



# Weather Forecast

### HYDERABAD

Mostly Sunny

t<sup>c</sup> H 26° C  
L 23° C

### VIJAYAWADA

Mostly Sunny

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L 26° C

### TIRUPATHI

Mostly Sunny

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L 26° C

# WHO IS BATTLING FOR WHOM?



**TPN, Telangana:** Telangana is witnessing intriguing political dynamics these days. Leaders from different parties seem to be battling for various Congress leaders, raising suspicions through their actions and allegations. Recently, Mr. Maheswara Reddy of the BJP made serious accusations against the Telangana government led by Congress. In his allegations, he focused on a civil supplies scam allegedly involving Minister Mr. Uttamkumar Reddy. Maheswara Reddy claimed that a scam amounting to Rs. 1000 crore occurred during the auction of Rabi season paddy, dubbing it “U-Tax.” This angered Mr. Uttamkumar Reddy, who strongly denied the allegations. Sources indicate that the Congress high command also inquired about the issue, creating an embarrassing moment for Mr. Uttamkumar Reddy. However, some of his associates have suggested

that Chief Minister Mr. Revanth Reddy is behind Maheswara Reddy’s allegations, a claim that Revanth’s group has denied.

More recently, BRS MLA Mr. Koushik Reddy has come into the spotlight. He launched a verbal attack on Mr. Revanth Reddy, aiming to disrupt the potential defection of BRS MLAs. Koushik Reddy used harsh language against CM Revanth Reddy and the defected MLAs, sparking a fierce political battle. Mr. Arikepudi Gandhi, who was appointed as PAC chairman, saw his associates retaliate by attacking Koushik Reddy’s house. Koushik Reddy’s remarks against the people of Andhra may result in a setback for the BRS in the upcoming GHMC elections and have negatively impacted Mr. Revanth Reddy’s efforts to bring BRS MLAs into Congress.

Surprisingly, a new narrative has emerged, targeting Mr. Uttam Kumar Reddy. Some are now alleging that Uttam Kumar Reddy is behind Koushik Reddy’s actions, accusing him of working for KCR from the beginning and now assisting the BRS in blocking Revanth Reddy’s plans. Uttam’s associates have unofficially claimed that this is revenge for Revanth’s actions through Maheswara Reddy.

What stands out in this scenario is the unusual alliance-building, with a BJP leader allegedly supporting Revanth Reddy and a BRS leader supporting Uttam Kumar Reddy. This political crossfire is a novelty in Telangana politics. If true, it could set a dangerous precedent, encouraging leaders from different parties to adopt such tactics to implement their strategies in unconventional ways.

# No Relationship Between Sardar Patel and BJP

**TPN, Hyderabad:** Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) president, B. Mahesh Kumar Goud, strongly criticized the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for attempting to associate itself with veteran Congress leader Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel. Addressing a gathering at Gandhi Bhavan on the occasion of “Praja Palana Dinotsavam,” Goud emphasized that there is no historical connection between the BJP and Sardar Patel, who played a crucial role in merging the erstwhile Hyderabad State with the Indian Union through “Operation Polo” in 1948.



Goud pointed out that the BJP did not even exist at the time of the Hyderabad merger and credited India’s first Prime Minister, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, and then Union Home Minister Sardar Patel for successfully integrating the ‘sansthans’ into the Indian Union.

Accusing the BJP of inciting religious fundamentalism and attempting to divide the country, Goud remarked that the party holds no moral authority to criticize the Congress. He also took aim at the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), accusing them of dishonesty towards the people of Telangana and rebuked their criticism of Sonia Gandhi, who played a pivotal role in the formation of the state in 2014.

Goud’s remarks come amid ongoing political tensions between the Congress, BJP, and BRS in Telangana.

# BIG FIGHT BETWEEN KCR AND REVANTH ON LOAN WAIVER, VERY SOON



**TPN, Telangana:** Telangana is about to witness a major confrontation between the BRS and Congress, expected to begin within a week. The fight will be led by Mr. KCR. On Sunday, he held a meeting with key BRS leaders at his farmhouse, attended by Mr. KTR, former Minister Jagadish Reddy, and Koushik Reddy. The meeting was convened following the recent incident at Koushik Reddy’s house. With the schedule likely to be confirmed in two to three days, Mr. KCR is expected to come out from his farmhouse to hit the ground running. The issue at the forefront of this confrontation will be farmers’ loan waivers. The BRS is focusing on the claim that Mr. Revanth Reddy’s government has failed to fulfill its promise of waiving loans, which they believe could give them significant political mileage.

On the other hand, Chief Minister Mr. Revanth Reddy is planning to complete the loan waiver process by October. So far, Rs. 18,000 crores have been paid to 23 lakh farmers. However, some farmers have not

yet received the loan waiver due to various reasons, such as not having ration cards or unresolved bank account issues. The Agriculture Department is currently collecting forms from farmers without ration cards, while audits are being conducted on bank accounts to verify whether the loans are indeed related to agriculture. Once these processes are complete, the government plans to clear an additional Rs. 10,000 crores in waivers, benefiting around 12 to 15 lakh farmers.

BRS leaders are criticizing Congress for announcing a Rs. 31,000 crore loan waiver but delivering only Rs. 18,000 crores so far. They allege that

# Sexual Harassment Case Against Johnny Master... Film Industry Reacts

- Members of the Sexual Harassment Redressal Panel speak about the case
- It is revealed that the victim first approached the media regarding the harassment
- The investigation into the case is ongoing



**TPN, Hyderabad:** The Film Chamber’s Sexual Harassment Redressal Panel responded today to the sexual harassment case against popular choreographer Johnny Master. Tammarreddy Bhardwaja, Jhansi, and other panel members participated in the media conference. Jhansi revealed that the victim initially approached the media regarding the sexual ha-

arrassment, and it was through the media that the case came to the panel’s attention.

When the victim approached the chamber, she initially reported work-

place harassment, later disclosing that she had been sexually harassed. The legal investigation into the case is currently ongoing.

Jhansi also highlighted that many individuals refrain from speaking up about such incidents due to the fear of losing opportunities in the film industry. However, she emphasized that those with talent will always find opportunities in the industry.

The Raidurgam police registered a zero FIR when the victim filed a complaint against Johnny Master, which was later transferred to the Narsinghi Police Station. The Narsinghi police are now investigating the case.



**TPN, Telangana:** 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

# 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

# Poonam Kaur’s Sensational Comments on Trivikram!

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.

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.





# Telangana’s Public Governance Day: A Tribute to Unity and Sacrifice



**TPN, Telangana:** September 17 is regarded as the most significant day in Telangana’s history. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy emphasized that after assuming office, the government carefully considered the importance of this day and decided to give it a public dimension by declaring it “Public Governance Day.”

During a special program to commemorate this occasion, the Chief Minister hoisted the national flag and extended his heartfelt wishes to the people of Telangana. He expressed that the decision to observe Public Governance Day reflects the aspirations of four crore people, aligning with their ideas and the spirit of

Telangana’s armed struggle. He further stated that any opposition to this decision stems from selfish interests rather than the public good.

The Chief Minister also remarked that Telangana’s geography, like a clenched fist, symbolizes unity and strength, sending a message that all races, castes, and religions will stand together in Telangana. He criticized those who attempt to create division over the significance of September 17, warning that such actions undermine the unity and integration of the state.

Revanth Reddy highlighted several re-



cent initiatives, such as adopting “Jaya Jayahe Telangana” as the state anthem, the use of the abbreviation TG, the Bhummi Pooja for the Telangana mother idol at the Secretariat, awards named after Gaddar, and the decision to name the women’s university after Chakali Ailamma.

He concluded by honoring the sacrifices of those who fought for Telangana, stating that their contributions guide the government’s decisions. The welfare of four crore people, he said, will always be the cornerstone of Telangana’s governance, with the people’s thoughts and aspirations driving the state’s progress.

## Retired IAS Officer Rani Kumudini Appointed as State Election Commissioner

**TPN, Hyderabad:** Retired IAS officer Rani Kumudini has been appointed as the State Election Commissioner (SEC). She replaces Parthasaradhi, whose tenure ended recently. Kumudini, from the 1988 batch, previously held various positions in both Central and State Governments, including serving as the Special Chief Secretary of the Telangana State Labor Department. She retired before the 2023 elections, but was retained in her role by the KCR government.

Parthasaradhi’s term as SEC concluded on the eighth of this month. Consequently, the Congress government appointed Rani



Kumudini as the new SEC. Governor Jishtudev Verma has issued the official orders, which stipulate that Kumudini will serve a three-year term. This appointment is particularly significant in the context of upcoming local body elections.

Additionally, the government has appointed retired IAS officer MG Gopal as the State Vigilance Commissioner. Gopal, from the 1983 batch, has served in various capacities in the Union and Telangana States. Orders have been issued for him to serve as State Vigilance Commissioner for three years.

## TG Rain Alert: Forecast for Heavy Rainfall in Telangana

**TPN, Telangana:** Telangana recently experienced heavy rains and flooding, causing significant damage in Khammam and Mahbubabad districts. Concerns are rising as new rain forecasts predict showers from September 20 to October 10.

The Telugu states have recently faced heavy to very heavy rainfall, with floods disrupting Vijayawada, Guntur, and Eluru in Andhra Pradesh. In Telangana, Khammam, Mahabubabad, Kamareddy, and Warangal districts were severely impacted. As recovery efforts continue, further rainfall is expected.

According to the AP Disaster Management Agency, light to moderate rains are anticipated on September 17 in various districts, including Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, Parvathipuram Manyam, Alluri Seetharamaraju, Anakapalli, Kakinada, Konaseema, West Godavari, Eluru, and NTR. Rain has been ongoing in AP since the 10th of this month, with more expected in the coming days.

In Telangana, renowned meteorologist T. Balaji has provided a significant update. He predicts extended monsoon conditions this year, with rain likely continuing until October 20. Balaji forecasts that low pressure and cyclones may impact the coast of Andhra Pradesh, bringing rain during the last week of September and the first two weeks of October.

Balaji anticipates heavy rainfall across Telangana from September 21 to October 10, with Hyderabad also likely to see significant precipitation. While there is no official confirmation from the Meteorological Department, Balaji’s past predictions have proven accurate, adding weight to his current forecasts. He regularly updates weather predictions through his social media accounts.

## BIG FIGHT BETWEEN KCR AND REVANTH ON LOAN WAIVER, VERY SOON

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many farmers’ accounts were excluded due to various conditions. However, Congress leaders counter this by stating that after scrutiny, the total waiver may reduce to Rs. 28,000 to 29,000 crores, but they remain committed to fulfilling their promise to the farmers. They also point out that Congress is implementing the waiver in record time, whereas the BRS took over five years to deliver on its loan waiver promise.

In the coming weeks, we are set to witness significant efforts from the BRS and a strong counterattack from Congress over the loan waiver issue. If the BRS fails to succeed this time, they risk losing in the local body elections, a setback that could take time for the party to recover from.

## KTR Slams Congress Politics, Defends Telangana’s Progress on National Unity Day

**TPN, Hyderabad:** On the occasion of National Unity Day, Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) Working President, K.T. Rama Rao (KTR), hoisted the national flag at Telangana Bhavan and delivered a scathing critique of the opposition, particularly targeting Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) president Revanth Reddy.

KTR emphasized the significance of National Unity Day, while condemning what he called the distortion of historical facts by political opponents for personal gain. He highlighted Telangana’s peace-

ful coexistence under the leadership of Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) and rejected the divisive remarks made by Revanth Reddy.

“Over the past nine months, Revanth Reddy has done nothing but insult KCR. Instead of such baseless attacks, why not fulfill the 420 false promises you made? If you care about farmers, women, and the elderly, provide real support like we have with schemes such as Rythu Bandhu,” KTR said.

KTR criticized Revanth Reddy for

claiming to offer more than the state government, calling it a political stunt. He also took aim at the Congress leader’s proposal to replace Telangana’s mother with a statue of Rajiv Gandhi, calling it an insult to the people of Telangana. KTR made it clear that the BRS will restore the rightful recognition of Telangana’s heritage.

He further lambasted Revanth Reddy for failing to address pressing issues in Hyderabad, including public health crises like chickenpox and dengue, and the lack of basic amenities in rural areas. KTR

demanded action from the opposition, urging them to stop making false claims and focus on actual governance.

“We will hold you accountable for your promises. Telangana deserves better than your diversionary tactics,” KTR concluded, reaffirming the BRS’s commitment to progress and unity in the state.

The speech ended with KTR applauding the state machinery for its successful support during the Ganesh immersion festivities.



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## The History of Telangana was deliberately suppressed: Kishan Reddy

**TPN, Telangana:** Union Minister Kishan Reddy stated that the people fought against the Nizam using simple tools as weapons and that life became unbearable under the Rajakars.

Speaking at the Hyderabad Liberation Day celebrations held at Secunderabad Parade Grounds, organized by the Central Government, Kishan Reddy remarked that forced religious conversions took place during the Nizam's rule, and Hindu women were subjected to atrocities. He mentioned that the Nizam wanted to merge Hyderabad State with Pakistan, and discussions in that regard were held.

He emphasized that the Nizam attempted to erase Telangana's culture and traditions and that the region's history was deliberately trampled. He expressed anger over the suppression of the sacrifices made for freedom and noted that the Prime Minister had ordered the celebration of Hyderabad Mukti

Diwas under the central government since 2022. He assured that Telangana Liberation Day would continue to be celebrated on the same platform in the future.

Kishan Reddy also mentioned that Sardar Patel held peace talks with the Nizam, but Qasim Razvi had threatened to kill 1.5 million Hindus if their regime was attacked. This led to Hyderabad State's merger with India through Operation Polo. He criticized past rulers for not celebrating the region's independence and said that people voluntarily attend the events organized by the central government. He warned that future generations would suffer if history is distorted and urged the public to reject parties that disregard history. He concluded by thanking Prime Minister Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah for their support in organizing Telangana Liberation Day.

## Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka Highlights Historical Significance of September 17



**TPN, Khammam:** Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka commemorated September 17, 1948, as a historic day when Telangana and the erstwhile Hyderabad state transitioned from monarchical rule to democratic governance. Speaking at a public event on Telangana Public Governance Day in Khammam, the Deputy CM extended his heartfelt greetings to the district's residents and emphasized the importance of this day in history.

Vikramarka praised the state's efforts under Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, celebrating September 17 as Telangana Public Governance Day and marking the rapid implementation of welfare schemes within 48 hours of the government assuming office. He noted that two of the six promised guarantees have already been fulfilled, including the free RTC travel for girls. This initiative has facilitated 87.12 crore free trips across Telangana, saving women approximately ₹2,958 crore. In Khammam district alone, more than 1.79 crore free tickets have been issued, saving women over ₹84.32 crore.

The Deputy CM also highlighted the successful distribution of 500,000 cooking gas cylinders under a scheme that offers gas at a subsidized rate of ₹500. This initiative has benefitted 42.90 lakh people across the state, including 3.94 lakh consumers in Khammam, with ₹1,119.71 lakh deposited into beneficiaries' bank accounts.

Vikramarka discussed the \*Grihajyoti\* scheme, which provides free electricity for households consuming less than 200 units. By August 2024, 48.62 lakh people across Telangana, including 2.57 lakh consumers in Khammam, had benefited from the scheme, receiving ₹49.97 crore in subsidies.

Despite a record demand for electricity, the Deputy CM assured continuous quality power supply to all sectors, reaffirming the government's commitment to improving the lives of Telangana's citizens.

## Agriculture Exhibition Inaugurated in Bhadradri Kothagudem

### Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao Highlights Benefits for Farmers

**TPN, Telangana:** Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao, along with District Collector Jitesh V. Patil, inaugurated and inspected a large-scale agricultural exhibition organized by the allied agricultural departments in Kothagudem. The exhibition aimed to showcase modern farming equipment, advanced seeds, and organic fertilizers to benefit tribal farmers in the region.

Commending the event, Minister Nageswara Rao expressed his appreciation for the swift organization of the exhibition within just three days, emphasizing its significance for the region's agricultural growth. He noted that Bhadradri Kothagudem district is an important agricultural hub in the state, and the adoption of advanced farming techniques



can significantly boost farmers' income, particularly in RVO FR lands and common lands allocated to tribal farmers.

The minister encouraged farmers to diversify their crops, stating that it is now possible to grow four to five types of crops on a single acre of land. He also highlighted the discussions held with the Union Agriculture Minister and the Chief Minister regarding increasing the input duty on oil palm and crude oil to benefit local farmers.

To further support farmers, the government plans to provide free electricity and a ₹50,000 subsidy for cultivating crops like cocoa and cacao alongside oil palm. Minister Nageswara Rao urged officials to work diligently towards establishing processing units in the district to enhance agricultural productivity and income for farmers in Bhadradri Kothagudem.

## CM should stop engaging in Petty Politics and to focus on delivering Good Governance

**TPN, Hyderabad:** Telangana Finance Minister Harish Rao sharply criticized Chief Minister Revanth Reddy during a media conference, urging the public to reflect on whether the current administration is benefiting or harming the state. Rao emphasized the importance of responsible governance and accused the administration of obstructing the role of the Chief Minister while spreading falsehoods.

Rao expressed concerns over

misinformation being spread to the financial community, cautioning that expecting the implementation of six guarantees within 100 days is unrealistic. He criticized the unfulfilled promise of loan waivers by December 9, comparing it to the swift actions of former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR), who promptly issued pensions upon taking office. Addressing claims about the state's financial situation, Harish Rao refuted the Congress's assertion that the

state's debt exceeds ₹6.85 lakh crore, clarifying that the debt incurred by the BRS government stands at ₹4.26 lakh crore. He criticized Revanth Reddy for misleading the public with exaggerated figures, arguing that the Chief Minister's political tactics are damaging Telangana's reputation.

Rao also highlighted issues such as overcrowding in government schools and hostels while praising the success of initiatives

like Mission Bhagiratha, which has brought water to every household. Additionally, he noted significant economic growth under the BRS government, citing an increase in per capita income from ₹1,43,739 in 2013-14 to ₹3,47,221, and a rise in the state's gross domestic product from ₹4,51,580 crore to ₹14,63,963 crore. Rao called on Revanth Reddy to stop engaging in petty politics and to focus on delivering good governance for the people of Telangana.

**TPN, Telangana:** Minister Konda Surekha made significant comments regarding farmer assurance, announcing that the Rythu Bharosa Scheme will be implemented soon. This announcement comes as a relief to farmers who have been eagerly waiting for the scheme, which is one of the six guarantees promised by the Congress government. On September 17, in Hanumakonda, during Telangana Public Administration Day, the minister paid tribute to martyrs by laying floral wreaths at the Martyrs' Stupa and hoisting the national flag. Minister Konda Surekha acknowledged the contributions of Komuram Bheem, Doddi Komuriah, Chakali Ailamma, Baddam Ella Reddy, Kaloji Narayana Rao, and Shayabullah Khan in their fight for a separate Telangana. She emphasized that it is the government's duty to maintain unity in diversity while preserving the state's rich culture and traditions. The minister highlighted the government's commitment to building an ideal state, prioritizing welfare, education, and healthcare. She noted that the government has gone down in history as a champion of farmers' welfare by waiving loans and is determined to provide job opportunities for unemployed youth. Additionally, she revealed that Indiramma houses will be built for deserving poor families. Collector Praveenya and Warangal CP Amber Kishore Jha also participated in the event alongside Minister Konda Surekha.

## Minister Konda Surekha Announces Implementation of Rythu Bharosa Scheme

## Sridhar Babu on Internet Expansion and Controversies Over Rajiv Gandhi's Statue"



**TPN, Hyderabad:** Telangana Minister Sridhar Babu announced the state's celebration of \*Public Administration Day\*, marking the people's struggle against the rule of the Gadis. Even after Telangana's formation, there remains a desire to transform governance to better serve the people.

Highlighting the government's achievements, Sridhar Babu noted that for the past eight months, efforts have been underway to fulfill the aspirations of Telangana's people. One major initiative is the expansion of internet services to all villages. Through the \*T-Fiber\* project, in collaboration with the central government, 9,000 villages

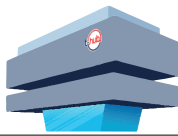
will soon have access to 20 Mbps internet speeds. The state has requested ₹9,000 crores from the Centre but is still seeking funding to connect an additional 5,000 villages.

Three villages—Sangupet in Sangareddy district, Maddur in Narayanapet district, and Agudi Srirampur in Peddapalli district—have been selected as pilot locations for the project. These villages will benefit from internet, cable TV services, 360-degree CCTV cameras, and AI technology. The system will be tested for two months before expanding across the state by December.

Addressing the controversy surrounding the installation of a statue of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, Sridhar Babu defended the decision. He emphasized that Rajiv Gandhi and his family made significant sacrifices for the nation, including giving his life. "Why should there be envy or jealousy over honoring such a great man?" he questioned.

Sridhar Babu also pointed out that the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) is working diligently on this project, suggesting that it is part of an effort to strengthen ties with BJP leaders Amit Shah and Narendra Modi.





## CM Revanth Reddy Ensures Smooth Ganesh Immersion with Coordinated Efforts



**TPN, Hyderabad:** Chief Minister Shri A. Revanth Reddy directed officials to ensure that no untoward incidents occur during the Ganesh immersion program. He inspected the immersion sites at Tank Bund and emphasized that all departments should work in coordination until the immersion process is completed.

The Chief Minister reviewed the conditions at the cranes installed at the immersion sites, speaking with crane operators and staff. He advised officials to arrange for the staff to work in three shifts to ensure they get adequate rest. He also greeted devotees attending the immersion and issued necessary instructions to the authorities.

The Chief Minister was accompanied by public representatives and officials, including the GHMC Mayor, Commissioner, and Hyderabad City Police Commissioner.

## Hyderabad Office Space Leasing Sees 71% Growth in Six Months

**TPN, Hyderabad:** Office space leasing in Hyderabad saw a significant 71% year-on-year growth from January to June 2024, with a total of 5.0 million square feet transacted.

Large office spaces accounted for 61% of the total transactions, totaling 3.08 million square feet. This represents a remarkable 109% increase compared to 1.47 million square feet during the same period in 2023.

The surge in demand for large office spaces is attributed to increased absorption by Global Capability Centres (GCCs) and flex spaces.

Approximately 26% of the transactions, amounting to 1.29 million square feet, were in mid-sized office spaces ranging from 50,000 to 100,000 square feet. This category saw a notable 200% year-on-year growth, up from 0.43 million square feet in the first half of 2023.

Small office spaces, measuring less than 50,000 square feet, represented 13% of transactions from January to June 2024, totaling 0.67 million square feet.



Joseph Thilak, National Director of Occupier Strategy and Solutions (Hyderabad & Chennai) at Knight Frank India, commented, “Hyderabad has seen strong growth in demand in recent years, reinforcing its position as a preferred hub for businesses.”

Thilak added that this demand is driven by Hyderabad’s enhanced quality of life, robust infrastructure, and a steady influx of top-tier talent.

The recovery of the Information Technology sector in 2024, coupled with increased hiring activity by Global Capability Centres (GCCs), is expected to further boost commercial leasing demand in the coming months.

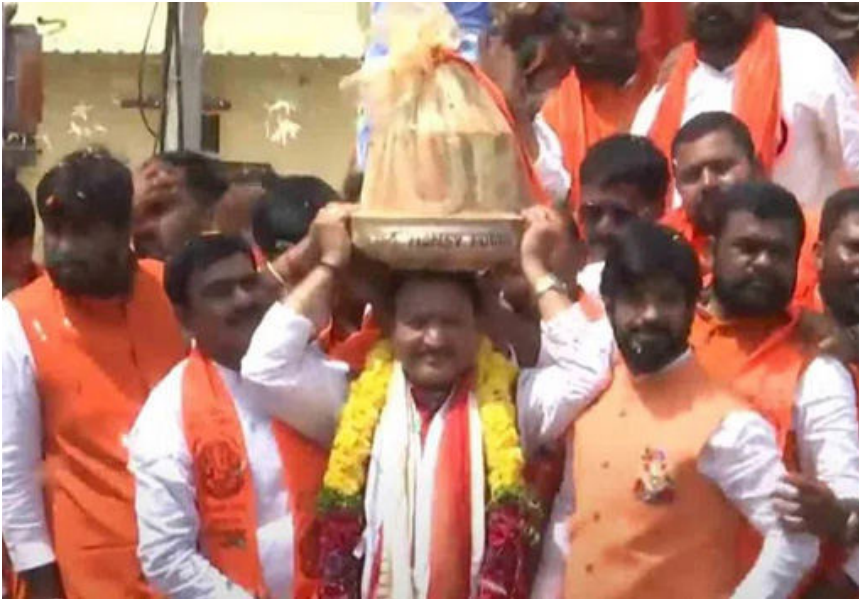
## Hyderabad’s popular Balapur Ganesh laddu fetches record Rs 30.01 lakh

**TPN, Hyderabad:** The famous Balapur Ganesh laddu prasadam set a new record, fetching Rs 30.01 lakh, which is Rs 3.01 lakh more than last year.

In the auction organized by the Balapur Ganesh Utsav Samithi, local resident Kolan Shankar Reddy successfully won the bid. The auction, which started at Rs 1,116, quickly escalated to Rs 30.01 lakh, with Shankar Reddy emerging as the winner.

Last year, Dasari Dayananda Reddy from Turkayamjal in Ranga Reddy district secured the laddu for Rs 27 lakh. This year, six new participants joined the auction alongside previous successful bidders.

Earlier, after the early morning puja, the Balapur Ganesh Sobha Yatra commenced in the local area. The lanes of Balapur echoed with bhajans as the Ganesh idol proceeded under tight police security. A large crowd gathered to bid farewell to Balapur Ganesh.



## Khairatabad Maha Ganapati Immersion Complete, Lakhs of Devotees Gathered



**TPN, Hyderabad:** The Khairatabad Maha Ganapati immersion process is complete. The Shobhayatra, which began on Tuesday morning, reached Hussain Sagar by noon amidst a massive crowd of devotees. The immersion of Bada Ganesh took place at crane number 4 on NTR Marg.

Amidst the chants and excitement of thousands of devotees, Bada Ganesha was immersed at crane number 4 on Tuesday afternoon. The Ganesha procession began at 6:30 a.m. and arrived at Hussain Sagar by noon. Thousands of devotees participated in the grand Maha Ganapati Shobhayatra.

The immersion of the 70-foot-tall Ganesh idol was completed at 1:39 p.m. The procession, accompanied by the beating of drums and the sound of DJs, made its way to Hussain Sagar with grandeur. All roads leading to Hussain Sagar were packed with people eager to witness the event. The police provided tight security to prevent any untoward incidents due to the large crowd.

The Khairatabad Ganapati Shobhayatra began at 6:30 a.m., passing through Telephone Bhavan, Secretariat, and NTR Marg to reach Tank Bund. After performing welding work and special pooja, the organizers completed the immersion at crane number 4. Devotees flocked to Hussain Sagar to witness the event, filling Tank Bund and chanting “Ganpati Bappa Morya.”

## Hyderabad's Hussain Sagar Abuzz with Festive Fervor Ahead of Final Ganesh Idol Immersion



**TPN, Hyderabad:** As the city prepares for the grand finale of Ganesh Chaturthi festivities on Tuesday, Hussain Sagar is already alive with excitement. A day before the final idol immersions, a large number of Ganesh idols were being immersed in the lake, with citizens from across the city gathering to witness the event.

Though the final immersion day, traditionally the most spectacular, is on Tuesday, many families and smaller community groups arrived at the lake on Monday to perform the ‘nimajjanam’ rituals. This helped them avoid the overwhelming crowds expected on the last day.

Idols of all sizes, from small clay figures to mid-sized community idols, were transported to the lake on vehicles decorated with flowers, colorful lights, and accompanied by loud music.

In preparation for the final immersion day, Hyderabad Police, GHMC, and other departments, along with NGOs, have made extensive arrangements to ensure the safety of devotees and the smooth conduct of the immersion process. Traffic diversions are in place around Tank Bund, with dedicated routes for vehicles carrying idols. The police force is managing crowds and maintaining order, while volunteers assist devotees with the immersion. Surveillance cameras and drones are also monitoring the event.



## Couple Afzal, Muskaan Win Ganesh Laddu in Telangana Auction

**TPN, Hyderabad:** A Muslim couple, Afzal and Muskaan, won the Ganesh laddu auction at a pandal in Telangana. The couple secured the laddu for Rs 13,126 during the auction organized by Sri Vighneshwara Ganesh Mandali in Bhatpally, Komaram Bheem Asifabad district.

After winning the auction, the couple expressed their honor in securing the laddu and stated that they would share it with everyone, regardless of their background, for the prosperity of their village.





# 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-Titilagarh 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.



#### 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

● Previous CM   ● Placeholder CM



**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**

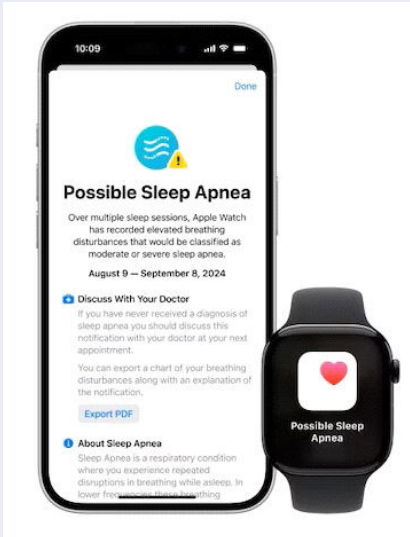
**Rabri Devi**

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.

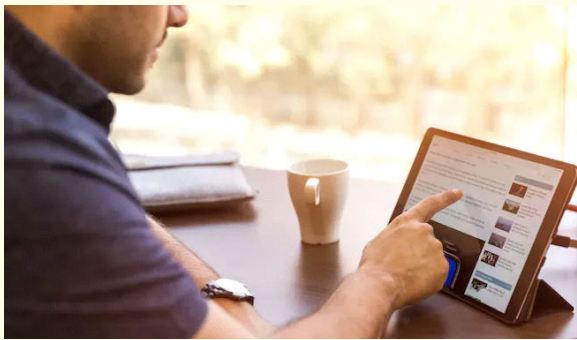
In addition to the status mention feature, WhatsApp is reportedly working on a Meta AI voice mode. This upcoming feature will offer two-way voice communication powered by artificial intelligence, with multiple voice options, including different accents such as US and UK. There may also be voices mimicking 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, on-line 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.

Despite Korea's Jihun Yang leveling the score at 2-2 with a penalty corner in the 40th minute, Pakistan regained the lead with a field goal from Rooman in the 45th minute. The team's defense, bolstered by effective man-to-man marking, kept Korea at bay. Sufyan Khan further extended the lead with another



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



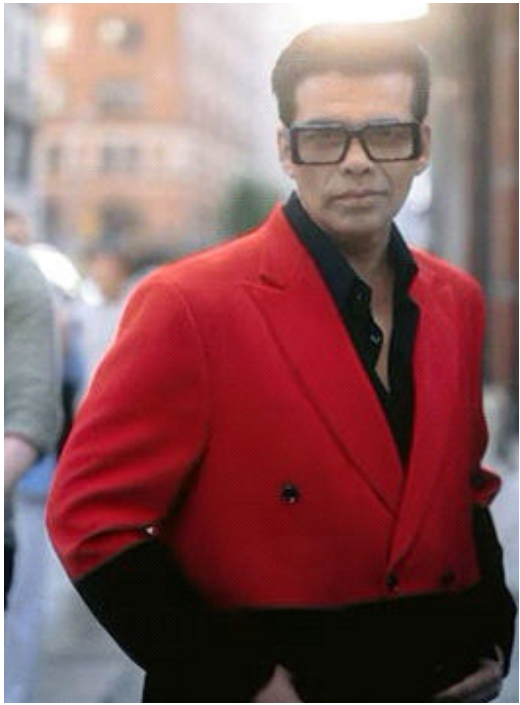
motivating lyrics aim to resonate deeply with listeners, reinforcing the theme of self-reliance and perseverance.

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.