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"Come on... I'll see who removes the statue": CM Revanth Reddy

TPN, **Telangana:** The issue of installing a statue of Rajiv Gandhi at the Telangana Secretariat has sparked serious political uproar. BRS leaders, including KTR, have been vocal in their opposition, arguing that a statue of Rajiv Gandhi should not be placed where a statue of Telangana's mother ought to be.

CM Revanth Reddy responded strongly to these criticisms. Speaking at the unveiling ceremony of the Rajiv Gandhi statue today, he lashed out at the BRS leaders. "Come on... I'll see who removes the statue," he warned, adding that if they continue to target him and his party, there will be repercussions at the farmhouse.

He also clarified that the statue of Telangana's mother would indeed be installed and announced that it would be unveiled on December 9. He accused the KCR family of trying to loot all of Telangana and suggested that the Congress workers' fight against this had caught them off guard.

"KCR still hasn't recovered from the shock. He is undergoing regular shock treatments at the farmhouse because he can't grasp the reality—power has shifted, democracy has arrived, the

walls have been broken, and today their lives are in disarray," Revanth Reddy remarked.

He also cautioned Congress party workers to stay alert, warning that the "Kalakeya gang" would return to attack the villages. Revanth Reddy further criticized the BRS leaders, claiming they continue to cling to power even after losing it.

He targeted their criticism of the Gandhi family's rule, asking whether KCR, his son, and his son-in-law are not the ones still acting as ministers. "Sacrifice means Sonia Gandhi... was it not a sacrifice?" he questioned, in reference to her role.

Revanth Reddy also dismissed accusations of dynastic politics. He explained that Indira Gandhi did not hold any position when Nehru was Prime Minister and that it was Rajiv Gandhi who introduced technology to the country. He quipped that, without computers, people would still be selling idli and vada in Siddipet.

He made it clear that the corrupt have no right to criticize the Gandhi family and took an indirect jab at those tweeting on X (formerly Twitter), urging them to remember these facts.



KT Rama Rao Warns Congress Over Installation of Rajiv Gandhi's Statue

TPN, **Hyderabad:** BRS working president KT Rama Rao criticized the Congress government for installing a statue of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi at a location initially designated for the statue of "Telangana Talli" opposite the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat. He accused the Congress of disrespecting Telangana's identity and history, calling it a direct insult to the people and their struggle for statehood.

The statue of Telangana Talli, which symbolizes the aspirations of four crore people, was originally intended to be placed near the Telangana Martyrs Memorial "Amarajyothi" and the State Secretariat. However, Rama Rao alleged that the Congress, known for its political self-interest, opted to install Rajiv Gandhi's statue at this significant site. "By placing Rahul Gandhi's father's statue there, the Congress has insulted Telangana's self-respect," he stated.

Rama Rao described the Congress' decision as an attempt to undermine Telangana's existence and diminish the spirit of the statehood movement. "How dare you insult Telangana Talli? Is this how you honor Telangana's legacy, by placing a statue of 'Rahul Gandhi's father' where the heart of the Telangana



people, 'Telangana Talli,' should have stood?" he questioned.

He warned that the people of Telangana, who fought long and hard for statehood, would not forgive this perceived insult. Rama Rao emphasized that Telangana's identity and the sacrifices made during the statehood movement should not be overshadowed for political gain.

Celebrity and Corporate Generosity Boosts Telangana Flood Relief Efforts

TPN, **Hyderabad:** Several prominent celebrities and organizations have come forward to donate generously to the Telangana Chief Minister's Relief Fund, supporting ongoing flood relief efforts.

Leading the contributions, *Megastar Chiranjeevi* donated *Rs. 50 lakhs* to the fund. Additionally, he made another *Rs. 50 lakh* donation on behalf of his son, actor *Ram Charan. Chiranjeevi personally handed over both checks to Chief Minister *Revanth Reddy*, expressing his commitment to the cause.

Joining the efforts, *former minister Galla Arunakumari* made a significant donation as well, though the exact amount was not disclosed.

Several other members of the film fraternity also extended their support. *Film actor Ali* contributed *Rs. 3 lakhs* to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund. *Vishwak Sen, another actor, donated *Rs. 10 lakhs*, reflecting his concern for the flood-affected communities.

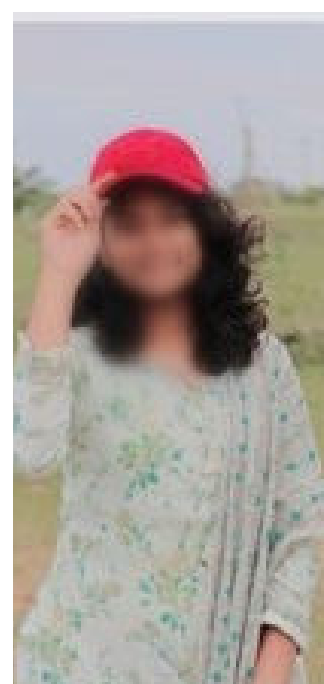
Actor Sai Dharam Tej also played his part by donating *Rs. 10 lakhs*. Both Sai Dharam Tej and Vishwak Sen presented their checks in person to the Chief Minister at his Jubilee Hills residence. Their involvement highlights the deep commitment of the Tollywood industry to supporting the state's relief efforts.

In addition to individual contributions, corporate entities have also stepped in. *Garudapalli Infrastructure Private Limited* made a generous donation of *Rs. 25 lakhs* to the relief fund. The company's director, *Sanjay Garudapalli*, handed over the check to CM Revanth Reddy at his Jubilee Hills residence.

These contributions from celebrities and companies showcase a strong sense of responsibility and solidarity toward helping the flood victims in Telangana. The ongoing support is critical to ensuring timely relief and rebuilding efforts in the state.

23-Year-Old Woman Dies Under Suspicious Circumstances at Gachibowli Hotel

TPN, **Hyderabad:** A 23-year-old woman was found dead under suspicious circumstances at a hotel in Gachibowli on Sunday. The woman, who worked as a nurse at a private hospital, had checked into the hotel earlier that day. Later, she was discovered hanging from the ceiling fan in her room. Upon receiving information, the police arrived at the scene and transferred the body to a mortuary for a postmortem examination. A case has been registered, and the police are investigating the incident. A friend of the woman has been taken into custody for questioning as part of the inquiry. Further details are awaited as the investigation continues.



Telangana to Add 40,000 MW Additional RE Capacity by 2035



TPN, **Hyderabad:** Deputy Chief Minister and Energy Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka announced that Telangana aims to add 40,000 megawatts of additional renewable energy (RE) capacity by 2035.

Speaking at the 4th Global Renewable Energy Investor's Meet and Expo (RE-INVEST) in Gandhinagar, Gujarat, on Monday, Bhatti highlighted that Telangana is developing a comprehensive renewable energy policy. This policy is designed to ensure sustainable, reliable, and affordable power, promote renewable energy projects, and attract private investments.



Telangana to Add 40,000 MW Additional RE Capacity by 2035

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The new RE policy will include investment incentives such as tax benefits and subsidies, single-window clearances, transparent resource allocation, and procurement guidelines. Additionally, a robust infrastructure plan for transmission and grid connectivity will be established. Bhatti also noted that the State is fostering partnerships with research institutions and providing incentives for RE manufacturers.

With over 300 days of sunshine annually, Telangana has an estimated solar potential of approximately 26.4 gigawatts. As one of the windiest states in India, Telangana also has a wind potential of about 54 gigawatts at 150 meters.

Bhatti mentioned that the State is currently managing two major hydro projects with pump operations at Srisailem and Nagarjunasagar, and there are further opportunities for power generation through pumped storage.

In addition to these projects, there is potential for riverine and off-river pumped storage projects using reservoirs and abandoned mines. Other green power potentials in the State include hydrogen, geothermal energy (about 1,500 to 3,000 MW), and mini hydel power generation (about 250 MW).



Telangana govt to issue ration, health cards to eligible BPL families from Oct

TPN, Telangana: Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy recently shared key decisions from the fourth Cabinet Sub-Committee meeting, focusing on several significant developments in public welfare initiatives. A follow-up meeting is scheduled soon to finalize additional measures.

One of the major announcements is the issuance of new ration and health cards in October, aimed at providing essential benefits to the deserving population. The minister acknowledged that the distribution of ration cards over the past decade was minimal and mostly symbolic, with many eligible citizens left out of the system. The new initiative promises a more comprehensive and transparent approach, ensuring that all deserving individuals receive their entitlements.

In addition to these measures, the government has planned a special benefit for farmers. During the upcoming Kharif season, an additional ₹500 per quintal will be provided for the procurement of thin paddy. This step is expected to support farmers who grow thin paddy, offering them financial relief and encouraging sustainable agricultural practices.

Furthermore, a significant change is coming to the public distribution system. From January onward, thin rice will be provided to ration card holders, offering an alternative grain option under the existing food security programs. This move aligns with the government's broader plan to improve the quality and variety of food supplies available to citizens.

Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy highlighted the government's commitment to ensuring fairness and transparency in the distribution of new ration cards. Unlike the previous administration, where distribution was limited and inconsistent, the current government is focused on ensuring all deserving citizens receive their due benefits without political bias.

The Cabinet Sub-Committee will meet again later this month to finalize and implement these decisions.

CM Revanth Orders Special Attention to Problem Areas

TPN, Hyderabad: The government has completed all arrangements for Ganapati immersion across Hyderabad and Telangana. Police, Irrigation, and Revenue officials have been alerted. In this context, CM Revanth Reddy conducted a review of the immersion arrangements and emphasized the need for special precautions.

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy reviewed the Ganesh immersion arrangements with Hyderabad CP CV Anand, who reported that 733 CC cameras will monitor the immersions. Arrangements near the tank bund, mandapams, and ponds are complete. CM Revanth instructed that special attention be given to problem areas and directed that the immersion proceed without any difficulties.

Police Alert and Rules for Immersion Day

The Hyderabad police are on high alert for Ganesh immersion. Early warnings have been issued to prevent disruptions. The following rules are to be observed on Shobhayatra day:

1. Only one vehicle is allowed per Ganesh immersion.
2. Sound boxes and DJs are prohibited on vehicles carrying idols.
3. Liquor, intoxicating substances, and intoxicated persons are not allowed on immersion vehicles.
4. Do not bring sticks, knives, flammable materials, or other weapons in the procession.
5. Do not sprinkle vermilion, kumkum, or gulal on the public.
6. Avoid political speeches, provocative



7. Firecrackers are prohibited during the procession.
8. Follow all advice and instructions given by the police.
9. In case of emergency, dial 100 immediately.

Ponnam Prabhakar: Arrangements Complete for Ganesh Immersion



TPN, Hyderabad: Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar has announced that arrangements for Ganesh immersion in the twin cities of Hyderabad are complete. On Monday, Ponnamp Prabhakar visited Khairatabad Mahaganapati to inspect the preparations for the immersion.

For the first time, free electricity has been provided to Ganesh Mandapams. Organizers reported that the puja programs have been conducted peacefully and with devotion. Devotees are encouraged to celebrate the event peacefully as Nimajjana Ghatta approaches.

The Minister noted that 360 cranes have been

installed across Hyderabad, including mobile cranes. Special officers have been assigned to manage the required areas. Any issues should be reported to the authorities. The immersion procession for Lord Ganesh of Khairatabad will begin on Tuesday morning, and preparations are already underway. Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar urged everyone to cooperate to ensure the immersion is completed on time. He assured that if the immersion is completed before the workday, there will be no problems for the public.

In related news, the Khairatabad Mahaganapati is prepared for immersion. The removal of

the stick at Khairatabad Ganasatha began this morning, and the Shobhayatra truck has already arrived at Maha Ganapati. Devotees were informed that darshan of Bada Ganesh is not permitted today, and police have set up barricades to enforce this. Devotees have been turning away in frustration due to the restriction. Meanwhile, Ganesh immersion activities are ongoing at Tangbund, with large cranes set up around Hussain Sagar. Cranes are installed at NTR Marg, People's Plaza, Jalavihar, and Baby Water Pond, with 31 cranes arranged around Hussain Sagar. The immersion of Khairatabad Mahaganapati will take place at Crane No. 4.

"Modiji, it's been four months since you talked about 'RR': KTR

TPN, Hyderabad: BRS Working President KTR questioned Prime Minister Narendra Modi on why no action has been taken regarding the RR tax in Telangana, even though it's been four months since the issue was raised. KTR voiced his concerns on the X platform (formerly Twitter) and shared a video from Modi's election campaign, where the Prime Minister had spoken about the RR tax during the Lok Sabha elections.

KTR reminded the public that Prime Minister Modi had addressed the RR tax four months ago. He asked why, despite the discussion, the Modi government has not yet taken any steps on the matter. "You claim that the Congress government in Telangana is deeply corrupt, yet your own cabinet ministers remain silent on the issue," KTR pointed out, pressing the central government for answers.

Case against choreographer Johnny Master on rape charges

- Woman alleges sexual harassment and rape
- Rayadurgam Police register a case against Johnny Master
- Case transferred to Narsinghi Police Station

TPN, Hyderabad: A case has been registered against popular choreographer Johnny Master at the Rayadurgam Police Station in Hyderabad. The police have filed charges of sexual assault and rape against him. A woman approached the authorities, alleging that Johnny Master had sexually harassed and raped her.

Following the woman's complaint two days ago, the Rayadurgam police registered a Zero FIR and subsequently transferred the case to the Narsinghi Police Station. The Narsinghi police have now taken up the investigation into the matter.





BRS to Hold State-Wide Protests, Perform 'Palabhishekam' to Telangana Talli Statues

TPN, Hyderabad: The BRS has announced statewide protests for Tuesday, condemning the installation of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's statue in front of the Dr. BR Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat. The party opposes the Congress government's decision to place Rajiv Gandhi's statue in the location reserved for the Telangana Talli statue.

BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao has called on the people to join BRS cadres in performing 'Palabhishekam' and offering milk to the statues of Telangana Talli in all Assembly constituencies across the state. He accused Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy of insulting the people of Telangana by replacing the symbol of Telangana's identity with Rajiv Gandhi's statue, driven by political motives.

"This is an insult to Telangana's self-respect and history. The people of Telangana will not forgive this disrespect towards their history and their struggle for statehood," Rama Rao said.

He emphasized that the installation of the Telangana Talli statue, which represents the aspirations of four crore people, was intended to honor the sacrifices



made during the Telangana movement. He warned that those who undermine Telangana's sentiments do not last long in state politics and stated that the people of Telangana, who fought for statehood, would hold the Congress accountable for this perceived insult.

Originally, the Telangana Talli statue was planned to be placed near the Telangana Martyrs Memorial Amara Jyothi and the Secretariat. However, Rama Rao claimed that the Congress, known for its selfish politics, decided to install Rajiv Gandhi's statue in this significant loca-

tion. "By placing Rajiv Gandhi's statue there, the Congress has insulted Telangana's self-respect," he said.

Calling the Congress decision a grave disservice to Telangana's legacy and spirit, Rama Rao asserted that the people who fought for statehood would not tolerate such actions. "How dare you insult Telangana Talli? Is this how you honor Telangana's legacy?" he asked, reaffirming that the people will not forgive the Congress for attempts to overshadow Telangana's spirit and identity for political gain.

Congress Wants to Call it Liberation Day

TPN, Telangana: Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar questioned why the BRS has seemingly forgotten Telangana Liberation Day. He criticized both the BRS and Congress, accusing them of avoiding the celebration of September 17 due to fear of the MIM party.

Speaking in Karimnagar district, Bandi Sanjay questioned the Congress government's regulations on Hindu festivals and pointed out that September 17 marks Telangana's Liberation Day—the day Telangana gained independence from the Nizam's rule. He emphasized that the atrocities committed by the Razakars, a paramilitary group, should never be forgotten.

During a media conference held at the



BJP central office on Monday, Bandi Sanjay sharply criticized both BRS and Congress for neglecting the celebration

of Telangana Liberation Day. He alleged that their reluctance to celebrate the day is due to fear of upsetting the MIM party. He further questioned when the HYDRA agency would demolish Owaisi College, hinting at political favoritism.

Bandi Sanjay accused the MIM of influencing any party in power in Telangana. He asserted that, if the BJP comes to power in the state, Telangana Liberation Day will be officially celebrated on August 15 each year. He also criticized recent actions, noting how even idol installations have become politicized. Finally, he argued that the Congress is too afraid to refer to September 17 as Telangana Liberation Day, choosing instead to downplay its significance.

Land acquisition remains incomplete despite the deadline Unresolved obstacles on the RRR

TPN, Telangana: The government's deadline for the land acquisition of the northern part of the Regional Ring Road (Triple R) ended on Sunday, but progress remains stagnant. The situation is the same as it was six months ago, with 20% of the land still yet to be acquired.

Officials are preparing for forced acquisition Hyderabad, September 15 (Namaste Telangana): Despite the government setting a deadline for completing land acquisition in the northern part of the Triple R, progress has stalled. About 20% of the land still needs to be acquired. The National Highways Department, responsible for issuing notifications for land acquisition, has been unable to proceed due to opposition from farmers and ongoing court cases.

The Congress government, which views the Triple R project as a priority, is determined to complete it within its tenure. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has conducted frequent reviews and pushed for faster land acquisition. The government had set a deadline in August, aiming to complete the process by September 15.

The total length of the Triple R is 348 km, requiring around 10,000 acres of land for its construction. For the 158.65 km northern section, about 4,600 acres of land are required, but only 3,500 acres have been acquired so far. Of the remaining



1,000 acres, 200 acres are forest land, for which alternative sites have been identified. However, court cases and opposition from farmers have stalled further acquisition.

Although the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) is offering compensation more than three times the registration price under the Land Acquisition Act, farmers are refusing the offer. The government initiated arbitration led by District Collectors to resolve the deadlock, but the negotiations have not progressed due to discrepancies between the open market land prices and those set by NHAI. NHAI officials stated that once the remaining 20% of the land is acquired, the tender process will commence.

Forced land acquisition efforts With the state government insisting on the construction of Triple R, reports suggest that district collectors are preparing to deposit compensation in court and forcibly acquire the remaining lands. Officials have concluded that it is not possible to satisfy the farmers and are planning to proceed based on legal provisions that allow flexibility.

Komati Reddy Venkat Reddy, the current Roads and Buildings Minister, had previously supported farmers protesting against land acquisition during the BRS government, assuring them that the Triple R alignment would be changed. This latest move toward forced acquisition has further fueled anger among farmers.

KTR Questions Centre on Lack of Action Against 'RR Tax' in Telangana

TPN, Telangana: KT Rama Rao, working president of the BRS, criticized Prime Minister Narendra Modi for the lack of action on the alleged "RR Tax" issue in Telangana. Rama Rao reminded Modi that it has been over four months since the Prime Minister first addressed the issue, questioning why the Union government has not taken any action.

On X, Rama Rao pointed out the silence of BJP leaders in Telangana, including Union Ministers G. Kishan Reddy and Bandi Sanjay, regarding alleged corruption by the Congress in the state. He asked why neither Kishan Reddy nor Bandi Sanjay have spoken out against the "RR Tax" or other corrupt practices of the Congress, despite the Prime Minister's claims of massive corruption.

Additionally, KTR criticized the Telangana government's Gruha Jyoti scheme for free electricity. He joked that while Chief Minister Revanth Reddy promised free electricity, the reality for many in Telangana has been a lack of electricity. He cited the suffering of residents in Suryapet, who have reportedly been without power for the last 16 days.

Under the Gruha Jyoti scheme, citizens with a white ration card can apply for free electricity up to 200 units per month. Households consuming less than 200 units in a month will receive a zero electricity bill.

CM Revanth Reddy Accused of Holding Telangana's Soul Hostage: BRS

TPN, Telangana: Former minister and BRS leader Vemula Prashanth Reddy has criticized Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for allegedly putting the soul of Telangana at the mercy of Delhi's leaders. He condemned the decision to place a statue of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi in front of the state secretariat, asserting that it is an insult to the mother of Telangana, who should have been honored there instead.

Vemula Prashanth Reddy described the placement of Rajiv Gandhi's statue as a shameful act and accused CM Revanth Reddy of betraying Telangana's interests to appease Delhi. He recalled that former CM and BRS chief KCR had planned to install a statue of Mother Telangana in front of the secretariat, with preparations made in June 2023. KCR had aimed to establish a connection between the secretariat and Amarajyothi. However, according to Reddy, Revanth's actions have contradicted this vision and appeared to be a diversionary tactic.

Reddy warned that the government's days are numbered and promised that if BRS comes back to power, steps will be taken to restore the honor of Telangana's mother. He criticized Revanth Reddy for failing to make Amarajyothi accessible even a year after its construction. Reddy also pointed out that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and Congress ministers are working in a secretariat built by KCR.

He criticized CM Revanth Reddy for not paying attention to Amarajyothi, suggesting that it is due to KCR's association with the project. Reddy urged against disrespecting Telangana's martyrs and questioned why Amarajyothi is not open to visitors a year after its inauguration, hinting that it might be due to KCR's involvement. He emphasized that KCR's contributions cannot be erased.

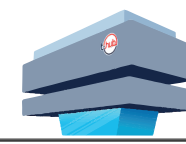
Renuka Chowdhary condemns the Center on caste census

- Renuka Chowdhary stated that Rahul Gandhi made a key proposal on the caste census
- Questioned why the Modi government is unable to make a decision
- Clarified that the caste census will be conducted if Congress comes to power

TPN, Telangana: Telangana Congress firebrand leader Renuka Chowdhary stated that Rahul Gandhi has made a crucial proposal to conduct a caste census in the country, and he has provided a comprehensive explanation as to why such a census is necessary. However, she questioned why the central government is unable to make a decision regarding the caste census.

Speaking in Delhi today, Renuka Chowdhary demanded an explanation from the Modi government as to why the caste census is not being carried out. She directly questioned the Center, asking, "What are the factors preventing you from undertaking a census?"

Renuka Chowdhary clarified that if the Congress party comes to power, a caste census will be conducted across the country.



TPN, Hyderabad: As the immersion of Lord Ganesha idols approaches, significant traffic restrictions will be in place in Hyderabad on September 17 and 18 to manage the movement of the idols to Hussainsagar.

Traffic Restrictions

City-Wide Traffic will be controlled throughout Hyderabad to accommodate the idol processions. Police Commissioner CV Anand stated that restrictions will be enforced to ensure law and order during the immersion.

Procession Routes From Kattamaisamma Temple: Processions will travel from Balapur, Keshavagiri, Chandrayanagutta flyover, Bashir Bagh, Liberty Junction, NTR Marg, and PVNR Marg (Necklace Road) towards the Ambedkar Statue.

From Secunderabad*: The route will include Sangeet Theatre, Patni, Paradise Junction, MG Road, Karbala Maidan, and Tankbund leading to Necklace Road.

From Chilakalaguda Intersection*: Idols will proceed via Gandhi Hospital, RTC Cross Road, Narayanguda Flyover, Y-Junction, and Himayatnagar towards Liberty.

From Uppal: Processions will pass through Ramantapur, Sri Ramana Junction, Tilaknagar, OUNCC Gate, Vidyanagar Junction, Fever Hospital, and Barkatpura Junction to Narayanaguda YMCA.

From Dilsukhnagar*: Idols will proceed from IS Sadan, Saidabad, and Chanchalguda to Nalgonda X Road, then towards Amberpet via Musarambagh.

From Tarnaka*: The procession will move towards Osmania University, Adikmet, Vidyanagar, and Fever Hospital.

From Tolichowki*: The route includes Massabtank, Ayodhya Junction, Nirankari Bhavan, and Dwarka Hotel Junction to NTR Marg.

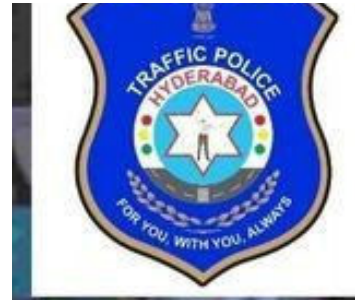
From Erragadda*: Idols will pass through SR Nagar, Ameerpet, Panjagutta, Khairatabad, and reach Nirankari Bhavan to NTR Marg.

From Tappachabutra and Asifnagar*: Routes include Sitarambagh, Boiguda Kaman, Volga Hotel X Road, Goshamahal, Malakunta Junction, and MJM.

Public Advisory*: Due to the Ganesh immersion, public movement may be disrupted. Traffic restrictions will be enforced on procession routes, and residents are advised to plan their travel routes accordingly.

Ganesh Immersion Traffic Alert

Restrictions in Hyderabad on September 17 and 18



15,000 GHMC Staff Deployed for Ganesh Immersion

TPN, Hyderabad: GHMC Commissioner Amrapali announced that extensive preparations have been made for the Ganesh immersion. She urged the public to cooperate by avoiding littering on the roads. A total of 15,000 GHMC staff will be involved in the immersion activities. Additionally, 465 cranes have been set up within the GHMC limits, and 38 cranes have been installed at Hussainsagar.

Amrapali noted that GHMC has coordinated with all relevant departments to ensure smooth operations. The staff will be actively engaged over the next three days, starting from tomorrow.

Arrangements and Personnel

Arrangements for the Maha Nimajjana on September 17 have been finalized. To facilitate the immersion, 160 Ganesh teams will work under GHMC's supervision. Ten control rooms have been established across Greater Hyderabad, including a command control room at the GHMC headquarters. An additional 500 personnel will join the team the day after the immersion. GHMC has set up 73 Vinayaka ponds and large ponds across Greater Hyderabad for the immersion. GHMC staff leave has been canceled for the next three days to ensure adequate manpower.

Minister Ponnam Prabhakar's Update

Minister Ponnam Prabhakar confirmed that all arrangements for Ganesh immersion in Hyderabad are complete. During his visit to Khairatabad Mahaganapati, he inspected the preparations and noted that free electricity was provided to mandapams for the first time. He encouraged devotees to celebrate peacefully and cooperatively.

Ponnam Prabhakar stated that 360 cranes and mobile cranes are deployed, with special officers assigned to necessary areas. He emphasized the need for prompt reporting of any issues to the authorities and stressed that the immersion should be completed smoothly to avoid inconvenience.

Health and Water Arrangements

Health Minister Damodara Rajanarasimha has ordered the setup of medical camps across the twin cities for the immersion. He instructed officials to arrange ambulances for emergency medical needs and ensure that doctors and nursing staff are available. Thirty health camps have been pre-arranged in areas where immersion will take place.

Water Board MD Ashok Reddy

Water Board MD Ashok Reddy has coordinated with Directors, CGMs, and GMs to ensure adequate water supply. A total of 122 water camps and 35 lakh water packets have been prepared. The MD has instructed that staff remain alert for the next 72 hours, with holidays canceled. Field visits are suggested as needed, and measures are in place to prevent sewage overflow in immersion areas. Nodal Officers and Route Officers have been appointed to manage the arrangements, and coordination with police, GHMC, and management committees is encouraged.



Ganesha of Khairatabad Ready for Immersion

TPN, Hyderabad: At Khairatabad, preparations for the Ganesh immersion have begun. The removal of the cane from Ganasathudi has started, and the Shobhayatra truck has already arrived at Maha Ganapati. Today, devotees were not permitted to visit Bada Ganesh as police set up barricades on all four sides.

Khairatabad Ganesh, who has been worshiped for ten days, is prepared for immersion. Tomorrow (Tuesday) afternoon, Mahaganapati will be immersed in Gangamma. As part of the immersion preparations, the work of removing the sticks at Khairatabad Ganasatha commenced this morning. Despite the restrictions, devotees continued to flock to Bada Ganesh, only to be turned away.

Meanwhile, the Ganesh immersion program is in full swing at Tankbund. Large cranes have been set up around Hussain Sagar, including at NTR Marg,

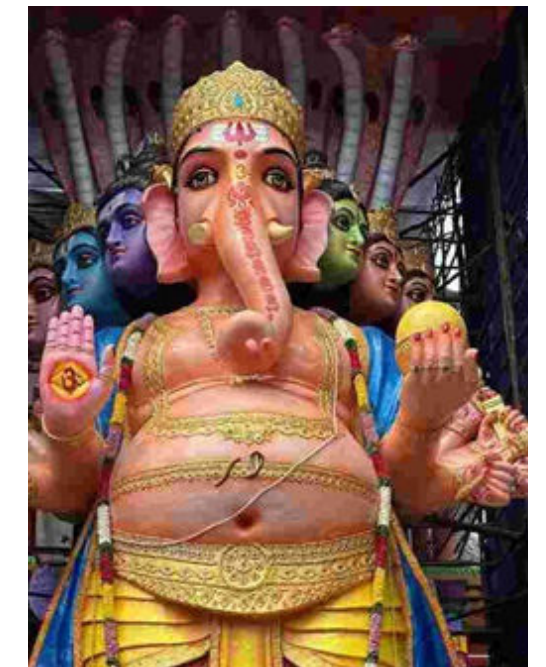
People's Plaza, Jalavihar, and Baby Water Pond. A total of 31 cranes have been arranged around Hussain Sagar, with Khairatabad Mahaganapati's immersion scheduled to take place at Crane No. 4.

Traffic Disruptions

The immersion of Ganesh idols has caused significant traffic congestion near Tankbund. Vehicles are stuck in traffic for kilometers, causing severe delays. Heavy vehicles arriving for the immersion have exacerbated the traffic jam, blocking roads in Khairatabad, Lakdikapool, and Tank Bund. As a result, Vinayaka immersions are being delayed.

With insufficient cranes around Hussain Sagar, devotees are queuing up for immersion. Vehicles have lined up for about 5 kilometers, and devotees have been waiting for immersion since midnight. The ongoing workday has further intensified the traffic issues.

To manage the congestion, police have closed routes on Khairatabad, NTR Marg, and Necklace Road, and diverted vehicles away from Tankbund.



Wine Shops, Bars to Remain Closed in Hyderabad and Secunderabad on Sept 17-18

TPN, Hyderabad: In preparation for the final immersion of Ganesh idols, Hyderabad City Police Commissioner CV Anand has ordered the closure of all wine, toddy, and bar shops in the twin cities of Hyderabad and Secunderabad. The shutdown will take effect from 6 am on September 17 to 6 pm on September 18.

The directive, issued under Section 20 of the Telangana Excise Act, 1968, is aimed at ensuring public peace and tranquility during the festivities. Bars attached to restaurants will also be closed, except those located in star hotels and registered clubs.

The Commissioner authorized all Station House Officers and Additional Inspectors of Law and Order police stations to enforce the order and take legal action against violators.

Similarly, the Rachakonda Police Commissionerate, under Commissioner G Sudheer Babu, issued a notification closing liquor outlets from 6 am on Tuesday to 6 pm on Wednesday for the same reason. The order is intended to maintain public peace during the Ganesh idol immersion.

Chilkur Priest Attends Milad Blood Donation Camp for Child Cancer Patients

TPN, Hyderabad: In a rare gesture promoting communal harmony and interfaith brotherhood, Chilkur Balaji Temple Head Priest C.S. Rangarajan, along with temple staff, participated in a blood donation drive organized by the Helping Hand Foundation at Masjid-E-Muhammed Hussain in Rajendranagar on the occasion of Milad Un Nabi.



The blood donation drive aimed to collect blood for children suffering from cancer at the MNJ Cancer Hospital. According to data from MNJ Cancer Hospital, nearly 100 units of blood are required daily, as the hospital performs

approximately 2,500 major and 4,000 minor surgeries annually.

For the past five years, the Helping Hand Foundation and Chilkur Balaji Temple have worked together to promote interfaith dialogue, communal harmony, and peace, especially during a time of increasing polarization between the majority Hindu community and the principal minority community.

Hyderabad Property Market Hit by Social Media Misinformation Amid HYDRAA Demolitions

TPN, Hyderabad: The recent actions of the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Assets Protection Agency (HYDRAA) targeting illegal structures have understandably caused significant unease among property buyers in the city. The situation has been exacerbated by social media, where various claims about properties being in illegal or encroached zones are being circulated. This has led to a slowdown in property inquiries and sales, as prospective buyers become increasingly cautious.

For example, Urbanrise, a prominent property developer, was recently forced to issue a public notice to counteract a viral video alleging that their high-rise project, 'The World of Joy' in Miyapur, was being developed in a restricted area. Urbanrise's notice asserted that the project is neither within the Full Tank Level (FTL) nor

the buffer zone of the Ameenpur lake, and criticized the video as misleading and false. Such public statements are becoming common as developers strive to reassure potential buyers about the legitimacy of their projects.

CREDAI Hyderabad members have reported that the social media buzz has had a tangible impact on property sales. One member highlighted how even small, seemingly innocuous posts can lead to confusion and affect buyer confidence. Despite clearances and permissions from HYDRAA, some projects are still facing skepticism, as seen in a recent incident at Patancheru where local complaints persisted despite official documentation proving the project's legitimacy.

To mitigate the impact, many developers are now proactively displaying in for

mation about their projects, including details on proximity to lake areas and buffer zones, at their sales offices. This move is aimed at restoring buyer confidence and clarifying any doubts.

While the current apprehension among buyers is notable, CREDAI members believe that this is a temporary phase. They anticipate that once the initial concerns are addressed and the dust settles, the property market will regain its momentum over the next few months.





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."

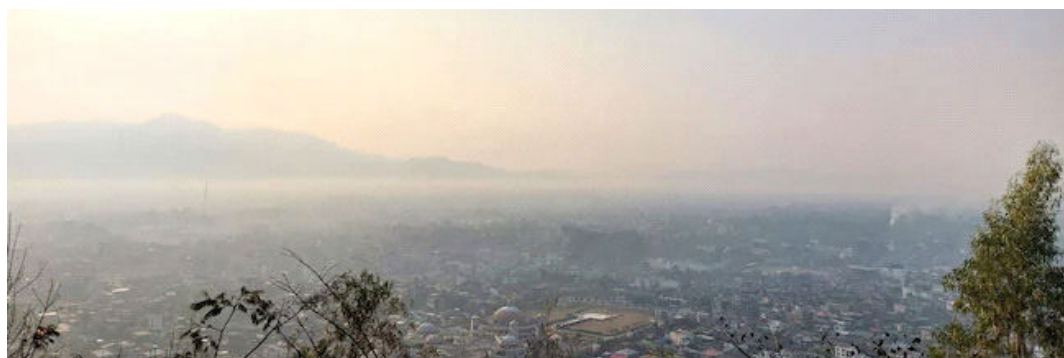
He criticized the NC and Congress for their stance on Article 370, alleging that their return to power would lead to the revival of terrorism and a rollback of current protections and progress. Shah accused these parties of nurturing terrorism and claimed that their policies had allowed it to flourish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



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.

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.





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.



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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.

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-931I' 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-



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.

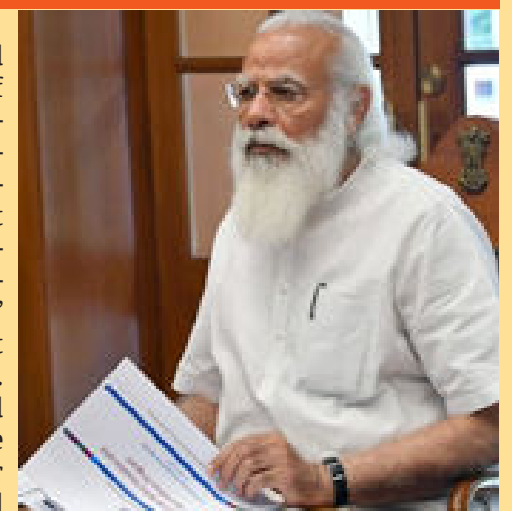
2021: Record-Breaking Vaccination Drive

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.

China Stuns Pakistan, Advances to Asian Champions Trophy Final



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 Arajjeet 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 Arajjeet 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.

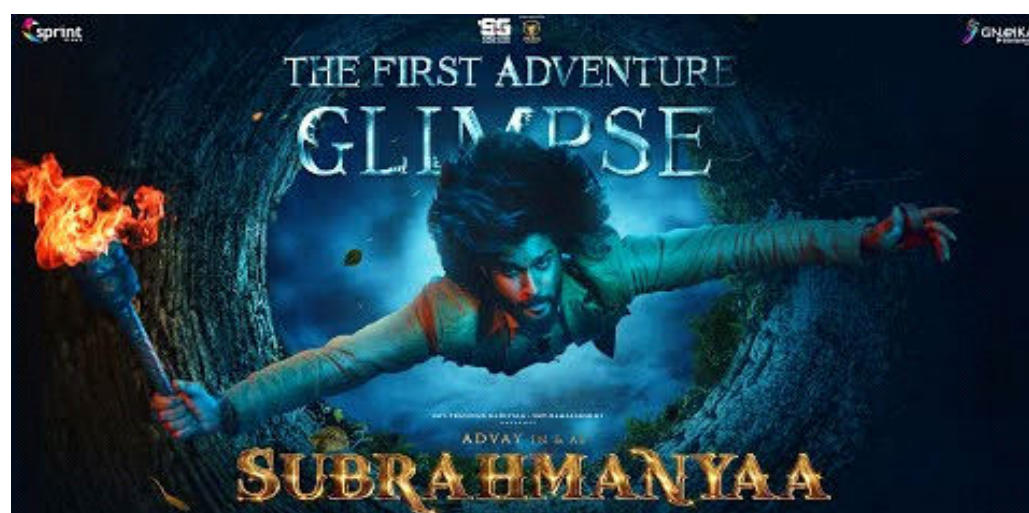
Karthi's involvement in these second projects highlights his commitment to nurturing emerging talents and contributing to fresh storytelling in Indian cinema. As both he and Tamizh embark on this new journey, fans eagerly await what promises to be another compelling cinematic experience.

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 pre-look 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.

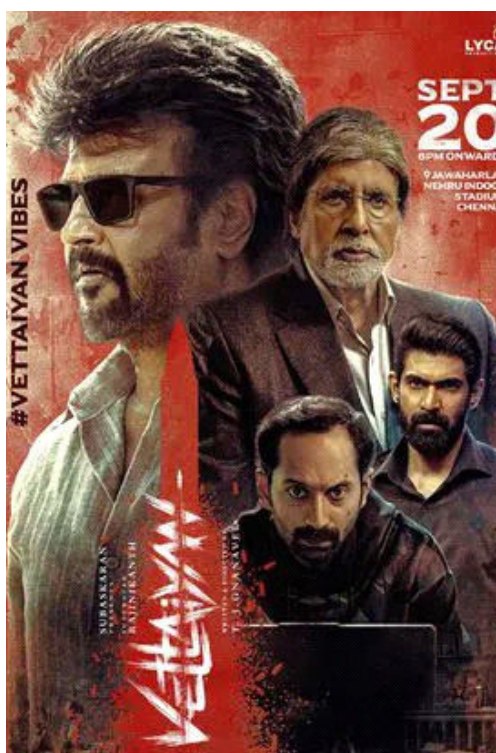
The makers took to Instagram to share the news, promising a star-studded event. The posters also highlight the leading ladies of the film—Manju Warrier, Abhirami, Ritika Singh, and Dushara Vijayan—alongside Rajinikanth and Amitabh Bachchan.

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 Kannada 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.