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What Should We Say to Those Who Create a Tirumala Temple Setting at Home?



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: During an informal chat with the media, AP CM Chandrababu Naidu responded to the controversy surrounding the Tirumala Laddu affair. He expressed his frustration over the reverse tendering for making the sacred laddoos offered to Lord Tirumala. Chandrababu questioned how Jagan could issue a certificate to former TTD chairman YV Subbareddy. "What about those who create a Tirumala temple setting at home?" he asked. He urged everyone to respect customs and traditions. Chandrababu clarified that when the

coalition government came to power, they focused on improving Tirumala and instructed the new EO to clean up the TTD. He explained that during his tenure, the quality of the laddoos was improved, and many companies involved in substandard work were blacklisted. He mentioned that ghee was purchased from Nandini Company to further enhance the quality of the laddoos.

The TTD EO congratulated Shyamala Rao, stating that it was overdue for him to be asked to handle the clean-

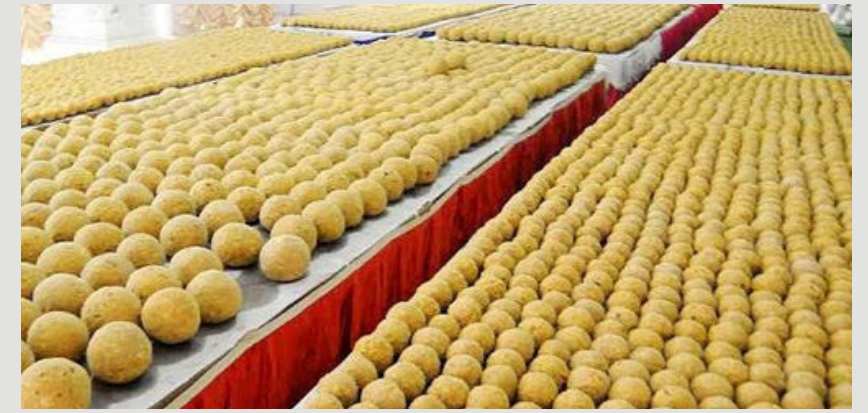
up. Chandrababu also mentioned that he did not publicly speak about these matters every day, as he was focused on his duties as the EO.

CM Chandrababu stated that discussions are ongoing about how to move forward with matters related to the TTD. He said that they are seeking suggestions on how to address the issue of communication. Additionally, he explained that they are considering conducting quality tests and inspections at all temples in the state, with plans to move in that direction.

Srivari Laddu Prasad Controversy: Key Decision by TTD

TPN Andhra Pradesh : In response to the ongoing Tirumala Srivari Laddu Prasad controversy, the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam (TTD) has made a crucial decision. To maintain the sanctity of Tirumala, it has been decided to conduct the Mahashanti Yagam at the Srivari Temple. TTD EO Shyamala Rao held a meeting with Agama scholars and senior officials at the TTD administration building in Tirupati.

In light of concerns about the adulteration of Srivari Laddu, Shyamala Rao sought guidance based on the Agama Shastras. Agama scholars recommended the performance of a Mahashanti Yagam. Consequently, it has been decided to organize a three-day Mahashanti Yagam at the Srivari Temple, starting next Monday. By re-establishing a dedicated lab and enhancing quality checks, TTD aims to address these concerns and restore public trust in the sacred prasadam.



Investigate First... Then Speak: Botsa Satyanarayana



TPN, Andhra Pradesh : YCP leader Botsa Satyanarayana accused Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu of politicizing the issue of the Tirumala Laddu. He criticized Chandrababu for using religious matters for political gain. Botsa stated that an inquiry should be conducted regarding the laddoo issue and that people should only comment once the facts from the investigation are revealed. He added that if anyone is found guilty in the inquiry, they should be punished. He pointed out that there is inconsistency between what Chandrababu is saying about the laddoo issue and what the TTD EO is stating.

Botsa further criticized the 100-day

rule of the alliance government, calling it a complete failure. He accused them of spreading false propaganda about the Tirumala Laddu to divert the public's attention from their failures. He emphasized that it is inappropriate to spread false information about a sacred offering like God's prasadam. He also warned that those who "play with God" will face lasting consequences.

Additionally, Botsa accused Chandrababu's government of manipulating people's sentiments. He demanded that the government disclose the actual number of people who died in the Vijayawada floods.

Ambati Says False Propaganda is Being Spread Against Jagan

TPN, Andhra Pradesh : YSP leader and former minister Ambati Rambabu lashed out, stating that ever since the coalition government came to power, false accusations have been made against Jagan to tarnish his image. He criticized the opposition, accusing them of spreading false propaganda.

Ambati called the misinformation that Tirumala laddus contain animal fat outrageous, stating that it is merely a baseless suspicion from TDP leaders. He added that if it were proven that there is adulteration in the laddus or ghee, appropriate action would be taken. He urged not to bring Jagan into disrepute by invoking the name of God. He remarked that if people are angry with Jagan, they should address it in other ways, and



that Chandrababu should trust Lord Venkateswara to look after matters.

Ambati further said that anything that happens in the state is being unfairly blamed on Jagan. He expressed his frustration that even the floods in Budameru and Eluru were attributed to the government.

YV Subbareddy Files Petition in High Court

TPN, Andhra Pradesh : YCP Rajya Sabha member and former TTD chairman YV Subbareddy has filed a petition in the AP High Court seeking an interim order to stay the state vigilance and enforcement investigation being conducted against him. In his petition, he stated that he is being investigated for the decisions he made while serving as TTD chairman and for allegations of misappropriation of funds.

YV Subbareddy mentioned that the Vigilance and Enforcement SP had asked him to provide an explanation regarding the decisions he had made. However, he did not receive a response when he requested clarification on the specific allegations against him and the related files. He

claimed that the investigation was completed without giving him an opportunity to explain. He argued that the state vigilance department does not have the authority to investigate matters related to the TTD, as the TTD is an autonomous body with its own vigilance department to handle internal investigations. Therefore, he requested the High Court to issue an interim order to stay the state vigilance inquiry. The AP Chief Secretary, General Administration Department Principal Secretary, TTD EO, Vigilance and Enforcement Director, and SP have been named as respondents in the petition. The High Court is scheduled to hear the petition on Monday.



Such Traitors Should Not Be Forgiven: Nagababu

TPN, Andhra Pradesh : TPN, Andhra Pradesh The issue of animal fat being used in the ghee to prepare the sacred Tirumala Laddu has caused an uproar. Protests have erupted across the country over this controversy. Responding to the issue, Jana Sena leader and film actor Nagababu stated that such traitors should not be forgiven.

Nagababu took to the X platform and said, "It is an unforgivable crime to adulterate the prasadam of the world-famous 'Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam' with animal fat and fish oil, playing with the sentiments of crores of Hindus. They thought they had sinned and collected crores, but they failed to realize that crores of Hindus have united over this."

He further added, "A person adopts a religion, worships their god with devotion, and offers prasadam to that god.



When they consume that prasadam, it is believed that the god himself becomes one with them. Such traitors, who adulterate sacred prasadam like Tirumala Laddu with animal fat, should not be forgiven. I strongly condemn this heinous act and believe that only those who truly follow Hinduism in its pure form can ensure that such incidents do not happen again."



CM Chandrababu Announces Key Initiatives for Farmers and Road Construction in AP



TPN, Andhra Pradesh : The Andhra Pradesh government has unveiled significant decisions aimed at supporting farmers and improving infrastructure in the state, set to take effect from October 1. Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan recently met with representatives of the Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) to discuss funding for road construction. During the meeting, he emphasized the importance of utilizing new technology and maintaining high-quality standards in rural road projects. He proposed

that establishing rules for contractors in these areas would set a precedent for future developments. In a related initiative, Civil Supplies Minister Nadendra Manohar announced plans for grain procurement starting next month. During a workshop attended by officials from various departments, he revealed that payments for purchased grain would be deposited directly into farmers' accounts within 48 hours. Additionally, farmers will now have the freedom to choose their mills for grain sales, enhancing their autonomy in the process.

Minister Manohar criticized the previous government for failing to clear Rs. 1,700 crore in dues owed to farmers, contrasting this with his administration's commitment to immediate payments upon taking office. He reassured the public that the rice supplied through ration shops would meet high-quality standards, with no compromises allowed.

To streamline grain procurement, a fleet of lorries equipped with GPS trackers will be deployed. The minister also mentioned plans to increase the number of ration dealers, ensuring a steady supply of rice, sugar, pulses, wheat flour, and oil to the citizens of Andhra Pradesh.

Jr.NTR Thanks To Chandrababu and Pawan Kalyan for Support Ahead of 'Devara' Release



TPN, Andhra Pradesh : Ahead of the much-anticipated release of the movie *Devara*, starring Junior NTR and directed by Koratala Siva, the Andhra Pradesh government has permitted an increase in ticket prices and an extension of show timings. Expressing his gratitude, Junior NTR thanked AP Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan for their support.

Tarak took to Twitter, saying, "Heartfelt thanks to AP CM Chandrababu and Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan for bringing a new Jive for the release of *Devara* and for their continued support to Telugu cinema. Special thanks to Cinematogra-

phy Minister Kandula Durgesh."

The AP government has approved a hike in ticket prices for the movie's release on 27th of this month. In multiplexes, ticket prices can go up to Rs. 135, while single-screen theatres are allowed to increase upper-class tickets to Rs. 110 and lower-class tickets to Rs. 60. Additionally, the government has granted permission for five shows per day for nine days, with six shows allowed on the release day itself.

Devara is set to release worldwide, and with these approvals, excitement and expectations are already soaring for the film's success.

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: AP Education, IT, and Electronics Minister Nara Lokesh stated that a consultative forum is being established to allow investors to directly discuss the problems they are facing with the government. The Minister participated in the Southern Regional Council meeting, organized under the auspices of the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) at the Taj Vivanta Hotel in Vijayawada.

Later, he mentioned that the difficulties faced by industrialists over the past five years, as well as their expectations from the government for the next five years, were discussed at the conference. He announced that a decision had been made to establish a consultative forum for this purpose.

He added that if investors encounter any problems, they can directly discuss them with the government. He confirmed that the formation of the consultative forum will be approved within a week. Although governments may change, governance should be continuous, and policy decisions and agreements made by one government should not be altered by another, Minister Nara Lokesh opined during the event.

In this meeting, Minister Lokesh urged the CII to

play a vital role in the development of the state. Visakhapatnam is set to become an IT hub, and plans to establish a data center and an AI university are underway. Industries will be developed based on the resources available in each district.

He highlighted that the government is advancing with innovative ideas and that the primary agenda is to create jobs. Representatives of the Federation of Indian Industries were briefed on the vast opportunities available for investing in Andhra Pradesh. Lokesh assured them of full support for the development of MSMEs.

He also mentioned that a special department will be established within the Economic Development Board (EDB) to ensure that investors who had previously invested in Andhra Pradesh receive their due concessions. During the earlier TDP regime, there was an EDB that served as a single point of contact, but it was later dissolved by the previous YCP government. The closed EDB has now been revived. Many of those who worked in the former EDB had moved to neighboring states but are now ready to return and work again. He also revealed that a young IAS officer has been appointed as the CEO of the EDB.

That is why we are setting up a consultative forum: Minister Nara Lokesh



Another Vande Bharat Train for Andhra Pradesh

TPN, Andhra Pradesh : Andhra Pradesh is set to welcome another Vande Bharat train, following a proposal aimed at enhancing connectivity in the region. Currently, there are nine Vande Bharat trains operating between Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, but a new service is on the horizon. Telugu Desam Party MP Lau Srikrishna Devaraya from Narasa Raopet submitted the proposal to Railway Minister Ashwani Vaishnav, highlighting the need for efficient travel between Vijayawada and Guntur as these cities evolve into twin cities near Amaravati.

The MP pointed out that the current travel time from Vijayawada to Bengaluru by road can take between 15 to 16 hours. He emphasized that introducing a Vande Bharat train on this route would significantly benefit IT employees, businessmen, students, and tourists. Devaraya suggested halting at key stations including Vijayawada, Guntur,

Narasaravpet, Vinukonda, Markapuram Road, Giddalur, Nandyala, Don, Guntakallu, Anantapuram, Hindupuram, and Yelahanka, noting that traders frequently travel to Bengaluru from these areas.

The Railway Minister assured the MP that the proposal would be considered. Additionally, MPs from Visakhapatnam urged the minister to introduce Vande Bharat trains running from Visakhapatnam to Chennai and Bengaluru, seeking clarity on the route options, whether through Guntur or Tenali and Ongole.

Alongside the Vande Bharat proposal, MP Srikrishna Devaraya also advocated for establishing a National Center of Excellence for Extended Reality, Comics, Visual Effects, Gaming, and Animation in the state, aiming to bolster Andhra Pradesh's position in the technology and creative sectors.



Janasena Protests Against YCP Leaders Over Srivari Laddu Controversy

TPN, Andhra Pradesh : Tirupati witnessed a large-scale protest by Janasena Party leaders at the local Gandhi statue on Saturday, demanding action against YCP leaders Jaganmohan Reddy, Y.V. Subba Reddy, Bhumana Karunakar Reddy, and Dharma Reddy. The protest was sparked by allegations that animal fat was used in the preparation of the sacred Srivari Laddu during the YCP regime, an act the protesters claimed hurt the sentiments of millions of Hindus.

Janasena city president Raja Reddy and other party members called for immediate arrests and a public apology from Jaganmohan Reddy. They accused

YCP leaders of playing with the religious sentiments of Hindus and vowed to expose all corruption and irregularities that occurred in Tirumala during the previous government.

The protest saw participation from various party leaders, including Venkateshwarlu, Akepati Subhashini, Rajesh Yadav, and others. They emphasized that their coalition government would not spare anyone involved in wrongdoing and that they aim to restore integrity to Tirumala's governance. The sentiment of the protestors echoed the need for accountability and respect for religious sentiments in Andhra Pradesh.



Former MLA Kilari Roshaiiah Meets Pawan



- Kilari Roshaiiah recently bid farewell to the YCP.
- The former MLA is set to join Janasena tomorrow.
- Roshaiiah contested the Guntur Lok Sabha seat in the last election and lost.

TPN, Mangalagiri : The trend of leaders migrating from YCP to other parties continues. Recently, former MLA Kilari Roshaiiah resigned from YCP. Today, he met

Janasena chief and Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan. Party sources announced that Kilari Roshaiiah will officially join Janasena tomorrow.

In the 2019 elections, Roshaiiah won as an MLA from the Ponnur constituency on behalf of YCP. However, in the 2024 elections, he contested the Guntur Lok Sabha seat and lost. Along with Roshaiiah, his son Ravi Shankar will also join Janasena.

Producer C. Kalyan's Sensational Comments on Johnny Master's Case

TPN, Hyderabad :

Producer C. Kalyan has made notable remarks regarding the case involving renowned choreographer Johnny Master, who was recently arrested in a sexual harassment case. Speaking about the issue, Kalyan expressed concern that the case has sent negative signals about the film industry. He questioned the actions of the Sexual Harassment Redressal Committee members, asking why they held a press conference after a case had already been filed against Johnny.

Kalyan emphasized that the film industry operates professionally, but such incidents are creating difficulties for those working alongside female technicians. He pointed out that the case has caused significant discomfort for many in the industry, suggesting that it has tarnished the reputation of the entire profession. He further commented on the broader implications for those involved in such



cases, asking if any producer would be willing to work with the accused woman involved in the complaint. Kalyan stressed that talent and discipline are the keys to success in the industry, and those who possess these qualities will continue to receive opportunities.

Kalyan also highlighted the importance of filing formal complaints in cases of sexual harassment, underlining the need for proper channels to address such issues. His comments have sparked a debate within the industry, as many are now reflecting on how these cases are handled and their potential impact on the film community.

You have no shame yet: Buddha Venkanna fires on Vijayasai Reddy



TPN, Andhra Pradesh : In a fierce criticism, TDP leader Buddha Venkanna has accused YCP leader Vijayasai Reddy of attempting to divert attention from the ongoing Tirumala Laddu Prasad controversy. Venkanna labeled Reddy as a "sock jack" for using social media to attack Chandrababu Naidu and Nara Lokesh, while he believes Reddy's posts are mere distractions from deeper issues within the YCP.

Venkanna claimed that former allies of Jagan Mohan Reddy are leaving the YCP due to dissatisfaction with his leadership style and alleged dictatorial tendencies. He stated, "Everyone knows why you post in Hindi along with English on Twitter," referring to Reddy's communication style. He criticized Reddy's past, including a 16-month jail term for allegedly providing

false calculations, and challenged him to engage in a public debate. Venkanna also highlighted the extensive flooding in Vijayawada, asserting that Naidu was the true leader during the crisis, as he collected 350 crore rupees for relief efforts. He further claimed that if Jagan were in power, no industrialist would trust him enough to contribute funds. Venkanna condemned Reddy and other YCP leaders, stating they lack credibility and have minimal support among the electorate. The TDP leader concluded by challenging Reddy to a public discussion, warning that Reddy and his associates could face legal consequences soon. Venkanna's comments underscore the growing tensions between the TDP and YCP in Andhra Pradesh's political landscape.

Nara Lokesh Criticizes YCP Government's Decisions Impacting State and Nation

TPN, Andhra Pradesh : AP Minister Nara Lokesh has expressed strong criticism of the YCP government's recent decisions, particularly regarding the cancellation of solar power purchase agreements (PPAs), stating that both the state and the country have suffered as a result. He emphasized that these actions have tarnished the nation's reputation due to the poor choices made by the YCP leadership. Lokesh pointed out that governance should remain consistent, regardless of changes in political parties. He noted that the coalition government aims to create 20 lakh jobs, indicating a commitment to economic growth. He also mentioned that the industrial sector has faced significant challenges during the YCP regime and pledged that



his government would support industries in every possible way. Addressing the issue of the Tirumala Laddu controversy, Lokesh remarked that the YCP did not accept the challenge posed by the opposition regarding claims of adulteration in the prasadam. He expressed disappointment that despite being in Tirupati for 24 hours, YCP leaders did not engage in discussions. Additionally, Lokesh took a jab at Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, asserting, "Chandrababu is not a Chief Minister who goes around wearing curtains." He assured the public that under his leadership, there would be no "house arrests or tying of gates," promising transparency and accountability in governance.

Big Relief for Satyavedu MLA Adimoolam as Rape Case Takes a Turn

TPN, Andhra Pradesh : In a major twist in the rape case against Satyavedu MLA Koneti Adimoolam, the woman who initially accused the MLA has now retracted her allegations. Appearing before the Andhra Pradesh High Court, the complainant submitted an affidavit stating that all the accusations made in the FIR were false. She explained to the judge that the case filed against Adimoolam was baseless and should be dismissed. After reviewing the new developments, Justice VRK Kripasagar ordered the police not to take any hasty action against the MLA. The hearing has been adjourned to the 25th of this month for the issuance of appropriate orders.

The case was originally registered at Tirupati East Police Station after a woman from KBK Puram Mandal, Tirupati district, alleged that MLA Adimoolam had



threatened and raped her. She had even made sensational claims against the MLA during a media conference in Hyderabad. Following the allegations, the TDP leadership suspended Adimoolam from the party.

In response, Adimoolam approached the High Court, seeking to quash the case. His lawyer, C. Raghu, argued that the police registered the case without conducting a preliminary investigation, claiming that the woman filed the complaint under the influence of a third party in what was described as a honeytrap.

Meanwhile, the complainant's lawyer, K. Jitender, confirmed that the woman had filed an affidavit stating that all the allegations made in her complaint were false, which was now being taken into account by the court.

Demolition of Structures at Vijayasai Reddy's Daughter's Property Resumes



TPN, Andhra Pradesh : The Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC) has resumed demolishing concrete structures on land owned by Neha Reddy, daughter of YCP Rajya Sabha member Vijayasai Reddy. The structures are located on approximately 4 acres in survey numbers 1516, 1517, 1519, and 1523 in Bhimili, Visakhapatnam district. Allegations have surfaced that these buildings were constructed illegally on encroached land. The demolition follows a petition

filed by Janasena corporator Peethala Murthy Yadav in the Andhra Pradesh High Court, challenging the alleged encroachments. After reviewing the case, the High Court issued orders for the demolition of the illegal structures. Acting on these orders, GVMC officials began the removal process two weeks ago. Today, GVMC officials once again resumed the demolition of the remaining structures in compliance with the court's directives. The case

has drawn significant attention due to the involvement of prominent political figures, with growing scrutiny over land encroachments in the Bhimili area.

The ongoing demolition is part of a larger effort by GVMC to address illegal constructions and ensure adherence to legal land use policies. The situation continues to evolve as the GVMC enforces the High Court's orders, with further action expected in the coming days.

Yesterday Tirumala Laddu, today Simhachalam, what did Jagan raise!

TPN, Andhra Pradesh : Former Andhra Pradesh Minister and senior TDP MLA Ganta Srinivasa Rao has raised serious concerns regarding the quality of ghee used in the preparation of Simhachalam Prasadam laddu. During a recent inspection of raw materials at the Simhachalam temple, he expressed his surprise after tasting the ghee, noting it lacked both taste and smell.

Speaking to the media, Ganta highlighted the significant price difference for ghee, which is supplied at Rs. 391 per kilogram, questioning how such low pricing could ensure quality. He stated, "If ghee is being supplied at Rs. 391 per kg, how can



we believe that the ghee is of good quality and tasty?" The controversy surrounding the Tirumala Laddu, which reportedly contained beef fat, pork fat, and fish oil, has hurt the sentiments of millions of devotees, according to Ganta. He asserted that it is up

to the devotees and the people of Andhra Pradesh to determine the appropriate consequences for Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy for allegedly playing with their sentiments.

Ganta also criticized YCP leaders for attacking the previous Chandrababu Naidu government, while vigilance and food safety officials investigate these serious allegations. He expressed confidence that the TDP is committed to restoring the quality of temple offerings, emphasizing that the alliance government under Chandrababu aims to enhance the system of providing quality prasadam to devotees.



Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu Leads Emergency Efforts to Address Flood Damage and Ensure Irrigation



TPN,Vijayawada : Water Resources Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu held an emergency video conference with key officials from East Godavari, Kakinada, Konaseema, Eluru, and other districts to address the damage caused by untimely rains and floods. The meeting aimed to expedite the repair of canals, drains, and ponds to ensure uninterrupted irrigation water supply to farmers. Joining Ramanaidu were Irrigation Principal Secretary Sai Prasad, ENC Venkateswara Rao, and collectors from West Godavari, Krishna, NTR, Guntur, and Bapatla districts, along with state irrigation chief engineers and superintending engineers. During the conference, officials were instructed to promptly address any issues found in the banks of irrigation systems. Collectors were urged to monitor the situation in the field and expedite urgent repair works by granting permissions at the Collectorate level.

Ramanaidu emphasized the importance of ensuring that all farmers receive irrigation water up to the last acre. Specific attention was given to critical areas within the Godavari delta system, including Eleru, Ammileru, Erra Kalua, Budameru, and Kolleru, where encroachment reports were requested. In the Krishna delta system, the focus was on maintaining water supply in channels such as Elur, Bandaru, Budameru, and Gudur, extending water access to the suburbs of Buckingham Canal. The minister stressed that the right canal of Nagarjunasagar must receive irrigation water, along with proper filling of canals and ponds under the left canal. Additionally, he called for the completion of temporary works related to Gandla Pudika to be made permanent, ensuring quality and durability in the face of future challenges.

YS Sharmila Met Governor for CBI Enquiry on Tirumala Laddu Issue

TPN,Vijayawada : YS Sharmila Reddy, the Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) Chief, met with the Governor to discuss concerns regarding the alleged adulteration of laddu prasadam, a matter that she emphasized touches the sentiments of millions of devotees. In her statement, Reddy asserted that the NDDB report indicated that the ghee used in the prasadam was adulterated, containing fish, beef, and pig fat. She questioned the source of the ghee distributed to devotees, highlighting discrepancies in pricing—ghee purchased at ₹1,600 being substituted with lower-quality alternatives for the prasadam. "This is a serious issue for devotees," she said. Reddy criticized the state government for hiding the report dated July 23 and demanded a comprehensive investigation into the



matter, advocating for involvement from central agencies like the CBI. "The responsibility for the adulteration must be established," she insisted. Reddy pointed out that the annual income of the Venkateswara temple exceeds ₹3,000 crores, with the value of its assets surpassing ₹3 lakh crores. She questioned why such a wealthy institution would engage in

fraudulent practices, arguing that the YCP has no grounds to request an investigation since the corruption occurred during their administration. The delegation that met the Governor included former Union Minister Pallam Raju and former MLAs Mastan Vali and Amanchi Krishnamohan, as well as Chief Secretary Musani Srinivas Reddy.

Gannavaram MLA Yarlagadda Slams Vijaya Dairy Chairman Chalasani Anjaneyulu

TPN,Vijayawada : In a heated media conference held at Yarlagadda Icon in Vijayawada, Gannavaram MLA Yarlagadda Venkatarao criticized Vijaya Dairy Chairman Chalasani Anjaneyulu for spreading false information about him in the Sakshi newspaper. Venkatarao accused Anjaneyulu of making baseless allegations and called for an investigation into the claims. Venkatarao shared his political journey, stating that he joined YCP after being promised a ticket for the Penamaluru constituency by TDP leader Kodali Nani. He lamented that he was removed from his position as Chairman of Kdcc Bank



despite significant growth during his tenure. "Competing in Gannavaram is tougher than anywhere else," he asserted, highlighting the challenges he faced. He also mentioned the support he

received from the people of Gannavaram, who re-elected him with a substantial majority. Venkatarao demanded that those making accusations against him provide proof, emphasizing that it was YCP, not TDP, that betrayed him. Furthermore, he called for a vigilance inquiry against Chalasani Anjaneyulu, aligning with the views of TDP leaders Lokesh and Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu. Venkatarao declared his commitment to transparency and accountability in political affairs, insisting that false narratives would not deter his dedication to the constituents of Gannavaram.

Alliance Leaders Highlight Govt Achievements in Jakkampudi Shabad Village

TPN,Vijayawada : In Jakkampudi Shabad village of Vijayawada Rural Mandal, alliance leaders including Bade Ramana, Rayudu Srinivas, Dasari Chinna Chandraiah, and Pasupuleti Jamalaya held a program showcasing the government's achievements over the past 100 days. They visited homes to explain various initiatives that have received positive feedback from the community. Key highlights included plans to fill 16,437 teacher positions through a Mega Direct Recruitment Drive aimed at reducing unemployment. The government announced an increase in pensions by ₹1,000, benefiting 6.5 million people with a total distribution of ₹4,408 crores in one day.



Additionally, the reopening of rice canteens, providing meals for just ₹5, was emphasized, with 175 such canteens established across the state. The coalition government also repealed the Land Titling

Act previously enacted by the YCP, ensuring property security for citizens. The leaders pointed out that salaries for employees are now paid on the 1st of every month, and ₹1,674.47 crores were allocated for food donations. During recent floods, Chandrababu Naidu provided crucial support, staying in a bus for ten days to assist affected individuals. Pawan Kalyan also contributed ₹6 crores and offered financial aid of ₹1 lakh to flood-hit villages. The alliance leaders expressed their commitment to continuing these positive initiatives.

Vijayawada Municipal Corporation Announces Beneficiary List for Flood-Affected Areas

TPN,Vijayawada: The Vijayawada Municipal Corporation (VMC) has announced that the list of enumeration beneficiaries in the 32 flood-affected wards will be published in the secretariats on Sunday and Monday. In a statement released on Saturday, VMC Commissioner Dhyana Chandra informed that despite Sunday being a holiday, all secretariats in the affected wards will remain open to facilitate this process. The commissioner urged residents of the flood-affected areas to visit their respective secretariats to review the list once it is published. Senior officers and district officials will also be present to address any concerns. Citizens who find discrepancies or have objections regarding the enumeration can raise them directly with the senior or district officer at the secretariat. Commissioner Dhyana Chandra emphasized the importance of this process and requested that all affected citizens make time to visit the secretariat to ensure their names are listed correctly. The objective is to address any issues on the spot and ensure transparency in the enumeration process. Public Relations Officer Vijayawada Municipal Corporation

Vijayawada Municipal Corporation Promotes RRR Initiative through Flash Mob

TPN,Vijayawada : As part of the Swachhata Hi Seva program, the Vijayawada Municipal Corporation (VMC) organized an awareness event on the Reduce, Reuse, Recycle (RRR) initiative at Trend Set Mall on Saturday evening. Under the guidance of Municipal Commissioner Dhyanchandra, the event aimed to educate the public on sustainable waste management practices. The highlight of the event was a captivating Flash Mob that drew the attention of many attendees at the mall. In addition, various activities such as quizzes and elocution competitions were conducted to raise awareness about cleanliness, the Swachhata survey, and the RRR concept. Speaking at the event, Additional Commissioner (Projects) K. V. Satyavati stressed the importance of understanding the RRR principle. She encouraged people to



adopt methods that minimize waste generation and reuse materials as much as possible, ensuring they are recycled effectively. She also emphasized the need for collective responsibility in promoting these practices to reduce the environmental impact of waste. Satyavati further highlighted the significance of public participation in spreading awareness. She urged individuals to not only follow these practices themselves but also to educate others about the importance of sustainability and recycling. The event saw active participation from 8th Division Corporator Chennupati Usharani, Deputy City Planner Zubin Cheeran Roy, Secretariat Secretaries, and other officials. The VMC is committed to continuing its efforts in promoting environmental sustainability and encouraging citizens to adopt eco-friendly habits.

Vijayawada Municipal Corporation Embraces Advanced Technology for Cleanliness

TPN,Vijayawada : Vijayawada Municipal Corporation Commissioner Dhyanchandra participated in a video conference on the Swachh Bharat Mission, organized by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. The meeting took place in the Command Control Room at the main office on Saturday morning. During the conference, the Joint Secretary of the Swachh Bharat Mission discussed budget allocations necessary for million-plus cities and state capitals, focusing on critical areas such as drinking water supply, sewage treatment, and solid waste management. Key topics included the modernization of sewage treatment plants, the provision of quality drinking water to all citizens, and the enhancement of solid waste collection and management through advanced technologies. The use of treated water from sewage treatment plants for agricultural purposes was also highlighted, along with the importance of raising public

awareness about the initiatives of the Swachh Bharat Mission. Public participation in these programs was strongly encouraged. Commissioner Dhyanchandra was joined in the video conference by Additional Commissioner (Projects) K.V. Satyavati, Chief Medical Health Officer Dr. P. Ratnavali, SE (Projects) Rammohan Rao, and SE (Works) Sriramachandramurthy.



The discussions underscored the commitment of the Vijayawada Municipal Corporation to implementing advanced solutions to enhance cleanliness and sustainability within the city, aiming to create a cleaner and healthier environment for all residents. Public Relations Officer Vijayawada Municipal Corporation

It is Horrible, and Despicable that This Happened in Tirumala



TPN,Andhra Pradesh : Film actor Mohan Babu has responded to the allegations that animal fat was used in the preparation of Tirumala Laddu. He expressed shock as a devotee upon hearing this news. Mohan Babu emphasized that Venkateswara Swamy is the deity of Kaliyuga, worshipped with deep devotion by Hindus all over the world. He was particularly disturbed upon learning that, allegedly, animal fat had been added to Swami's laddoos until three months ago. He described the situation as "horrible, sinful, vile, heinous, and anarchic." He further stated that if it is indeed true that animal fat was mixed into Swami's laddoo, he sincerely hopes that his friend and close companion, CM Chandrababu Naidu, will severely punish the criminals responsible. Mohan Babu expressed his wish for his friend to receive the blessings of Lord Srinivasa of Kaliyuga and live a peaceful, healthy life for a hundred years. He added that thousands of students and teachers, along with himself, bow with devotion every time they see the sacred Tirumala Temple from Mohan Babu University.

PM Modi Embarks on a Strategic 3-Day Visit to the US

Key Discussions on Quad Summit, Bilateral Ties, and Global Challenges



Prime Minister Narendra Modi departed for a three-day visit to the United States, set to engage in a range of high-level meetings with global leaders, including US President Joe Biden. During this visit, the Indian leader will address the United Nations General Assembly, participate in the Quad Leaders' Summit, and hold discussions on key bilateral and multilateral issues. The trip is expected to further strengthen India-US relations, expand the Quad's strategic importance, and focus on pressing global concerns like conflicts in the Middle East and the Indo-Pacific region.

Day 1: Strengthening India-US Bilateral Ties

Upon his arrival in Philadelphia, PM Modi is set to meet US President Joe Biden in Wilmington, Delaware, Biden's hometown. This bilateral meeting will touch on a variety of issues that are of mutual interest to both nations, including the geopolitical scenarios in Ukraine and Russia, where discussions of a possible peace process may emerge. As the Russia-Ukraine war and the ongoing Israel-Hamas conflict continue to affect global stability, India's role in promoting diplomatic resolutions will likely be a key point of the discussions.

Additionally, the two leaders are expected to discuss space collaboration between India and the US. A potential highlight is the announcement regarding Group Captain Shubhanshu Shukla's participation in the upcoming Axiom-4 mission to the International Space Station. This reflects the growing cooperation between the two nations in space technology and research.

Another significant topic on the agenda is the acquisition of 31 predator drones by India, valued at several billion dollars. While a formal announcement may or may not take place during the visit, the deal emphasizes India's focus on enhancing its defense capabilities amid increasing geopolitical tensions.

Day 2: Quad Leaders' Summit and Engagement with Indian Community

On the second day of his visit, Prime Minister Modi will join US President Biden, Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida for the much-anticipated Quad Leaders' Summit. The Quad, an informal strategic forum comprising India, the US, Australia, and Japan, has become a vital platform for addressing security and economic challenges in the Indo-Pacific region.

One key issue on the agenda is China's increasing military assertiveness and its impact on regional stability. US White House Spokesperson John Kirby emphasized the importance of addressing China's "aggressive military actions" and unfair trade practices. The leaders are expected to discuss tensions surrounding the Taiwan Strait and other strategic challenges posed by China.

In addition to defense and security, the Quad leaders will explore economic collaboration in areas such as artificial intelligence, biotechnology, quantum computing, and semiconductors—technological domains that have become increasingly vital in the global economy.

Prime Minister Modi will also interact with the Indian diaspora in New York during a special community event, recognizing their significant contributions to the ties between India and the United States. His engagement with the Indian-American community highlights the role of diaspora diplomacy in enhancing the cultural and economic relations between the two countries.

Day 3: Address at the United Nations and High-Level Diplomatic Engagements

The final day of PM Modi's visit will see him addressing the 'Summit of the Future' at the United Nations General

Assembly in New York on September 23. The summit is being touted as a 'once-in-a-generation' opportunity by UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres, with the theme 'Multilateral Solutions for a Better Tomorrow.' The event will bring together world leaders to discuss the future course of action for global governance and peace, focusing on the need for multilateral approaches to address present-day challenges, from climate change to ongoing conflicts.

Modi, representing India as the world's most populous nation, will use the platform to share the views and concerns of "one-sixth of humanity," as he emphasized in his departure statement. His speech is likely to focus on India's role in promoting peace, sustainable development, and a secure global future, all while advocating for reforms in global institutions such as the UN.

In addition to his UN address, Modi is expected to meet with other world leaders on the sidelines of the General Assembly, although specific details of these meetings remain under wraps.

Potential Meeting with Former US President Donald Trump

Amid his tightly packed schedule, speculation about a potential meeting between PM Modi and former US President Donald Trump has surfaced. Trump, who has maintained a close relationship with Modi, described the Indian Prime Minister as "a fantastic man" and expressed his intent to meet him during this visit. However, the Indian Ministry of External Affairs has yet to confirm if this meeting will indeed take place.

In his departure statement, Modi underscored the importance of both his bilateral talks with President Biden and his engagements at the Quad and UN summits, highlighting the global community's collective responsibility to chart a path towards a secure and prosperous future for all.



Kerala-Born Norwegian Citizen Linked to Lebanon Pager Blasts

The name of Rinson Jose, a 37-year-old Norwegian citizen originally from Wayanad, Kerala, has emerged in the investigation of the deadly pager blasts in Lebanon that targeted Hezbollah operatives, killing 12 people and injuring thousands. Jose, who emigrated to Norway for higher studies and later became a citizen, is reportedly connected to a company under scrutiny for its potential involvement in the blasts.

The incident occurred when pagers, allegedly modified to contain explosives, were used in a targeted attack in Lebanon. Initial investigations pointed to a Taiwan-based company, Gold Apollo, as the manufacturer of the pagers. However, the company quickly distanced itself from the events, stating that the specific pager model involved, the AR-924, had been manufactured and sold by BAC Consulting KFT, a Hungarian company authorized to use the Gold Apollo trademark.

Further investigation led Bulgarian authorities to Norta Global Ltd., a company registered in Sofia in 2022, which is owned by Jose. Bulgarian security agency DANS, in collaboration with the interior ministry, initially suspected the company of being involved in the supply of the pagers. However, a day later, DANS clarified that the pagers used in the blast were neither imported, exported, nor manufactured in Bulgaria. They added that neither Norta Global Ltd. nor its owner had engaged in any transactions that could be linked to the incident or terrorism financing.

While Bulgarian authorities ruled out the involvement of Norta Global, the investigation is still active. Meanwhile, in Norway, police in Oslo have opened a preliminary investigation into the matter to further explore Jose's potential connections to the case.

Rinson Jose's background paints the picture of an individual who had gone to Norway to pursue higher education, before working briefly in London and eventually returning to Oslo. His LinkedIn profile indicates that he had worked for nearly five years in digital customer support for DN Media, a prominent Norwegian press group. DN Media confirmed to the Norwegian newspaper *Verdens Gang* that Jose had been on a business trip since the day of the blasts, and they have been unable to reach him since.

Jose's family, who remain in regular contact with him, have expressed shock and confusion over his name being linked to the incident. His relatives, particularly a family member named Thankachen, told the media that they last spoke to him three days before the blasts and have been unable to contact him or his wife since. According to Thankachen, Jose is a "straightforward" person who they believe would never be involved in any illegal activities. His family fears that he may have been unwittingly caught up in the tragic events.

Norta Global Ltd., the company founded by Jose, reported a revenue of \$725,000 (approximately ₹6 crore) last year for consulting activities outside the European Union. Despite the financial success of the company, the recent developments have left his family and acquaintances concerned about his safety and reputation.

As the investigation continues, the authorities in both Bulgaria and Norway are working to clarify the situation and determine whether Jose or his company played any role in the tragic pager blasts. For now, his family remains hopeful that his name will be cleared of any wrongdoing.

Manipur Security Adviser Confirms Intelligence on Kuki Militants Entering from Myanmar

TPN, New Delhi: Manipur's Security Adviser, Kuldip Singh, has confirmed the receipt of a critical intelligence report detailing the entry of "900 Kuki militants" trained in jungle warfare and the use of weaponized drones into Manipur from Myanmar. According to the intelligence report, the militants, newly trained in drone-based bombs, missiles, and other projectiles, have entered the Indian state and are believed to be planning coordinated attacks on Meitei villages later in September.

The report, which was sent to senior police officials in districts bordering Myanmar, outlines that the militants have been organized into units of 30 and are scattered around the periphery of Manipur. Sources have suggested that the potential attacks

could be part of an escalating ethnic conflict in the region. Security Adviser Singh emphasized the seriousness of the intelligence, stating, "We believe the report to be 100 per cent correct. You cannot take it lightly."

The ongoing conflict between the Kuki and Meitei communities has already claimed over 220 lives and displaced nearly 50,000 people. Clashes between the two ethnic groups have worsened since earlier this year, with the Kuki tribes primarily residing in the hills surrounding the Meitei-dominated valley. The Meiteis, who fall under the general category, have been pushing for Scheduled Tribe status, while the Kuki tribes, who share close ethnic ties with people from Myanmar's Chin State and Mizoram, have been

advocating for a separate administration within Manipur, citing discrimination and unequal distribution of resources.

The current intelligence report adds to growing tensions in the region. Ethnic armed groups in Myanmar's Chin State have been engaged in combat against the country's military junta, and some of these battles have occurred close to the Indian border. The Manipur government has long blamed the influx of illegal immigrants from Myanmar as one of the root causes of the violence in the state.

This latest development follows a January incident when attacks on police commandos in the border town of Moreh raised concerns

about the involvement of Myanmar-based militants. At that time, Security Adviser Singh had denied any direct involvement from across the border, but he did admit the possibility of militants crossing over, though there was no evidence then.

The involvement of insurgents from both the Kuki and Meitei communities in Manipur's ongoing conflict has been confirmed by police, especially after a recent gunfight in Jiribam district near Assam. Three Kuki militants who were killed in the gunfight were identified as members of the Kuki Liberation Army (KLA), which had signed a Suspension of Operations (SoO) agreement with the Indian government. Similarly, a member

of the Meitei insurgent group United National Liberation Front (UNLF) was also killed in the skirmish.

Meanwhile, Union Home Minister Amit Shah recently announced progress on securing the India-Myanmar border, revealing that fencing had been completed along a 30-km stretch in Manipur. The government has also approved plans to construct additional fencing and roads along the 1,643-km border between India and Myanmar at an estimated cost of ₹31,000 crore. Additionally, the Free Movement Regime (FMR), which previously allowed border residents to travel up to 16 km into each other's territories without documentation, has been scrapped to prevent further illegal entry from Myanmar.

Atishi Takes Oath as Delhi's Youngest Chief Minister

New Delhi: Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) leader Atishi took oath as the new Chief Minister of Delhi today, becoming the youngest leader to hold the top post. This comes days after Arvind Kejriwal was granted bail in the Delhi liquor policy case and subsequently announced his resignation.

Before the swearing-in, Atishi and her cabinet members met with former Chief Minister Kejriwal. Her cabinet includes Mukesh Ahlawat, a first-time MLA from Sultanpur Majra, along with Gopal Rai, Imran Hussain, Kailash Gahlot, and Saurabh Bharadwaj, all of whom took oath as ministers.

The ceremony was a subdued affair, reflecting the somber mood within AAP following Kejriwal's resignation. Atishi is Delhi's third woman Chief Minister, following in the footsteps of Sushma Swaraj (BJP) and Sheila Dikshit (Congress). The Kalkaji MLA, who previously held multiple portfolios in Kejriwal's administration, now faces the challenge of leading the state.



Atishi will need to prove her government's majority in the 70-member assembly during a special session scheduled for September 26-27.

BJP Desperate To Silence Me": Rahul Gandhi Speaks Out On Sikh Remark



New Delhi: Congress leader Rahul Gandhi has responded to the BJP's accusations over his recent remarks on religious freedom during his US visit, accusing the ruling party of being "desperate to silence" him. Gandhi's comments, made during an event in Virginia on September 9, had sparked outrage among BJP leaders, including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who accused him of promoting an "anti-national agenda."

During the event, Gandhi spoke about religious freedom in India, specifically addressing a Sikh audience member. "The fight is about whether he, as a Sikh, is going to be allowed to wear a turban in India, or whether he will be able to practice his faith freely," Gandhi said, emphasizing the need for equality and respect for all religions in India. His remarks were interpreted by BJP leaders as an attempt to divide the country along religious lines.

On Saturday, the Karnataka BJP filed a police complaint against Gandhi over the comments. In response, Gandhi took to X (formerly Twitter), defending his statements and challenging the BJP's narrative. He asked the Sikh community, both in India and abroad, whether they found anything wrong in his remarks. He accused the BJP of spreading lies to discredit him.

"The BJP is resorting to lies as usual. They are desperate to silence me because they cannot stand the truth. But I will always speak up for the values that define India: our unity in diversity, equality, and love," Gandhi wrote.

Rajnath Singh Slams Hemant Soren, Calls for BJP Victory in Jharkhand

Itkhor: Defence Minister Rajnath Singh on Saturday launched a scathing attack on Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren, labeling him as the "most corrupt CM" and accusing him of undermining India's democratic values. Singh asserted that it was time to replace Soren and bring the BJP to power in the upcoming assembly elections.

"Hemant Soren has indulged in corruption and played with India's healthy democratic practices. India will never accept a tainted leader," Singh declared while flagging off BJP's 'Parivartan Yatra.' He also claimed that no BJP chief ministers in Jharkhand — Babulal Marandi, Arjun Munda, or Raghubar Das — ever faced corruption charges.

Singh criticized Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, accusing him of tarnishing In-



dia's image abroad and attempting to provoke the Sikh community during his recent US visit.

He further attacked the ruling JMM-Congress-RJD coalition in Jharkhand, calling them "speed breakers" in the state's development. Singh also accused

the state government of supporting Bangladeshi and Rohingya infiltrators and warned that such actions would not be tolerated.

The Defence Minister urged voters to support BJP, saying, "Let the lotus bloom in Jharkhand to accelerate its growth and development." He highlighted India's progress under Prime Minister Narendra Modi, citing that 25 crore people have been lifted out of poverty in the past decade.

Singh also reaffirmed the BJP's commitment to "one nation, one election," promising a bill in Parliament soon.

This is the third 'Parivartan Yatra' by BJP in Jharkhand, with marches covering 5,400 km across 81 assembly segments before concluding on October 2.

Amit Shah Vows Strong Response to Cross-Border Firing in J&K Rally



Mendhar, Poonch: Union Home Minister Amit Shah, addressing a massive BJP rally in the Mendhar area of Poonch district on Saturday, assured a decisive bullet-for-bullet response to cross-border firing from Pakistan. "The days of cross-border firing are over. Pakistan is now afraid of Prime Minister Narendra Modi," Shah declared, emphasizing that any bullets from across the Line of Control (LoC) will be answered in kind, not with dialogue.

Shah also addressed the changing security dynamics in Jammu and Kashmir, noting that previous administrations were afraid of Pakistan. "The situation has completely changed under PM Modi. Our brave Gujjar, Bakarwal, and Pahari brothers have always stood as the nation's soldiers during wars with Pakistan," he said.

Shah used the rally to campaign for BJP candidate Murtaza Khan and criticized the Abdullah, Mufti, and Gandhi families, accusing them of monopolizing power in J&K and preventing the growth of democracy. He credited Modi's leadership for holding Panchayat, Block Development Council (BDC), and District Development Council (DDC) elections in J&K.

Highlighting Modi's focus on development, Shah promised multiple welfare initiatives, including free healthcare, enhanced reservation benefits, and improved infrastructure in border regions. He pledged to establish a winter camp office for the Collector in Mendhar, upgrade local schools, and provide laptops and tablets to students.

Shah also vowed to increase recruitment from border areas into the Army and police forces. "We will hold special recruitment camps for the youth in these regions," he announced.

Concluding his speech, Shah urged voters to elect Murtaza Khan, promising prosperity and development for Mendhar and the border areas. "Give PM Modi the chance to bring progress to your doorstep," he said.

Naveen Patnaik Criticizes Law and Order in Odisha After Assault on Army Officer's Fiancée

Bhubaneswar: Odisha Chief Minister and BJD President Naveen Patnaik voiced concerns about the safety of women in the state, stating that "women are not safe even inside police stations." His remarks come in the wake of the alleged sexual assault of an army officer's fiancée in police custody. Speaking at the BJD's state headquarters, Sankha Bhavan, Patnaik addressed party leaders from Kendrapara and Gajapati districts, pointing to a lack of law and order.

"It's sad that women are not safe even inside police stations in Bhubaneswar, and government servants are beaten up in Raj Bhavan," he said, referencing a September 15 incident at Bharatpur police station where an army officer was allegedly tortured, and his fiancée was sexually harassed. Patnaik also mentioned the assault on a government employee, allegedly by the governor's son, as further evidence of lawlessness.

As the Leader of the Opposition in the Odisha Assembly, Patnaik called for a court-monitored SIT probe and a judicial inquiry into the incident. He also criticized the BJP for failing to fulfill key election promises, particularly those related to the Subhadra Yojana, pensions, and free electricity.

The BJD accused the BJP of backtracking on a pledge to provide ₹50,000 to women under the Subhadra Yojana and highlighted unfulfilled promises like 300 units of free electricity and a ₹3,500 pension for senior citizens. Patnaik urged party leaders to expose the BJP's "lies" and raise public awareness about these issues.

Babita Phogat Responds to Vinesh Phogat's "Slap" Remark

Haryana: BJP leader Babita Phogat has hit back at her cousin, Vinesh Phogat, for her controversial remarks during the Haryana election campaign. Vinesh, who is contesting from the Juliana constituency as a Congress candidate, had criticized the BJP, saying, "This time Congress' symbol of hand will act as a slap. On October 5, this slap will strike in Delhi."

In response, Babita described her cousin's comments as reflective of a "narrow mindset" and advised her to be more thoughtful in her language. "I

agree that such statements have been made with a very narrow mindset, but we should think about our words; we should reflect on them," Babita stated.

Babita, a wrestler-turned-politician, is actively engaging with BJP workers ahead of the assembly elections. Speaking to ANI, she expressed confidence in the BJP's chances, saying that the party is well-prepared to win in Haryana for the third consecutive time. She credited senior BJP leaders, including Biplab Dev, for motivating the party workers with a "mantra of

victory' to help connect with voters and showcase the achievements of the BJP government.

On the other hand, Vinesh Phogat, who recently joined Congress, has been campaigning aggressively against the BJP. Filing her nomination for the Juliana seat last week, Vinesh criticized the BJP for failing to address unemployment and alleged disrespect towards the people of Haryana over the past decade. She also played a prominent role in the protests against BJP leader Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh last year.





Indian Embassy Confirms Death of Staff Member in the US

Washington: The Indian Embassy in the United States has confirmed the death of one of its staff members on September 18, 2024. In a statement issued on Wednesday, the embassy expressed its condolences and assured that they are working closely with relevant agencies and the deceased's family to expedite the repatriation of the mortal remains to India.

"With deep regret, we wish to confirm that a member of the Embassy of India passed away in the evening of September 18, 2024,"

the statement read. The embassy has not released further details about the deceased, citing the family's privacy during this difficult time. "We are in touch with all relevant agencies and members of the family to ensure the swift transfer of the mortal remains to India," the embassy added.

In their statement, the Indian Embassy extended their sympathies to the grieving family. "Our thoughts and prayers are with the family in this time of grief," it concluded.

Air Marshal Amar Preet Singh Appointed as New Chief of Indian Air Force

TPN, New Delhi: Air Marshal Amar Preet Singh, a distinguished fighter pilot with over 5,000 hours of flying experience, will assume command as the Chief of the Indian Air Force (IAF) on September 30, following the retirement of Air Chief Marshal V R Chaudhari.

Currently serving as Vice Chief of the Air Staff, Air Marshal Singh brings nearly four decades of experience in various command, staff, and instructional roles. A graduate of the National Defence Academy, Defence Services Staff College, and National Defence College, he is also a qualified flying instructor and an experimental test pilot.

Born on October 27, 1964, Air Marshal Singh was commissioned into the IAF in December 1984. Throughout his career, he has led operational fighter squadrons and front-line air bases, playing key roles in modernizing the force, including managing the MiG-29 up-

grade project in Moscow and overseeing flight tests for the indigenous Tejas aircraft.

Known for his strategic foresight, Air Marshal Singh has been vocal about the need for self-reliance in defence without compromising national security. His leadership will be pivotal in advancing the IAF's modernization agenda, including the procurement of new fighter fleets to address regional security challenges, particularly along the Line of Actual Control with China.

The government confirmed his appointment on September 30, marking a significant leadership transition as the IAF continues to strengthen its capabilities amid evolving security dynamics.

Air Marshal Singh is a recipient of the prestigious Param Vishisht Seva Medal and Ati Vishisht Seva Medal.



White House Engages Pro-Khalistan Groups Ahead of PM Modi's US Visit

Washington: Just hours before Prime Minister Narendra Modi's arrival in the United States for a three-day visit, the White House held a meeting with Sikh groups sympathetic to the Khalistan movement. The meeting, initiated by the White House, reassured the groups of protection from "any transnational aggression" on US soil, underscoring the commitment to safeguard American citizens.

This development comes amid growing concerns in India that Canada and the US are providing shelter and asylum to Khalistani separatists, who are banned in India for their involvement in terrorist activities. While the US has not commented on harboring such individuals, Canada has defended it as "freedom of speech." In response, Indian External Affairs Minister S Jaishankar emphasized that supporting separatism or violence cannot be equated with freedom of expression.

The meeting at the White House was attended by Pritpal Singh of the American Sikh Caucus Committee and representatives from the Sikh Coalition and the Sikh American Legal Defense and Education Fund (SALDEF). "We will hold them to their assurances to safeguard our community," Pritpal Singh said, thanking US officials for their vigilance in protecting Sikh Americans.

This marks the first time that the US National Security Council has engaged directly with Sikh separatist groups. The meeting occurred shortly before PM Modi's participation in the Quad Summit in Delaware and the 'Summit of the Future' event at the UN General Assembly in New York.

Additionally, US Congressman Adam Schiff recently introduced the 'Transnational Repression Reporting Act 2024,' aimed at addressing cases of transnational repression against individuals on US soil.

Secret Service Found Guilty of Security Failures in Trump Assassination Attempt

Washington: An internal review has revealed critical security lapses by the US Secret Service in preventing an assassination attempt on former President Donald Trump at a rally in Pennsylvania on July 13, resulting in one death and multiple injuries. The review, released on Friday, identified failures in utilizing key security measures, such as technology that could have detected the attacker who flew a drone over the rally site hours before the incident.

The report highlighted poor coordination between the Secret Service's advance team and state and local law enforcement. Despite standard protocol, local police snipers were not positioned on a rooftop near the rally. The Secret Service's failure to communicate effectively with local authorities was further underscored when rally attendees noticed the suspect climbing onto a nearby roof and alerted police. However, Trump's protective detail was unaware of the police search for the suspicious individual.

Former Secret Service Director Kimberly Cheatle, who resigned following widespread outrage, faced intense scrutiny from lawmakers over the agency's inability to secure the rooftop and protect Trump adequately. Acting Director Ronald Rowe acknowledged "a lack of clarity" in security planning and coordination during a news briefing.

"It's important that we hold ourselves accountable



for the failures of July 13th, and that we use the lessons learned to ensure we do not have another failure like this again," Rowe said.

In response to the attack, the Secret Service has ramped up security for Trump, who has now faced two assassination attempts in recent months. On Sunday, a man was arrested at the Trump International Golf Club in South Florida after a Secret Service agent spotted a rifle barrel protruding from a fence.

Following these incidents, the US House of Representatives unanimously passed a bill to enhance Secret Service protection for presidential candidates and their running mates.

Iran Unveils New Missile and Drone Amid Rising Middle East Tensions

Tehran: As regional tensions escalate following the October 7 Hamas attack on Israel, Iran showcased a new ballistic missile and an upgraded attack drone at a military parade on Saturday. State media reports confirmed the unveiling of the Jihad missile, a solid-fuel weapon with a range of over 1,000 kilometers, developed by Iran's Revolutionary Guards.

Additionally, Iran introduced the Shahed-136B drone, an upgraded model of the Shahed-136, featuring an extended operational range of more than 4,000 kilometers. These military advancements come at a time when Iran is facing accusations from Western governments of supplying weapons, including drones and missiles, to Russia for its war in Ukraine, claims that Iran has consistently denied.

The parade, held in Tehran and attended by new President Masoud Pezeshkian, also commemorated the 1979 Islamic Revolution.

ated the 1980-88 Iran-Iraq war. In his speech, Pezeshkian emphasized Iran's growing defense capabilities and reiterated calls for Islamic unity against Israel, labeling it as a "bloodthirsty, genocidal usurper."

The region has been increasingly volatile since the Hamas attack on Israel, with Iranian-backed Hezbollah forces in Lebanon clashing with Israeli troops along the northern border. Israel's recent air strikes on Hezbollah strongholds in Beirut have resulted in the deaths of 16 members of Hezbollah's elite Radwan Force.

Western nations, including Britain, France, Germany, and the United States, have imposed fresh sanctions on Iran, accusing the country of providing ballistic missiles for Russia's military efforts in Ukraine. The Middle East remains on edge as conflict continues to spread, further complicating international diplomacy in the region.



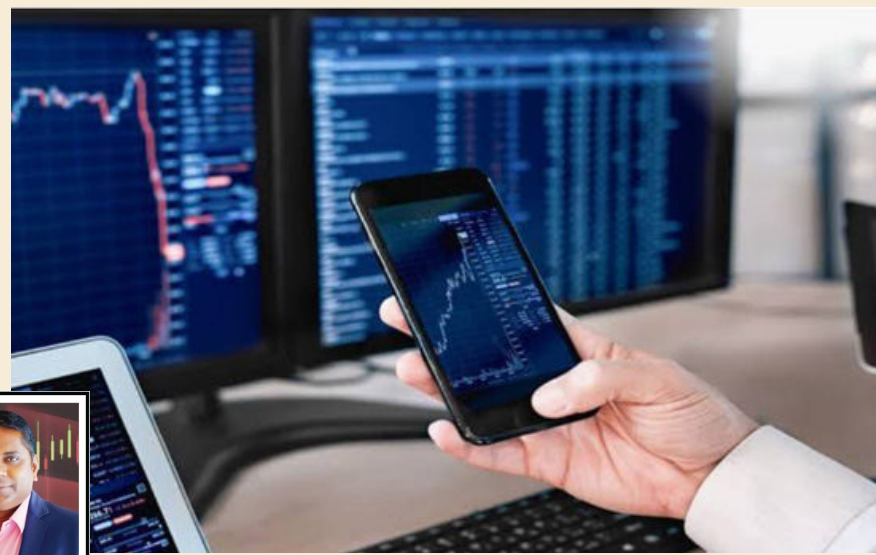


What Changed for the Indian Stock Market Overnight-7 Key Takeaways

As global markets rally and the Indian equity market looks poised for a positive start, several key developments have shaped the market landscape overnight. From the Federal Reserve's actions to China's lending rates, here's a breakdown of how these factors could influence the Sensex and Nifty 50 in the short term.

The US Federal Reserve's Monetary Easing: A Global Catalyst

The US Federal Reserve's decision to cut rates by 50 basis points has sent ripples through global markets, leading to a significant rally. The Dow Jones Industrial Average crossed the 42,000 mark for the first time, while the S&P 500 surged past 5,700. This easing cycle has bolstered investor confidence, with stocks like Nvidia, Advanced Micro Devices, and Microsoft seeing substantial gains. The Fed's move is expected to continue boosting liquidity in the market, creating favorable conditions for equity investors globally, including in India.



by inflation concerns, remains a critical area for investors to watch.

Asian Markets Follow Suit

Asian markets have mirrored the positive momentum in the US. Japan's Nikkei 225 and Topix indices rallied 1.9% and 1.63%, respectively, while South Korea's Kospi and Kosdaq posted gains of over 1.4%. This upward trend in Asia suggests a strong foundation for the Indian markets, as positive sentiment from key Asian economies usually bodes well for domestic indices.

Gift Nifty Indicates a Positive Opening

Gift Nifty, trading at a premium over the Nifty 50's previous close, points towards a bullish start for the Indian stock market. The overnight data shows Gift Nifty around the 25,525 level, reflecting a nearly 35-point jump, which signals optimism among investors ahead of Friday's market session. This premium could be an indicator that domestic investors are already pricing in the positive cues from global markets.

US Stock Market Hits Record Highs

The S&P 500 and Dow Jones hitting record intraday levels further confirm the bullish trend. The Nasdaq Composite surged 2.51%, underscoring the tech sector's dominance in the current rally. With major tech companies like Nvidia and Tesla posting strong gains, it's clear that innovation-driven sectors are leading the charge. This trend may positively impact similar sectors in India, particularly IT and tech-driven firms, as global investors look for growth opportunities.

China's Lending Rates Remain Unchanged

The People's Bank of China decided to keep its benchmark lending rates unchanged for September, with the one-year loan prime rate steady at 3.35% and the five-year rate at 3.85%. While this decision may reflect China's cautious approach to economic policy amid global uncertainties, the steady rates could mean stability for Indian companies with significant exposure to China. It also signals that India's interest rate trajectory, driven

Bank of England Holds Rates

The Bank of England's decision to hold interest rates at 5.0% signals caution amidst a volatile global economic environment. By also deciding to run down its stock of British government bonds, the Bank of England is walking a tightrope between curbing inflation and supporting growth. For Indian markets, this decision may have indirect effects, particularly on global liquidity and how international investors allocate capital.

US Job Market and Home Sales Send Mixed Signals

US jobless claims unexpectedly dropped last week, with new applications for unemployment benefits falling to 219,000. This suggests resilience in the US labor market, which could further fuel market optimism. However, US existing home sales declined by 2.5% in August, more than expected, signaling that parts of the economy, particularly the housing market, are still cooling. For Indian investors, this dual narrative underscores the importance of watching for cues from the broader US economy, particularly as the Indian market is often reactive to global shifts.

India Poised for Positive Momentum, But Caution Remains

The Indian stock market seems well-positioned for gains, driven by favorable global cues, particularly from the US Federal Reserve's rate cut and record highs in global indices. Asian markets are rallying, and Gift Nifty signals a strong opening for Sensex and Nifty 50. However, underlying challenges, such as inflationary pressures in Japan and China's steady lending rates, suggest that caution is still warranted.

Indian investors should be mindful of these global factors as they could influence both short-term gains and long-term market sentiment. While the outlook appears optimistic, the current volatility in certain global sectors, such as housing and supply chain disruptions, may temper expectations for sustained growth in the Indian equity markets

Telecom Subscribers Decline Amid Tariff Hikes

The impact of recent mobile phone service tariff hikes was clearly reflected in July, as major telecom operators—Reliance Jio, Bharti Airtel, and Vodafone Idea—reported a loss in customer base, contributing to an overall decline in the country's telecom subscribers.

In early July, these companies increased their mobile service plan rates by 10-27%, with Airtel and Vodafone Idea significantly raising their entry-level rates to ₹199 for 28 days of validity. This marked a substantial increase, more than doubling their prices over the last 2-3 years.

Contrastingly, state-run BSNL emerged as the only telecom provider to add new subscribers, leading the market in net customer additions, as highlighted in the



monthly subscribers report released by the Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI).

The trend indicates that as prices rise, customers are increasingly sensitive to their mobile expenses, leading some to reconsider their subscriptions. The situation poses a challenge for the leading private

players as they navigate consumer pushback against higher rates.

Market analysts are closely monitoring these developments, as the ongoing price adjustments could influence future subscriber trends and competition within the telecom sector. The regulatory environment will also play a crucial role in shaping the industry's landscape as companies seek to balance profitability with customer retention.

This decline in subscriber numbers highlights the need for telecom providers to reassess their strategies, particularly in a market where consumer loyalty can quickly shift in response to pricing changes. As the sector continues to evolve, how these companies respond will be pivotal in maintaining their market positions.

India to Retaliate Against EU Steel Tariffs Amid Trade Loss

In response to the European Union's steel tariffs, which have led to a substantial trade loss of \$4.41 billion from 2018 to 2023, India has officially notified the World Trade Organization (WTO) of its decision to retaliate. This announcement comes after a 9 percent decline in India's goods exports in August, highlighting the impact of these tariffs on Indian trade.

The EU's tariffs fall under the Tariff Rate Quota (TRQ) mechanism, which allocates export quotas for 26 steel products. The Indian government did not specify the exact measures it will implement but indicated that the retaliation will include an increase in tariffs on selected products imported from the EU. New Delhi emphasized its right to implement these measures immediately, should it choose to do so.

This move marks a significant escalation in trade tensions between India and the EU, further complicating international trade

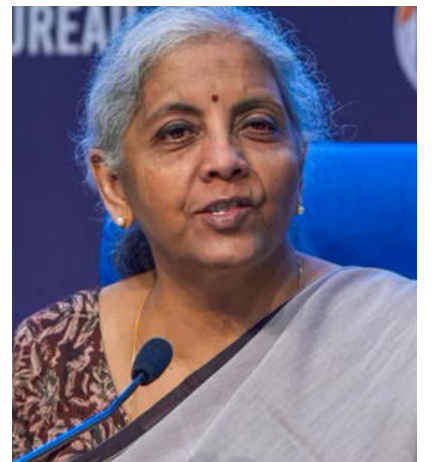
relations. India's action signals its commitment to protecting its steel industry from what it perceives as unfair trade practices. The proposed tariff increases could lead to further retaliation from the EU, deepening the trade skirmish.

As both parties navigate this contentious issue, the implications for global steel markets and bilateral trade agreements remain uncertain. The Indian government's stance underscores the challenges faced by countries in balancing domestic industry interests against international trade obligations.

In the backdrop of these developments, industry stakeholders and analysts will closely monitor the situation, as the outcome could influence not only India-EU relations but also broader global trade dynamics. The next steps from both sides will be critical in determining the future trajectory of trade in steel and other affected sectors.

Finance Minister Reviews Capital Expenditure for Housing and Urban Affairs

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman held a review meeting on September 20 to evaluate the budgeted capital expenditure of the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs. During the meeting, she emphasized the importance of meeting the capital expenditure target for the current fiscal year, ensuring that the allocated budget of ₹28,628 crore is fully utilized.



A significant focus of the discussion was the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (Urban) scheme, which is vital for addressing the affordable housing crisis in urban areas. Sitharaman urged officials to accelerate progress under the PMAY(U) to effectively meet the growing housing needs of urban India.

In a post on X (formerly Twitter), the Finance Ministry highlighted the Finance Minister's commitment to enhancing urban infrastructure. It stated, "FM Sitharaman underscored the importance of accelerating progress under PMAY(U) to meet the housing needs of urban India." The Minister also stressed the need for improved urban transport systems, urging officials to adhere to capital expenditure targets for initiatives like the Metro Rail and the Regional Rapid Transit Sys-

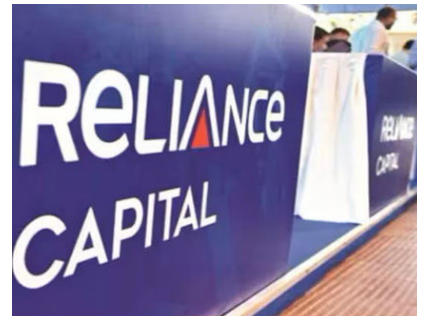
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This review comes as part of the government's broader strategy to enhance urban living conditions and transportation systems, recognizing their crucial roles in the nation's development. By meeting these expenditure targets, the Ministry aims to foster growth and provide essential services to urban populations.

As the fiscal year progresses, the Finance Ministry's push for timely and effective use of funds will be vital in driving the success of housing and urban development initiatives. With a focus on both housing and transportation, the government seeks to create a more sustainable and efficient urban environment for its citizens.

Hinduja Group Seeks ₹4,300 Crore through High-Yield Bonds with Barclays Capital

The Hinduja Group is in the process of raising approximately ₹4,300 crore (around \$515 million) with the assistance of Barclays Capital, aimed at funding the acquisition of a bankrupt financier. This initiative represents the second phase of the group's fundraising efforts, as reported by Mint.



The successful completion of this funding is contingent upon receiving the necessary regulatory approvals from key authorities, including the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), the Insurance Regulatory and Development Authority of India (IRDAI), and the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT).

In total, the Hinduja Group is looking to secure ₹7,300 crore (approximately \$873 million) in debt to facilitate the acquisition, which has already been approved by the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT). However, the process has faced delays attributed to regulatory hurdles and financing challenges.

According to sources, the capital for this initiative has been raised by 360One, while Barclays Capital has already se-

cured commitments for the bond issuance. The funds have been placed in escrow and will be released once the required regulatory clearances are obtained.

The Hinduja Group's move to raise funds through high-yield rupee bonds underscores the ongoing trend of Indian firms seeking alternative financing routes amidst a complex regulatory landscape. As the group navigates these challenges, the outcome of this fundraising effort will play a crucial role in its acquisition plans and overall growth strategy.

As discussions continue around market trends, the financial community is keenly observing how these developments unfold, especially in light of recent news related to the Angel Tax and changes in income tax slabs, which could influence investment sentiment moving forward.





INDIA'S BID FOR A PERMANENT SEAT ON THE UN SECURITY COUNCIL: KEY OBSTACLES



India has long aspired to join the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) as a permanent member with veto power, advocating that its growing economic and political influence on the global stage warrants such a position. Despite decades of persistent lobbying and support from several key players, including the United States, the United Kingdom, France, and Russia, India's dream of securing a permanent seat on the UNSC remains elusive. Experts point to four significant challenges India must overcome to realize this ambition.

▶▶ 1. China's Opposition



Among the five permanent members of the UNSC, China is the only nation that firmly opposes India's bid for permanent membership. China, already a dominant force in Asia and the sole Asian representative on the council, views India as a direct competitor for regional and global influence. This geopolitical rivalry is compounded by ongoing border tensions between the two nations, with China being unwilling to endorse New Delhi's position.

Moreover, China's discomfort is not limited to India alone. Japan, another strong contender for a permanent seat on the council and a close ally of the United States, also faces opposition from Beijing. While China has hinted that it might support India if New Delhi withdraws its support for Japan's bid, India remains committed to the unity of the G-4, a group of four nations — Brazil, Germany, India, and Japan — that mutually support each other's quest for permanent UNSC membership. China's calculated resistance to both India and Japan's bids continues to be a formidable obstacle.

▶▶ 2. Disagreement on Membership Without Veto Power



Another stumbling block to India's permanent membership is the debate over whether new members should be granted veto power. Several coalitions, including Uniting for Consensus (UfC), led by countries like Italy, Pakistan, and South Korea, argue that the UNSC should be reformed by increasing the number of non-permanent members rather than adding new permanent members with veto power.

The UfC contends that a greater number of non-permanent members would make the Security Council more accountable and representative of global regions, providing a more balanced approach to decision-making. However, India remains firm that any new permanent members, including itself, must be given veto power, as currently enjoyed by the existing P-5 (the US, UK, Russia, China, and France). India is reluctant to settle for a "half-measure" that could undermine its long-term goal of full membership with equal privileges.

▶▶ 3. Western Concerns Over India's Alignment with US Priorities



Although the US has expressed verbal support for India's permanent membership in the UNSC, there are growing concerns within Western circles about India's alignment with US strategic priorities, particularly in light of the war in Ukraine. Historically, India has pursued a non-aligned foreign policy, maintaining an independent stance on several critical international issues. For instance, India's decision to abstain from voting on UN resolutions condemning Russia's invasion of Ukraine raised questions about its reliability as a partner in the eyes of the West.

Prominent US-based South Asia expert Ashley Tellis argued in **Foreign Affairs** magazine that while India and

the US share strategic interests, their positions often diverge on key geopolitical matters. He pointed to India's reluctance to criticize Russia — a long-time ally — over its aggression in Ukraine, contrasting it with the West's more unified response. This fence-sitting on critical global issues has raised doubts in Washington about how a veto-wielding India might behave in future UNSC decisions.

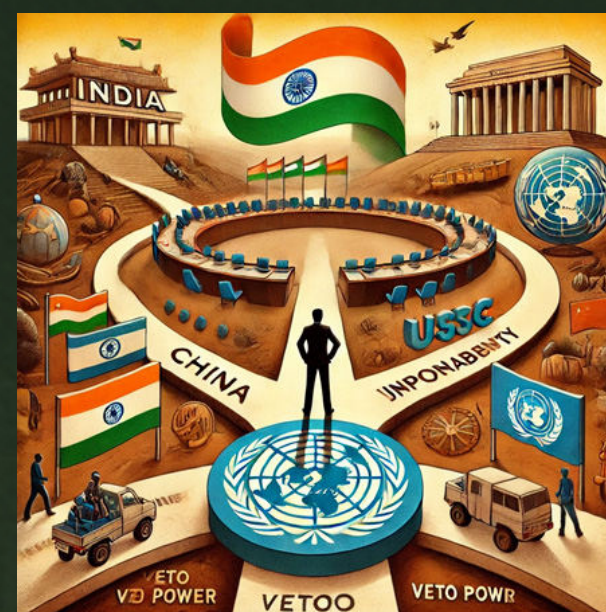
Given the current geopolitical landscape, particularly in the wake of the Russian-Ukrainian war, it remains uncertain whether the US and its Western allies will push for reforms that grant India a veto in the UNSC.

▶▶ 4. Regional Rivalries and Instability

India's quest for a permanent UNSC seat is also complicated by its regional dynamics. Despite its economic and political influence in South Asia, India faces significant challenges to its leadership in the region. The enduring rivalry with Pakistan continues to be a major issue, but concerns also extend to other neighbors, including Bangladesh, Sri Lanka, and Nepal.

Bangladesh, under its current leadership, has drifted away from India on several strategic matters, while there has been growing friction with Nepal and Sri Lanka over various issues, including economic and political ties. This instability in India's backyard weakens its claim to global leadership and raises questions about its ability to maintain regional harmony — a key aspect of its aspiration for UNSC membership.

▶▶ Conclusion: The Road Ahead for India



While there are compelling arguments for reforming the UN Security Council to better reflect the realities of the 21st century, India still faces significant hurdles in its bid for permanent membership. Its ongoing rivalry with China, disagreement over veto power, concerns from Western powers about its alignment, and regional instability all contribute to its current predicament.

To bolster its chances, India will need to address these issues head-on. Strengthening ties with neighboring countries, resolving regional disputes, and aligning more closely with global democratic values could improve its standing. Additionally, addressing domestic challenges such as political intolerance, economic inequality, and improving infrastructure would help enhance India's global image.

Ultimately, while India's growing influence cannot be ignored, its path to securing a permanent seat with veto power on the UNSC will require a combination of diplomatic agility, regional stability, and internal reform.



Blinkit, Zepto to face CCI scrutiny after complaints from local retailers

Amazon has unveiled a new artificial intelligence (AI) video generator tool designed to create advertisements, allowing advertisers to produce engaging video content using just a single product image. Announced on Thursday, this tool aims to simplify the ad creation process by generating “content-rich” videos that highlight the product’s unique selling propositions and features. Currently, these AI tools are available to select advertisers in the U.S. on a beta basis.



The AI Video Generator, part of Amazon Ads, is touted for its ability to create visually appealing video ads that can capture customer interest. The videos can range from six to nine seconds in length, produced at a resolution of 720p and 24 frames per second. Each video takes up to five minutes to generate and provides users with four variations to choose from.

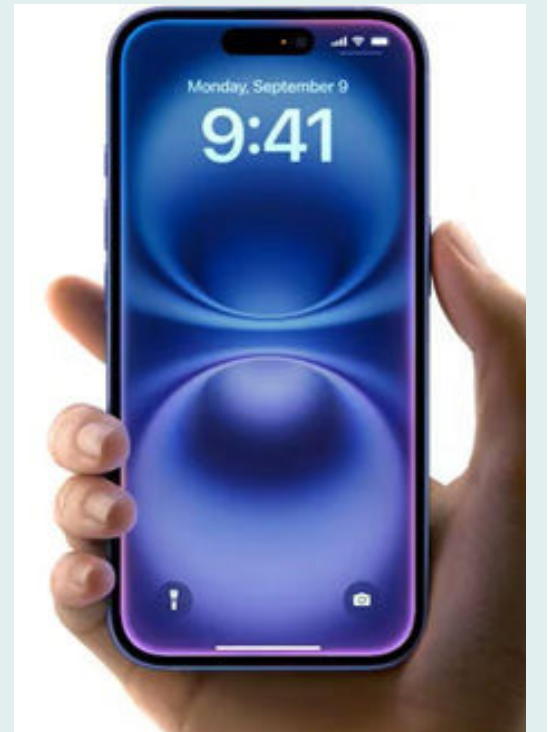
In addition to the video generator, Amazon has introduced a new live image capability for its existing AI image generator, aimed at enterprise clients. This feature allows users to create short, animated campaign images, reminiscent of looping GIFs that often appear in online advertisements.

While Amazon demonstrated the live image feature, specific details about the video generator remain sparse. An Amazon spokesperson indicated that the generated ads follow a structured template consisting of two scenes, complete with headlines, background music, and a call to action. Advertisers can also customize the soundtrack, and the brand logo appears in the upper-right corner of the frame.

However, it remains unclear whether users can provide natural language prompts for specific instructions or if there are options for editing generated videos. As Amazon continues to innovate in the advertising space, these tools could provide a significant advantage for brands looking to enhance their marketing efforts.

Early Insights on the Upcoming iPhone 17 Series

Apple recently unveiled the iPhone 16 series at its “It’s Glowtime” hardware launch event on September 9, and while these models have just hit the market in India and beyond, details about the anticipated iPhone 17 series have already emerged. Set to debut in the latter half of 2025, the iPhone 17 lineup is rumored to feature significant enhancements, particularly in display technology.



Market analyst Ross Young, from Display Supply Chain Consultants, hinted in a now-deleted post on X (formerly Twitter) that the successors to the iPhone 16 and iPhone 16 Plus—expected to be named the iPhone 17 and the newly designed iPhone 17 Slim—will support upgraded displays with refresh rates ranging from 1Hz to 120Hz. This would be a notable advancement, as Apple’s current non-Pro models still utilize 60Hz displays, while competing budget Android devices often offer higher refresh rates.

Apple first introduced the 120Hz ProMotion display with the iPhone 13 Pro models in 2021, and recent models have included LTPO AMOLED screens that allow features like the always-on display. If Young’s predictions hold true, the iPhone 17 series would mark a significant milestone as it would be the first non-Pro models to incorporate this high refresh rate technology.

In addition to improved display features, the iPhone 17 Pro models are rumored to come with enhanced specifications, including a reported 12GB of RAM and a

vapour chamber cooling system for better performance management. Moreover, these Pro versions are expected to feature a new 2nm chipset, developed by Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. (TSMC), which promises to enhance processing capabilities.

While the iPhone 16 series has introduced some incremental hardware improvements, the anticipated changes in the iPhone 17 lineup suggest that Apple is gearing up to offer a more competitive product in the evolving smartphone market.

Why Biscuit-Tea Is Bad for You

For many, enjoying a hot cup of tea with biscuits is a daily ritual, but this seemingly harmless combination might have hidden health risks. Dietitian Manpreet Kalra warns that the biscuit-tea duo can disrupt hormonal balance and lead to various health issues.



Many packaged biscuits are laden with refined sugar. Excessive sugar intake can cause spikes in blood sugar levels, promote inflammation, and contribute to hormonal imbalances. This may lead to weight gain and insulin resistance over time.

Biscuits often contain maida, a refined flour that can harm your gut microbiome. A disrupted gut can result in inflammation and hormonal signaling issues, potentially leading to digestive problems and weight gain.

Commonly used in processed biscuits, palm oil is associated with several health concerns. It may contribute to lipid profile imbalances and inflammation, increasing the risk of insulin resistance.

Instead of relying on the biscuit-tea combo, consider these hormone-balancing herbal teas:

Ideal for those with hypothyroidism, this tea helps regulate hormone levels. Beneficial for individuals with diabetes, it aids in blood sugar regulation. Particularly useful for women with polycystic ovary syndrome (PCOS), it may help balance hormones.

This combination can relieve constipation and improve digestion. Known for promoting hair growth, this tea may also help prevent hair fall.

By opting for these healthier alternatives, you can support hormonal balance and enhance your overall well-being. It’s time to reassess your beverage choices and prioritize your health over comfort.

Google Chrome Enhances Security with Biometric Authentication

Google Chrome, a widely used browser with billions of users, allows individuals to conveniently store information such as usernames and passwords for various websites. However, the increasing prevalence of information-stealer malware, like StealC, has raised concerns about the safety of saved credentials. These threats have successfully targeted user data, leading to unauthorized access to sensitive information.



In response to these security risks, Google is reportedly developing a new feature for the Android version of Chrome that will enhance password security through biometric authentication. This innovative feature aims to require users to verify their identity using biometric data—such as fingerprints or facial recognition—before their saved login credentials are automatically filled in.

By implementing biometric authentication, Google Chrome will

add an extra layer of protection for users’ sensitive information. This means that even if a malicious actor gains access to a device, they would still need to bypass biometric security to access saved passwords. This could significantly reduce the risk of unauthorized logins and improve overall user confidence in the security of their stored credentials.

This feature reflects a growing trend in digital security, where biometrics are increasingly used to verify user identity. It addresses the critical need for stronger security measures in an era where cyber threats are evolving and becoming more sophisticated.

While Google has not yet announced an official release date for this feature, its development indicates a proactive approach to tackling security concerns. Users can look forward to a more secure browsing experience that combines convenience with enhanced protection.

As threats like StealC continue to pose risks, adopting stronger security measures is essential. By integrating biometric authentication, Google Chrome aims to safeguard user data, helping to ensure that sensitive information remains protected in the face of evolving cyber threats. Inflammation, further linked to heart disease.

Stolen Customer Info from Star Health Exposed via Telegram Chatbots

Stolen customer data, including sensitive medical reports, from Star Health, India’s largest health insurer, has been made publicly accessible through Telegram chatbots. This alarming revelation comes shortly after Telegram’s founder faced criticism for enabling criminal activity on the platform.

A security researcher alerted Reuters to the situation, revealing that a purported creator of the chatbots claimed millions of private details were for sale. Users could request samples of this data simply by interacting with the chatbots, which had been operational since at least August 6.

Star Health, with a market capitalization exceeding \$4 billion, has reported the unauthorized data access to local authorities. In a statement, the company asserted that

an initial review indicated “no widespread compromise” and that “sensitive customer data remains secure.”

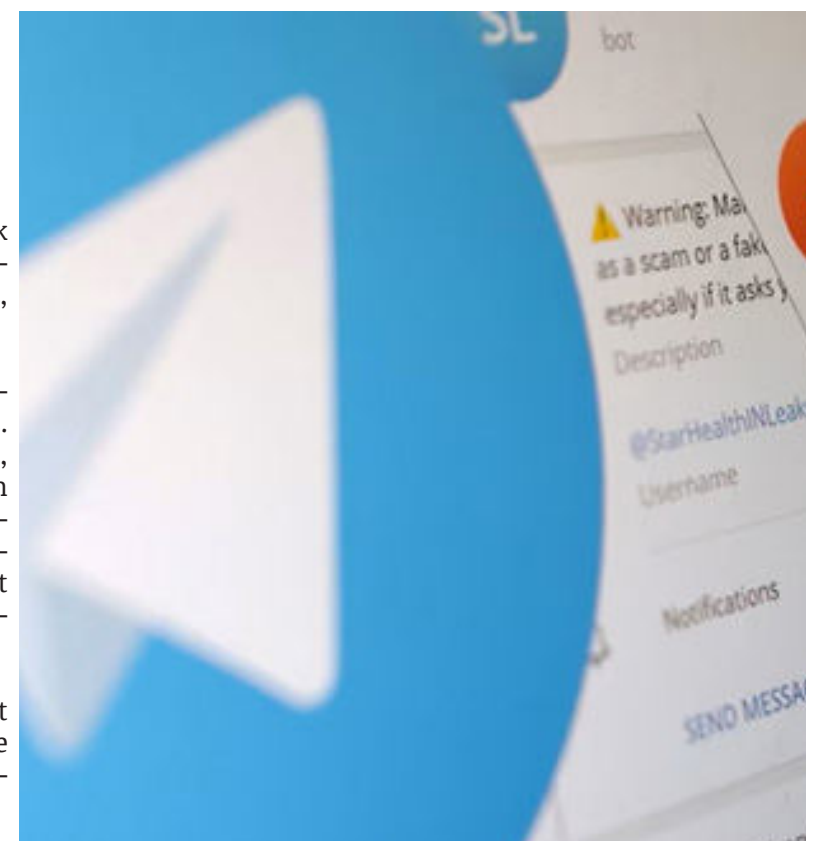
Using the chatbots, Reuters was able to download documents containing personal information such as names, phone numbers, addresses, tax details, ID copies, test results, and medical diagnoses. The ease with which stolen data can be shared highlights Telegram’s ongoing struggles with content moderation, especially following the recent arrest of founder Pavel Durov in France, which raised further scrutiny of the app.

The creator of the chatbots, who operates under the alias “xenZen,” claimed to possess 7.24 terabytes of data from over 31 million Star Health customers. While some data is

available for free through the chatbots, bulk data can be purchased. During testing, Reuters managed to download over 1,500 files, some dated as recently as July 2024.

Following the report, the chatbots were labeled “SCAM” and marked as suspicious. Telegram’s spokesperson, Remi Vaughn, confirmed that the bots were taken down within 24 hours of the report. Vaughn emphasized that the sharing of private information on Telegram is prohibited and that moderators actively work to remove harmful content.

This incident underscores the significant challenges companies like Star Health face in safeguarding customer data in an increasingly digital landscape.



Ashwin Stars as India Dominates Bangladesh in 1st Test



Veteran off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin made a significant impact on Day Three of the first Test against Bangladesh at M.A. Chidambaram Stadium, taking three crucial wickets as India reduced the visitors to 158/4 before early stumps due to bad light. With two days remaining, the match hangs in the balance, with India firmly in control, aiming to claim six wickets before Bangladesh can chase down the daunting target of 515 runs.

Bangladesh's captain, Najmul Hossain Shanto, is currently at the crease, unbeat-

en on 51, while Shakib Al Hasan supports him with five runs. The final session began with openers Zakir Hasan and Shadman Islam looking to build on their initial 56-run partnership. However, the duo could only add six runs before Jasprit Bumrah struck, enticing Zakir into a drive that was expertly caught by Yashasvi Jaiswal in the gully.

Ashwin faced some early aggression from Islam and Shanto, who hit him for three boundaries. Yet, Ashwin turned the tide by getting Shanto to flick a catch to Shubman Gill at mid-wicket, and shortly after, he

dismissed Mominul Haque with a delivery that curled away to hit off-stump. Shanto, meanwhile, displayed impressive form, reaching his fifty off just 55 balls with a six over backward square-leg.

As the innings progressed, Ashwin struck again, removing Mushfiqur Rahim, who failed to keep his drive down, allowing K.L. Rahul to take a stunning diving catch at mid-on. Shortly after, the players were forced off the field due to poor visibility, leading to an early end to the day's play, which was dominated by India's bowlers.

Shakib Al Hasan Sets Record as Bangladesh's Oldest Test Player



Shakib Al Hasan has made history in Bangladesh cricket by becoming the oldest player to participate in a Test match for his country. At 37 years and 181 days old, he achieved this milestone during Day 3 of Bangladesh's first Test against India in Chennai, surpassing the previous record held by left-arm spinner Mohammad Rafique, who played his last Test at 37 years and 180 days in 2008.

A stalwart of Bangladeshi cricket for over a decade, Shakib continues to demonstrate his value as one of the game's top all-rounders. His longevity and consistent contributions have played a pivotal role in the team's development and success over the years.

Despite Shakib's personal achievement, the match has been challenging for Bangladesh, as they faced a formidable Indian side. On Day 3, Shubman Gill showcased his prowess by scoring his seventh Test fifty, while Rishabh Pant was approaching his twelfth fifty, helping India reach 141 for 3 after 40 overs. With their total lead exceeding 350 runs, India looked poised for a commanding victory.

Earlier in the match, India's Jasprit Bumrah dismantled Bangladesh's batting lineup, claiming 4 wickets for 50 runs. The visitors were dismissed for just 149 runs in their first innings, failing to build a solid response to India's substantial total. Experienced players like Shakib, who managed to score 32 runs, and wicketkeeper-batter Litton Das, with 22 runs, struggled to make an impact as Bangladesh found themselves on the back foot.

While Shakib's record is a testament to his dedication and skill, the team will need to regroup quickly as they navigate the remaining days of the Test. With their backs against the wall, Bangladesh aims to find a way to challenge the dominant Indian side in the remainder of the match.



Hetmyer, Shepherd and bowlers deliver stunning win for Guyana

The Guyana Amazon Warriors kicked off their home leg of CPL 2024 with an impressive 30-run victory against the St Kitts and Nevis Patriots at Providence Stadium on Friday. Batting first, the Warriors struggled to find their rhythm, finishing with a modest total of 137 runs, largely thanks to standout performances from Shimron Hetmyer, who scored 63 off 33 balls, and Romario Shepherd, who contributed an unbeaten 34 off 22.

The Warriors faced early setbacks, losing openers Tim Robinson and Kevin Sinclair for ducks, courtesy of a brilliant bowling display by Ashmead Nedd, who recorded figures of 4 for 25. Kyle Mayers then struck a critical blow by dismissing Shai Hope for just seven runs, leaving the Warriors in a precarious position. Amidst the turmoil, Hetmyer showcased his exceptional talent, dominating the Patriots' bowling attack until he was trapped LBW by Tabraiz Shamsi when the team total was only 83.

Shepherd's late cameo added crucial runs but the Warriors' innings faltered as they struggled to build momentum. The target of 138 runs was seen as below par, even with the pitch's challenging conditions and the hint of dew settling in.

However, the Warriors' bowlers delivered a remarkable performance in the powerplay, restricting the Patriots to just 27 runs. Moeen Ali stood out with the ball, taking 2 wickets for just 9 runs, effectively exploiting the spin-friendly conditions. While Evin Lewis fought valiantly, scoring 49 off 46 balls, he lacked support as wickets tumbled around him.

As the pressure mounted, Lewis fell to Dwaine Pretorius, and young Shamar Joseph (3 for 9) quickly wrapped up the tail, securing a comprehensive win for the Warriors. This match showcased the Warriors' bowling prowess and Hetmyer's explosive batting, setting a positive tone for the remainder of the tournament.



Rashid Khan Achieves Historic Five-Wicket Haul on His Birthday

In a remarkable display of skill, Rashid Khan made history on Friday by becoming the first cricketer in the 53-year history of ODI cricket to take a five-wicket haul on his birthday. Turning 26, Rashid's stellar performance helped Afghanistan secure their first ODI series victory against South Africa, winning the second match by a significant 177 runs.

Bowling first in Sharjah, Afghanistan set a challenging total of 311/4, thanks to a spectacular century from opener Rahmanullah Gurbaz, who scored 105 runs off 110 balls. He was supported by half-centuries from Azmatullah Omarzai (86 not out) and Rahmat Shah (50), establishing a solid foundation for their innings.

In response, South Africa's chase began promisingly with a 73-run opening partnership, but they quickly faltered. Rashid Khan's exceptional bowling figures of 5 wickets for just 19 runs in 9 overs decimated the South African batting lineup, leading to their collapse at 134 all out in just 34.2 overs. This performance marked Rashid's fifth ODI five-wicket haul, underscoring his status as one of the game's premier bowlers.

This victory also set a new record for Afghanistan, representing their biggest win by runs in ODIs, surpassing their previous best of 154 runs against Zimbabwe. The triumph gave Afghanistan an unassailable 2-0 lead in the three-match series, following their six-wicket victory in the first ODI earlier in the week.

Gurbaz's century broke Ahmad Shahzad's record for the most centuries by an Afghanistan batter, while Omarzai's explosive innings featured five boundaries and six sixes, contributing significantly to Afghanistan's imposing total.

As South Africa lost their way after a strong start, they were unable to capitalize on their early momentum, with Rashid Khan's spin proving too difficult to handle. This victory not only showcases Afghanistan's growing prowess in international cricket but also cements Rashid Khan's legacy in the sport.



Gill and Pant Shine in India's Dominance Against Bangladesh

India's Rishabh Pant and Shubman Gill displayed exceptional form on Day Three of the first Test against Bangladesh at MA Chidambaram Stadium, each scoring centuries that not only bolstered India's position but also instilled confidence in the team's management ahead of a demanding Test season. Gill's unbeaten 119 and Pant's 109 put Bangladesh firmly on the back foot as India pushed towards a potential series lead.

This match marked the first time the two young stars partnered in a Test setting, following their history of leading India at the Under-19 level. With their standout performances, they alleviated any doubts regarding their respective roles within the squad. Gill was under pressure to solidify his position at No. 3, while Pant needed to demonstrate that his unique style of play remained intact.

Together, the duo forged a formidable 167-run partnership, expertly navigating the Bangladesh bowling attack and lifting India to a commanding total of 287/4. This left Bangladesh facing a daunting target of 515 runs, a formidable challenge that highlighted India's dominance in the match.



Netflix to Premiere Nani's Blockbuster "Saripodhaa Sanivaaram" on September 26

Natural Star Nani's latest film, "Saripodhaa Sanivaaram," has become one of the biggest hits in Telugu cinema this year. Directed by Vivek Athreya, the movie debuted on August 29 and has enjoyed a remarkable box office run, recently crossing the Rs. 100 crore mark and joining the elite club of successful films.

Exciting news for fans: "Saripodhaa Sanivaaram" is set to make its OTT debut on Netflix next week. The film will premiere on September 26, available in multiple languages, including Telugu, Hindi, Tamil, Malayalam, and Kannada. This rapid transition to the OTT space, occurring less than a month after its theatrical release, is noteworthy, especially given the film's success.

Netflix shared the announcement via social media, stating, "Ippati dhaaka @NameisNani rendu kaalle choosaru... moodo kannu choodataniki meeru ready ah? #SaripodhaaSanivaaram is coming to Netflix on 26th September in Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, Kannada, and Hindi!"

"Saripodhaa Sanivaaram" stars Priyanka Mohan alongside Nani, with SJ Suryah playing the antagonist. The film is produced by DVV Danayya and features music composed by Jakes Bejoy, adding to its appeal.

Prime Video Teases *Be Happy* with New Poster



Ahead of International Daughter's Day, Prime Video has released an exciting new poster for Abhishek Bachchan's upcoming film *Be Happy*, featuring his co-star Inayat Verma. The duo, who previously worked together in Netflix's *Ludo* (2020), showcases their chemistry once again. The vibrant poster captures Abhishek and Inayat engaged in aerial silks, a stunning and complex dance form, as they flash joyous smiles with their arms spread wide. Accompanying the image, the caption reads, "All set to waltz right into your hearts. Be Happy on Prime. Coming Soon."

The announcement garnered positive reactions on social media, with Aamir Ali posting fire and red heart emojis, while music composer Harsh Upadhyay shared similar enthusiastic emojis. Varun Dhawan also showed his support by liking the post, highlighting the excitement surrounding the film.

Earlier in March, Prime Video unveiled the first poster, which showcased a touching father-daughter relationship between Abhishek and Inayat. In the image, Abhishek is seen wearing an apron, lovingly braiding Inayat's hair as she prepares for school. The accompanying caption provides insights into the film's storyline, stating, "Unfold the journey of a single father and his talented daughter who aspires to perform on the country's biggest dance reality show." It emphasizes the lengths a father will go to fulfill his daughter's dreams while seeking true happiness.

The film has already stirred anticipation within the industry, with actor Kunal Kapoor expressing his excitement through two black heart emojis in the comments. Filmmaker Farah Khan also chimed in, saying, "Can't wait," further adding to the buzz surrounding *Be Happy*. As the release date approaches, fans eagerly await what promises to be a heartwarming tale of love and ambition.

NTR's Hindi Debut in War 2: A New Chapter



Actor Jr NTR is set to make waves in Bollywood with his upcoming action thriller, *War 2*, directed by Ayan Mukerji. Starring alongside Hrithik Roshan, NTR began shooting for the film earlier this year and recently shared his thoughts on this exciting new venture.

Initially, NTR expressed some reservations about entering the Hindi film industry, as this was his first experience in Bollywood. However, once he got started, he quickly recognized the similarities between the Hindi, Telugu, and Tamil film industries. "I realized we are all one, and there are no differences as such," he stated, highlighting the camaraderie he felt during the filming process.

NTR also expressed high expectations for *War 2*, describing it as a potential "masterstroke" and emphasizing that it will be "phenomenal." Although he kept specifics under wraps, his enthusiasm for the project is palpable, hinting at exciting developments to come. The film is scheduled for a worldwide release in 2025, generating considerable anticipation among fans.

In the meantime, NTR is focused on his upcoming film *Devara*, directed by Koratala Siva, which is set to hit theaters on September 27. This film features a stellar cast, including Janhvi Kapoor and Saif Ali Khan, adding to the excitement surrounding NTR's diverse roles this year.

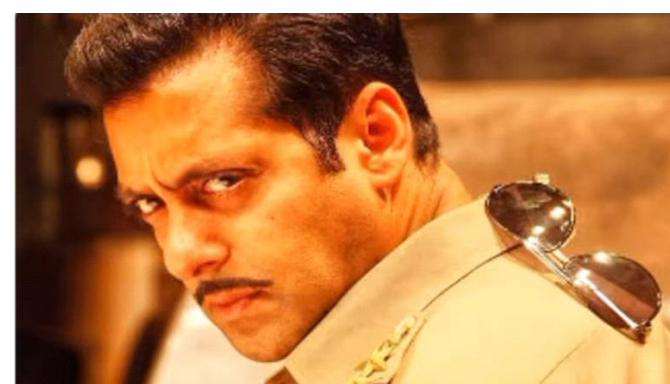
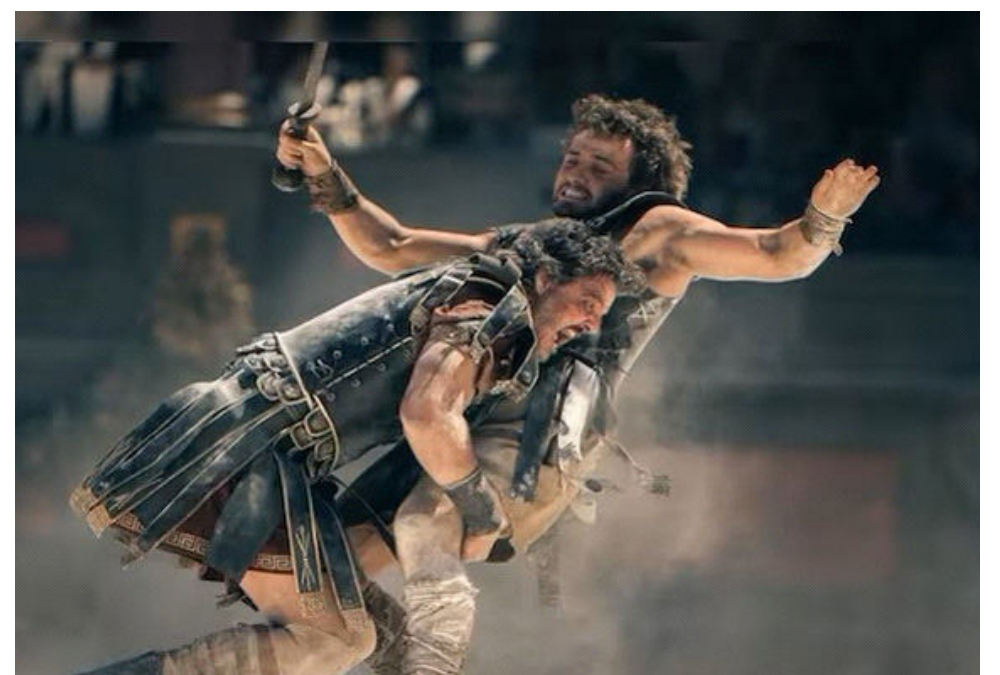
With both *War 2* and *Devara*, Jr NTR is poised for a remarkable chapter in his career, bridging regional cinema and Bollywood, and his journey is sure to captivate audiences across the country.

Ridley Scott's Gladiator 2 Set for November Release

Ridley Scott's highly anticipated sequel, *Gladiator 2*, is set to hit theaters on November 15, marking a significant return to the franchise 24 years after the original film's release. In a recent interview with *The Hollywood Reporter*, Scott hinted at even more excitement, revealing that he is already developing ideas for *Gladiator 3*. "I'd rather get on into Gladiator III. There's already an idea," he shared, suggesting that the saga will continue beyond the upcoming film.

The original *Gladiator*, released in 2000, starred Russell Crowe as Maximus, a once-favored commander turned gladiator, who seeks revenge against Commodus, played by Joaquin Phoenix. The film culminated in a dramatic showdown between the two, resulting in their deaths. The movie was a monumental success, earning five Oscars from 11 nominations, along with two Golden Globes and numerous BAFTA awards, lauded for its compelling storytelling and powerful performances.

Gladiator 2 takes place two decades after the original, focusing on Lucius (Paul Mescal), the nephew of Commodus. To shield him from the Roman Empire's influence, his mother, Lucila, sends him to Numidia in northern Africa. The plot unfolds as Lucius returns to the iconic arena where he once witnessed the fierce battle between Maximus and Commodus as a child.



No Salman Khan Cameo In Ajay Devgn's Singham

Ajay Devgn's highly anticipated film *Singham Again* is set for a Diwali 2024 release, but recent rumors about a cameo by Salman Khan have sparked considerable speculation online. Reports suggested that Khan would reprise his beloved character, Chulbul Pandey, from the *Dabangg* franchise in Rohit Shetty's latest installment in the cop universe. However, Bollywood trade analyst and film critic Taran Adarsh has categorically dismissed these claims as "false news."

In a detailed note shared on Instagram, Adarsh addressed the swirling rumors directly, stating, "CHULBUL PANDEY IN 'SINGHAM AGAIN'? FALSE NEWS... It seems the rumour mills are working overtime." He reassured fans that *Singham Again* will not feature Salman Khan or his iconic character.