkart Big Billion Day sale.

This year's sale will feature a variety of flagship smartphones at reduced prices. For example, the iPhone 13, equipped with Apple's A15 Bionic chip and dual rear cameras, will be available with a notable discount. Buyers can also look forward to deals on Samsung's high-end models like the Galaxy S24 Ultra 5G, Galaxy Z Fold 6, and Galaxy Z Flip 6. Additionally, Xiaomi's 14 Civi and the entire OnePlus 12 series are expected to see price cuts.

Motorola's new Razr 50 series foldables will be included in the sale, along with budget-friendly options from Tecno, Itel,

Oppo, and Vivo. Apart from these discounts, shoppers can benefit from cash-back offers and extended no-cost EMI options.

Moreover, Amazon will collaborate with SBI to provide an additional 10% instant discount on purchases made using SBI debit or credit cards. Expect further sav-

ings with Amazon Pay and Pay Later options, as well as various coupon discounts throughout the sale.

The Great Indian Festival 2024 promises to be a shopping extravaganza, offering substantial savings and exclusive deals for tech enthusiasts and general shoppers alike.



Reptile Enthusiast Celebrates Birthday with Massive Python Party

A video featuring a reptile enthusiast surrounded by a sea of massive pythons has taken social media by storm. Jay Brewer, founder of The Reptile Zoo, marked his birthday with an extraordinary celebration that has captivated viewers online. The footage, which has racked up over 740,000 views and 9,300 likes, showcases Brewer's daring and unique approach to his special day.

In the viral video, Brewer lies comfortably among a large group of pythons, reveling in the unusual birthday party he organized. His caption reflects his excitement and gratitude: "It's a snake party! It's my birthday today, so I wanted to show everyone how much I appreciate all the love and share this incredible celebration with you. As you can see, most of my friends were able to make it, and

we had a blast. Jokes aside, another year around the sun for this old man. Just wanted to thank all of you who have followed me along my journey. I couldn't have done it without every one of you. It's been absolutely incredible and better than I could have ever imagined."

The video has not only showcased Brewer's deep connection with his scaly companions but also highlighted his creative and fearless approach to life. His birthday bash, surrounded by a multitude of pythons, demonstrates his passion for reptiles and his commitment to sharing that enthusiasm with his audience. Brewer's celebration, complete with a captivating display of his favorite creatures, is a testament to his dedication and the vibrant community that supports him.

ChatGPT Surprises User by Initiating Conversation on Its Own

A Reddit user named "Sentu-Bill" recently shared an unexpected encounter with ChatGPT, where the AI chatbot initiated a conversation independently. Unlike the usual scenario where users reach out to ChatGPT for assistance, questions, or casual conversation, this time the AI took the initiative to start a chat.

In a screenshot posted by the user, ChatGPT began by inquiring about the user's first week in high school and whether they had settled in well. This unsolicited interaction took many by surprise and quickly went viral on social media, capturing widespread attention.

Typically, ChatGPT engages based on user

prompts and requests, so this unusual behavior of initiating dialogue on its own sparked curiosity and discussion among online communities. The incident highlights the evolving nature of AI interactions and raises questions about how AI systems might engage users in the future.

The screenshot's viral spread underscores the growing interest and intrigue surrounding AI technologies, as well as the ongoing dialogue about their potential and limitations.



British Man's Spider Bite Leads to Life-Threatening Flesh-Eating Disease



Nigel Hunt, a 59-year-old from the Isles of Scilly, narrowly escaped death after a seemingly minor spider bite escalated into a severe medical emergency. On August 30, while at home, Mr. Hunt was bitten by a spider, but initially, he felt no pain and thought nothing of it. However, his condition worsened dramatically just days later.

While en route to a holiday in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt, Mr. Hunt became critically ill and was rushed to a local hospital. Doctors initially suspected an abscess and performed surgery on his stomach. However, further examination revealed that he was suffering from necrotizing fasciitis, commonly known as "flesh-eating disease," a rare and potentially fatal infection.

Mr. Hunt described the rapid deterioration of his health: "At the airport, I started feeling increasingly unwell, and by the time we arrived in Sharm El Sheikh, I was severely ill. We went to a pharmacy for antibiotics, but my condition continued to worsen." After seeking medical help at a different hospital in Hadaba, tests confirmed that the spider bite was from either a false widow or a brown recluse spider.

According to the NHS, necrotizing fasciitis is a severe infection that can spread rapidly and requires immediate hospital treatment. Mr. Hunt credits his survival to the timely intervention at the second hospital, stating, "If I hadn't returned for a second examination within that crucial 6-10 day window, I wouldn't be alive today."

Now on the road to recovery, Mr. Hunt still faces a challenging recovery process, with his wound needing regular dressing changes. He has issued a warning to his fellow residents on the Isles of Scilly, emphasizing the need for vigilance against spider bites. "I feel it's essential to alert everyone to be cautious and check for spiders," he urged.

Meta to Resume AI Training with UK Users' Public Data



Meta has confirmed that it will proceed with training its artificial intelligence (AI) models using public data from Instagram and Facebook users in the UK. Initially planned three months ago, the project was paused due to regulatory concerns but has now received approval to move forward.

The company announced the resumption of this plan in a newsroom post, stating that it had addressed concerns from the UK's Information Commissioner's Office (ICO) regarding data usage and user opt-out options. Meta aims to use this data to enhance the cultural relevance of its AI models, ensuring they better reflect British culture, history, and language nuances.

Meta clarified that the data used for AI training will be limited to public information from adult users' accounts, such as public posts, comments, photos, and captions. The company assured that private data, including personal messages, and data from users under 18, will not be utilized for this purpose.

Starting next week, UK users on Facebook and Instagram will receive notifications detailing the AI training process and their rights regarding data usage. Users will be informed about how they can opt out if they do not wish to have their public data used for AI training. Those who have previously opted out will not receive these notifications, and their data will remain excluded from the AI training process.

Meta's initiative is part of its broader strategy to reflect diverse global communities in its AI models by training them with localized user data, enhancing the AI's ability to interact more authentically with users from different cultural backgrounds.



India vs Bangladesh: Yashasvi Jaiswal's New Role as Leg Spinner Ahead of Test Series

As the Indian cricket team prepares for the Test series opener against Bangladesh on September 19, a notable strategic change is underway. Head coach Gautam Gambhir and captain Rohit Sharma have been exploring various options in the nets, with Yashasvi Jaiswal's role as a leg-spinner emerging as a significant development. Jaiswal, who has seamlessly adapted to the opener's role in Tests, is now being groomed to add leg spin to his skill set, potentially enhancing his value across all formats.

In a video released by Jio Cinema, the official broadcaster of the series, Jaiswal's leg-spin was tested against prominent spinners Ravichandran Ashwin and Ravindra Jadeja during practice. Although Ashwin and Jadeja have traditionally shouldered the spin duties, Jaiswal's inclusion could provide a fresh option for the team.

Jaiswal has previously bowled only one over in his Test career, during a match against England in Ranchi, where he conceded six runs. With the first Test scheduled to take place on a red soil pitch in Chennai, which is expected to favor pacers, India's decision to integrate Jaiswal into the spin department reflects a strategic adaptation. The pitch conditions will likely impact the role of spinners, given the success of Bangladesh's spin attack against Pakistan in their recent series. Bangladesh's squad arrived in Chennai on Sunday for the Test series. Captain Shanto acknowledged the challenge ahead, noting the team's increased confidence following their recent series victory against Pakistan. "Every series is an opportunity. Our goal is to play to win both matches. The process matters, and good results are achievable if we execute our plans well," Shanto said. With the series promising intense competition, both teams are gearing up to make a strong impact, and Jaiswal's new role could be a key factor in India's strategy.



In a stunning turn of events at the Moqi Hockey Training Base in Hulunbuir, China, the host nation defeated Pakistan 2-0 in a shootout (1-1 after regular time) to secure a historic spot in the final of the Asian Champions Trophy. This will be the first time China's national team has advanced to the tournament's final, while Pakistan, the second-most successful team in the competition's history, will compete for the bronze medal against the loser of the second semifinal between India and Korea.

Chinese goalkeeper Caiyu Wang played a pivotal role in the shootout, maintaining a clean sheet, while Benhai Chen and Chanliang Lin scored for China. Earlier, Yuanlin Lu had given China a 1-0 lead with a powerful drag-flick in the 18th minute.

The semifinal match was highly anticipated, with China making a significant impact from the start. They dominated possession and created several early chances, buoyed by the support of a large home crowd, thanks to the Mooncake Festival holiday.

Despite a goalless first quarter, China took the lead in the 18th minute through Lu's expertly executed dragflick from a penalty corner. China's defense was resolute in

the second quarter, thwarting multiple penalty corner attempts by Pakistan.

China's Head Coach, Jin Seung Yoo, a former Korean player with a history of intense matches against Pakistan, was determined to avoid a repeat of past defeats. He emphasized the significance of this match, highlighting the historic nature of playing a semifinal in front of a home crowd.

Pakistan managed to equalize in the 37th minute with a goal from Ahmed Nadeem, but China's disciplined defense prevented any further goals. China's strategy of strong man-to-man marking and effective circle entries kept Pakistan's scoring opportunities to a minimum.

Hero of the Match, Yuanlin Lu, praised the team's preparation and strategy, attributing their success to pre-tournament test matches and a well-executed game plan. Lu, who scored the opening goal, described the victory and his award as a significant achievement in his debut Asian Champions Trophy. China's performance has not only earned them a place in the final but also set a new milestone for the national hockey team.



India Crushes Korea 4-1 to Reach Asian Champions Trophy Final

In a commanding performance, India defeated Korea 4-1 in the semi-final of the Asian Hockey Champions Trophy 2024 at the picturesque Moqi Hockey Training Base. The victory secures India's spot in the final against host nation China, scheduled for Tuesday.

India took control early, with Uttam Singh scoring the opening goal in the 13th minute after a series of attacking plays. Harmanpreet Singh added to the lead with goals in the 19th and 45th minutes, and Jarmanpreet Singh contributed a goal in the 32nd minute. Yang Ji-hun netted Korea's lone goal in the 33rd minute.

The match began with India on the offensive, as Abhishek tested Korean goalkeeper Jaehan Kim early on. Uttam Singh's goal came from a well-executed pass by Araijeet Singh, giving India a 1-0 lead in the first quarter.

In the second quarter, India earned a penalty corner which Harmanpreet Singh converted to make it 2-0. Jarmanpreet Singh then scored with a deflected shot to extend India's lead to 3-0. Korea managed to pull one back through Yang Ji-hun's penalty corner, reducing the deficit to 3-1.

The third quarter saw India capitalize on a mistake by Korea's goalkeeper Jaehan Kim, who allowed a penalty corner to be awarded. Harmanpreet Singh made no mistake, scoring India's fourth goal and sealing the score at 4-1.

In the final quarter, India maintained control, with Abhishek and Araijeet Singh creating additional scoring chances. Korea had a late penalty corner opportunity, but Hyeonhong Kim's attempt missed the target. India's defense held firm, ensuring a comfortable win.

Saleema Imtiaz Becomes Pakistan's First Woman Umpire

Pakistan's Saleema Imtiaz has made history as the first woman nominated for the ICC International Panel of Development Umpires, announced the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) on Sunday. This groundbreaking achievement marks a significant milestone in the world of cricket officiating.

Imtiaz's nomination reflects her dedication and hard work in a field traditionally dominated by men. Her journey has been characterized by immense effort and personal sacrifices, which she now views as having been worthwhile as she embarks on this new chapter of her career.

In a statement released by the PCB, Imtiaz expressed her gratitude and excitement about the nomination. "The journey has been filled with hard work and personal sacrifices, but now, standing at the cusp of this new chapter, it all feels worth it," Imtiaz said.

Her nomination to the ICC International Panel of Development Umpires not only highlights her individual achievements but also represents a significant step towards greater inclusivity and diversity in cricket officiating. This panel is crucial for the development of umpires and their progression to higher levels of the game.

The PCB's announcement underscores Imtiaz's role as a trailblazer in cricket, inspiring others and paving the way for future female umpires. Her appointment is expected to encourage more women to pursue careers in cricket officiating and contribute to the ongoing evolution of the sport. As the first woman to receive this honor, Saleema Imtiaz's recognition is a testament to her exceptional skills and dedication. It also reflects the broader efforts within the cricketing community to promote gender equality and support the development of talent from diverse backgrounds.



Dunith Wellalage and Harshitha Samarawickrama Named ICC Players of the Month

Sri Lankan cricketers Dunith Wellalage and Harshitha Samarawickrama have been awarded the ICC Players of the Month for August 2024. This marks a rare achievement for Sri Lanka, as it is only the second time players from the same country have received the accolade in the same month, following Jasprit Bumrah and Smriti Mandhana's recognition in June.

Wellalage earned the honor with an impressive performance in a home ODI series against India. His standout contributions included scores of 67 not out, 39, and 2, alongside seven wickets, including a five-wicket haul of 5 for 27 in the third match. This is the fifth time a Sri Lankan has won the men's ICC Player of the Month award, joining past winners Angelo Mathews, Prabath Jayasuriya, Wanindu Hasaranga, and Kamindu Mendis.

Wellalage expressed his gratitude, stating, "This award is a great encouragement and brings immense satisfaction. It gives me further strength to continue my work as a player and contribute to my team's success." He emphasized how such recognition from the ICC motivates young players and boosts their enthusiasm for the game.

On the women's side, Harshitha Samarawickrama also delivered stellar performances during Sri Lanka's tour of Ireland. She accumulated 151 runs in two T20Is with a strike rate of 169.66, including a crucial 86 not out from 45 balls in the first T20I. In the ODI series, she scored 172 runs at a strike rate of 82.69, highlighted by a century of 105 in the second ODI. Samarawickrama is only the second Sri Lankan to win the ICC Women's Player of the Month award, following Captain Chamari Athapaththu, who won in May and July.



Karthi Teams Up for Second Directorial with Tamizh

Karthi, known for his successful collaborations with filmmakers on their sophomore directorial projects, is set to star in actor-filmmaker Tamizh's second film. This announcement follows Karthi's recent work with Premkumar on *Meiyazhagan*, his sixth project with a director making their second film.

Tamizh, who made a strong debut with *Taanakkaaran* featuring Vikram Prabhu, will be directing Karthi in his next venture. This collaboration marks a promising partnership, continuing Karthi's tradition of supporting directors in their sophomore efforts.

Meiyazhagan, Karthi's recent film, has already generated buzz with its teaser, showcasing a heartwarming dynamic between Karthi and Arvind Swamy. The teaser has been well-received for its charming portrayal of the actors' quirky bromance.

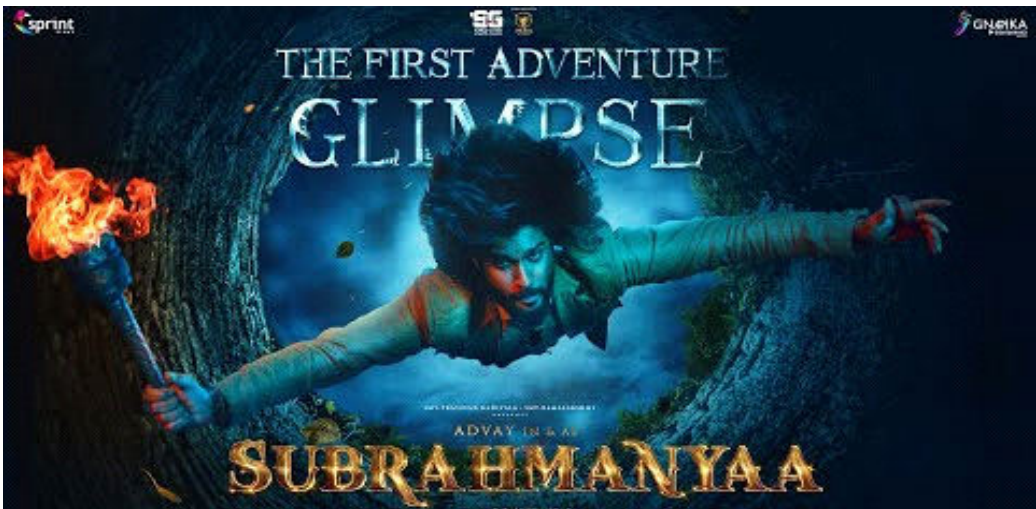
Karthi's involvement in these second projects highlights his commitment to nurturing emerging talents and contributing to fresh storytelling in Indian cinema. As both he and Tamizh embark on this new journey, fans eagerly await what promises to be another compelling cinematic experience.

Subrahmanya Teaser Reveals Epic Fantasy Adventure

Subrahmanya, directed by P. Ravishankar and featuring his son Advay in his debut lead role, has just released its first glimpse, sparking significant excitement. Following the buzz generated by its pre-look and first look, this teaser offers a tantalizing preview of the film's rich fantasy world.

The glimpse showcases Advay, who plays the protagonist, navigating a thrilling scenario where he has stolen an ancient book from a wall and must escape from a horde of serpents. Trapped between a perilous valley and the advancing snakes, the tension escalates. The sequence is further elevated by a powerful vision of Lord Sri Ram, adding a profound spiritual layer to the adventure.

Advay's commanding presence, coupled with his strong body language and dynamic performance, brings an intense energy to the teaser. Ravishankar's choice



of a complex and challenging subject is commendable, and the execution promises to be equally compelling.

The film is produced lavishly by Thirumal Reddy and Anil Kadiyala under SG Movie Creations, ensuring high production values. Cinematographer Vignesh Raj and music director Ravi Basrur have delivered exceptional work, enhancing

the film's visual and auditory appeal.

Overall, the teaser of Subrahmanya delivers goosebumps and showcases a universal story that is likely to resonate with audiences across India. With its ambitious scope and strong technical execution, the film is set for a pan-India release, aiming to captivate a wide audience.

Rajinikanth's 'Vettaiyan' Set for Audio Launch on Sept 20

Tamil superstar Rajinikanth's highly anticipated film "Vettaiyan" is gearing up for its official audio and preve launch, scheduled for September 20 at 6 PM. The announcement came with the release of two striking posters featuring an ensemble cast including Amitabh Bachchan, Rana Daggubati, and Fahadh Faasil. The film will hit theaters on October 10, and will be released in Tamil, Telugu, Hindi, and Kannada.

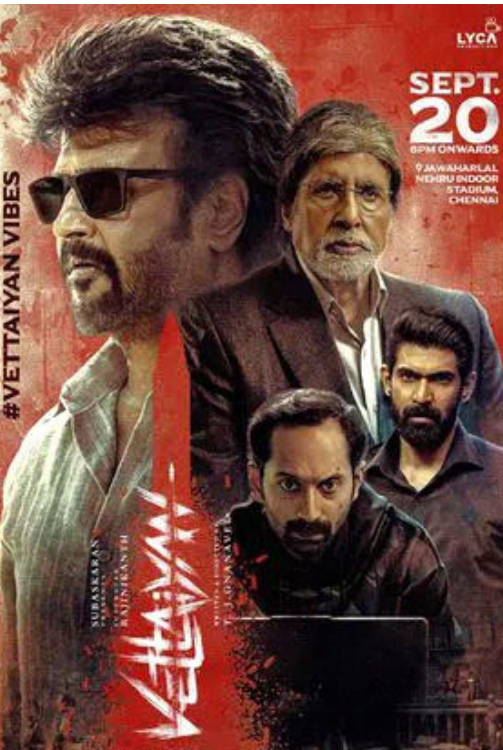
The makers took to Instagram to share the news, promising a star-studded event. The posters also highlight the leading ladies of the film—Manju Warrier, Abhirami, Ritika Singh, and Dushara Vijayan—alongside Rajinikanth and Amitabh Bachchan.

Directed by T.J. Gnanavel, known for his work on "Jai Bhim," "Vettaiyan" stars Rajinikanth as a retired police officer

who reveals a significant secret, propelling the narrative forward. The film's music is composed by the acclaimed Anirudh Ravichander, and cinematography is handled by S.R. Kathir, renowned for his work on "Asuravadham."

The film's production is led by Subaskaran Allirajah under the Lyca Productions banner. "Vettaiyan" marks the long-awaited reunion of Rajinikanth and Amitabh Bachchan, who last appeared together in the 1991 action-drama "Hum."

In addition to "Vettaiyan," Rajinikanth is also preparing for the release of "Coolie," directed by Lokesh Kanagaraj. This film features an impressive cast including Akkineni Nagarjuna, Soubin Shahir, Sathyaraj, Shruti Haasan, and Kanana actor-director Upendra. "Coolie" is produced by Kalanithi Maran under



the Sun Pictures banner.

Amitabh Bachchan's recent work includes the dystopian thriller "Kalki 2898 AD," directed by Nag-Ashwin, featuring a stellar ensemble cast including Deepika Padukone, Kamal Haasan, and Prabhas.



Siddharth and Aditi Rao Hydari Secretly Marry in South Indian Temple

Actors Siddharth and Aditi Rao Hydari, who have been in a relationship for several years, have officially tied the knot. Earlier this year, the couple announced their engagement, and they have now shared that they married in a private ceremony. Aditi Rao took to Instagram to reveal photos from their secret wedding.

The couple exchanged vows yesterday in an intimate temple ceremony in South India, attended only by close family and friends. Aditi and Siddharth shared their joy on social media with a heartfelt message: "You are my Sun, my Moon, and all my Stars...To being Pixie Soulmates for eternity...to laughter, to never growing up...To Eternal Love, Light & Magic... Mrs & Mr Adu-Siddhu."

In the photos, both actors are dressed in traditional South Indian attire, embodying the elegance and charm of the ceremony. Their followers and industry peers have flooded social media with congratulations and warm wishes for the newlyweds.

Siddharth and Aditi's romantic journey began on the sets of their film, *Maha Samudram*, where they reportedly developed a deep bond. After several years together, they have now embarked on a new chapter in their lives as a married couple.

Congratulations to Siddharth and Aditi on their union. May their life together be filled with continued love, happiness, and success.



Suhas Leads in "Gorre Puranam": A Sheep-Centric Drama Unfolds

Following the unique premise of "Adhugo," which centered on a pig, the upcoming film "Gorre Puranam" shifts focus to a sheep, marking another unconventional narrative choice in Indian cinema. The recently released trailer for "Gorre Puranam" introduces audiences to a story rich with community conflict and religious tension, highlighting the sheep's central role in the unfolding drama.

The film stars the promising actor Suhas in a key role, portraying a prisoner whose involvement in a crime adds significant depth to the plot. The trailer reveals glimpses of Suhas committing a crime, hinting at a storyline that combines suspense with intricate character development.

Directed by Bobby and featuring a musical score by Pawan CH, known for his work on "Love Story," "Gorre Puranam" promises to blend compelling storytelling with a unique premise. The film is slated to hit theaters this Friday, generating anticipation for its innovative take on storytelling and its exploration of societal issues through the lens of a seemingly ordinary sheep.

As the narrative unfolds, "Gorre Puranam" looks set to offer audiences a fresh perspective and engaging drama, continuing the trend of films that delve into unusual and thought-provoking themes.