

Weather Forecast

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THREE IPS OFFICIALS AND EX-ADVISOR MAY BE ARRESTED THIS WEEK

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TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Is there a chance that IPS officials Seeta Ramanjaneyulu, Kranthi Rana Tata, and Vishal Gunni, along with the Ex-Chief Advisor of the previous Government, Mr. Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy, will be included in the FIR of the Jatwani case? This is the question everyone is waiting to be answered. Following the testimony of Mr. Vishal Gunni, this discussion has gained momentum. According to Vishal Gunni’s testimony, the orders came from Mr. Seeta Ramanjaneyulu and Mr. Kranthi Rana Tata. It is now clear that the case filed against actress Jatwani was a fabricated one. It was framed solely to bail out Sajjan Jindal, a fact alleged by Jatwani, the victim, and corroborated by Mr. Vishal Gunni in his testimony.

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In the FIR, the police have named Mr. Kukkala Vidyasagar as A1, along with “others.” Now, the big question is who will fall into the “others” category. According to buzz, the police are expected to add three IPS officials and Mr. Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy to that category. Rumors suggest that all of them may be arrested as early as this week. While they may secure bail,



such an arrest will leave a significant scar on the careers of the IPS officials involved.

following an appeal for help by Sajjan Jindal to Mr. Jaganmohan Reddy.

Following orders from higher-ups, IPS officials, inspectors, sub-inspectors, and several constables are now facing a difficult and embarrassing situation, especially in front of their families, friends, and others. They believed that the YCP would return to power, which is why they proceeded without hesitation. But now, the reputation of the entire department has been tarnished.

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If IPS officer Seeta Ramanjaneyulu reveals the complete story, like Vishal Gunni, there is a possibility that the case could be linked to Mr. Jaganmohan Reddy, the Ex-Chief Minister. This is because the operation was allegedly initiated following an appeal for help by Sajjan Jindal to Mr. Jaganmohan Reddy. Vishal Gunni has clearly stated that the entire operation was designed to bail Sajjan Jindal out of the rape case filed on the complaint of Kadambari Jatwani. This is why everyone is eagerly awaiting further developments in this case.

IS NEW CORRUPTION SHIELDING DWARAMPUDI?

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Yes, this is the discussion among the people of Kakinada now. Given the expectations and recent developments, many anticipated the arrest of Mr. Dwarampudi Chandrasekhar Reddy, Ex-MLA of Kakinada City. Surprisingly, there have been no moves or preparations from the Government of Andhra Pradesh in this regard. The current talk is that Mr. Dwarampudi and his associates are allegedly paying off new Ministers and MLAs to secure protection from these cases and continue their businesses.



Shortly after the new government took power, the Minister for Civil Supplies, Mr. Nadendla Manohar, raided godowns at Kakinada Port and found illegal stockpiling of ration rice. He ordered the seizure of all the stock and warned that severe action would be taken. He also announced that a CID inquiry would be launched. However, to date, the illegal transporters have only received 41A notices.

A few days later, when municipal officials attempted to demolish an illegal construction by Balla Suribabu, an associate of Dwarampudi, Mr. Dwarampudi tried and failed to stop the police from taking action. An FIR was filed against Balla Suribabu, with Dwarampudi named as A6 in the case, charged with obstructing the duties of government staff.

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his associates, which is why no serious action or arrest has occurred thus far.

Now, an interesting development is unfolding. Allegedly, all the exports and imports have been shifted from Kakinada to Visakhapatnam, where Mr. Dwarampudi and his associates have reportedly created new companies to continue illegal transportation activities. According to rumors, Mr. Dwarampudi has allegedly paid off key figures in the new government through his associates, which is why no serious action or arrest has occurred thus far. The only issue for this syndicate seems to be a reduction in profits due to increased payments, but otherwise, their business is thriving.

If these allegations are true, one must ask: what about the challenge made by Mr. Pawan Kalyan, Deputy CM, during the election campaign in Kakinada?

NEW SYNDICATE FORMATION BEHIND NEW EXCISE POLICY COULD IGNITE RIFT BETWEEN RULING COALITION MLAs

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The new Excise Policy is set to be implemented soon, with the Cabinet Subcommittee having prepared its report. After receiving approval from the Cabinet, the policy will be enforced from October 1. However, there is a surprising development in this new venture.

During Mr. Jagan’s regime, the syndicate operated differently. Instead of private dealers, the government and YCP leaders, under Jagan’s leadership, allegedly took control of sales and the production of local, cheap liquor brands.

In the period before the YCP’s regime, liquor shops were allocated through a tender process. But, in reality, the tender process was merely for show; an unofficial syndicate decided the dealers for all the shops. Although everything appeared to be official, decisions were actually made behind the scenes. During Mr. Jagan’s regime, the syndicate operated differently. Instead of private dealers, the government and YCP leaders, under Jagan’s leadership, allegedly took control of sales and the production of local, cheap liquor brands. These brands were sold forcefully, often in cash transactions. Allegedly, they determined how much money would go



to the government’s treasury and how much would line their own pockets.

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Now, with the re-establishment of liquor shops, branded as “Smart Shops,” a special new liquor brand is being planned. Where this new brand will be manufactured remains to be seen. However, the syndicate is allegedly making a comeback. This time, the ruling parties are reportedly appointing one in-charge for each district, responsible for overseeing all allocations.

A recent incident involving a top leader of the ruling coalition in Visakhapatnam highlights the brewing tension. This leader appointed

one of his MLAs as the in-charge for the liquor business in the district. However, this decision was opposed by two MLAs from the coalition partner. They demanded that the ruling party give MLAs the opportunity to handle their respective constituencies, rather than appointing a single district in-charge. Despite their objections, the decision stood. Allegedly, this same approach is being followed in every district.

Publicly, the policy is being touted as transparent, with 10% of liquor shop allocations reserved for the Goud community. But behind closed doors, the structure of the syndicate is reportedly being built with a methodical approach. This development is expected to create friction between the ruling coalition parties, with tensions likely to escalate as the policy rolls out.

We are providing financial assistance of Rs.25 thousand to every household: CM Chandrababu



TPN, Andhra Pradesh : Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, in a media conference, announced a comprehensive relief package for flood-affected households and businesses. He stated that financial assistance of Rs. 25,000 will be provided to each household in the flood-hit areas, with an additional Rs. 10,000 for those living on the first floor.

Small traders and distressed MSMEs (Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises) will also receive financial support. Rs. 25,000 will be given to small traders, and MSMEs with a turnover between Rs. 40 lakh to Rs. 1.5 crore will receive Rs. 1 lakh. MSMEs with a turnover above Rs. 1.5 crore will get Rs. 1.5 lakh.

He also addressed the claims for bike insurance and repairs, revealing that while Rs. 6 crore has been paid, over 6,000 claims are still pending, amounting to Rs. 71 crore. Tricycle drivers will receive Rs. 10,000, while two-wheeler owners will get Rs. 3,000. New carts will be provided to those who lost theirs in the floods.

Additionally, financial aid will be extended to various sectors, including Rs. 15,000 for handloom workers, Rs. 25,000 for damaged fishing nets, and Rs. 15,000 for desalination of fishing farms. For livestock, Rs. 50,000 will be provided for cattle, Rs. 40,000 for bulls, and Rs. 25,000 for calves.

The package also covers compensation for damaged crops, with Rs. 25,000 per hectare for paddy, cotton, groundnut, and sugarcane, and Rs. 35,000 for crops like turmeric, chilli, and guava. Farmers of various other crops, including coffee, mango, and sapota, will also receive assistance.

CM Chandrababu concluded by announcing Rs. 50,000 for those living on the ground floor of flood-affected buildings and Rs. 25,000 for those on the first floor and above.

No Matter How Powerful the People Behind the Three IPS Officers Are, They Will Not Be Spared

- Anita stated that three IPS officers were suspended based on evidence.
- She warned that the masterminds and advisors behind them will not be spared.
- She remarked that those who “hit the barrage with boat” are more dangerous than terrorists.

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: AP Home Minister Anita commented on the ongoing police investigation in the Mumbai heroine Jethwani case. She stated that many people were affected by the actions of the three IPS officers who were suspended. She made it clear that no matter how influential the people behind these three officers may be, they will not be ignored. She emphasized that there will be no question of letting the masterminds or advisors behind the scenes escape accountability. Anita also made key remarks regarding the recent incident at Prakasam Barrage, where heavy boats collided with the structure. Initially, it was believed that each boat weighed around 40 tons, but they were found to weigh 80 tons. She noted that the boats belonged to followers of YCP leaders and that three



heavy boats had been tied with iron ropes. Anita questioned the claim made by some that the boats floated and drifted on their own, asking how that could be possible. She asserted that the individuals responsible for this act are more dangerous than terrorists. She added that only the counterweight was damaged when the boats collided; had they struck the pillars, it would have led to a major accident. She further criticized the YCP for engaging in dirty politics.

New Liquor Policy in AP from October 1

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The current liquor policy in Andhra Pradesh is set to expire by the end of this month. In preparation for the new policy, the ministerial sub-committee formed to draft the new liquor policy met with CM Chandrababu Naidu today and submitted its report. Nadendla Manohar, a member of the Cabinet Subcommittee, stated that the proposals for the new policy will be presented to the Cabinet today. The new liquor policy will come into effect in the state starting October 1. Excise Minister Kollu Ravindra announced that the government plans to sell quality liquor at lower prices. For the first time, 10 percent of liquor shops will be allocated to stone masons. Kollu Ravindra explained that, under the new policy, wine shops will be allocated through a lottery system, and the



responsibility for shop allocation will be handed over to district collectors. He also revealed that taxes on alcohol will be revised. The minister criticized the previous government for damaging the excise department. He claimed that the previous administration set up the Special Enforcement Bureau (SEB) to implement an illegal liquor policy, and “J Brands” were sold in government liquor shops. According to him, this so-called liquor control policy emptied the pockets of the public. Kollu Ravindra further explained that an unqualified person had been brought in on deputation to the excise department, and that fake liquor brands sold during that period harmed the public's health. He alleged that the YCP leaders took over distilleries for “J Brands,” and that Rs. 19,000 crore, which should have gone to the government treasury, went into the pockets of YCP leaders.

Police Questioning Nandigam Suresh with Technical Evidence



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The police appear to have gathered crucial information from former YCP MP Nandigam Suresh, who was arrested in connection with the attack on the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) office and is currently in judicial remand. On Sunday afternoon, the police began interrogating him under court orders. It is reported that Suresh avoided answering several questions posed by the police. However, he was unable to evade the questioning once they presented technical evidence. Suresh, who initially claimed that he was not present during the attack on the TDP office, broke down when confronted with the evidence. He admitted that while passing by the area, he noticed something happening and decided to go there. The police then showed him photos of MLC Lella Appireddy and questioned him about whether he had left the YCP central office with the intention of attacking the TDP office. Additionally, when the police presented a statement from his gunman, Suresh became visibly uneasy once again. As the interrogation concluded, Suresh is expected to be produced before the court.

Viveka's Daughter Sunitha and Husband Meet CM Chandrababu

- Sunitha informed Chandrababu that illegal cases were filed against her
- Sunitha pleads for an investigation by the CID
- Chandrababu responded positively



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Former minister YS Vivekananda Reddy's daughter Sunitha and her husband met with Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu. During the meeting, Sunitha informed the Chief Minister that, following a complaint by Viveka's PA, Krishna Reddy, illegal cases were filed against her and the then CBI SP, Ramsingh.

Sunitha requested an inquiry into the facts surrounding the complaint and called for a CID investigation to reveal the truth. The Chief Minister responded positively to Sunitha's request, assuring her that he is aware of the situation and promising to initiate an investigation.

Poonam Kaur's Sensational Comments on Trivikram!



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Poonam Kaur has made sensational comments about Tollywood star director Trivikram Srinivas. In the wake of Johnny Master's sexual harassment allegations becoming a hot topic, she remarked, “Don't call Johnny Master, if you want to call him that, at least show some respect.” In the same breath, she questioned the Movie Artists Association (MAA) about whether they had taken the complaint she made against Trivikram seriously. Poonam Kaur pointed out that people like her, who lack a political background, are often sidelined. She mentioned that she had approached the elders in the association at that time but was ignored. She urged industry leaders to question Trivikram regarding her complaint. ### Complained Against Trivikram... But Poonam Kaur revealed today that she had previously filed a complaint against Trivikram Srinivas with the Movie Artists Association (MAA). She claimed that if her complaint had been taken seriously, she and many others wouldn't have faced political persecution. “If our association had taken the complaint against Trivikram Srinivas seriously... along with me, many others wouldn't have been politically persecuted. I was silently ignored,” Poonam Kaur wrote. ### Trivikram Should Be Questioned In the same tweet, Poonam Kaur said that she had complained to senior members of Tollywood and expressed her desire for industry bigwigs to question Trivikram. However, Poonam did not provide any specifics about the nature of her complaint against director Trivikram Srinivas. She referred to something called “political suffering” but gave no clear indication of what exactly she was referring to. Her message focused on the need for Trivikram to be questioned.

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Fake pictures don't change you... your fake faces don't change at all: Minister Nara Lokesh

-Lokesh's reaction to the video going viral on social media

-Sarcasm on Jagan saying that he got 11 seats from 151 because of this fake

-Don't mess with Srivari... warning that you will lose even one seat

TPN, Mangalagiri: Minister Nara Lokesh has sharply responded to a viral video making rounds on social media, which accuses the family members of State Minister Gummididi Sandhyarani of inappropriate behavior on Tirumala Hill. In a clarification, Sandhyarani stated that the video was filmed in Vijayawada, not on Tirumala Hill. Reacting to the controversy, Lokesh criticized the spread of false information, sarcastically remarking, "Fake pictures won't change you... your fake faces will never change at all." He further commented on the steep political decline of the YSRCP, stating, "From 151 seats to 11, all thanks to your fake propaganda." Lokesh didn't stop there. He also addressed the allegations against Sandhyarani, warning YSRCP against using religious sentiments for political gains. "You are spreading fake propaganda, claiming birthday celebrations took place in Tirumala, but they were actually at Minister Sandhyarani's residence in Vijayawada. Don't mess with Srivari (Lord Venkateswara) and don't use your poisonous politics on the sacred Seven Hills," Lokesh cautioned. He added a stern warning that such tactics could lead to YCP losing even the few remaining seats it holds. Lokesh's comments reflect his growing frustration with the spread of misinformation and serve as a

clear warning to the opposition to refrain from using falsehoods in their political games.



Such thoughts do not come to ordinary people: AP Minister Satyakumar



TPN, Andhra Pradesh : Following a meeting with Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, the AP Cabinet Sub-Committee, tasked with designing the new liquor policy, held a media conference at the state secretariat. Health Minister Satyakumar addressed the press, detailing the issues and objectives of the new policy. Minister Satyakumar criticized the previous government's liquor policies, alleging that they resulted in significant financial losses for the state. He

accused the former administration of exploiting and looting the system, particularly in relation to alcohol distribution, and remarked that such deceptive strategies are beyond the grasp of ordinary people, attributing them to those in power.

He claimed that the previous liquor policy was manipulated for personal gain, with alcohol prices set higher than in neighboring states. Satyakumar pointed out that the Andhra Pradesh Beverages Corporation, established by the previous government, left behind a staggering debt of Rs. 13,000 crores, which is to be repaid from future alcohol revenues.

"The burden of this massive debt now falls on the new government. We must manage this debt while also ensuring the supply of quality liquor at affordable prices and safeguarding public health," Satyakumar explained. He added that the new policy has been designed with these considerations in mind, and noted that the coalition government has studied liquor policies from various states to ensure effective competition and implementation.

The new policy aims to address both financial challenges and public health concerns, striving to rectify the issues caused by the previous administration's approach to liquor management.

Akhilapriya Exposes Poor Conditions in Government Colleges Under Jagan's Regime

TPN, Andhra Pradesh : In a revealing interview, Bhuma Akhilapriya, Telugu Desam Party (TDP) legislator from Allagadda in Nandyala district, highlighted the dire conditions of government colleges under the YS Jagan Mohan Reddy administration. Despite promises from the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) government to upgrade government schools to a corporate level, Akhilapriya's account suggests that higher education infrastructure remains critically inadequate. Akhilapriya disclosed that basic infrastructure, including laboratories, is glaringly absent in government colleges, such as Allagadda Government College. She expressed astonishment at how chemistry students, who require laboratory facilities to conduct practical experiments, are being promoted to higher grades despite the lack of such facilities. She compared the situation to the infamous Bihar school education exam scandal of 2016, suggesting that similar issues persist. Akhilapriya criticized former YCP legislators for their failure to improve infrastructure despite their claims. She pointed out that the Junior College in her constituency continues to operate in a century-old building donated by a philanthropist, with no new construction or improvements. The college suffers from a lack of proper facilities, including classrooms, washrooms, and staff. Students are left to clean their own classrooms and face difficulties during rain. She described the entire campus as resembling a "haunted bungalow."



The legislator also questioned the value of enrolling students in such outdated and poorly maintained buildings, emphasizing that the previous administration's claims of progress were hollow. Akhilapriya's comments have sparked significant debate in state politics, raising concerns about the state of higher education infrastructure and the effectiveness of the previous government's promises.

Only Chandrababu made it possible: Rammohan Naidu

TPN, Andhra Pradesh : Union Minister Rammohan Naidu praised Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, claiming that he was the only leader capable of restoring normalcy in Vijayawada within just ten days after the recent heavy floods. Rammohan Naidu remarked that anyone affected by the floods would attest to this swift recovery.



The Union Minister lauded Chandrababu for his hands-on approach during the crisis, stating that despite holding the office of CM, he went door-to-door like a common man, offering reassurance and support to those impacted by the floods. "At the age of 74, Chandrababu is still working tirelessly for the state, and the people of AP are fortunate to have him as their leader," Rammohan Naidu said.

In contrast, Rammohan Naidu criticized the YSR Congress Party (YCP), accusing them of continuing with political tactics even in times of disaster. He suggested that the YCP's efforts to politicize the

situation are being ignored by the public, and warned that if they don't change their methods, they may struggle to win even the 11 seats they currently hold in the next election.

The Union Minister emphasized that in times of disaster, political parties should set aside their differences and work together for the common good of the people, highlighting Chandrababu's example of leadership and dedication during the flood crisis.

Center Has No Intention of Destroying Visakha Steel Plant: Purandeshwari



TPN, Rajahmundry: Andhra Pradesh BJP President and Rajahmundry MP, Daggubati Purandeshwari, clarified that the Central Government has no plans to destroy the Visakha Steel Plant, addressing ongoing concerns regarding the future of the plant. She emphasized that the government's priority is to safeguard the steel industry and steer the Visakha Steel Plant towards profitability.

Speaking in Rajahmundry, Purandeshwari reassured the public that the Centre is focused on development, not destruction. She stated that there is no intention of shutting down or undermining the plant, contrary to rumors. Instead, the government's strategy is to rejuvenate the plant and put it on a profitable path.

Purandeshwari also mentioned that Union Minister of State for Steel, Fagga Singh Kulaste, had visited the Visakha

Steel Plant recently and expressed his positive response towards supporting the industry. His visit signals the Centre's commitment to finding solutions that will ensure the plant's growth and sustainability.

She urged the public to trust that the government is working to resolve the issues facing Visakha Steel Plant and to ensure its long-term viability. Purandeshwari's comments aim to quell fears among workers and citizens regarding the plant's future. Her statements come at a time when there is heightened concern about the potential privatization or closure of the plant. With the Centre's renewed focus on development, hopes are rising for the revival of the Visakha Steel Plant and the continued support of the steel industry in Andhra Pradesh.

Chandrababu has no shame... His house should be demolished: Vijayasai Reddy

-Vijayasai once again criticized Chandrababu

-Criticism that Chandrababu is living in illegal construction

TPN, Andhra Pradesh : YCP Rajya Sabha member Vijayasai Reddy launched a fresh attack on Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, calling him "a man without shame" and demanding that his residence, allegedly built illegally, be demolished. Vijayasai accused Chandrababu of hypocrisy, claiming he has no moral right to demolish other structures while living in an illegal construction on the ecologically sensitive Krishna River. In a series of tweets, Vijayasai Reddy labeled Chandrababu as the "emperor of the kingdom of lies" and pointed out that those who have lost their sense of shame cannot see their own faults. He questioned the double standards of governance, stating, "There is one justice for rulers and another for citizens, but in reality, all are equal before the law." He stated that the TDP-led government lacks vision for the future and is entirely

focused on criticizing the previous administration rather than fulfilling its responsibilities to the people. "The ruling party must wake up and start working for the people of the state," Vijayasai added. The call for the demolition of Chandrababu's residence, if followed through, could ignite further political controversy in the state.





Govt Employees Union Leader Alleges Threats from Suspended IPS Officers

TPN,Andhra Pradesh : Two key IPS officers, who were recently suspended for their alleged involvement in the molestation case of Mumbai actress Kadambari Jethwani, find themselves at the center of yet another controversy. KR Suryanarayana, the president of the Government Employees Union, has made sensational allegations against these officers, sparking discussions about whether he will file a formal complaint against them. If this happens, the government may face increased pressure to take further action against the suspended officers.

The controversy dates back to the previous YCP government, during which CM Jagan Mohan Reddy allegedly neglected the welfare of government employees. Suryanarayana had raised concerns about the misuse of employees' Provident Fund (PF) money for welfare schemes, and even lodged a formal complaint with then-Governor Harichandan. This move reportedly angered the government, prompting CM Jagan to intervene personally.

Suryanarayana has now claimed that following his complaint to the Governor, the YCP government retaliated by filing false theft cases against him. He alleges that the government attempted to have him arrested, and when he sought bail from the Supreme Court,



Jagan personally stepped in to try and block the bail process. According to Suryanarayana, the government spent Rs. 25 lakhs to pursue this legal battle, which he now wants the current government to recover.

Even after being granted bail by the Supreme Court, Suryanarayana claims he was summoned to the Patamata Police Station by DCP Vishal Gunni, where he was threatened during a video conference call with Intelligence Chief PSR Anjaneyulu. The union leader alleges that they warned him that if he met with the then-opposition leader Chandrababu Naidu, he “would not be seen again.”

Now, there is speculation that Suryanarayana may file another formal complaint against these officers, adding further tension to an already volatile situation.

Statewide Swachhata Hi Seva Launched with Vigorous Participation



TPN , Vijayawada : The Swachha Andhra Corporation, in partnership with the Union Government's Swachhata Hi Seva initiative, has launched a major cleanliness drive across Andhra Pradesh. The program kicked off simultaneously in 123 municipalities and rural areas statewide, including a high-profile event at Makineni Basavapunnai Stadium in Vijayawada Singh Nagar.

Swachha Andhra Corporation MD Gandham Chandra, Vijayawada Central MLA Bonda Umamaheswara Rao, and Vijayawada Municipal Commissioner

Dyanachandra led the inauguration. Gandham Chandra emphasized the program's theme, "purity of nature, purity of culture," and highlighted the importance of community involvement, particularly youth and students. The event featured sapling planting and a cleanliness rally.

The Swachhata Hi Seva program, running from September 17 to October 2, aligns with Mahatma Gandhi's principles and aims to promote environmental and cultural cleanliness throughout the state.

CS Nirab Kumar Prasad Orders Quarterly Safety Audits for Hazardous Industries

TPN, Amaravati: Chief Secretary Nirab Kumar Prasad has mandated that safety audits be conducted every three months for hazardous industries across the state. This directive aims to enhance safety protocols and prevent industrial accidents.

During a review meeting at the State Secretariat, CS Prasad emphasized the importance of implementing a 100-day action plan within government departments to achieve specific goals. He underscored the need for rigorous safety measures in industries to safeguard workers and minimize risks.

The Chief Secretary specifically addressed the Industries Department, ordering that safety audits be carried out quarterly in hazardous sectors. He highlighted that these



audits are crucial for identifying and mitigating potential hazards and ensuring that appropriate precautions are taken. In addition to discussing safety measures, CS Prasad reviewed various schemes and programs introduced by the previous government. The meeting included officials from several key departments, including ITE&C, NRI Employment, Tourism and Culture, Cinematography, Industries, Commerce, Labor, and Factories.

IT Department Secretary Sourav Gaur, Tourism Department Incharge MD Abhishekt Kishore, Industries and Commerce Secretary S. Suresh Kumar, and Home Department Special Secretary Vijayakumar participated in the meeting, with some joining virtually.

The Chief Secretary's directive is expected to enhance safety standards in hazardous industries and ensure a proactive approach to accident prevention in the state.

Nandyala Guru Raghavendra Educational Institutions Extend Help to Vijayawada Flood Victims

TPN, Vijayawada: In a heartwarming display of compassion, Nandyala Guru Raghavendra Educational Institutions, under the leadership of Chairman Dr. P. Dastagiri Reddy, organized a significant relief program for the victims of the recent floods in Vijayawada. The organization distributed rice to 1,000 affected families, providing 10 kg of rice per family, to help those in dire need. The program was conducted by Sri Guru Raghavendra Banking Center and Sri Guru Raja English Medium School.

The relief efforts were further supported by a contribution of ₹2,50,000 to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund. N.D. Farooq, along with other dignitaries, visited the 54th Division Panja Center in Vijayawada to hand over the donation.

Minister BC Janardhan Reddy, present at the event, praised the efforts of Nandyala Guru Raghavendra Educational Institutions, commending their dedication to the flood victims. He acknowledged the service-oriented approach of the institution, emphasizing the significance of distributing essential food items like rice to the affected families. The Minister further highlighted the ongoing medical camps organized by the institution in their native village, Mangapalli, where victims are receiving necessary aid.



The humanitarian efforts were led by the institution's sons, P. Moulali Reddy and Shekshawali Reddy, who actively participated in the distribution of rice and were praised for their commendable service. They, along with their team, ensured that help reached the flood-stricken residents of Vijayawada's Panja Center, under the 54th division.

Key participants in this relief program included the directors of Guru Raghavendra Educational Institutions, Moulali Reddy and Shekshawali Reddy, along with Andhra Pradesh State TDP Working Officer SM Baig, and Nandyala District Telugu Youth Secretary Y. Pawan Kumar Reddy. Their collective efforts were appreciated by the community for their timely and compassionate assistance to the flood victims.

NCC 8(A) Air Squadron Leads Relief Effort in Vijayawada Floods

TPN, Vijayawada: Vijayawada, 4th September 2024: In response to the severe flash floods caused by relentless rainfall, the 8(A) Air Squadron NCC, Vijayawada, led by Wing Commander Ajit Singh Rathee and Junior Warrant Officer Suraj K.R., initiated a commendable relief operation. The squadron, along with dedicated staff and cadets, distributed essential food items to stranded residents across flood-hit areas.

In the morning, they provided 100 packets of biscuits, cakes, and water bottles. By evening, 500 meal packets and water bottles were delivered to the severely affected Ajit Singh Nagar and Raja Rajeswari Nagar. With support from the NDRF and civil administration, the team reached the worst-hit areas, reassuring residents and promising further assistance.

The affected people expressed deep gratitude, offering blessings to the NCC team for their unwavering service during this crisis, as the relief efforts brought hope amidst the disaster.

AP Government Issues Ordinance to Consolidate MEO Positions to One Per Mandal

TPN , Amaravati : The Andhra Pradesh government has issued a new ordinance mandating that each mandal will now have only one Mandal Education Officer (MEO). This decision marks a significant policy shift from the previous administration, which had appointed two MEOs per mandal.

The ordinance, announced today, aims to streamline administrative processes and improve the efficiency of educational management at the mandal level. By reducing the number of MEOs from two to one, the government intends to create a more focused and cohesive approach to educational oversight.

The policy change is expected to simplify

administrative structures, enhance accountability, and reduce redundancy in the management of educational affairs. The government's move reflects its commitment to optimizing resource allocation and ensuring effective delivery of educational services across the state. The new ordinance will come into effect immediately, and the process of implementing this policy is underway.



CPI Urges Upgradation of Budameru UT to Address Flood Risks

TPN , Vijayawada : CPI National Secretary Dr. K Narayana has called for urgent action to raise and upgrade the Budameru Utility Tunnel (UT) at Enikepadu, Vijayawada Rural Mandal. In a recent statement, Dr. Narayana highlighted the need for significant improvements to manage flood risks effectively.

Dr. Narayana pointed out that the current UT, built by the British in 1902, is inadequate for contemporary needs. He emphasized that the canal system, which directs water from the Prakasam Barrage to Elur, and the Budameru water flow, need to be distinctly managed. The CPI leader stressed that

without raising the height of the Budameru UT, flood control efforts, including nighttime inspections by Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, will be insufficient.

Dr. Narayana urged that the outdated UT be urgently elevated to mitigate future flood threats and enhance water management in the region.



Kejriwal's Political Theatrics: A Performance with Limits



If Arvind Kejriwal were an actor, his dramatic flair might have earned him numerous accolades, outshining many cinematic legends. Yet again, he has delivered a remarkable performance for the cameras, portraying himself as a victim, cornered by a powerful system and wrongfully imprisoned. In this narrative, Kejriwal casts himself as the martyr-hero, expecting a triumphant return to the political stage. However, while his theatrics may resonate with a segment of the public, he seems to forget that politics is not a script for an endless drama, and reality has its limits.

The Public's Judgment on Kejriwal

Kejriwal's resignation drama resembles a bygone era of cinema, where familiar tropes always led to predictable outcomes. However, times have changed, and political theater does not hold the same sway over a modern audience that is shaped by social media and real-time engagement. Public expectations have evolved, and so have the methods by which they judge their leaders.

In this atmosphere, Kejriwal's theatrics may not have the desired effect. As with any political leader, his future depends on how the people of Delhi perceive his governance, not just his performances. If his leadership is deemed effective, he may return to power; if not, his dramatic gestures will do little to sway voters. The public is watching more critically now, judging based on service and results, rather than empty promises or spectacles.

Kejriwal's recent offer to resign and appoint a new Chief Minister reflects weakness, a desperate move to escape the consequences of his decisions. If he had intended to step down, it would have been better timed with his potential arrest by the Enforcement Directorate (ED). By refusing to take that decisive action earlier, he now appears less like a leader and more like a politician playing games. In contrast, others like Hemant Soren have dealt with similar

situations by showing leadership and ensuring a smooth transition, whereas Kejriwal claimed he would lead from behind bars—a strategy that has been met with public disapproval.

Constitutional Missteps

Kejriwal's approach to governing during this crisis also highlights his disregard for the spirit of the Constitution. While it is true that no law compels a chief minister to resign upon arrest, tradition and convention have long suggested that this is the appropriate action. Leaders such as Lalu Prasad Yadav and Jayalithaa stepped down during their arrests, understanding the importance of maintaining public trust in governance. Kejriwal, however, has defied this convention, which has not sat well with many of his supporters.

For months, Delhi has had a chief minister who was unable to discharge his duties, yet he did not step down. The central government could have intervened and imposed president's rule, but it refrained from doing so. Now, in a bid to salvage his political standing, Kejriwal has offered his resignation, but the damage to his image is already done.

The Lost Crusader Against Corruption

Kejriwal's political rise was once based on his fearless crusade against corruption, a stance that drew people from across the nation to his cause. His insistence that any leader accused of corruption must step down garnered public admiration. People believed he was a different kind of politician—one who wanted to change the system rather than be part of it. However, the current situation has shown a different side of him.

When faced with accusations and notices from the ED, Kejriwal did not stand his ground as expected. Instead, he dodged multiple notices and sought protection from the courts. When the Delhi High Court refused to intervene on

his behalf, he was arrested—a moment that marked the decline of his image as a fearless leader. There were no mass protests, no outpouring of public support like there had been during the anti-corruption movement of 2011. Instead, the streets were quiet, a clear sign that the public no longer viewed him as a crusader but as an ordinary politician trying to save himself.

Why the Silence?

Kejriwal's inability to rally public support during his time in jail speaks volumes. Had he chosen to step down upon receiving the first notice from the ED, he could have positioned himself as a hero, daring the government to arrest him. This could have reignited the fervor of his anti-corruption movement and created a backlash against the central government. Instead, by avoiding arrest and appearing weak, he lost the opportunity to restore his image.

Even when released to campaign during the parliamentary elections, neither Kejriwal nor his party garnered much sympathy, failing to win a single seat in Delhi. This suggests that his political theatrics have lost their impact.

The Path Forward

The appointment of a new Chief Minister in Delhi, if it happens, is unlikely to change much. The public understands that Kejriwal will remain the true power behind the scenes. If he hopes to regain the trust and support of the people, Kejriwal will need to offer more than just resignation threats or symbolic gestures. He must present new, bold ideas that reflect the aspirations of today's electorate.

Kejriwal's theatrics may have earned him temporary attention, but in the long run, substance will matter more than style. If he continues down this path, he risks fading into the background of Indian politics, remembered not as a reformer but as a politician who failed to deliver on the expectations he once inspired.

BJP Faces Three Major Challenges in Haryana

With the final date for nominations closing in Haryana, the state is gearing up for a high-stakes election on October 5. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is facing significant challenges, with anti-incumbency sentiment on multiple fronts and the Congress positioned as the early favorite.

As of mid-September, there are over 1,700 candidates in the race, about 20 per seat, with party leaders scrambling to solidify their positions ahead of the final withdrawal date. The BJP, grappling with internal dissent and rebellion over ticket distribution, has replaced 15 of its sitting MLAs. Congress, meanwhile, has faced fewer internal disruptions, only denying renomination to three sitting members.

The political landscape is crowded, with five major parties—Congress, BJP, Indian National Lok Dal-Bahujan Samaj Party (INLD-BSP), Jan-nayak Janta Party-Azad Samaj Party (JJP-ASP), and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)—contesting, alongside numerous independents. As the election date nears, efforts to manage internal dissent and sway independent candidates will intensify.

Triple Anti-Incumbency Challenge for BJP

The BJP is facing a formidable challenge, battling anti-incumbency at three levels: against the central government, the state government, and local MLAs. Haryana has a history of not returning a party to power for three consecutive terms, and the BJP's performance in the 2024 general elections suggests a tough road ahead.

1. Central Government Anti-Incumbency

Voter discontent with the central government was apparent during the 2024 general elections, especially due to the mishandling of the farmers' protests. The BJP's difficulties have been compounded by the fact that 61% of farmers—many from the influential Jat community—have shifted

their support to the INDIA bloc. Additionally, women have expressed dissatisfaction with the BJP's failure to address sexual harassment charges against Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, leading to a 20 percentage point (pp) swing against the party among women voters.

Youth disenchantment with the BJP has also grown, largely due to the controversial Agniveer Scheme. Haryana, which contributes a significant portion of India's armed forces, saw 47% of voters aged 18-25 years back the INDIA bloc in the recent general elections. All these factors contributed to the BJP losing five out of the 10 parliamentary seats it had held in 2019, with Congress making significant gains.

2. State Government and Chief Minister Anti-Incumbency

The BJP replaced Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar six months before the elections in an effort to counter state-level anti-incumbency. This is a strategy the party has successfully employed in other states, such as Gujarat and Uttarakhand. However, in Haryana, the appointment of Nayab Singh Saini, from the OBC community, as the new CM has not been well-received by the Jat community, which holds significant influence in the state.

Economic challenges, particularly high unemployment and inflation, have also fueled public dissatisfaction. Haryana has one of the highest unemployment rates in India, and inflation in the state for August 2024 was higher than the national average. These economic concerns have become major election issues, with Congress seizing the opportunity to attack the BJP on rising crime rates and economic mismanagement. The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) data reveals a 17.6% rise in criminal cases in the state, with Haryana recording the second-highest rate of crimes against women.

3. Local MLA Anti-Incumbency

The third level of anti-incumbency is against local MLAs. In Haryana, where voters often place greater importance on individual candidates than party affiliations, local anti-incumbency is particularly potent. In response, the BJP has replaced 15 sitting MLAs and moved the Chief Minister to a different constituency, changing candidates in nearly two-thirds of the assembly seats.

Historically, Haryana voters have been unforgiving of sitting MLAs. In the 2019 state elections, the BJP repeated 34 sitting MLAs, and half of them lost. The Congress faced a similar situation, with half of its repeated MLAs also losing. This trend suggests that incumbents, regardless of party, are at a disadvantage in the upcoming elections.

The Road Ahead

The BJP's challenge is compounded by the state's historical pattern of voting differently in state and national elections. In both 2014 and 2019, the BJP saw its vote share drop between the general and state elections, indicating that voters differentiate between their choices at the national and local levels.

With initial surveys favoring Congress, the BJP will need to reverse these trends to secure a victory in Haryana. However, elections in India have become increasingly unpredictable, and no outcome is certain until the votes are counted. Smaller parties and independent candidates may play a pivotal role in determining the final outcome, and BJP supporters are hoping for a last-minute shift in momentum.

A fascinating contest is on the horizon, and while Congress may be the current favorite, the complexities of Haryana's electoral landscape leave the door open for surprises.



PM Launches ₹2,871 Crore Railway Projects in Odisha



On Tuesday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated and laid the foundation stones for four major railway projects in Odisha, valued at ₹2,871 crore. These initiatives aim to enhance rail connectivity, reduce congestion, and drive regional socio-economic development.

Among the completed projects is the 25 km Lanjigarh Road-Ambadola-Doikallu section, part of the Vizianagaram-Titalagarh third line project, which cost ₹432 crore. This segment will improve connectivity between western Odisha and Andhra Pradesh, facilitating smoother freight movement.

Another significant development is the 23 km Laxmipur Road-Singaram-Tikiri section of the Koraput-Singapur road doubling project, completed at ₹260 crore. This will enhance train capacity in southern Odisha, easing the movement of goods from

resource-rich areas to major markets.

PM Modi also dedicated the 41 km Dhenkanal-Sadashibapur-Hindol Road section of the Budhapank-Salegaon third and fourth line project, worth ₹540 crore. This project will increase capacity on a crucial industrial route, improving the efficiency of goods transportation.

Additionally, the 12.5 km Bangurkela-Nowgaon section of the Bondamunda-Ranchi doubling project, completed at ₹239 crore, aims to reduce congestion and enhance connectivity between Odisha and Jharkhand.

The Prime Minister also laid the foundation stones for four new railway projects:

1. A 7 km flyover between Siju and Pa-

radeep coaching yard, costing ₹200 crore, will eliminate surface crossings and ensure smoother train movements at Paradeep Port.

2. The expansion of the Paradeep-Badabandha line by 19 km, costing ₹300 crore, will boost capacity for both freight and passenger traffic.

3. The doubling of the MCRL Inner Corridor Phase-1, spanning 10.93 km and costing ₹152 crore, is intended to facilitate smooth coal evacuation.

4. The 41.9 km Jeypore-Nabarangpur New Line, costing ₹748 crore, will connect the tribal regions of Jeypore and Nabarangpur, promoting economic growth and improving access to markets.

These projects are expected to play a transformative role in the economic upliftment of the region, enhancing employment opportunities, trade, and mobility.

He's Boss Even After Congress Lost Thrice": Kiren Rijiju Jabs Rahul Gandh



On marking the first 100 days of the National Democratic Alliance's third consecutive term, Parliamentary Affairs Minister Kiren Rijiju launched a scathing critique of Congress MP Rahul Gandhi, questioning his understanding of the role of an Opposition leader. The remarks were made during a media briefing highlighting the achievements of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's third term, coinciding with Modi's 74th birthday.

Rijiju began by addressing the Congress party's current predicament, stating that despite improving from 54 to 99 seats in the recent elections, the party's inability to secure a third consecutive term reflects its leadership issues. He argued that the Congress, under Gandhi's leadership, remains indifferent to its repeated electoral failures, criticizing Gandhi for his failure to acknowledge the need for change in leadership.

He further lamented that in any democratic system, a leader who fails repeatedly would face party leadership changes, contrasting it with Gandhi's continued prominence despite consecutive losses. Rijiju expressed disappointment with the Congress party's performance both in Parliament and in its role as an Opposition, accusing it of failing to address economic policies and governmental implementations, while instead focusing on criticisms of democracy and judiciary, which he claimed were previously compromised by Congress itself.

Rijiju also criticized Gandhi for his overseas comments on India's systems, asserting that such actions undermine the country's democratic processes. He suggested that Gandhi's portrayal of the Indian systems as flawed is inaccurate and reflects poorly on the Congress party's functioning. He concluded by advising the Congress to embrace democratic principles and accept the current political reality, noting that while ideological disagreements are expected, constructive opposition is essential for a healthy democracy.



Mayawati Dismisses Kejriwal's Resignation as Political Tactic

Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) chief Mayawati criticized Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal's resignation, calling it an "electoral ploy and political maneuvering." Kejriwal stepped down from his position on Tuesday afternoon, with Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Atishi named as his successor. Atishi is expected to form a new government.

In a statement posted on X, Mayawati accused Kejriwal of using his resignation to distract from the problems faced by Delhi residents due to his prolonged incarceration. She questioned whether such political moves serve the public interest, emphasizing that political conflicts should not escalate to the point of harming national and public interests.

Mayawati drew a parallel with her own experience, recalling how the previous BSP government in Uttar Pradesh faced obstructions from the then-Congress-led central government, particularly regarding the Jewar Airport and Ganga Expressway projects.

Kejriwal had announced his resignation on Sunday, stating he would not return to the chief minister's office unless he received a "certificate of honesty" from the public. He also called for early elections in Delhi, which are anticipated to be held in early February next year, as the current assembly's term concludes on February 23.

Mayawati's remarks reflect ongoing political tensions and differing perspectives on the timing and implications of Kejriwal's resignation.



Kapil Sibal's 'No Livestream' Request, CJI 'Open Court' Reply

Senior Advocate Kapil Sibal expressed serious concerns on Tuesday regarding threats faced by his female colleagues representing the West Bengal government in the Kolkata rape-murder case. Sibal requested the Supreme Court to reconsider its decision to live-stream proceedings in this highly sensitive matter, citing potential risks to his colleagues' safety and reputations.

Sibal, addressing the bench comprising Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud, Justice JB Pardiwala, and Justice Manoj Misra, argued that live-streaming could exacerbate public outrage and harm the reputation of those involved, particularly when emotions run high in such cases. He highlighted threats of violence against his female colleagues, including alarming suggestions of acid attacks and rape.

The Chief Justice responded by emphasizing that live-streaming serves the public interest by maintaining transparency and ensuring open court proceedings. He assured Sibal that the Court would intervene if any threats to lawyers were confirmed, underscoring the Court's commitment to addressing such concerns. Despite Sibal's objections, the Chief Justice reiterated the importance of live-streaming for public transparency, stating, "We will not stop the live-streaming; it is an open court."

The Court also addressed concerns about the circulation of sensitive images related to the case. It noted that photographs of the 31-year-old doctor, who was brutally raped and murdered at Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College and Hospital on August 9, continue to be shared on social media, which is prohibited by law.



Hooda And Company' Spreading Lies About Agniveer Scheme: Amit Shah

Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched a strong attack on Congress leader Rahul Gandhi during a rally on Tuesday, accusing him of politicizing the Agniveer military recruitment scheme. Addressing supporters in Haryana for the upcoming October 5 state elections, Shah alleged that Gandhi and National Conference leader Omar Abdullah have an agenda to release all terrorists after the Jammu and Kashmir elections and initiate talks with Pakistan.

Shah, speaking in favor of BJP's Loharu candidate J.P. Dalal, criticized the Congress for failing to implement the 'One Rank One Pension' scheme, asserting that it was Prime Minister Narendra Modi who had successfully introduced it. He defended the Agniveer scheme, which he claimed has been unfairly criticized by Gandhi and Congress.

"Rahul Gandhi is playing politics with the Agniveer scheme," Shah declared, asserting that the Home department and state police forces have allocated 20 percent reservation to Agniveers. He reassured Haryana's youth that Agniveers would not be left jobless, emphasizing that the BJP is committed to supporting them.

Shah further accused Gandhi and Abdullah of planning to release terrorists and negotiate with Pakistan following elections in Jammu and Kashmir. His remarks were aimed at rallying support for the BJP while challenging the Congress's stance on national security and defense policies. The rally also featured Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini, BJP Haryana in-charge Biplab Kumar Deb, MP Kiran Choudhary, and other senior party leaders, underscoring the BJP's strategic push ahead of the Haryana elections.

PM Modi To Speak At UN Summit Of Future On September 23

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to speak at the Summit of the Future on September 23 but will not attend the UN General Assembly's high-level meeting. Originally listed for the Assembly session on September 26, Modi's schedule now includes only the Summit, running from September 24 to 30, where External Affairs Minister (EAM) S. Jaishankar will represent India. Jaishankar is scheduled to speak on September 28.

Following the Quad Summit with US President Joe Biden in Delaware on Saturday, Modi will participate in a "Modi and US, Progress Together" diaspora rally in Uniondale, New York, on Sunday. With over 25,000 ticket applications, the event highlights Modi's significant engagement with the Indian diaspora. Additionally, Modi is expected to meet various business and world leaders during his visit.

The Quad Summit will serve as a farewell meeting for Biden and Japan's Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, both departing their roles. The summit will focus on regional security and developmental efforts in the Indo-Pacific. Despite the Quad's non-military stance, the leaders will announce plans for joint Coast Guard patrols to monitor the region amid China's aggressive actions.



The Summit of the Future aims to guide the UN in addressing emerging global challenges and opportunities, with the expected adoption of the Pact of the Future and a Global Digital Compact. Modi is scheduled to speak at the Summit's morning session, which starts at 9 a.m. local time, putting him around the podium by noon (9:30 p.m. IST).

The UN General Assembly high-level meeting starts on September 24 with Brazil's President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva and will include Biden and British Prime Minister Keir Starmer. Key global figures such as China's Vice-President Han Zheng and Russia's Foreign Minister Sergey Lavrov will be present, while Xi Jinping and Vladimir Putin will not attend.



India Condemns Khamenei's Comments on Indian Muslims

India has strongly condemned recent comments by Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei regarding Indian Muslims. In a statement, India's foreign ministry described Khamenei's remarks as "misinformed and unacceptable," emphasizing that such comments are inappropriate and urged other countries to reflect on their own records before commenting on others.

On the birth anniversary of Prophet Mohammed, Khamenei posted on X (formerly Twitter) about the suffering of Muslims globally, including those in India. His statement read: "We cannot consider ourselves to be Muslims if we are oblivious to the suffering that a Muslim is enduring in #Myanmar, #Gaza, #India, or any other place." He also criticized what he sees as attempts by "enemies of Islam" to make Muslims indifferent to their shared identity.

These comments come amid heightened tensions between Iran and Israel, which has affected diplomatic relations. India maintains a complex relationship with both countries, balancing its strategic ties with Israel, particularly in defense and security, with its significant oil imports from Iran. The situation is further complicated by mutual concerns about terrorism, with India and Israel sharing a history of counterterrorism cooperation.

India's reaction reflects its commitment to defending its internal affairs and minority communities against external critiques. The foreign ministry's statement underscores the need for a respectful and informed dialogue on international issues.



Bill Gates Praises India's Efforts on Malnutrition, Calls for Continued Focus

Bill Gates, Microsoft co-founder and philanthropist, has lauded India's commitment to tackling malnutrition, awarding the country an "A" for its focus on the issue. In an interview with PTI, Gates expressed admiration for India's transparency and efforts in addressing nutritional deficiencies, particularly through public feeding programs and the Midday Meal Scheme.

Gates commended India's dedication, noting that the country's approach to malnutrition is more focused than that of many other nations. He highlighted the importance of addressing micronutrient deficiencies and their impact on children's growth and development. "A well-nourished child is twice as likely to survive disease episodes like diarrhea or pneumonia and has a better chance at lifelong health," Gates said.

During the launch of the Gates Foundation's Goalkeepers Report 2024, Gates acknowledged India's progress but suggested that the country might rate itself a "B" in education, with a strong intent to improve. The report tracks advancements toward the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

Gates emphasized the significance of understanding the microbiome and its role in nutrient absorption.

Raffaele Fitto's Appointment as EU Executive Vice President Sparks Controversy



Raffaele Fitto, a prominent member of Italy's hard-right ruling party, was appointed to a key position in the next European Commission, a move that has sparked controversy among centrist and leftist factions. European Commission President Ursula von der Leyen announced Fitto's appointment as one of six executive vice presidents, a role that positions him as a crucial deputy in the EU's executive body.

At 55, Fitto will oversee the portfolio of "cohesion and reforms," a role that encompasses regional development, city planning, and the broader



cohesion policy within the 27-member EU bloc. Von der Leyen highlighted that this choice reflects Italy's significant role within the European Union, underscoring the country's influence in shaping EU policies.

The appointment is seen as a reflection of the rising influence of far-right parties following the European elections in June. In Italy, the selection of Fitto has been perceived as a sign of the country's enhanced stature within the EU. Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni praised the move on social media, celebrating it as an indication of Italy's return to a central role in

European affairs.

Fitto, currently Italy's European affairs minister, is familiar with Brussels and is often regarded as one of the more moderate figures within Meloni's administration. However, his affiliation with the Brothers of Italy party, which has historically supported far-right and eurosceptic positions, has led to concern among EU legislators.

Critics argue that Fitto's appointment signals the normalization of extreme right-wing ideologies within EU institutions. David Cormand of the Greens criticized the choice, while Iratxe Garcia Perez, head of the Socialists and Democrats group, called for Fitto to demonstrate his commitment to European values during his upcoming confirmation hearing. French centrist Valerie Hayer had initially deemed the appointment "untenable," but later adopted a more cautious approach, promising to closely monitor Fitto's adherence to EU principles.

Von der Leyen, who secured re-election with support from centre-left and centre-right groups, emphasized the importance of reflecting Italy's significant role in the EU through this appointment, despite the fact that her hard-right critics, including Meloni's European Conservatives and Reformists group, did not support her re-election. Fitto's role will involve managing Italy's portion of the EU's extensive post-Covid recovery plan, highlighting his ongoing influence in shaping European recovery efforts.

Supercars Line Up At The World's Largest Temple

In a striking juxtaposition of modern luxury and ancient heritage, Cambodia's Angkor Wat hosted a parade of high-end supercars today, including Rolls-Royces, Ferraris, and Lamborghinis, as part of the Gumball 3000 Rally. The event aimed to promote the environmentally sensitive UNESCO World Heritage site, which is renowned for its vast temple complex and lush surroundings.

Angkor Wat, the world's largest religious monument, stands as a testament to the grandeur of the Khmer Empire and is encircled by dense forests and towering trees. The inclusion of these high-performance vehicles in such a historically significant location was met with mixed reactions, but organizers stressed that the event adhered to strict regulations to respect the site. Notably, participants were prohibited from revving their engines, a rule set to prevent any potential disturbance to the sacred atmosphere.

Tourism is a crucial sector for Cambodia, which before the Covid-19 pandemic attracted around 6.6 million visitors annually. However, visitor numbers plummeted to below 200,000 in 2021 due to the global health crisis. Fortunately,



recovery has been underway, with nearly 5.5 million tourists returning last year, generating over \$3 billion in revenue, though this figure still falls short of pre-pandemic levels.

Cambodia's tourism minister, Sok Soken, addressed the unusual nature of the event by emphasizing that the display of luxury vehicles is

part of a broader strategy to blend modern attractions with historical preservation. He noted that such events can highlight the technological advances in transportation while still honoring cultural and historical contexts. Soken assured that Cambodia remains committed to welcoming all forms of travelers, aligning contemporary experiences with its rich heritage.



Markets Hit Record Highs as Auto and FMCG Sectors Rally

Investors Eye US Fed Rate Decision

Domestic stock markets once again closed at record highs. Heavyweights like Bharti Airtel, Larsen and Turbo have contributed to this. There are expectations that the US Fed will cut the interest rate by 25 to 50 basis points in the meetings held on Wednesday. Investors were cautious about whether that decision would come out or not. Indices moved within the range as there was no aggressive buying. Market breadth on BSE is in favor of sellers. 2237 stocks fell while 1712 rose.



The BSE Sensex, which closed at 82,988 in the previous session, opened at 83,084 today. It continued in the range bound since morning. The index touched a low of 82,866 and then rebounded slightly to touch a high of 83,152. It eventually settled at 83,079, up 90 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 25,416, touched a low of 25,352 and a high of 25,441. A total gain of 34 points closed at 25,416. Nifty Bank jumped 35 points to close at 52,188.

In Nifty 50, 21 companies gained while 29 lost. Shares of Hero Moto, Bajaj Auto, Bharti Airtel, NTPC and M&M gained the most. Tata Motors, Eicher Motors, Tata Steel, Coal India and JSW Steel were losers. Finance, metal, pharma and PSU bank indices turned red today. Auto, FMCG, consumer durables and realty indices rose.

Nifty support is at 25350 and resistance is at 25500. Investors can buy shares of TI India, Emphasis, JSW Infra, Policy Bazaar and Adani Green in the short term.

Ranil Advanced Systems of DCX Systems got the industrial license. Tata Elxys unveils xG-Force 5G Application Lab for cross-industry digital transformation. Wholesale price-based inflation eased compared to July. It decreased from 2.04 to 1.31 percent. Zydus Lifesciences unit picked up 50% stake in Sterling Biotech for Rs 84 crore. Airtel Digital TV joins hands with Amazon Prime. TVS Holdings acquired 100% stake in TVS Digital Limited by acquiring shares in TVS Motor Company. The Great Eastern Shipping Company has started evaluating its entry into the container shipping sector. FirstSource Solutions Announces Collaboration with Microsoft to Deliver Cutting Edge Digital Transformation Solutions to Clients Worldwide.

STOCK RECOMMENDATION :

1. TI India (Tube Investments of India)

TI India, a diversified engineering company, has been performing well due to its presence in high-growth sectors such as mobility, industrial products, and metal-formed products. The company has shown consistent revenue growth and strong operational performance. Tube Investments' focus on expanding its electric vehicle business and increasing demand in its engineering segments have driven growth.



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2. JSW Infrastructure

JSW Infrastructure, part of the JSW Group, has been benefiting from the group's focus on port and terminal operations, which has seen steady growth in cargo handling capacity. The company is positioned well with the increase in India's trade activities and infrastructure development. The company's strategic focus on expanding port capacity and infrastructure aligns with government initiatives, which will continue to drive growth in the long term.



3. Policy Bazaar (PB Fintech)

Policy Bazaar has been a leader in the online insurance and financial services space, with strong brand recognition. The company has been investing in expanding its product offerings and improving its platform, which has led to a steady increase in its customer base. The digital transformation in the insurance sector, combined with growing demand for online financial services, is expected to fuel further growth for Policy Bazaar.



4. Mphasis

Mphasis, an IT services company, has shown resilience with strong growth in digital transformation and cloud services. The company has been expanding its presence in the global market and focusing on next-gen technologies like AI, cloud, and cybersecurity. Mphasis continues to benefit from growing demand for digital services and IT outsourcing, which has helped it maintain strong financial performance.



5. Adani Green Energy

Adani Green has been a major player in the renewable energy sector, focusing on solar and wind energy projects. The company is a key part of India's push towards renewable energy and has ambitious expansion plans. Adani Green's focus on increasing its renewable energy capacity and its long-term contracts with government and corporate entities provide a strong growth trajectory.



Tata Power to Invest \$8.95 Billion in Renewable Energy Expansion

Tata Power is set to invest approximately 700-750 billion rupees (\$8.95 billion) over the next five to six years to significantly enhance its renewable energy capacity, according to Chief Executive Officer Praveer Sinha. This substantial investment is aimed at bolstering the company's renewable energy portfolio and achieving a major expansion by 2030.

Sinha revealed that Tata Power plans to add 15 gigawatts of new renewable energy capacity by 2030. This ambitious goal reflects the company's commitment to increasing its focus on sustainable energy sources and reducing its carbon footprint.

The planned investment will be pivotal in helping Tata Power meet its targets for renewable energy growth and contribute to India's broader objectives for green energy adoption. By focusing on renewable energy, Tata Power is positioning itself to play a significant role in the transition to cleaner energy sources.

In other news, IIT Delhi is offering an Advanced Programme in Technology and AI Leadership, designed to equip professionals with the skills needed to excel in the rapidly evolving tech landscape. The program focuses on technology strategy, innovation, and leadership, preparing participants to drive success in their organizations.

Artificial Intelligence (AI) is becoming increasingly crucial in business, as it allows for faster data analysis and decision-making. AI's ability to process vast amounts of data and identify patterns helps CEOs and leaders make informed decisions, forecast trends, and model various business scenarios. This capability not only supports better planning but also enhances profitability and growth prospects.

With the rise of AI and technological advancements, mastering these tools is essential for business leaders to stay competitive and drive innovation. The IIT Delhi programme aims to provide the necessary expertise to leverage these technologies effectively and lead in the digital age.



India's Trade Deficit Hits Nine-Month High Amid Weak Western Demand

India's trade deficit surged to a nine-month high of \$30 billion in August, according to data from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry released on Wednesday. This sharp increase in the trade gap was driven by a significant decline in exports coupled with a modest rise in imports.

In August, India's goods exports fell by 9% to \$34.71 billion from \$38.28 billion in the same month last year. This decline reflects weakened demand in Western markets, which has impacted India's export performance. On the other hand, goods imports increased by 3% to \$64.36 billion, up from \$62.30 billion in August 2023.

The widening trade deficit underscores the growing imbalance between India's exports and imports, marking the highest deficit recorded in the past nine months. The data highlights ongoing challenges for India's trade sector, exacerbated by sluggish global demand and rising import costs.

The August figures add to the concerns about India's trade balance and its implications for the country's economic health. With exports struggling and imports continuing to rise, the trade deficit is likely to remain a critical issue for policymakers and economic analysts in the coming months.



RBI Governor Das on Inflation Targets and Interest Rates Amid Softening WPI

SEBI Employees' Demands Met with Regulatory Committee

Employees of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) have received a positive response to their demands for a better work environment and a fair performance-tracking system. According to sources, SEBI has committed to forming a committee, including whole-time members, to address these concerns. This move suggests a resolution may be on the horizon, as SEBI appears to be accommodating some of the employees' requests.

The dispute began escalating when SEBI issued a press statement on September 4, which triggered intensified protests from employees. Following the backlash, SEBI withdrew the controversial statement. Employees had been voicing their grievances for weeks, culminating in silent protests that lasted three days after the statement was released. They specifically requested

intervention from SEBI's whole-time members to address their issues.

The formation of a committee marks a significant development, signaling SEBI's willingness to negotiate and potentially implement changes based on the feedback from its staff. The employees' demands have focused on improving working conditions and ensuring a more equitable and transparent system for evaluating performance.

The current situation indicates a shift in SEBI's approach, as it seems to be making concessions to address the employees' grievances. This development could lead to a more harmonious work environment and better alignment between the regulator and its employees.

RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das emphasized the importance of addressing headline inflation, particularly given that food inflation constitutes around 46% of the consumption basket. In an interview with CNBC International, Das underscored that decisions regarding interest rate adjustments will focus on the long-term inflation trajectory rather than monthly fluctuations. The next Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting, chaired by Das, is scheduled from October 7-9.

Recent data on the Wholesale Price Index (WPI) for August reveals a cooling of inflation to a four-month low of 1.31%. This decrease is primarily attributed to falling commodity prices, with crude oil prices softening below \$70 per barrel as of September 17. Despite this positive trend in WPI, Aditi Nayar, Chief Economist at ICRA, cautioned that it will take time for these changes to reflect in the Consumer Price Index (CPI). Nayar noted that while the current lower inflation figures are driven by reduced global commodity and crude prices, there is uncertainty about the sustainability of these trends.

WILL KEJRIWAL'S BRAND OF VICTIMHOOD POLITICS WORK AGAIN?



Since Arvind Kejriwal's surprise announcement that he would resign as Delhi Chief Minister in two days, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has been scrambling to recapture the moral high ground. Senior AAP leaders and ministers have been working to portray Kejriwal as a leader making a significant sacrifice, relying on public sympathy to gain electoral advantage. But will this strategy, which has worked in the past, succeed once more?

Kejriwal's Defense and Strategy

In his first public address after being released on bail by the Supreme Court, Kejriwal defended himself, stating that the court granted him bail despite his being booked under the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA). Kejriwal claimed that since the trial would be prolonged, he had decided to step down temporarily until the public certifies his "honesty" in the upcoming Delhi Assembly elections.

Kejriwal's strategy, often referred to as "victimhood politics," revolves around framing himself as a leader wronged by the system, unjustly persecuted by opponents. His claim to seek a public "certificate of honesty" and willingness to resign, even after being released on bail, is part of this strategy. AAP leaders argue that Kejriwal is the first politician to resign after being released on bail and that he is seeking vindication through elections rather than relying solely on court judgments.

Flaws in the Narrative

However, this narrative has its weaknesses. Firstly, Kejriwal's statement that he will return as Chief Minister once people give AAP a mandate overlooks the



conditions imposed by the Supreme Court. The court's bail order specifically barred him from attending the Chief Minister's office or signing off on official files. These conditions imply that even if Kejriwal were to win re-election, his role as Chief Minister would be limited, potentially rendering him ineffective in governing Delhi.

This contrasts with past cases, such as Sonia Gandhi's "office of profit" case, where disqualification was limited to a specific issue, allowing a return to power after re-election. In Kejriwal's case, his legal entanglements would still limit his effectiveness in office even after a fresh electoral mandate.

Running a Government from Jail?

AAP's earlier claims that Kejriwal could run the Delhi government from jail were also proven unrealistic. After his arrest, AAP leaders, including Atishi Marlena, claimed Kejriwal was still issuing directives from jail, such as addressing water and sewage issues. This narrative quickly crumbled, as Kejriwal could not effectively manage the government from behind bars, making the claim of running the government from jail seem hollow.



Victimhood Politics as a Strategy

Kejriwal's brand of politics often hinges on portraying himself as a victim of political persecution. While this tactic has helped him gain sympathy and public support in the past, the current situation is more complex. Recent Supreme Court rulings



on defection and Article 356 have made it harder to destabilize governments with a strong majority, which means that AAP's position in Delhi is relatively secure.



However, Kejriwal's tendency to focus on victimhood could backfire if voters begin to view it as a diversion from governance issues. His critics argue that instead of focusing on the charges against him and the limitations of his role as Chief Minister, he should be addressing pressing issues facing the state.

In conclusion, while Kejriwal's victimhood narrative has worked before, its effectiveness in this situation is uncertain. The public may not view his resignation and electoral strategy as a moral high ground but rather as political maneuvering. Whether his strategy will resonate with voters once again remains to be seen, but it's clear that the stakes are higher this time.

Arvind Kejriwal Chooses Atishi Marlena as CM to Lead Delhi in His Place

Arvind Kejriwal has chosen Atishi Marlena as the new Chief Minister to lead Delhi in his absence. This decision brings to mind several past instances of placeholder leadership in Indian politics, some successful, others not so much.



Unsuccessful Placeholder Arrangements:

State: Bihar



Nitish Kumar

Jitan Ram Manjhi

Nitish Kumar (Party: JD-U)
Jitan Ram Manjhi served as Bihar's Chief Minister briefly but later parted ways with JD-U after his unsuccessful attempt to continue as CM. He eventually formed his own party, Hindustani Awam Morcha (HAM).

State: Jharkhand





Hemant Soren

Champai Soren

Hemant Soren (Party: JMM)
Champai Soren served under Hemant Soren but later distanced himself from the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM), highlighting the challenges in sustaining a placeholder arrangement.

Successful Placeholder Arrangements:

State: Tamil Nadu



O. Panneerselvam

J. Jayalalithaa

Party: AIADMK

State: Tamil Nadu

O. Panneerselvam served as the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu three times. First, from September 2001 to March 2002, during the late J. Jayalalithaa's disqualification, again in 2014-15 when she was convicted in a disproportionate assets case, and briefly in 2016 after her death. Panneerselvam managed to maintain stability during his interim leadership periods.

State: Bihar



Lalu Prasad Yadav

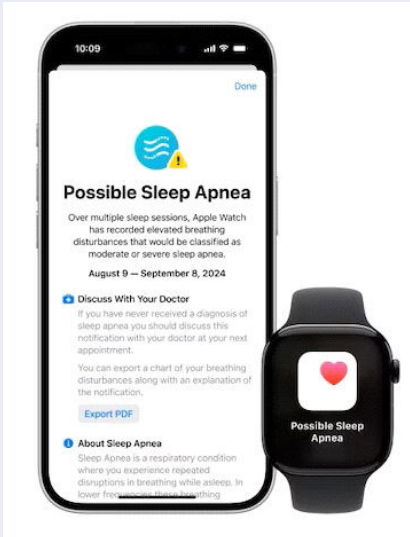
Rabri Devi

Party: RJD

State: Bihar

Rabri Devi served as Chief Minister of Bihar from 1997 to 2005 while her husband, Lalu Prasad Yadav, maintained control over both the party and the government. Her tenure is seen as a successful example of a placeholder arrangement, as Yadav continued to wield influence through her.

The success or failure of such arrangements often depends on the political dynamics and how well the placeholder manages to sustain the party's leadership and policies.



Apple Watch Series 10 Design

On September 9, Apple unveiled the Apple Watch Series 10 during its 'It's Glowtime' launch event. The latest smartwatch introduces a significant health feature: sleep apnea detection. This new capability aims to identify sleep apnea, a condition characterized by repeated interruptions in breathing during sleep, which can cause frequent awakenings and other health issues.

However, the anticipated blood pressure monitoring feature did not make its debut with the Series 10. According to Bloomberg's Mark Gurman, Apple initially planned to include this feature in the Series 10. Sources indicate that design changes to the new model caused issues with integrating blood pressure monitoring during testing. As a result, this feature will not be available on the current version of the Apple Watch but is expected to be included in a future model.

In addition to the Series 10, Apple made other notable announcements at the event. The company introduced a significant update for the AirPods Pro (2nd Generation), which now features the ability to function as a medical-grade hearing aid. This new functionality has received approval from the US Food and Drug Administration (FDA), making the AirPods Pro the first product to be certified under the new OTC hearing aid regulations introduced in 2022.

Other updates from Apple include the release of macOS Sequoia, iPadOS 18, and watchOS 11. Although the company did not launch a new successor for the AirPods Pro, the enhancements to the existing model highlight Apple's commitment to expanding the health capabilities of its devices. The Apple Watch Series 10's sleep apnea detection represents a major advancement in health monitoring for smartwatches, while future models are anticipated to incorporate even more advanced features.



WhatsApp to Introduce Status Mentions and Meta AI Voice Mode

WhatsApp for Android is set to roll out a new feature that will allow users to mention others in their status updates. According to feature tracker WABetaInfo, the "mentions" feature is currently in beta with the WhatsApp Android 2.24.20.3 update but is not yet available for testing by Google Beta Programme users.

This new functionality will enable users to tag their saved contacts in status updates, similar to how mentions work on Instagram Stories. The mention icon, depicted as an '@', will be positioned in the text field before the send button. When a user mentions someone in their status, the mentioned individual will receive a notification and a direct message highlighting the mention. They will also have the option to view and reshare the status. Notably, the feature is designed to be private, meaning only the person who posts the status and the mentioned user will see the mention.

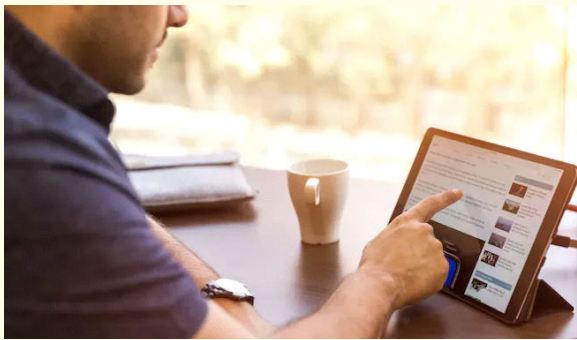
In addition to the status mention feature, WhatsApp is reportedly working on a Meta AI voice mode. This upcoming feature will offer two-way voice communication powered by artificial intelligence, with multiple voice options, including different accents such as US and UK. There may also be voices mimicking public figures, although specific names have not been disclosed.

How the Internet Went from Fun to Frustrating

The internet has undergone a significant transformation, shifting from a space of exploration and creativity to one marred by frustration and overload. Many users now find the internet “less fun and less informative” compared to its early days. Today, online searches are often filled with repetitive, low-quality content and an abundance of scams, spam, and AI-generated material.

One major factor behind this shift is the over-commercialization of the internet. Financial motives now heavily influence content creation, often prioritizing sensationalism and virality over genuine quality and informative value. Covert advertising tactics further blur the lines between commercial and non-commercial content, seeking to capture more attention and engagement.

Tech giants like Google, Meta, and Amazon have immense control over the content we see. Their platforms employ sophisticated tracking technologies and opaque algorithms that create hyper-targeted media. This leads to filter bubbles, where users encounter only content that reinforces their existing beliefs,



and echo chambers, where opposing viewpoints are disregarded.

The rise of bad actors and scammers has also been exacerbated by advancements in technology. Generative AI, for example, enables the creation of highly realistic fake images, deepfake videos, and cloned voices, complicating the challenge of distinguishing genuine content from misleading material.

Nostalgia for the “good” internet often highlights its early days as a free and egalitarian space. Initially, the internet was about exploration and sharing knowledge, with sites like Wikipedia and The Internet Archive exemplifying this spirit. It was a creative playground where diverse ideas and perspectives could be

discussed, and early social media platforms aimed to reconnect people with friends and family.

Privacy was once a more prominent feature of the internet experience. The early idea that “on the internet, nobody knows you’re a dog” has evolved into a reality where everyone, especially advertisers, seeks detailed personal information. As noted by the Office of the Australian Information Commissioner, a key aspect of privacy is controlling who has access to your personal information.

While we cannot turn back time, we can preserve the positive aspects of the internet. One approach is to “vote with our feet” by shifting to platforms that align with our values and preferences. Recent user migrations from X (formerly Twitter) to other platforms, and protests against Reddit’s policy changes, demonstrate the power of user choice.

Competition is crucial for this shift. Alternatives like Mastodon, Threads, Bluesky, DuckDuckGo, and Ecosia offer options outside the dominance of major tech companies.

Meta Enhances Instagram Privacy for Users Under 18

Meta Platforms is introducing significant privacy and parental control updates for Instagram users under 18, aiming to address concerns about social media's impact on young users. As of Tuesday, all eligible Instagram accounts will be automatically converted to “Teen Accounts,” which will have privacy settings by default.

These Teen Accounts will be private, restricting messaging and tagging to only those users who follow them or are already connected. The sensitivity settings for content will be set to the highest restriction levels. Users under 16 will need parental permission to modify these default settings, and parents will have access to various tools to monitor and limit their children's app usage.

Meta's move comes in response to growing research linking social media use to increased depression, anxiety, and learning disabilities in young people. The company faces scrutiny along with other major platforms like TikTok and YouTube, which are also grappling with



lawsuits over social media's effects on children. Last year, 33 U.S. states sued Meta for allegedly misleading the public about its platforms' dangers.

This update follows Meta's decision to halt the development of a separate Instagram app for teenagers, which was criticized by lawmakers and advocacy groups concerned about safety. As part of the new privacy measures, Instagram will now include features to help manage

screen time, such as notifications reminding users to log off after 60 minutes of daily use and a default sleep mode to mute notifications overnight.

These changes reflect broader efforts to improve online safety for minors and address ongoing legislative pressures. The U.S. Senate has advanced bills aimed at increasing social media companies' accountability for their platforms' impact on children and teens.



Street Vendor's "Arabic Sushi" Goes Viral with 11 Million Views

Food enthusiasts are no strangers to the wonders—and occasionally the oddities—of fusion cuisine. Recently, a street vendor's creation dubbed "Arabic sushi" has captivated food lovers and sparked curiosity about the limits of culinary experimentation. The viral reel by 'india_eat_mania' has amassed over 11 million views, showcasing this unconventional dish. In the video, the cook assembles the Arabic sushi with a mix of traditional and unexpected elements. The process begins with a sheet of nori laid on a mat, brushed with soy sauce, followed by a layer of sushi rice and sprinkled sesame seeds. As the vlogger interacts with the cook, the preparation takes a surprising turn.

The cook adds paneer seasoned with "Arabic" masalas, along with cucumber, carrots, bell peppers, and a variety of sauces. After layering these ingredients, the mat is rolled and the sushi is sliced into nine pieces. The final touch includes a garnish of cheese and cherry tomatoes. The accompanying sides feature cabbage mixed with Korean sauces, and small servings of Japanese sauce, jalapeno sauce, and another unnamed sauce.

India Secures Fifth Asian Champions Trophy Title with 1-0 Win Over China



India clinched their fifth Asian Champions Trophy title with a hard-fought 1-0 victory over hosts China on Tuesday. The win capped an impressive tournament for India, who emerged undefeated throughout the competition.

The decisive goal came from defender Jugraj Singh, who scored a rare field goal in the 51st minute. Despite a determined effort from the Chinese team, which was led by a resilient defense, India's victory was secured

through Jugraj's crucial strike.

The match was a challenging one for India, led by Harmanpreet Singh, as they struggled to break down the Chinese defense during the first three quarters. China's defense proved formidable, making it difficult for India to find the back of the net until the final quarter.

China, which was making only its second appearance in an international tournament final, put up a strong fight. Their only pre-

vious final was at the 2006 Asian Games, where they lost 1-3 to Korea. This recent final marked a significant achievement for China, showcasing their progress on the international stage.

India's triumph solidifies their status as a dominant force in Asian hockey, adding another prestigious title to their collection. The victory is a testament to their resilience and skill, with Jugraj Singh's goal proving pivotal in securing the championship.



Jordan Chiles Appeals in Swiss Court to Reclaim Olympic Bronze Medal

Two-time U.S. Olympic gymnast Jordan Chiles has taken her fight to reclaim her Olympic bronze medal to the Federal Supreme Court of Switzerland. Chiles, who initially secured the bronze in the floor exercise at the Paris Olympics, saw her position altered after a ruling by the Court of Arbitration for Sport (CAS). Her appeal to move from fifth to third place was initially accepted but later challenged by the Romanian Olympic Committee, which argued that the appeal from Team USA was submitted after the one-minute deadline for questioning judges' scores.

The CAS ruling sided with the Romanian Olympic Committee, leading to the International Olympic Committee awarding the bronze medal to Romania's Ana Barbosu instead. Chiles' legal team contends that the CAS panel's decision was fundamentally unfair. They argue that the process violated Chiles' "right to be heard" by disregarding video evidence that proved her appeal was timely.

Additionally, Chiles' attorneys have raised concerns about a potential conflict of interest. They claim that Hamid G. Gharavi, the president of the CAS panel, had been a longstanding counsel for Romania and was actively representing the country during the arbitration process.

Chiles plans to file an additional petition with the Swiss Federal Supreme Court seeking further relief. This could include a retrial before CAS, where she would have the opportunity to present her case and the disputed video evidence showing her appeal was submitted on time.

Maurice M. Suh, Chiles' legal counsel, emphasized the importance of fairness in the arbitration process, stating, "Jordan Chiles' appeals present the international community with an easy legal question—will everyone stand by while an Olympic athlete who has done only the right thing is stripped of her medal because of fundamental unfairness in an ad-hoc arbitration process? The answer should be no."

Pakistan Claims Third Place in Asian Champions Trophy with 5-2 Victory Over Korea

Pakistan secured third place in the Hero Asian Champions Trophy with a decisive 5-2 comeback win against Korea. The match, held at the Moqi Hockey Training Base in China, saw Pakistan rally from a slow start to dominate the second half and clinch the bronze medal.



Korea drew first blood in the 16th minute when Jungjun Lee executed a spectacular tackle to score, beating Pakistan's goalie Ishtiaq Abdullah Khan. However, Pakistan responded strongly after halftime. Sufyan Khan equalized with a superb penalty corner in the 38th minute. Hannan Shahid, in fine form throughout the tournament, added a field goal just a minute later, lifting Pakistan's spirits and putting them ahead 2-1.

er penalty corner goal in the 49th minute, bringing his tournament tally to four goals.

In the 54th minute, Hannan Shahid scored his second field goal of the match, bringing Pakistan's total to 5-2. This goal, assisted by Rana Waheed Ashraf, was Hannan's sixth of the tournament. With Muneeb Ur-Rehman replacing Ishtiaq in goal, Pakistan's defense held firm to secure a well-deserved victory.

Sufyan Khan, named Hero of the Match, expressed satisfaction with the team's performance, despite earlier setbacks in the tournament. "We are very happy to finish on a high note. It would have been great to play in the final, but we made errors in the semifinal. Our coach Tahir Zaman's pep talk at halftime really motivated us to bounce back," he said.

IPKL 2024: Teams Unveil Captains and Jerseys

The Indian Premier Kabaddi League (IPKL) 2024 season is generating excitement as Haryana Hurricane, Rajasthan Rulers, and Delhi Dragons reveal their captains and new jerseys ahead of the October 4 kickoff.

Haryana Hurricane showcased a powerful jersey designed to exude intensity and strength. Captain Shiv Kumar, known for his aggressive and relentless playing style, will lead the team with a focus on strategic aggression, positioning the Hurricane as a team to watch this season.

Rajasthan Rulers presented a regal jersey, reflecting their balanced approach between power and strategy. Under the leadership of Kapil Narwal, the Rulers are expected to emphasize tactical plays and precise execution. Kapil's

strategic acumen is set to guide the team through a season of high-level competition. Delhi Dragons revealed a sleek and agile jersey, aligning with their fast-paced, energetic gameplay. Captain Vikash Dahiya, celebrated for his agility and game-changing abilities, will steer the Dragons with an emphasis on speed and precision. The Dragons' dynamic style and new jersey promise to bring thrilling moments to the league.

As Haryana Hurricane, Rajasthan Rulers, and Delhi Dragons gear up with impressive leadership and striking new uniforms, the IPKL 2024 season is poised to offer fierce competition and exciting kabaddi action. Fans are eagerly anticipating the season's start to witness the thrilling matches and intense rivalries that lie ahead.



Sakshi Malik, Aman Sehrawat, and Geeta Phogat to Launch Wrestling Champions Super League

Olympic medallists Sakshi Malik and Aman Sehrawat, alongside former world championship bronze-winner Geeta Phogat, announced plans on Monday to launch a new Wrestling Champions Super League (WCSL) aimed at nurturing emerging wrestling talent in India. However, the initiative has not received sanction from the national wrestling federation.

Sakshi Malik, known for her 58kg bronze medal at the 2016 Rio Olympics, and Geeta Phogat, who won bronze in the 55kg category at the 2012 World Championships, made the announcement through their social media platforms. They revealed that Paris Games bronze medallist Aman Sehrawat would also be involved in the project but did not disclose further details.

This announcement comes in the wake of a significant wrestlers' protest led by Sakshi Malik, Bajrang Punia, and Vinesh Phogat against the former Wrestling Federation of India (WFI) President, Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, who faced allegations of sexual harassment. Malik, Punia, and Phogat were prominent figures in the protest, which ultimately led to Singh's removal.

Since then, Malik has distanced herself from Punia and Phogat, who have since entered the political arena by joining the Congress party ahead of the Haryana assembly elections next month. The Wrestling Champions Super League is expected to provide a platform for young grapplers to showcase their skills and gain exposure, although its launch is pending official approval from the Wrestling Federation of India.

Diljit Dosanjh and Alia Bhatt Reunite for Inspiring New Track ‘Chal Kudiye’

Diljit Dosanjh and Alia Bhatt, who first captured the audience's hearts with their melodious collaboration on “Ikk Kudi” from the 2016 film *‘Udta Punjab’*, are reuniting once more. This time, their new song “Chal Kudiye” is set to inspire listeners with its empowering message.

The track will feature in Alia Bhatt’s upcoming film *‘Jigra’*. Unlike their previous collaboration, which celebrated the essence of a woman through poignant lyrics, “Chal Kudiye” shifts focus to encourage resilience and moving forward. The song is composed by Manpreet Singh, with lyrics crafted by Harmanjeet Singh. Both Diljit and Alia lend their voices to this special number, adding their unique charm and energy to the project.

In “Chal Kudiye,” the duo sings about the strength and courage needed to overcome obstacles, urging the protagonist to keep going despite facing challenges alone. The song’s uplifting tone and



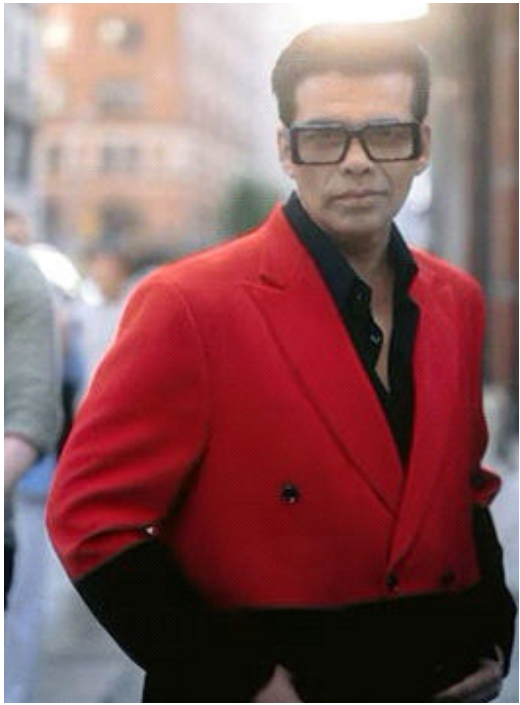
motivating lyrics aim to resonate deeply with listeners, reinforcing the theme of self-reliance and perseverance.

This collaboration not only marks a reunion of two beloved artists but also highlights their continued ability to connect with audiences through music. Diljit Dosanjh, known for his soulful and vibrant performances, and Alia

Bhatt, celebrated for her versatile acting and singing talents, come together once again to create a track that promises to be both memorable and impactful.

Fans are eagerly awaiting the release of “Chal Kudiye,” which is expected to be a standout feature in *‘Jigra’*, adding another impressive milestone to both artists' illustrious careers.

Karan Johar to Host Indian Version of ‘The Traitors’ for Prime Video



The Indian reality TV landscape is about to get a major boost with the adaptation of the acclaimed global format, “The Traitors,” which has won both BAFTA and Emmy Awards. This exciting new show, set to air on Prime Video, will be hosted by Bollywood star Karan Johar and is currently in production.

The Indian version of “The Traitors” will see 20 contestants battling it out in a high-stakes game of trust and deception. The players will face a series of both physical and psychological challenges, all designed to test their strategic thinking and resilience. The ultimate goal is to win a substantial cash prize, with the show’s format emphasizing the importance of both collaboration and cunning. BBC Studios India Productions is handling the production of the show, ensuring that it meets the high standards set by its international counterparts. The format of “The Traitors” involves

contestants working together to complete tasks while trying to identify and eliminate “traitors” among them—those who are secretly working against the group.

Karan Johar took to social media to announce the new show, adding a touch of his trademark flair. He wrote, “It’s so treacherous, you’ll sleep with one eye open. The Traitors on Prime, now filming for Prime Video.” His announcement has already generated significant buzz and anticipation among fans.

This adaptation promises to bring an intriguing blend of suspense and drama to Indian audiences, offering a fresh take on reality television with a global format that has captivated viewers worldwide. The combination of intense challenges and strategic gameplay, along with Karan Johar’s dynamic hosting, is expected to make “The Traitors” a must-watch show on Prime Video.



Ram Charan Transitions to Beast Mode for Upcoming Film RC

Ram Charan’s highly anticipated film, *‘Game Changer’*, is set for release this Christmas, following the completion of filming in July. As the actor gears up for this major release, he has already shifted focus to his next project. On Monday, Ram Charan took to Instagram to announce that he has begun preparing for Buchi Babu Sana’s upcoming film, currently referred to as RC 16.

In his Instagram post, Ram Charan shared a striking image of himself with his back turned as he descended a set of steps. Accompanied by his fitness coach Shivoham Bhatt, the photo offers a sneak peek into Charan’s transformation process for the new role. The actor is set to showcase a dramatic physical change, adopting a bulky, beastly look for the film. The caption of the post reads, “Beast mode on #RC16 loading...”, giving fans a hint of what to expect.

The post quickly garnered attention from fans and colleagues alike. Samantha Ruth Prabhu, who starred alongside Ram Charan in *‘Rangasthalam’*, responded with enthusiasm, commenting “Yasssssss” followed by fire emojis, signaling her excitement for Charan’s new venture.

As Ram Charan transitions from one major project to another, his commitment to physical transformation and preparation for RC 16 is evident. Fans are eagerly anticipating both the release of *‘Game Changer’* and the unveiling of Charan’s new look and role in RC 16, marking another exciting chapter in his career.

Shah Rukh Khan and Salman Khan Reunite for Aryan Khan’s Web Series



Bollywood’s biggest stars, Shah Rukh Khan and Salman Khan, are set to reunite on screen once more, though not in a film. The iconic duo, known for their electrifying on-screen chemistry, may appear together in Aryan Khan’s upcoming web series, *‘Stardom’*. This news has sent waves of excitement through their fan base.

Aryan Khan, Shah Rukh’s son, is making his directorial debut with *‘Stardom’*, a six-episode series exploring the lives and struggles of Bollywood stars. The show promises a blend of drama, comedy, and entertainment, offering an insider’s view of the challenges actors face in the industry.

Recent updates reveal that Aryan Khan has already secured Salman Khan for a cameo role in the series. Salman, who has a long-standing friendship with the Khan family, has reportedly completed his filming for the show. The specifics of Shah Rukh Khan’s involvement remain a closely guarded secret, but fans are eagerly awaiting confirmation of his participation.

The potential on-screen reunion of Shah Rukh and Salman Khan in *‘Stardom’* is generating significant buzz, as it represents a rare and much-anticipated collaboration between two of Bollywood’s most celebrated stars.

Dhanush's Next Project Announced with Dawn Pictures

Actor-filmmaker Dhanush is moving quickly with his career. Following a seven-year gap between his directorial debut, *‘Pa Paandi’*, and his second film, *‘Raayan’*, he is set to release his third directorial, *‘Nilavukku Enmel Ennadi Kobam’*, just seven months after *‘Raayan’*. In addition to his directorial pursuits, Dhanush continues to expand his acting portfolio and has now signed a new project with debutant producer Aakash Baskaran and his production house, Dawn Pictures.

Aakash Baskaran announced the new venture, stating, “Dawn Pictures is thrilled to reveal our inaugural project, marking a significant milestone for our production house. We are

dedicated to creating heartfelt and innovative content that resonates with audiences globally. We are proud to announce our debut film, *‘D 52’*, starring the esteemed Dhanush. We extend our sincere gratitude to Dhanush for this incredible opportunity to collaborate on this exciting new journey.”

The project, tentatively titled *‘D 52’*, signifies the first film under Dawn Pictures and features Dhanush, who has been recognized for his performances in films like *‘Nadippin Asuran’*. The announcement highlights Dawn Pictures’ commitment to producing meaningful and engaging content, and Dhanush’s continued involvement in diverse and impactful projects.



Nayanthara to Star in ‘Mookuthi Amman 2’ Directed by Sundar C

Nayanthara, renowned for her diverse filmography across multiple languages, is set to make a new career milestone with her first-ever sequel, “Mookuthi Amman 2.” This sequel to her hit film “Mookuthi Amman” will also mark her debut collaboration with director Sundar C, known for his expertise in commercial cinema.

The announcement was made by Vels Film International, the production house behind the original film, through their social media channels. The update read: “Welcoming The King of Commercial Entertainers, Director Sundar C to the Divine Fantasy World of MA-2.” This news has generated significant excitement among fans and the film industry alike.

The original “Mookuthi Amman,” a successful divine fantasy film, was directed by actor-filmmaker RJ Balaji. However, he will not be returning for the sequel. Instead, Sundar C, famous for his knack for creating engaging commercial cinema, will take the reins for this project. There is speculation that RJ Balaji may be working on his own divine fantasy film with Trisha as the lead, although this has not been confirmed.