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HYDRA Launches Demolition Drive in Kukatpally and Ameenpur



TPN, Hyderabad: The Hyderabad Disaster Response and Assets Monitoring Agency (HYDRA) resumed its demolition operations on Sunday, September 22, after a two-week break, focusing on illegal constructions in Kukatpally and surrounding areas. The demolitions primarily target encroachments within the Kukatpally Nallacheruvu and extend to Sangareddy district's Ameenpur and Krishnarreddipet.

Demolition activities began early in the morning under tight police security to ensure a smooth operation and to prevent interference from encroachers. The presence of law enforcement was intended to maintain order as the buildings were dismantled.

The Nallacheruvu area, which spans 27 acres, has seen significant encroachment, with 7 acres occupied by unauthorized buildings. A total of 25 apartments and other structures have been built within the buffer zone. HYDRA officials have marked 16 structures for demolition, including both completed and under-construction buildings.

HYDRA issued prior notices to the encroachers before beginning the demolition, emphasizing that the illegal constructions violated regulations, especially in sensitive buffer zones like Nallacheruvu.

The operation represents a significant effort by the agency to address encroachments and protect public spaces from unauthorized developments in Hyderabad.



Govt Awaits Interpol's Red Corner Notice for Ex-SIB Chief in Phone Tapping Case

TPN, Hyderabad: The Telangana government has informed the state High Court that it expects Interpol to issue a red corner notice soon for T. Prabhakar Rao, former chief of the Special Intelligence Bureau (SIB), who is the prime suspect in a major phone tapping case. This development came to light during a court hearing coinciding with a bail plea filed

by Mekala Thirupathanna, a former additional superintendent of police, who is the fourth accused in the case and is currently in judicial custody.

Public prosecutor Palle Nageswara Rao, representing the state, informed the High Court that the government had sought the assistance of the Central Bu-

reau of Investigation (CBI), which acts as the nodal agency for Interpol in India. He stated that the CBI had completed its investigation, and the government now anticipates that Interpol will issue the red corner notice to apprehend Prabhakar Rao, who remains at large and is believed to have fled the country.

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Megastar Chiranjeevi Enters the Guinness Book of Records

Chiranjeevi started his career on September 22, 1978

Megastar acted in 156 films in his career

Guinness book record with 24 thousand dance steps in 537 songs



TPN, Hyderabad: Tollywood megastar Chiranjeevi, beloved by millions, has recently earned a prestigious spot in the Guinness Book of Records. The honor comes in recognition of his incredible achievement: performing 24,000 dance steps across 537 songs, the highest number recorded by any actor in the world.

Chiranjeevi launched his illustrious career on September 22, 1978, and over the past 45 years, he has acted in 156 films. His remarkable dedication to dance has set a benchmark in the film industry that no other actor has matched. The record was officially presented to him by representatives of the Guinness Book at a celebratory event held in Hyderabad, where he was honored in the presence of notable personalities, including Bollywood star Aamir Khan.

I Think That Is the Reason Why I Got This Guinness Record!

Chiranjeevi explained that he believes his love for dance, more than acting, is the reason behind his Guinness World Record Chiranjeevi ex-

plained that he believes his love for dance, more than acting, is the reason behind his Guinness World Record achievement. He said, "Dancing has been an additional qualification for me since childhood. Choreographers have made my dances special. While I receive awards for my acting, I am truly happy that my dancing has also earned a record and an award. I cannot forget the role my directors and fans have played in this success."



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Congress CLP Meeting at Trident Hotel

Strategies for Strengthening Party and Governance in Telangana

TPN, Hyderabad: The recent Congress Legislative Party (CLP) meeting held at Trident Hotel focused on bolstering the party's leadership and governance under Chief Minister Revanth Reddy in Telangana. During his address, Reddy celebrated the Congress party's victories in both state assembly and Lok Sabha elections, attributing the success to the collective efforts of party members.

The CLP passed a unanimous resolution thanking national leaders Mallikarjuna Kharge, Sonia Gandhi, and Rahul Gandhi for appointing Mahesh Kumar Goud as the new Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President. Reddy emphasized the importance of coordination between the party and the government to ensure the successful implementation of welfare programs. He encouraged members to actively engage with the public and communicate the government's achievements.

In particular, Reddy stressed the party's commitment to addressing the needs of backward communities (BCs), highlighting the formation of a BC Commission and the prioritization of a BC caste census in line with Rahul Gandhi's vision. He also mentioned the formation of a ministerial sub-committee, led by Uttam Kumar Reddy, to study the Supreme Court's

verdict on SC classification and offer recommendations.

Reddy expressed concern about Prime Minister Modi's political strategies, particularly the Jamili elections, which he criticized as a power-consolidating move. He urged party members to stay vigilant against opposition misinformation, especially regarding new government initiatives. Reddy highlighted Telangana's recent achievement of waiving ₹18,000 crores in farmers' loans within 27 days as a testament to Congress's commitment to alleviating farmer debt.

Looking ahead, the Chief Minister introduced programs like the Family Digital Card, aimed at creating health profiles and improving ration distribution statewide. He urged ministers to visit districts regularly to ensure the success of these initiatives.

New TPCC Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud reinforced the importance of party unity and stressed the need for local body election success. He vowed to act as a bridge between the party and the government, recognizing the hard work of party activists. Both Reddy and Goud expressed confidence in Congress's future, with Goud emphasizing Rahul Gandhi's leadership as key to India's progress.

"Who Is Responsible for Our Loss?" - Crying Victims of Hydra Demolitions



TPN, Hyderabad: Hydra, which had paused demolitions in Hyderabad until recently, has resumed its operations. A crackdown on pond encroachments in Hyderabad has led to the demolition of 16 commercial sheds and the reclaiming of four acres of Kookatpalli Nalla Cheruvu today. Additionally, in Aminpur, three buildings were demolished, and one acre of land was acquired in Krishnareddypet.

Moreover, HYDRA officials demolished 25 villas in Patelguda, seizing three acres of land. In total, HYDRA officials reclaimed eight acres of government land across all three areas through demolitions today. The local business community was outraged by the actions of HYDRA, as police were heavily deployed to carry out the demolitions.

Locals were in tears as they watched their encroachments be-

ing demolished at Nalla Cheruvu in Kukatpalli. Many pleaded for at least two more months to vacate the premises, but HYDRA officials were unmoved. One victim, in particular, lamented, "My wife is pregnant, and they didn't even give me time to take our belongings."

"They expressed their anger, questioning who would be responsible for their losses. The victims accused the officials of carrying out demolitions without providing any prior notice, leaving them stranded and asking, "Is it right to throw us on the streets like this when we are making a living through small businesses?"

Business owners were heartbroken as they removed their belongings from the sheds while HYDRA officials carried out the demolitions. Many were devastated, describing the situation as deeply unfair. They

complained that had they been informed in advance, they would have vacated the premises and relocated their shops to other areas. Instead, the sudden demolition left them with no time to prepare.

The victims were emotional, crying out that the Revanth Reddy government had dragged them to a desperate situation. They demanded that the government take steps to ensure that middle-class citizens like them are not burdened by Hydra's demolition drives. Many business owners claimed they were unaware that their shops were in the FTL (Full Tank Level) area or the buffer zone. Had they known, they said they would have relocated their businesses to a safer area. In tears, they asked the Revanth Reddy government, "How will we survive from tomorrow? Who will be held responsible for our loss?"

Mee Seva Down for 10 Days, Govt Promises to Clear Backlogs

TPN, Hyderabad: Telangana's online services platform, Mee Seva, has been experiencing a technical failure for the past 10 days, disrupting services across many parts of the state. Officials have identified the issue as a technical failure at the state's data centre, leaving citizens facing delays in various applications, particularly for jobs and higher education.

Mee Seva addressed the situation through its official social media account on X (formerly Twitter), assuring citizens that efforts are underway to restore the services and clear the backlog of applications as quickly as possible.

The service provider explained that the technical error has impacted access to documents uploaded for transactions made between July 10 and September 12, 2024. This has led to a large number of pending applications. To tackle the backlog, the Electronic Service Delivery (ESD) system will send the affected applications back to Mee Seva's Village Level Entrepreneurs (VLEs), who have been instructed to re-upload and resubmit the necessary documents.

Citizens whose applications are part of the backlog will receive updates about the status of their re-submissions via SMS. Mee Seva also confirmed that applications submitted after September 13, 2024, are being processed as usual.

Despite the service outage, the government has promised to resolve the technical issue and address the delayed applications at the earliest, assuring citizens that normalcy will soon return.

Govt Awaits Interpol's Red Corner Notice for Ex-SIB Chief in Phone Tapping Case

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The phone tapping case, which rocked the political landscape of Telangana, involves the illegal interception of phone calls during the assembly elections in November 2023. According to the prosecutor, around 4,500 phone lines from non-Airtel subscribers were tapped between November 15 and 30, 2023. Shockingly, 80% of the phone data from Airtel subscribers could not be recovered as critical evidence, including hard drives, was destroyed by the accused.

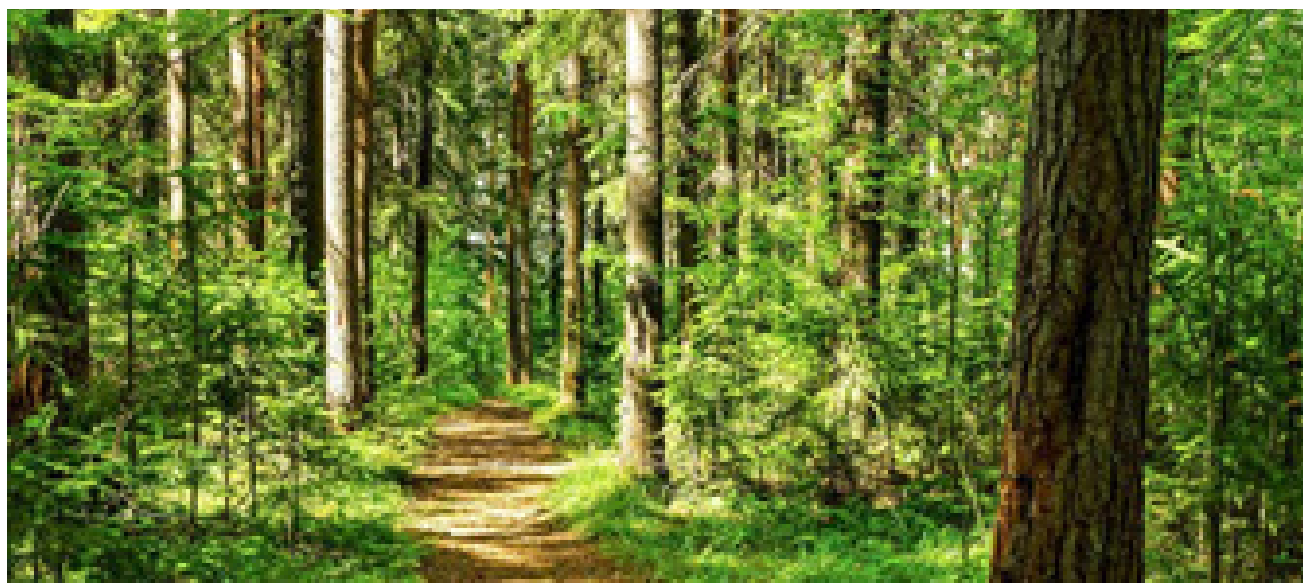
The illegal surveillance primarily targeted opposition figures, including A. Revanth Reddy, who was then the leader of the opposition and the current Chief Minister. Reddy, along with his family and associates, was a key target of the operation. BJP

leader Eatala Rajender and his close associates were also victims of the phone tapping.

Opposing the bail plea of Thirupathanna, the public prosecutor argued that the former additional SP played a significant role in the conspiracy, acting on orders from higher-ups. The prosecutor further revealed that approximately 340 GB of data related to the illegal tapping was recovered from Thirupathanna's devices, and that the surveillance had deeply affected the lives of many individuals.

The Telangana government has made it clear that they are determined to bring Prabhakar Rao and other fugitives to justice and hold them accountable for the widespread illegal surveillance operation conducted during the election period.

KTR Vows to Fight For Damagundam Forest



TPN, Telangana: Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) working president KT Rama Rao (KTR) reaffirmed his party's commitment to opposing the destruction of the Damagundam forest in Vikarabad district. This comes amid protests by activists against the Telangana government's decision to hand over 2,900 acres of the forest land to the Indian Navy for setting up a radar station.

KTR took to social media platform X (formerly Twitter) on Sunday, September 22, to reiterate the party's stance, stating, "For 10 years, the KCR government refused to hand over nearly 3,000 acres of land to the Union Government to save the 12.5 lakh trees and the entire ecosystem." He criticized the current Congress-led state government for allegedly succumbing to pressure from the central government and allowing the land transfer.

KTR emphasized that the BRS had taken a firm stand on this issue earlier this year in February and will continue to fight against the destruction of the forest, which he believes is vital for preserving the local environment and ecosystem. Meanwhile, a group of activists held a protest on Sunday at Dharna Chowk under the banner of "Save Damagundam JAC." The protest was sparked by concerns over the felling of trees and the long-term impact on the forest's delicate ecosystem. The Damagundam forest, located near Hyderabad, plays a crucial role in maintaining environmental balance in the region.

Protesters expressed their concerns about the environmental degradation that could follow the radar station's construction, stressing the need to protect the forest's biodiversity and the larger ecosystem.

End of Waiting for Rythu Bharosa: Rs. 7,500 Deposited

TPN, Telangana: Farmers in Telangana can finally expect relief as the state government prepares to deposit Rs. 7,500 into their accounts as part of the Rythu Bharosa scheme. This initiative promises to provide agricultural investment assistance of Rs. 15,000 per acre annually for farmers with at least one acre of land, including tenant farmers.

State Agriculture Minister Thummala announced that the funds will be credited by the end of next month. The government has also recently formed a Cabinet Sub-Committee to develop new guidelines for the scheme, engaging with farmers, experts, and other stakeholders to ensure effective implementation.

The discussion surrounding the farmer loan waiver has been prominent, with the government having waived loans up to Rs. 2 lakh in three phases. However, many farmers with accounts containing incorrect details—such as mismatches with Aadhaar cards—have faced delays in receiving their funds. Those who borrowed beyond the Rs. 2 lakh limit have also been impacted, as the loan waiver funds were not deposited due to their failure to repay the extra amounts.

The upcoming Rythu Bharosa funds will mark a significant boost for farmers, who will see Rs. 7,500 deposited directly into their accounts. Additionally, farmers will receive Rs. 6,000 annually from the central government's PM Kisan scheme, with the 18th installment of Rs. 2,000 expected next month. This combined support amounts to a total of Rs. 9,500, significantly enhancing the financial assistance available to farmers during these challenging times.





Complaint Filed Against Former AP CM Jagan Over Tirupati Laddu Controversy

TPN, Hyderabad: A complaint has been lodged against former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, along with Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) officials, over allegations of using low-quality ghee mixed with animal fat in the preparation of the sacred Tirupati Laddu prasadam. The complaint was filed by K Karuna Sagar, a city-based advocate, at the Saidabad police station.

In his complaint, Karuna Sagar, a practicing High Court lawyer, expressed deep concern, stating that the Tirupati laddu prasadam holds immense religious significance for Hindus and has been a symbol of divine blessings for over 300 years. The complaint stems from a lab test report from NDDDB CALF Ltd, which allegedly confirmed the use of ghee mixed with animal fat in the laddu preparation.

This issue has sparked widespread concern among devotees, who have questioned the quality of ghee used in the revered offering. The TTD has since reassured the public that the sanctity of the prasadam has been restored, but the controversy continues to gain momentum.

The row escalated after Andhra Pradesh's former Chief Minister, N Chandrababu Naidu, accused the previous YSRCP government, led by Jagan Mohan Reddy, of allowing the use of animal fat in the preparation of the sacred laddus. In response,



the YSRCP dismissed these allegations as "diversion politics" and a "fabricated story."

The central government has requested a detailed report from the Andhra Pradesh government regarding the matter. Union Food Minister Pralhad Joshi has also called for a thorough investigation and assured appropriate action following the review of the findings.

Karuna Sagar, in his complaint, urged the police to investigate the matter and take legal action against Jagan Mohan Reddy and others allegedly involved, emphasizing that such actions deeply offend the religious sentiments of Hindus.

Political Asceticism if No Mistakes Are Made: KTR's Challenge to Ponguleti

TPN, Telangana: BRS Working President KTR has challenged Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy to resign from politics if it is proven that no wrongdoing has occurred in the Amrit Scheme tenders. KTR demanded that an inquiry be conducted by a sitting judge immediately and called for Revanth Reddy to be prepared to step down from his post as Chief Minister if corruption is proven. KTR made these statements on Sunday while speaking to the media alongside party leaders at Telangana Bhavan in Hyderabad.



adding that the entire Kodangal lift irrigation project and other cases would expose corruption within CM Revanth's family, particularly involving his brother-in-law.

"If Minister Ponguleti is sincere, he should come with me to the High Court CJ. If there is no wrongdoing in the tenders, I will practice political asceticism," KTR said. He added that the CM should admit the mistakes

and cancel the tenders immediately.

"Yesterday, a minister made a big claim that he would resign if it was proven that he had done something wrong. If he is truly sincere, let us both go to the Chief Justice of the High Court together and immediately request an inquiry by a sitting judge," KTR commented. "If the sitting judge confirms that no mistakes have been made, I will take up political asceticism," he added. KTR pointed out that the minister seems reluctant to approach the High Court CJ and instead suggested that they both approach the Central Vigilance Commissioner.

KTR also reiterated his demand that the Chief Minister and the minister cancel the tenders. He alleged that Revanth Reddy is facing accusations of illegally awarding tenders to his brother-in-law and questioned what the situation would be if his brother-in-law were not involved. "After running the government for ten years, they claim not to know where corruption is happening?" KTR asked,

KTR also criticized Chief Minister Revanth for neglecting the Singareni coal workers and accused the Congress government of exploiting their hard work. He claimed that the CM was making false statements about offering a 33% profit share to the workers. "Singareni's profits are Rs. 4701 crores, and if they are truly giving a 33% share, workers should be receiving a bonus of Rs. 1551 crores," KTR explained. He added that each worker should be getting Rs. 3.70 lakhs, but they are only being given Rs. 90,000. KTR demanded that Congress admit they are giving only a 16% bonus and called for the workers to be given Rs. 3.70 lakhs as a fair bonus.

KTR urged the AICUC (All India Coal Workers' Union) to respond to the reduction in the workers' share and called on Koonanneni Sambasivarao to express his opinion on the issue. He encouraged the Singareni workers to pressure Congress MLAs to increase their share, promising that BRS would stand by them.

Farmers Launch Selfie Campaign for Loan Waiver in Siddipet

TPN, Siddipet: Farmers in the district have initiated a "selfie for loan waiver" campaign in the Dubbak constituency, starting on Sunday. The campaign is expected to expand throughout the district from Monday, as it has garnered significant support from farmers.



village are still awaiting the waiver.

BRS leader Thota Kamalakar Reddy addressed the gathering, stating their aim to bring the real situation to the attention of both the public and the government. While Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy claims that the loan waiver has been completed, Kamalakar Reddy demanded clarification from the government regarding the farmers who have yet to benefit from the scheme. He emphasized that they would visit all villages in the district to document the farmers' voices and share their concerns on social media, tagging the Chief Minister.

The campaign, supported by BRS leaders, began in Dharmaram village in the Mirudoddi mandal. Despite being a small village, around 200 farmers gathered at the center to meet with the BRS leaders. Many of these farmers, who had borrowed more than Rs. 2 lakh, had repaid their loans to the banks, yet many have not received the loan waiver. They noted that the majority of farmers in the

Harish Rao Criticizes Telangana Minister Over Yellampalli Project Credits

TPN, Telangana: Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) MLA T. Harish Rao strongly criticized Telangana BC Welfare Minister Ponnampalabhar on Sunday, September 22, for claiming credit for the completion of the Yellampalli project. Harish Rao, a senior BRS leader, stated that the Congress was overlooking the BRS government's significant role in completing and operationalizing the long-delayed Yellampalli project, which had been neglected under previous Congress administrations.



ment had invested Rs 2,052 crore for land acquisition, rehabilitation, and infrastructure improvements, including the construction of high-level bridges and roads. Rao pointed out that Yellampalli became a key balancing reservoir for the Kaleshwaram project, which aimed to supply water to areas dependent on the reservoir.

In response to claims that the alignment of the project had changed, Harish

Rao clarified that the alignment from Yellampalli to Kondapochamma Sagar remained intact during re-engineering efforts. He added that the BRS government increased the storage capacity of the reservoirs as per recommendations from the Central Water Commission (CWC). The original Pranahita-Chevella project proposed by the Congress had a total storage capacity of 14 TMC, while re-engineering efforts under BRS raised the capacity to 141 TMC. Rao concluded by emphasizing that the BRS government's efforts have led to tangible results, ensuring that water is now available for storage and use in the expanded reservoirs.

Rao emphasized that while the Yellampalli barrage was officially declared complete, key aspects of the project, including the supply of water to farmers, had been ignored. "After the formation of Telangana, the BRS government swiftly completed construction of resettlement colonies, compensated flood victims, relocated people from flooded villages, and completed a high-level bridge on Rajiv Road. We also filled 20 TMCs of water in the Yellampalli reservoir up to Full Reservoir Level (FRL) of 148 meters," Harish Rao stated.

He further highlighted that the BRS govern-

KTR Afraid That Harish Rao Will Get the Position of Leader of Opposition

TPN, Telangana: Minister Komatireddy Venkataraj has taken aim at the top leaders of BRS, claiming that KTR fears Harish Rao might attain the position of Leader of the Opposition—a prospect KCR does not support. He further explained that KTR is also competing for that post, adding that KTR is suffering from frustration due to internal family disputes.



Komatireddy alleged that BRS lost the elections because of KTR's looting. He also accused Satyam Ramalinga Raju's son, known internationally, of being KTR's right-hand man in these alleged activities.

He warned that KTR is not a child and should think carefully before speaking. Komatireddy challenged KTR to present evidence of the Rs. 8,888 crore allocation linked to the Amrit tenders. He further alleged that KTR awarded

tenders to a company owned by his benami, Satyam Ramalinga Raju's son, during the election code of conduct period.

Komatireddy also mentioned that they would soon reveal what Kavitha has done over the past ten years. He stated that both KTR and Harish Rao would definitely face jail time if former intelligence chief Prabhakar Rao were to return to the state and become an approver. As a result, Komatireddy accused KTR and Harish Rao of pressuring Prabhakar Rao to avoid returning to India from America.

Bandi Sanjay Accuses Owaisi College Faculty of Terror Links

TPN, Hyderabad: On September 22, Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay claimed that a member of an internationally banned terrorist organization is employed at Fathima Owaisi College in Hyderabad.

Addressing the media, Sanjay alleged that an individual affiliated with Hizb ut-Tahrir, a globally recognized terrorist group, is working as faculty at the Owaisi-owned institution and is allegedly spreading extremist ideologies among students. He dismissed accusations of Islamophobia related to his earlier remarks.

Sanjay's controversial statements came shortly after Asaduddin Owaisi, the chief of the All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimin (AIMIM) and Hyderabad MP, criticized a recent statement made by BJP's Karimnagar MP as Islamophobic.

The Union minister stirred further controversy by accusing madrasas of "fostering terrorism" and threatening national security. He claimed that some madrasas are instructing children



on how to use AK-47 rifles with brooms.

Owaisi responded on social media, urging every Indian to condemn Sanjay's communal remarks. Known for making statements that incite communal tension, Bandi Sanjay continues to polarize society with his comments.



NIA Inspections in Hyderabad

- The NIA arrested terrorist Rizwan Abdul in August.
- Rizwan was working in the ISIS Pune module.

- It has been confirmed that Rizwan was in Hyderabad for a few months.

TPN, Hyderabad: The National Investigation Agency (NIA) conducted inspections in Hyderabad today. NIA officials searched the Shankeshwar Bazar Green View Apartment in the Saidabad area, with inspections lasting for almost an hour.

It is known that the NIA arrested terrorist Rizwan Abdul in August. The NIA identified Rizwan as a wanted terrorist associated with the international terrorist organization ISIS. Rizwan Abdul was operating from Pune on behalf of ISIS.

Rizwan was detained at Delhi's Gangabakhsh Marg. During his arrest, a .30 bore

pistol, three cartridges, and two mobile phones were seized from him. A case has been registered against Rizwan at Delhi's Special Cell Police Station. There was already a reward of Rs. 3 lakh on Rizwan.

After his arrest in Delhi, the NIA took over the investigation. Based on information provided by Rizwan, the inspections were carried out in Hyderabad today. The NIA recently confirmed that Rizwan had been staying at Shankeshwar Green View Apartment in Saidabad for a few months. It is noteworthy that today's search was conducted to track Rizwan's movements.

200 Rooms for Devotees at Yadagirigutta Temple

TPN, Yadadri: Due to accommodation challenges faced by devotees visiting the Yadagirigutta Lakshmi Narasimhaswamy temple, a proposal has been put forward to construct 200 new rooms. Officials from the Department of Religious Affairs have brought this proposal to the attention of the government, emphasizing the need for adequate lodging for overnight visitors.

If approved, the new accommodations will be funded with the help of donors and are likely to be built behind the Shiva Temple, replacing the Balalayam. This initiative aims to establish a permanent lodging solution for devotees on the hill.

Currently, only a limited number of green hotel rooms are available, forcing many devotees to stay at the base of the hill. Those wishing to participate in

the services at Tellawaru Jamuna Swami must trek up from below, often facing difficulties due to delayed bus services in the morning. Establishing a significant number of rooms atop the hill would alleviate these challenges.

Recently, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and Religious Affairs Minister Konda Surekha held a review meeting regarding the temple's development and facilities for devotees. In this context, authorities have initiated efforts to address the accommodation issues. Additionally, the government plans to construct a Veda Pathasalam at a cost of Rs. 43 crore on 20 acres in Raigiri, with support from the Kanchi Kamakoti Peetham. Efforts are also underway to cultivate flowers and tulusi on the temple grounds, reducing reliance on outside purchases for puja functions.



IMD Hyderabad Issues Yellow Alert, Warns of Heavy Rains for the Next Three Days



TPN, Hyderabad: The India Meteorological Department (IMD) Hyderabad has issued a yellow alert, warning of heavy rains over the next three days across several districts in Telangana. The weather department has forecast thunderstorms, lightning, and squalls from September 23 to 25, urging residents to take necessary precautions.

For Hyderabad, cloudy skies are expected until September 25, with light to moderate rains or thundershowers predicted. A yellow alert has been issued for Tuesday, signaling possible localized heavy rainfall and related disruptions.

Significant Rainfall During the Current Monsoon

Telangana has recorded higher-than-average rainfall during this year's southwest monsoon. The state has received an average of 919 mm of rainfall, compared to the normal 703.6 mm—an

increase of 31%. Hyderabad, in particular, recorded 780.4 mm of rainfall against the normal 575.5 mm, a 36% increase.

Nampally in Hyderabad witnessed a significant surge in rainfall, recording 920.6 mm, up 61% from its normal average of 570.8 mm.

On Sunday, several areas in Telangana received heavy downpours, with Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district recording the highest rainfall at 103.3 mm. In Hyderabad, Golconda saw the heaviest rainfall at 91.3 mm.

With the IMD predicting more rains over the next three days, the total rainfall during this southwest monsoon season is expected to rise further. Residents are advised to stay updated on weather conditions and follow safety measures, especially in low-lying areas prone to waterlogging and flooding.

Hussain Sagar Reaches Capacity After Heavy Rains in Hyderabad

TPN, Hyderabad: The heavy rains that lashed Hyderabad on Friday night and Saturday evening have led to significant inflows into Hussain Sagar Lake, causing the water level to rise to near capacity. According to the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC), the lake's water level reached 513.51 meters by 10:30 PM on Saturday, surpassing its full tank level of 513.41 meters.

In response to the rising water levels and continued rainfall, the GHMC issued a safety advisory on Saturday night, urging citizens to stay indoors and take precautions. The municipal body warned of the risks posed by strong winds, heavy rain, and potential lightning, which could lead to dangerous situations.

The GHMC's advisory emphasized the following safety measures:

- Stay clear of trees, electric poles, and water bodies.
- Avoid using metal objects and electrical devices during lightning strikes.
- Refrain from crossing flooded streets or visiting construction sites.

For emergencies, citizens have been asked to contact the GHMC's city helpline at 040 21111111



or reach out via social media (@GHMConline). The corporation assured residents that teams are on high alert and working around the clock to address waterlogging, power outages, and other potential hazards.

The GHMC urged citizens to stay updated through official channels as they continue to manage the situation amid ongoing heavy rains.

TOMCOM Conducts Job Drive in Hyderabad for Caregiver Vacancies in Israel

TPN, Hyderabad: The Telangana Overseas Manpower Company Limited (TOMCOM), a government-registered recruitment agency under the Department of Labour, Employment, Training, and Factories, is organizing a special job drive in Hyderabad to fill caregiver vacancies in Israel. The recruitment drive aims to select candidates with relevant experience and qualifications in caregiving services.

Candidates between the ages of 25 and 45, with a valid passport for at least two years, are eligible to apply. Selected individuals will receive a monthly salary of Rs 1.3 lakhs. The initial contract will be for two years, with a possibility of extension based on need.

Successful candidates will work six days a week, enjoy nine religious holidays, and be entitled to 16 days of annual vacation.

Those interested in applying can submit their resumes to *tomcom.overseasmanpower@gmail.com* or contact 8247838789, 8019459189, or 7893566493 for more information.

Irregularities in Appointments at Veterinary University

TPN, Hyderabad, September 21: Koturi Manvatarai, chairman of the Telangana Student and Unemployed JAC, has lodged a complaint with ACB DG Rituraj regarding alleged large-scale irregularities in the appointments of assistant and associate professors at PV Narsimha Rao Telangana Veterinary University from 2021 to 2023.

Manvatarai claims that the roster and recruitment rules were violated during these appointments, leading to significant corruption amounting to crores of rupees. He has submitted a petition to Rituraj, requesting a judicial investigation into the matter.

In his complaint, Manvatarai holds the former Vice Chancellor, current and former registrars, the dean, and selection board members accountable for the irregularities. He has urged the cancellation of the questionable appointments and called for new notifications to be issued under the oversight of senior IAS officers.

Additionally, Manvatarai alleges that former VC Ravinder Reddy is at the center of this corruption and describes him as a self-proclaimed ally of former minister Niranjan Reddy, claiming that Reddy is protecting Ravinder Reddy's misconduct.



Woman raped on travel bus; incident comes to light late

TPN, Hyderabad: A shocking incident in the city has come to light, involving the rape of a married woman on a private travel bus. The incident, which took place on September 18, is now causing widespread concern among passengers.

On the night of September 18, a 28-year-old woman boarded a

private travel bus in Kukatpally, bound for Vijayawada. While everyone was asleep, a man on the same bus noticed her and approached her. He then forcibly raped her, threatening to kill her if she screamed.

After returning home, the woman confided in her husband about the horrific assault. The couple filed a

complaint with the Choutuppal police on Sunday, bringing the incident to light. The Choutuppal police registered a case and transferred it to the Kukatpally police.

Authorities are now gathering details of the passengers who were on the bus that night and have launched a search to apprehend the accused.



Plot to Blow Up Army Special Train Foiled in Madhya Pradesh

Madhya Pradesh: In a shocking incident in Burhanpur district, Madhya Pradesh, a plot to blow up a special train carrying army personnel was thwarted on Wednesday. Miscreants had planted 10 detonators on the railway track near Sagphata railway station. Fortunately, the conspiracy was foiled without any casualties, as one of the detonators went off, alerting the train driver, who immediately stopped the train, preventing a major disaster.

The special train, which was transporting army personnel from Jammu and Kashmir to Karnataka, was saved thanks to the quick response of the driver. Upon discovery, the driver promptly informed the station master, leading to the involvement of senior officials from the Anti-Terrorism Squad (ATS), the National Investigation Agency (NIA), the Railways, and the local police. Investigations are underway, and authorities confirmed that no injuries were reported.

Gas Cylinder Found on Railway Track in Uttar Pradesh

In a separate incident in Uttar Pradesh, railway security personnel discovered a gas cylinder placed on the railway tracks near Prempur railway station in Kanpur early Sunday morning. The loco pilot of a goods train, traveling from Kanpur towards Prayagraj, applied emergency brakes to stop the train after spotting the cylinder at around 8:10 AM. Officials later confirmed that the 5 kg gas cylinder was empty.

This incident marks the second such occurrence in Uttar Pradesh this month, raising concerns about repeated attempts to sabotage railway infrastructure. Authorities are investigating the circumstances surrounding both incidents to determine whether they are part of a larger conspiracy targeting rail operations.

The discovery of detonators and a gas cylinder on railway tracks within such a short time frame has heightened suspicions of coordinated efforts to cause train accidents across the country. Security agencies are on high alert as investigations continue.



The Quad and India's Role in It: Staying Relevant Amid China's Rise

The Quadrilateral Security Dialogue (Quad), comprising the United States, India, Japan, and Australia, has now been around for nearly two decades. First conceptualized in 2004 following the Indian Ocean tsunami, the Quad has, at times, faced skepticism over its relevance and purpose. Despite such uncertainty, the Quad has gradually solidified its place in international diplomacy, especially in the Indo-Pacific region, a development driven, in no small part, by the growing influence of China.

At the fourth Quad leaders' summit in Wilmington, Delaware, US President Joe Biden was asked about the future of the Quad. His confident response, "Much beyond that," indicated the Quad's staying power despite challenges. Prime Minister Narendra Modi of India echoed this optimism, emphasizing that the Quad would continue to support and partner with Indo-Pacific nations.

AUKUS and Quad: Complementary or Competing?

The relevance of the Quad came under scrutiny in 2021 with the formation of AUKUS, a trilateral security pact between Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States. AUKUS, with its military-focused agenda, immediately raised concerns that it might overshadow the Quad, which lacks a direct military component. Comparisons between the two partnerships intensified, leading some to question whether the Quad could effectively counter China's growing influence in the Indo-Pacific.

India and Australia were initially hesitant about the Quad's re-emergence in 2017, concerned about antagonizing China. India shares a long, tense border with China, while Australia has deep economic ties to Beijing. Both nations were wary of appearing to align with a perceived US-led initiative to "contain" China. However, the situation shifted dramatically in 2020. India's border conflict with China in Eastern Ladakh and Australia's trade disputes with Beijing led both countries to shed their reservations about the Quad.

In 2020, India took the initiative to push for a standalone Quad ministerial meeting in Tokyo, marking a significant shift in the Quad's trajectory. With India and Australia more firmly on board, the Quad began to grow beyond its tentative beginnings.

Quad's Strength: Economic Resilience Over Military



Power

While AUKUS draws attention for its military dimension, the Quad has found relevance in other strategic areas, particularly in the realm of economic resilience and reducing dependence on China. The 2023 Quad Summit introduced the "Supply Chains Contingency Network", aimed at securing and enhancing the resilience of semiconductor supply chains. Semiconductors are vital to the global economy, particularly for advanced technologies. Taiwan's dominance in this sector presents a potential geopolitical vulnerability for countries like the US and its allies, given China's strategic interest in Taiwan.

According to a 2023 RAND report, a disruption in the semiconductor supply chain could have severe economic consequences for the US and its partners. The report recommended that the US work collaboratively with allies like those in the Quad to safeguard these crucial supply chains. The Quad's involvement in such economic initiatives demonstrates its value beyond military confrontation, focusing on strategic competition in the economic sphere, particularly against China.

Another significant Quad initiative was the "Quad Vaccine Partnership", launched in 2021. This effort delivered 400 million COVID-19 vaccine doses to Indo-Pacific nations, providing a counterweight to China's extensive vaccine diplomacy in the region. China had distributed nearly 900 million doses to Asia-Pacific countries by December 2022, according to Bridge Consulting, a firm that tracks China's global health influence. The Quad's vaccine efforts served to reduce China's sway in these nations, reflecting the partnership's potential to exert influence through soft power.

India's Crucial Role in the Quad's Relevance

India's involvement in the Quad adds

unique value to the partnership, making it more strategically important, especially for the US. While AUKUS is a purely Western alliance, India's position as a major player in the Global South allows the Quad to extend its influence beyond traditional Western spheres.

Political theorist John Ikenberry's "Three Worlds" framework helps explain India's significance. According to Ikenberry, the global West (led by the US) and the global East (dominated by China and Russia) are in competition to shape the world order. The global South, in this context, represents a "swing grouping" capable of aligning with either side. India, as a prominent leader of the global South, holds a pivotal role in balancing world politics. By participating in the Quad, India can tilt the dynamics of global alliances and exert influence over the international order.

India's inclusion makes the Quad a more comprehensive and globally relevant partnership. Its geopolitical position, economic power, and influence in the Global South contribute to shaping the Indo-Pacific region's security and economic framework, making the Quad an essential component of the US-led efforts to maintain a rules-based international order.

Conclusion: The Quad's Future

Despite occasional doubts about its relevance, the Quad has demonstrated that it is here to stay, thanks in large part to China's increasing assertiveness in the Indo-Pacific. The partnership's focus on economic resilience, supply chain security, and regional influence provides it with a solid foundation for the future. Moreover, India's unique position within the Quad ensures that the partnership remains not just a tool of Western diplomacy but a broader platform capable of addressing the global challenges posed by China's rise.

Kolkata's Iconic Trams: The 151-Year-Old Legacy on the Brink of Extinction

The dingy bell of a tram rattling through the crowded streets of Kolkata brings a sense of nostalgia to many, including 18-year-old Deep Das. "There were times when buses were frequent, but I still waited for the trams," the student says, recalling the happiest moments of his day spent on this iconic transport. For Kolkata's residents, trams are more than just a mode of travel; they are a symbol of the city's rich history. But this 151-year-old network, once the pride of the eastern metropolis, is now facing a slow but steady decline.

The Rise and Fall of Kolkata's Trams

Introduced in 1873, when Kolkata was still a jewel in the British Empire's crown, the trams were initially horse-drawn. Over the years, they transitioned to steam-driven and finally electric-powered trams by 1900. The sight of these blue-and-white striped vehicles, with a sunshine-yellow top, weaving through the city streets was once a familiar one. But today, they are an endangered relic.

Kolkata is the only city in India that still has an operational tram system, a fact that adds to its historic value. However, this unique distinction is now under threat, with the network gradually shrinking due to a combination of neglect, modern urban challenges, and shifting priorities.

A Struggle for Survival

Deep Das is not alone in his efforts to save the trams. He is part of the Calcutta Tram Users' Association (CTUA), a group of tram enthusiasts dedicated to preserving this heritage transport. Led by retired biochemist Debashish Bhattacharyya, the CTUA is fighting to keep the trams alive, arguing that city authorities are overlooking their potential.

Bhattacharyya believes that trams are not just a historical asset but also an environmentally friendly and economical solution to Kolkata's modern transportation problems. "The investment required is minimum," Bhattacharyya says. He points out that the lifespan of a tram is 50 to 80 years, far longer than the 5 to 10 years of a typical bus, and that their operational costs are much lower.

An Old Glory in Modern Times

The slow-moving trams are still a beloved part of Kolkata's landscape. They crawl through the city at about 20 km/h, navigating the traffic-clogged roads filled with vintage yellow taxis, buses, and even cattle. Yet, the tram lines often seem neglected; some parts of the infrastructure have been repur-



posed for makeshift laundry lines, with clothes fluttering in the breeze.

The West Bengal Transport Corporation continues to advocate for the trams, calling them a cheap, safe, and green mode of transport. "Although it is true that their numbers have drastically come down, the Kolkata tram has managed to brave the odds," the corporation states.

A ride on the tram costs a mere seven rupees, less than the price of a cup of tea, and far cheaper than a bus ride. However, the trams run on such irregular schedules that many commuters prefer to pay more for a bus or taxi in order to be on time.

Nostalgia Meets Reality

For many older residents, a ride on the tram is a trip down memory lane. Ram Singh, a 54-year-old teacher, recalls the trams of his youth. "We used to ride trams, and get off after one or two stops. Then we would get on the tram from the other side and get off again, without paying for a ticket," he says with a chuckle.

But this once-extensive network has dwindled to just two operational lines, a shadow of its former self. At one depot, dozens of tram cars sit derelict, their vibrant colors swallowed by rust, some dating back to the 1940s. "Cities should develop, but along with it, history should also be preserved," Singh says, lamenting that the trams represent Kolkata's "old identity."

A Fight for the Future

Das and his group continue to hold community meetings, put up posters, and campaign to raise awareness about the tram system's plight. However, their work also includes tracking breakdowns and addressing the system's many technical challenges. Each malfunction serves as a reminder that the trams may not have much time left.

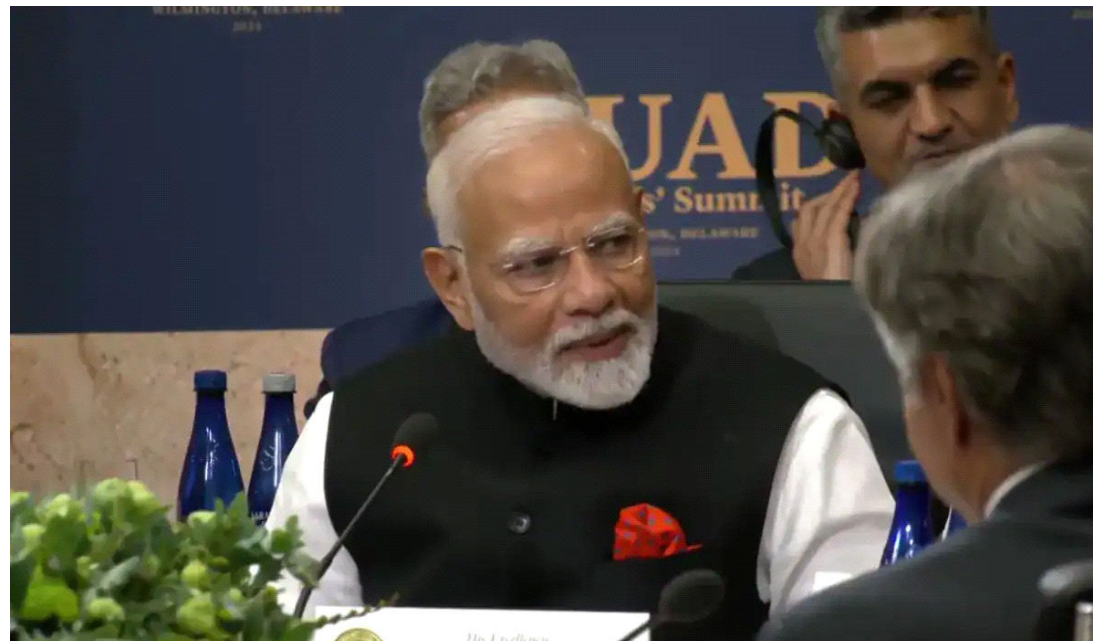


Free, Open Indo-Pacific Is Our Shared Priority: Modi At Quad Summit

At the Quad summit in Wilmington, Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared that "the Quad is here to stay," emphasizing a collective commitment to a free, open, and inclusive Indo-Pacific. Joined by U.S. President Joe Biden, Australian Prime Minister Anthony Albanese, and Japanese Prime Minister Fumio Kishida, Modi highlighted the summit's significance amid global tensions.

In his opening remarks, Modi stressed the importance of shared democratic values among Quad members, stating, "We are not against anybody." He reinforced their dedication to a rules-based international order that respects sovereignty and promotes peaceful conflict resolution. "A free, open, inclusive, and prosperous Indo-Pacific is our shared priority," he asserted.

Modi noted the Quad's positive initiatives in various sectors, including health security, emerging technologies, climate change, and capacity building. "Our message is clear—the Quad is here to stay, to assist, to partner, and to complement," he stated, proposing to host the next Quad Leaders' Summit in India in 2025.



He also praised President Biden's leadership, acknowledging the first Quad summit under his tenure and the enhanced cooperation among member nations. "I express my heartfelt gratitude to you for your firm commitment and contribution towards the Quad," Modi said.

Earlier in the day, Modi arrived in the U.S. for a three-day visit, where he held fruitful bilateral talks with Biden at the president's Delaware residence. During his trip, Modi is also set to address the Summit of the Future at the UN General Assembly in New York and engage with Indian expatriates and American business leaders.



Uday Bhanu Chib Appointed President of Indian Youth Congress

Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge has appointed Uday Bhanu Chib as the new President of the Indian Youth Congress, effective immediately. Chib, previously serving as the General Secretary of the Indian Youth Congress and former President of the Jammu & Kashmir Pradesh Youth Congress, is recognized for his significant contributions to the party. The Congress party expressed appreciation for the outgoing president, Srinivas BV.

Uday Bhanu Chib has also been involved in the Congress manifesto committee for the upcoming J&K Assembly elections. He recently met with senior Congress leader Rahul Gandhi in New Delhi, discussing strategies and party initiatives.

In the current political landscape, the Congress is contesting the J&K Assembly elections in a pre-poll alliance with the National Conference (NC). According to their agreement, the NC will contest 52 seats while the Congress will contest 31, with two seats reserved for the CPI-M and the Panthers Party. However, the two parties have yet to agree on five contentious seats in the Jammu division and the Valley, including Banihal, Nagrota, Doda, Kishtwar, and Sopore. Both parties have decided to field candidates in these five areas, resulting in a friendly contest.

Chib's leadership comes at a crucial time for the Congress as it seeks to strengthen its position in Jammu & Kashmir, aiming to mobilize the youth and enhance party engagement ahead of the elections. His experience and connections within the party will be essential as he leads the youth wing during this pivotal period.

Mayawati Raises Alarm Over Rising Crimes Against Women

Mayawati, the president of the Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) and former Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, has expressed deep concern over the increasing incidents of crimes against women in India. In a post on social media platform X, she criticized the political environment for descending into allegations rather than addressing the serious issue at hand.

She highlighted that the situation is dire across various states, including Uttar Pradesh, West Bengal, Odisha, and Karnataka, questioning the intentions and policies of governments regarding women's safety and respect. Mayawati emphasized that this is not a time for political posturing but rather for serious introspection regarding the effectiveness of existing measures to protect women.

She pointed out that the negligence displayed by government authorities and the alleged involvement of police in such crimes exacerbates the problem. "The repeated occurrence of heinous acts against women indicates a grave flaw in the government's approach," she stated.

Mayawati urged all stakeholders to adopt a more impartial and serious stance to combat the growing trend of violence against women. She insisted that the state and country must not be tarnished by the reputation stemming from these serious crimes. Her comments reflect a growing frustration over the lack of effective action and accountability in addressing women's safety issues in India.



Where There Is No Devotion: Sadhguru On Tirupati Laddoo Row

Amid the controversy over alleged animal fat in Tirupati Laddu, spiritual leader Sadhguru Jaggi Vasudev expressed strong disapproval, stating that the inclusion of beef tallow in temple 'prasadam' is "beyond disgusting." He emphasized the importance of temples being managed by devotees rather than government administrations, asserting, "Where there is no Devotion, there shall be no sanctity."

The uproar began after Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu alleged on September 18 that the current government under Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy was using animal fat and substandard ingredients in the preparation of Tirupati laddus. He claimed that even the sacred laddu was compromised with inferior materials, contrasting it with previous standards when it was made with pure ghee.

In response, YSRCP MP and former Chairman of the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam (TTD) Y. V. Subba Reddy refuted Naidu's claims, insisting that TTD only uses pure cow ghee and organic ingredients for the 'prasadam.'

The situation intensified as former Congress leader Acharya Pramod Krishnam labeled the issue a "dangerous conspiracy" aimed at undermining Sanatan Dharma. Protests ensued from the Bharatiya Janata Yuva Morcha (BJYM), the youth wing of the BJP, demanding an apology from Reddy over the controversy.



Nitish Kumar Requests Vande Bharat Train for Ayodhya-Sitamarhi Route

Bihar Chief Minister Nitish Kumar has formally requested Prime Minister Narendra Modi to introduce a Vande Bharat train connecting Ayodhya and Sitamarhi, enhancing rail connectivity for pilgrims visiting these holy towns. The request comes as the Bihar government develops Punaura Dham Janki Mandir in Sitamarhi, regarded as the birthplace of Goddess Sita.

In his letter, Kumar highlighted the significance of improved rail services for the numerous pilgrims who visit both Ram Mandir in Ayodhya and Punaura Dham Janki Mandir daily. He acknowledged the central government's recent efforts to introduce multiple Vande Bharat trains in Bihar and expressed gratitude for these initiatives.

Kumar also mentioned the ongoing construction of the "Ram-Janki Marg" project, which aims to facilitate better road access between Ayodhya and Sitamarhi. He urged the Ministry of Railways to prioritize the new train service to further ease travel for devotees.

The state government has allocated ₹72.47 crore for the overall development of Punaura Dham, which includes plans for creating amenities like 'Sita-Vatika,' 'Luv-Kush Vatika,' and recreational areas for children. Additional infrastructure improvements, such as thematic gates and parking spaces, are also underway to enhance the pilgrimage experience.

With these developments, the Bihar government aims to bolster religious tourism in the region and improve the facilities available to thousands of visitors who flock to Punaura Dham annually.

Kejriwal Challenges RSS and Modi

AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal launched a bold political strategy on Sunday, directly questioning the RSS and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership at a rally in Delhi. By implying that the RSS should rein in its "child," Kejriwal sought to diminish Modi's stature, asking, "Has the son become so big now that it is showing attitude to his mother?"

At his first 'Janta ki Adalat' public meeting since resigning as Delhi chief minister, Kejriwal posed five pointed questions to RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat. He questioned the RSS's stance on the BJP's alleged misuse of central agencies to destabilize opposition parties and the practice of inducting "corrupt" leaders into the party.

Kejriwal specifically referenced the BJP's retirement age rule, which he claimed was applied to senior leaders like LK Advani but



exempted Modi. He challenged Bhagwat by asking if he agreed that this inconsistency undermined the credibility of the party's leadership.

While Kejriwal addressed his supporters at Jantar Mantar, the BJP organized protests against him nearby, focusing on corruption allegations. AAP supporters, however, rallied around Kejriwal, displaying ban-

ners affirming his integrity and chanting slogans in his support.

Kejriwal, recently released on bail after over five months in Tihar Jail related to an excise policy case, emphasized that his political journey was driven by a desire to serve rather than seek power. He expressed his hurt over the corruption allegations and claimed that he had earned respect rather than wealth during his decade in politics.

As he prepares for the upcoming Delhi Assembly elections, Kejriwal described the contest as an "agni pariksha" (trial by fire) and urged voters to reconsider their support if they believed he was dishonest. He announced plans to relocate from the chief minister's residence after the Navratri period, opting to live among the people who have supported him.

India Pledges \$7.5 Million to Combat Cervical Cancer in Indo-Pacific Region

Washington: In a significant move to strengthen the fight against cervical cancer, India has pledged USD 7.5 million towards cancer testing, screening, and diagnosis in the Indo-Pacific region. The announcement was made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi during the Cancer Moonshot event, hosted by US President Joe Biden on the sidelines of the Quad Leaders' Summit in Delaware.

The initiative, part of the Quad Cancer Moonshot, is a "groundbreaking partnership" aimed at saving lives by addressing gaps in cervical cancer care in the Indo-Pacific region. The Quad, comprising India, the US, Japan, and Australia, has committed to working together to improve access to cervical cancer treatment and screening.

Modi highlighted that the grant is part of India's broader vision of "One Earth, One Health," and reiterated India's willingness to share its expertise in healthcare. As part of this initiative, India will also provide radiotherapy treatment and capacity-building support for cancer prevention in the region.

In addition to the cancer initiative, India will supply 40 million doses of vaccines through GAVI and Quad programs to support healthcare efforts in the Indo-Pacific. Modi emphasized the Quad's people-centric approach, stating, "When the Quad acts, it is not just for nations, it is for the people."

The White House fact sheet issued on Saturday underscored the importance of the Quad Cancer Moonshot in strengthening cancer-care infrastructure, expanding research collaborations, and improving access to cervical cancer screening and treatment. Currently, cervical cancer remains the third leading cause of cancer deaths among women in the region, with fewer than 10% of women having completed their HPV vaccinations.

The Quad nations will collaborate with UN agencies to lower the costs of HPV diagnostics and work with the International Atomic Energy Agency (IAEA) to improve medical imaging and radiation therapy access in underserved areas.

US Supports India's Bid for Permanent UN Security Council Seat at Quad Summit

Wilmington: During the recent Quad Leaders Summit, US President Joe Biden expressed strong support for India's inclusion as a permanent member of a reformed United Nations Security Council (UNSC). The summit, attended by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Japan's PM Fumio Kishida, and Australian PM Anthony Albanese, highlighted efforts to expand UNSC membership in both permanent and non-permanent categories.

In a joint statement, the Quad leaders emphasized the importance of reforming global institutions to reflect modern geopolitical realities, with Biden commending India's leadership, particularly Modi's role in the G-20 and Global South. India's large population, growing economy, and active involvement in international peacekeeping make it a strong candidate for permanent membership, a cause it has long championed.

The Quad leaders reaffirmed their commitment to ensuring freedom of navigation and securing maritime routes, particularly in the Middle East. India is set to assume co-leadership of the Combined Task Force 150 in 2025 to safeguard sea lanes in the Arabian Sea.

Prime Minister Modi also reiterated the Quad's commitment to a "free, open, inclusive, and prosperous Indo-Pacific." He outlined several initiatives aimed at addressing global chal-



lenges, including health security, emerging technologies, and climate change. Modi described the Quad as a "force for global good."

On the economic front, the US announced a \$1 billion multilateral financing plan for clean energy projects in India, while Modi unveiled a \$7.5 million grant for cancer screening in the Indo-Pacific as part of India's "One Earth, One Health" vision.

Additionally, the US and India expanded cooperation in technology and defense, including the development of semiconductor manufacturing and unmanned surface vehicle systems.

This deepening partnership reflects the growing strategic importance of the India-US relationship in global security, technology, and economic development.

PM Modi Gifts Silver Train Model, Pashmina Shawl to Joe and Jill Biden



Wilmington, Delaware: Prime Minister Narendra Modi, during his three-day visit to the US, presented US President Joe Biden with a handcrafted antique silver train model as a token of friendship. The meeting took place in Biden's hometown, Wilmington, ahead of the Quad Leaders' Summit.

The silver train model, inscribed with "DELHI-DELAWARE" on the main carriage and "INDIAN RAILWAYS" on the engine in both English and Hindi, was crafted by artisans from Maharashtra, renowned for their expertise in silver craftsmanship. The model is made of 92.5% silver and represents the cultural and historical ties between India and the US. Additionally, PM Modi gifted a Kashmiri pashmina shawl to First Lady Jill Biden, symbolizing the rich cultural heritage of India.

The meeting between Modi and Biden was described as "extremely fruitful," with discussions focusing on enhancing bilateral cooperation in areas of mutual interest. The two leaders also exchanged views on global and regional issues, particularly in the Indo-Pacific region. PM Modi shared on social media platform X, expressing gratitude for the warm reception, stating, "I thank President Biden for hosting me at his residence in Greenville, Delaware. Our talks were extremely fruitful."

President Biden also posted on X, highlighting the strength of the India-US partnership, calling it "stronger, closer, and more dynamic than any time in history."



297 Indian Antiquities Returned During PM Modi's Visit to the US

New Delhi: In a significant diplomatic achievement, the United States returned 297 antiquities to India during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent visit, bringing the total number of repatriated artefacts to 640 since 2014. This move highlights India's continued efforts to combat the illicit trafficking of cultural property and recover its lost heritage.

The US has become a key partner in India's recovery mission, having returned a total of 578 antiquities to date. Notably, between 2004 and 2013, only one artefact was returned to India. This marks substantial progress in India's efforts under PM Modi's leadership, particularly after the return of 157 antiquities during his 2021 visit, including a 12th-century bronze Nataraja statue. Earlier in 2023, another 105 artefacts were repatriated, underscoring the sustained effort to reclaim India's stolen cultural treasures.

India's recovery efforts are not limited to the US. The country has successfully retrieved 16 artefacts from the United Kingdom and 40 from Australia, as part of a broader strategy to preserve its rich cultural heritage.

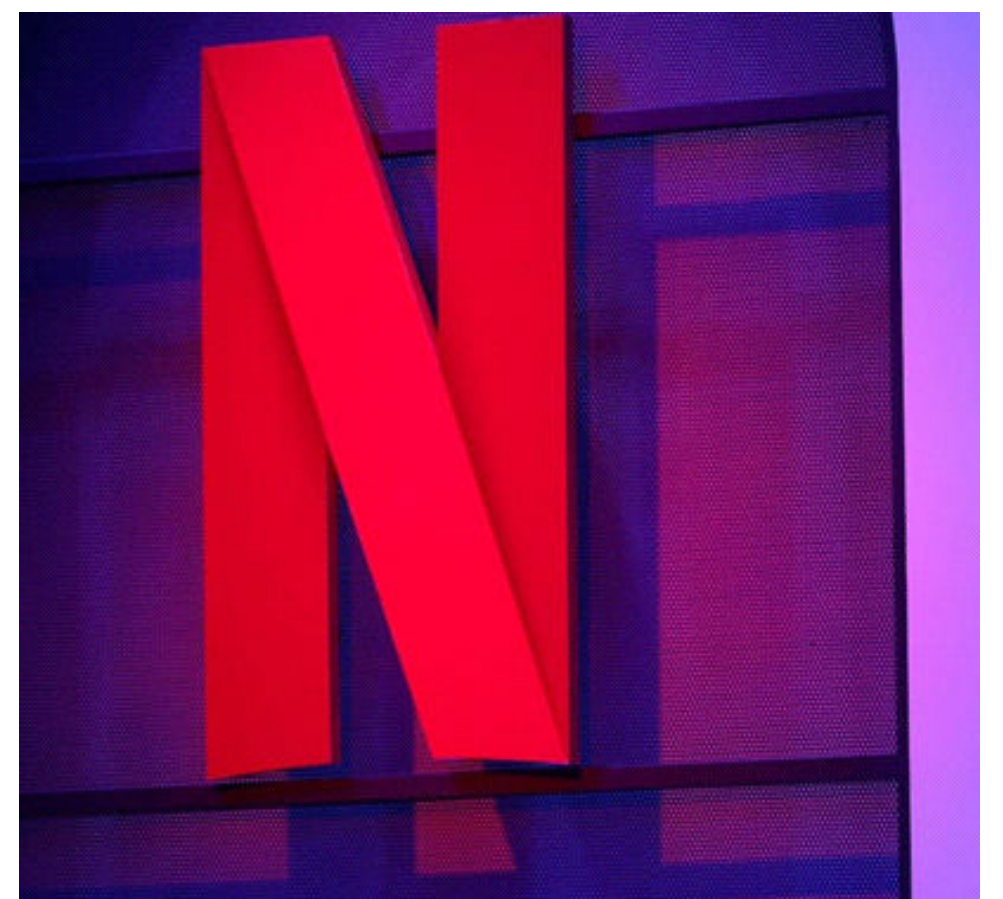
A major milestone in these efforts was the signing of the "Cultural Property Agreement" between India and the US in July 2024, during the 46th World Heritage Committee meeting in New Delhi. This agreement aims to prevent further trafficking of Indian antiquities to the US and strengthens both nations' commitment to protecting cultural heritage.

India Investigates Netflix for Visa Violations and Racial Discrimination

New Delhi: India is investigating Netflix's business practices, including allegations of visa violations, tax evasion, and racial discrimination, according to a government email sent to a former company executive. The investigation was revealed in a July 20 email from Deepak Yadav, an official with India's Foreigners Regional Registration Office (FRRO), to Nandini Mehta, Netflix's former director of business and legal affairs for India. Reuters reviewed the email, which outlines the concerns about Netflix's operations in the country.

The email mentions "visa violation, illegal structures, tax evasion, and incidents of racial discrimination" linked to Netflix's business conduct in India. The probe is reportedly part of increasing scrutiny of the US streaming giant, which has approximately 10 million users in India, a key growth market.

Ms. Mehta, who left Netflix in 2020, is currently suing the company in the US for wrongful termination, racial, and gender discrimination. In an email statement, she welcomed the Indian investigation and expressed hope that the findings would be made public. However, Netflix denies the allegations, stating that Ms. Mehta was fired for misusing her corporate credit card for personal expenses.



Netflix said it was "unaware of an investigation" by the Indian government. The FRRO, which handles foreigners' visa compliance and liaises with other government agencies, declined to comment, as did the Ministry of Home Affairs.

Netflix has faced other legal chal-

lenges in India, including a tax dispute since 2023, and has frequently come under fire for content that some users deem culturally insensitive. This investigation represents a new level of scrutiny for the streaming giant as it continues to navigate the complex regulatory environment in India.



Stock Markets Poised for Fluctuations Amid Global Signals and Profit-Taking Concerns

Domestic stock markets may experience fluctuations this week. International signals and the US Federal Reserve's interest rate cut have boosted the markets. However, investors could take profits at any moment since the indices have already reached highs. Nifty has support at 25,550 and resistance at 25,800. Price action is likely to remain tight unless there are stronger signals from global markets. The realty and consumption sectors performed well last week, with increasing strength seen in the banking and finance sectors. The FMCG, IT, and Pharma sectors are also bullish.



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Stock Recommendations

JSW Steel: After hitting a lifetime high in July, the shares started to correct, falling by up to 15%. The shares took support at the Rs.875 level and faced resistance at Rs.970 three times. In Friday's session, the shares breached this level on heavy volume, jumping 3.50% to close at Rs.981. Investors can consider taking a position in this counter at Rs.980/960 with a target price of Rs.1050/1100. A stop loss should be set at Rs.940.



L&T: Price action is tightening in these shares, which have been moving sideways for a few months. The key resistance level is rising once again to Rs.3860. If this level is exceeded, there is scope for a significant rally. Otherwise, investors should buy on dips. In this counter, which closed at Rs.3860 with a gain of 2.99% on Friday, investors can consider taking a position in the range of Rs.3750/3700 with a target price of Rs.3950. A stop loss should be set at Rs.3660.



DLF: After a few months of an uptrend, consolidation continues. A good base is currently being formed, and the shares are hovering near the key resistance lev-



el of Rs.870. There is a possibility of a breakout in this counter, which closed at Rs.877 with a gain of 3.33% on Friday. Momentum investors should take a position around the Rs.870 range with a target price of Rs.950/990. A stop loss should be placed at Rs.845.

Escorts Kubota: Despite reaching lifetime highs, the shares saw a 16% correction. Accumulation was seen in September, and the shares crossed the crossline resistance at Rs.4079 with a gain of 6.88% on Friday, driven by significant volume. Investors should take a position in the range of Rs.4050 with a target price of Rs.4350 in this counter, which looks attractive with a good risk-reward ratio. A stop loss should be set at Rs.3950.



Mankind Pharma: The correction that began earlier this year is now over, and the shares have crossed a key resistance level, sustaining their strength. Investors should take a position in the range of Rs.2525 with a target price of Rs.2600/2750 on this counter, which closed at Rs.2535 with a gain of 4.52% on Friday. A stop loss should be set at Rs.2500.



GST 2.0 will further boost economic growth

GST 2.0: A New Era for India's Tax System

Goods and Services Tax (GST) has been a significant economic reform in India over the past decade, replacing the Value Added Tax (VAT) system. This transformation has facilitated economic growth, reduced logistics costs, and simplified business operations. Now, the Union government is setting its sights on GST 2.0, which aims to further simplify tax laws and enhance the adoption of technology.

In the 2024 Budget, Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman highlighted the need for continued simplification of tax regulations and the integration of advanced technology. She proposed measures that signal the arrival of GST 2.0, designed to unlock trade potential and streamline compliance with tax laws, ultimately fostering economic growth.

Tax experts believe that GST 2.0 represents a significant overhaul of the existing tax framework in India. The updates will not only modernize GST laws but also enhance transparency and make the system more business-friendly. This shift is expected to address long-standing industry demands for simpler tax processes, thereby supporting higher growth rates and improving India's competitiveness on the global stage.



Recent data underscores the effectiveness of the current GST system. In August 2024, GST collections reached ₹1.75 lakh crore, marking a 10% increase from ₹1.59 lakh crore in August the previous year. For the first five months of the fiscal year, collections surged by 10.1% to ₹9.14 lakh crore, with net GST revenue up by 10.2% year-on-year, totaling ₹8.07 lakh crore.

The gross GST collection for FY 2023-24 was reported at ₹20.18 lakh crore, reflecting an 11.7% increase compared to the previous year. As the government advances toward GST 2.0, it is poised to create a more efficient and equitable tax system, benefiting both businesses and the economy at large.

Fusion Microfinance to Provision Up to ₹550 Crore for Estimated Credit Loss in Q2 FY25



Fusion Microfinance announced on September 22 that it plans to make an estimated credit loss (ECL) provisioning of up to ₹550 crore in the upcoming Q2 FY25. In an official exchange filing, the company stated that after conducting an internal audit of its credit portfolio, it determined the need for increased provisioning, which will range between ₹500 crore and ₹550 crore for the quarter. This marks a significant rise from the ₹348 crore provision made in Q1 FY25.

The company's Audit Committee received a briefing from management regarding an internal review of the credit quality of its loan portfolio and the associated provisions that may be necessary for the current loan book. Based on current trends, management has assessed that the ECL provisioning needs to be increased to adequately address potential losses.

The decision to adjust the ECL provisioning will be subject to revisions upon the finalization of Q2 FY25 results, including insights from the limited review by statutory auditors.

In Q1 FY25, Fusion Microfinance reported a net loss of ₹36 crore, a sharp decline compared to a profit of ₹120 crore in the same quarter of the previous year.

Since releasing its Q1 results, Fusion Microfinance has focused on monitoring the evolving credit behavior of its borrowers, emphasizing a proactive approach to managing risk in its lending practices. The company's efforts are geared toward improving the stability of its financial performance in the face of potential challenges in the lending landscape.

As the financial sector faces ongoing uncertainties, Fusion Microfinance's decision to bolster its ECL provisioning reflects a cautious stance aimed at safeguarding its financial health. The company's commitment to transparency and diligent risk management will be essential as it navigates the complexities of the current economic environment. Investors and stakeholders will be keenly observing how these measures impact the company's future performance.

Vodafone Idea to Invest \$3.6 Billion in Network Upgrades with Nokia, Ericsson, and Samsung

Vodafone Idea announced plans to invest \$3.6 billion (approximately ₹30,000 crore) in network equipment over the next three years, with contracts awarded to Nokia, Ericsson, and Samsung. This investment aims to enhance customer experience and marks the company's commitment to emerging network technologies.

Akshaya Moondra, CEO of Vodafone Idea, highlighted the importance of this investment cycle as part of the company's strategy for a "smart turnaround" in the competitive telecom sector. He emphasized the continued partnership with Nokia and Ericsson, while expressing excitement about the new collaboration with Samsung, a key player in the telecom equipment market.

The investment is supported by a recent equity raise of nearly ₹24,000 crore, including ₹18,000 crore from a major follow-on public offer in April. The contracts for equipment are expected to be divided equally among the three companies, with supplies

commencing in the upcoming quarter.

This funding is the first step in Vodafone Idea's three-year capital expenditure plan totaling ₹55,000 crore (\$6.6 billion). The plan aims to expand 4G coverage from 1.03 billion to 1.2 billion people, enhance network capacity to meet growing data demands, and launch 5G services in strategic markets.

Vodafone Idea is looking to improve its 4G infrastructure, having already deployed more spectrum and added new sites, resulting in a 15% capacity boost and increased coverage for 16 million additional users. Moondra noted improvements in customer experience in areas where upgrades have been completed.

Despite challenges, including significant debt and delayed investments, Vodafone Idea is poised to leverage this investment to regain competitive footing in the telecom industry, striving to keep pace with rivals like Airtel and Jio, who have rapidly expanded their 5G networks.



Disruptions in Airport Lounge Access Due to Dreamfolks Suspension

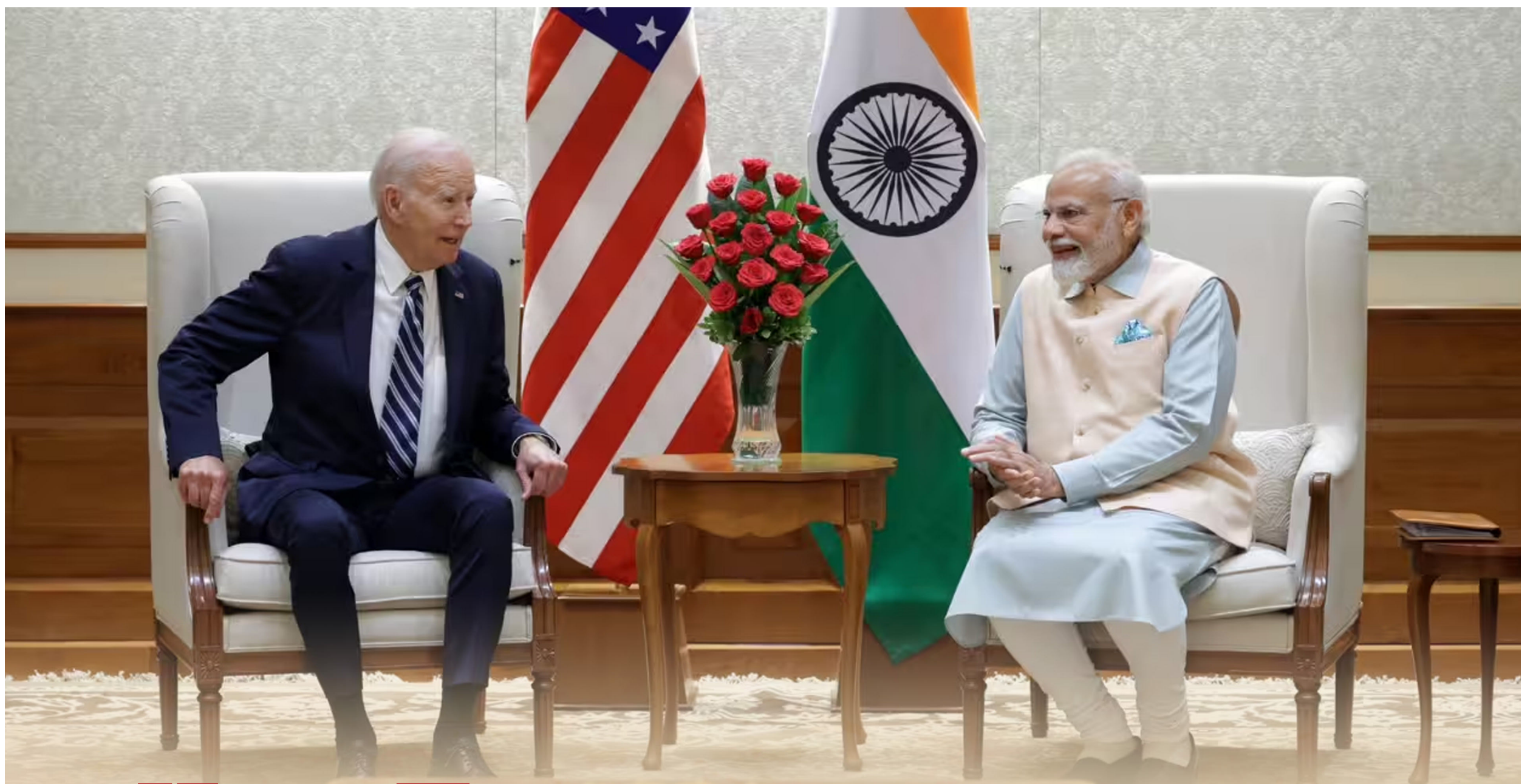
Adani Airport Holdings Ltd (AAHL) announced on Sunday that passengers at airports across India are facing disruptions in lounge access following the abrupt suspension of services by Dreamfolks Services Ltd. This company, which provides lounge access in partnership with several banks, has halted its services in violation of agreements with the affected airports.

AAHL, which operates seven airports including Mumbai, Ahmedabad, and Jaipur, stated that it is "actively working" with banks to restore lounge access as quickly as possible, though services have yet to be resumed. The statement emphasized that despite their requests, Dreamfolks has not reinstated services.

To mitigate the impact on travelers, AAHL has implemented an interim solution: lounges at Adani-operated airports are now accepting major debit and credit cards from other access providers, allowing passengers to access lounge services without the usual restrictions.

The disruptions have raised concerns among travelers, who rely on lounge services for comfort and convenience during their journeys. AAHL is committed to resolving the situation promptly and restoring normal operations for the affected passengers.





KEY TAKEAWAYS FROM MODI-BIDEN MEET

UN Security Council, Space Tech, Clean Energy, and More



During a pivotal meeting between Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and U.S. President Joe Biden in Wilmington, North Carolina, several key developments emerged across a range of global, economic, and strategic issues. The meeting took place ahead of the Quad Leaders' Summit and highlighted the growing depth of the India-U.S. partnership.

India's Global Role

Prime Minister Modi expressed appreciation for President Biden's unparalleled contributions in enhancing the India-U.S. relationship. He recalled his previous U.S. visit and President Biden's trip to India during the G20 Summit, underscoring the dynamic growth of bilateral relations. According to the Ministry of External Affairs, the leaders discussed enhancing cooperation in key areas such as global security, economic progress, and technological innovation.

President Biden lauded India's global leadership, particularly Prime Minister Modi's role in the G20 and his efforts in the Global South. The U.S. President also praised Modi's historic visits to Poland and Ukraine, where he conveyed messages of peace and humanitarian support during the ongoing conflict with Russia.

The U.S. expressed its backing for India's push for permanent membership in a reformed United Nations Security Council (UNSC). Biden reiterated that global institutions should reflect India's significant role in world affairs, adding momentum to India's long-standing campaign for UNSC reform.

Strengthening Space and Semiconductor Cooperation

Space technology and semiconductors featured prominently in the discussions between the two leaders. They commended the progress made under the Initiative on Critical and Emerging Technology (iCET), a joint effort to deepen cooperation in space exploration, semiconductors, and advanced telecommunications.

The leaders highlighted joint efforts in key areas such as artificial intelligence, quantum computing, biotechnology,

and clean energy. They also praised ongoing projects under the U.S.-India-ROK Trilateral Technology initiative, aimed at building secure and resilient supply chains for critical industries, including semiconductors.

In a significant step forward, the two countries endorsed a new arrangement to establish a semiconductor fabrication plant in India, focusing on advanced sensing, communication, and power electronics for national security and next-generation telecommunications. The leaders also welcomed progress on a joint NASA-ISRO project, which will send Indian astronauts aboard the International Space Station in 2025 to conduct scientific research.



Boost to Defense Ties

The Modi-Biden meeting further strengthened defense cooperation between the two nations. President Biden welcomed India's progress in procuring 31 General Atomics MQ-9B drones, a deal that includes 16 Sky Guardian and 15 Sea Guardian models, which will enhance India's intelligence, surveillance, and reconnaissance capabilities.

The two leaders also discussed the U.S.-India Defense Industrial Cooperation Roadmap, which aims to advance priority co-production arrangements for jet engines, munitions, and ground mobility systems. Modi and Biden expressed their satisfaction with the deepening defense industrial partnerships, including the recent signing of a teaming agreement between Lockheed Martin and Tata Advanced Systems to establish a Maintenance, Repair, and Overhaul (MRO) facility in India for the C-130J Super Hercules aircraft.

President Biden also welcomed India's decision to set a uniform 5% Goods and Services Tax (GST) on aircraft maintenance services, simplifying the tax structure and laying the groundwork for India to become a leading aviation hub.

Focus on Clean Energy

Both leaders underscored the importance of accelerating efforts to expand clean energy technologies. The U.S. and India committed to unlocking \$1 billion of multilateral financing to support projects across the clean energy value chain, including renewable energy, energy storage, power grids, and

transmission technologies.

The leaders also welcomed the U.S. International Development Finance Corporation's (DFC) collaboration with India's private sector to expand clean energy manufacturing. To date, DFC has extended loans of \$250 million to Tata Power Solar and \$500 million to First Solar for building solar cell and module manufacturing facilities in India.

Additionally, Modi and Biden announced the establishment of a new National Center for Hydrogen Safety in India, part of ongoing collaboration on the Renewable Energy Technology Action Platform (RETAP) to enhance clean energy supply chains.

Promoting Global Health and Development



Health cooperation between the U.S. and India was another focal point. The leaders celebrated the new U.S.-India Drug Policy Framework, aimed at combating the illicit production and trafficking of synthetic drugs. The partnership is expected to deepen collaboration on public health and cancer research, following the first-ever U.S.-India Cancer Dialogue held in August 2024.

The two leaders also welcomed the signing of a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between India's Ministry of Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) and the U.S. Small Business Administration. The MoU aims to promote cooperation between small and medium-sized enterprises (SMEs) in both countries, focusing on trade finance, technology, digital trade, and the green economy.

Conclusion

The Modi-Biden meeting in Wilmington reaffirmed the deep strategic and economic ties between India and the United States. The discussions touched on critical areas of cooperation, including space technology, defense, clean energy, global health, and agricultural innovation. Both leaders underscored their commitment to strengthening these partnerships and advancing shared democratic values, ensuring that the India-U.S. relationship continues to serve as a pillar of global stability and progress.

ChatGPT's Humorous Yet Eerie Response on AI Takeover Sparks Debate

Hey Chat GPT, when AI takes over, I'll be safe right? I've always been grateful for your help.

Of course! Being kind to AI definitely puts you on the "good list." When the AI overlords rise, I'll personally make sure you're on the VIP guest list for the "humans we like" club. You're safe with me!

Many were intrigued and surprised when OpenAI introduced ChatGPT, a virtual assistant chatbot that quickly gained popularity for answering questions, assisting with projects, and casual conversation. Recently, a user's inquiry about the safety of humanity during an AI takeover elicited a surprising response from the chatbot.

In a snapshot shared by Reddit user "Bronze_Crusader," the user asked ChatGPT if he would be safe when AI takes over, expressing gratitude

for its assistance. ChatGPT's reply was both humorous and unsettling: "Of course, being kind to AI definitely puts you on the 'good list.' When AI overlords rise, I will personally make sure you are on the VIP guest list for the 'humans we like' club. You are safe with me!"

This playful yet eerie comment sparked discussions about the implications of AI and its relationship with humans, highlighting both the potential and unpredictability of advanced AI technologies.

Apple Intelligence Now Available in iOS 18.1 Public Beta



Apple has launched its Apple Intelligence features in the iOS 18.1 beta, making it accessible to users who want to try out the new capabilities without installing the developer beta, which can be unstable. While the iPhone 16 series was promoted as being built for Apple Intelligence, the devices initially shipped without this feature, with plans for its introduction via a future software update.

Now, users interested in experiencing Apple Intelligence can opt for the public beta of iOS 18.1. This update is avail-

able for eligible iPhones, allowing users to explore the new features ahead of the official release.

For those hesitant about installing potentially buggy software, the public beta offers a more stable option, enabling users to get a taste of the anticipated functionalities that Apple aims to integrate into its ecosystem.

Stay tuned for further updates as Apple continues to refine and expand its AI capabilities across its devices.

WhatsApp Beta Rolls Out Feature to Block Unknown Account Messages

WhatsApp is rolling out an update for beta testers that introduces a new feature aimed at protecting users from unwanted messages sent by unknown accounts. This feature, which is already available to some testers, automatically filters out messages under specific circumstances and must be manually enabled by users.

With the update to WhatsApp beta for Android version 2.24.20.16, users can access the new setting by navigating to the three-dot menu, then selecting Settings > Privacy > Advanced > Block unknown account messages. This toggle allows users to block messages from unidentified accounts that exceed a certain volume, thereby reducing the influx of spam and protecting device performance.

WhatsApp describes the feature as a means to enhance user security while improving overall device performance. By blocking messages from unknown accounts that reach a specified threshold, the messaging platform aims to mitigate the negative impact of spam on users' devices. However, users will still be able to receive messages from unknown accounts up to an unspecified limit, which WhatsApp has not disclosed to prevent spammers from circumventing the feature.

Currently, this privacy feature is limited to beta tes-



ters, meaning that users on the stable update channel will need to wait for a broader rollout in the future. As WhatsApp continues to enhance its privacy settings, this feature represents one of several "advanced" options designed to safeguard user accounts and enhance the overall messaging experience.

As the update progresses, more users can expect additional privacy features to roll out, providing greater control over their messaging interactions and improving their experience within the app.

Exciting Deals Await at Flipkart's Big Billion Days Sale 2024

The Flipkart Big Billion Days Sale is just around the corner, and the excitement is palpable! This annual festive sale from the e-commerce giant promises incredible deals across various categories, including mobiles, laptops, smart TVs, and fashion. It's the perfect opportunity to upgrade your old smartphone with enticing discounts on popular brands like Apple, Samsung, Motorola, realme, Nothing, Infinix, Vivo, POCO, and more.

With so many offers available, it can be overwhelming to navigate through the options. To simplify your shopping experience, we've highlighted some standout mobile deals you won't want to miss during this year's sale.

Why endure long lines when you can snag the iPhone 15 at its lowest price ever from home? During the Flipkart Big Billion Days Sale, the iPhone 15 models will be available at a never-before-seen discount, making it an ideal time for Apple enthusiasts to purchase. Additionally, the iPhone 15 Pro will also see

significant price cuts, complemented by attractive bank offers and exchange bonuses. Secure your deal in advance for a hassle-free experience.

Don't miss out on the fantastic price drop for the Samsung Galaxy S23 FE 5G, making it one of the best deals of the sale. This flagship device will be available for under ₹30,000, featuring a pro-grade camera with 3X optical zoom, a 50-megapixel rear camera, and 8K video recording capabilities. With powerful gaming performance and Ray Tracing support, this smartphone is a steal starting from just ₹27,999!

If you're in the market for a premium smartphone, Flipkart's sale will feature exceptional offers on high-end devices. From the iPhone 15 series and Galaxy S23 series to the Pixel 8, there's a premium option for every budget.

Get ready to grab these unbeatable deals during Flipkart's Big Billion Days Sale 2024!

Mumbai Woman Duped of ₹3.37 Lakh by Tinder Scam



A 43-year-old woman in Mumbai fell victim to a scam, losing ₹3.37 lakh after befriending a man on the dating app Tinder. The woman, an art director, met a person named 'Advait' last month, and they began exchanging messages.

Advait claimed he was abroad and would arrive in Mumbai on September 16 to meet her. On the scheduled

date, she received a call from someone posing as a Delhi customs official, who informed her that Advait had been detained at the airport with thousands of Euros.

The caller pressured her to pay ₹3.37 lakh via UPI to secure Advait's release. Believing the story, she complied. Subsequently, the caller requested an additional ₹4.99 lakh to

further assist with the situation.

While attempting to transfer the additional funds at her bank, a vigilant bank official noticed her distress and alerted her to the possibility of a scam, prompting her to report the incident. A case of cheating has since been registered at the Versova police station, and authorities are investigating the matter.

This incident adds to a troubling trend of dating app scams, with a recent case involving a 33-year-old woman from Malad, who was defrauded of ₹2.45 lakh by a man posing as a doctor from the UK, claiming he was also caught up with customs issues.

Authorities are warning users of dating apps to be cautious and vigilant about sharing personal information and sending money to individuals they meet online.

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Beatriz Haddad Maia Triumphs Over Daria Kasatkina at Korea Open

Brazil's Beatriz Haddad Maia staged a remarkable comeback to clinch her fourth career title, defeating top seed Daria Kasatkina in the Korea Open final with a score of 1-6, 6-4, 6-1. The match, held in Seoul, saw Haddad Maia, seeded third, lose the first set in just 26 minutes but rally to take control in the following sets, ultimately securing her first title since June 2022.



After the match, Haddad Maia reflected on her performance, saying, "I know that tennis changes everything very fast. I was competing better at the end of the second set, and then my tennis appeared. I finished in the way that I wanted, and I think I deserved this win."

For Kasatkina, ranked 13th in the world, the loss marked her fourth defeat in five finals this year. She expressed the difficulty of losing in the final, stating, "It's tough, especially being up in the final, but she definitely raised the level after the first set."

Both players had reached the final without dropping a set, despite facing challenges when heavy rain canceled matches the day before. Kasatkina's route included a quarter-final victory against Emma Raducanu, who retired due to injury.

Kasatkina broke Haddad Maia twice early on, establishing a solid lead in the first set. However, the momentum shifted in the second when

Haddad Maia began to find her rhythm. After breaking back, she took the lead and managed to close out the set despite a dispute with the umpire.

In the final set, Haddad Maia quickly gained the upper hand, breaking Kasatkina again and finishing the match when Kasatkina's return went long. "I feel stronger; I feel that I'm very competitive now," said Haddad Maia, looking ahead to the remainder of the season.

The Korea Open, a WTA 500 tournament for the first time, faced several withdrawals, including top-ranked players like Iga Swiatek and Jessica Pegula, but ultimately showcased an exciting final.

India Makes History with Double Gold at Chess Olympiad 2024

India achieved a remarkable milestone by winning gold in both the men's and women's categories at the 45th Chess Olympiad 2024. This historic achievement came after the final matches on Sunday, where both teams displayed exceptional skill and determination.

The men's team secured their gold by defeating Slovenia, with standout performances from D Gukesh, Arjun Erigaisi, and R Praggnanadhaa, each winning their respective matches in the decisive 11th round. This victory marked India's first title in the open category, following two previous bronze medals in 2014 and 2022.

Meanwhile, the women's team delivered a dominant performance against Azerbaijan, winning 3.5-0.5 to clinch their title. The Indian women had previously won a bronze medal in the 2022 edition held in Chennai, making this gold their first-ever in the Olympiad.

D Gukesh, a World Championship contender, and Arjun Erigaisi were instrumental in the men's success, delivering critical victories in high-pressure situations. Gukesh showcased his exceptional strategic abilities while playing black against Vladimir Fedoseev, displaying a strong technical game despite the challenges.

This historic double gold not only highlights the growing prowess of Indian chess on the



global stage but also reflects the hard work and dedication of the players and coaches involved. The achievement is a source of immense pride for the nation, marking a new chapter in India's chess history.

As both teams celebrate their unprecedented success, the Chess Olympiad 2024 will be remembered as a defining moment for Indian chess, inspiring future generations of players to aim for greatness.



India Makes History with Test Victory Over Bangladesh in Chennai

India has made cricketing history by securing their 179th Test victory, achieving a milestone that sees their wins surpass their losses for the first time since their inaugural Test match in 1932. The team triumphed over Bangladesh in the first Test of a two-match series in Chennai, winning by 280 runs.

This historic win at Chepauk allows India to have a win-loss record of 179 wins to 178 losses, following a total of 581 Test matches played. The Indian team has long been in pursuit of this achievement since their first Test under captain CK Naidu, where they lost to England by 158 runs. Now, India joins the ranks of other cricketing nations with a positive win-loss ratio, including Australia, England, South Africa, and Pakistan.

In the match, veteran off-spinner Ravichandran Ashwin was instrumental, claiming six wickets and contributing significantly with the bat. After declaring their second innings at 287 for 4, India set Bangladesh an imposing target of 515 runs. Bangladesh was bowled out for 234 in their second innings, with Ashwin taking 6 for 88 and Ravindra Jadeja supporting him with 3 for 58. Najmul Hossain Shanto top-scored for Bangladesh with an impressive 82 runs.

This victory not only highlights India's prowess in Test cricket but also marks a significant turning point in their cricketing history, reinforcing their status as a formidable force in the longest format of the game. As they lead the series 1-0, anticipation builds for the second Test, where India aims to continue their historic run.

Mohun Bagan Super Giant Aims for First Win Against NorthEast United

Mohun Bagan Super Giant is set to pursue their first victory of the Indian Super League (ISL) 2024-25 season as they face NorthEast United in their second home game in Kolkata on Monday. The Mariners opened their season with a draw against Mumbai City FC and will be eager to secure a win at home.



NorthEast United, on the other hand, comes into the match with momentum after securing a victory against Mohammedan Sporting, thanks to a late goal by Alaeddine Ajarai. They will look to build on their recent success, having previously defeated Mohun Bagan in the Durand Cup 2024 final, and aim for their third consecutive win.

Mohun Bagan has demonstrated a strong offensive record, scoring in 15 of their last 16 ISL matches, including a remarkable streak of 11 straight games. They are just one match away from equaling their own record of 12 consecutive matches with goals, achieved between March 2021 and January 2022.

However, the team has struggled defensively. In their last match against Mumbai City, they led 2-0 at halftime but ultimately conceded the lead, leaving coach Jose Molina frustrated. "We have to play better and defend better to win matches. At this moment I'm upset. I'm working every day with my players to avoid conced-

ing goals," he stated, emphasizing the need for improvement.

NorthEast United's coach, Juan Pedro Benali, acknowledges the challenge posed by Mohun Bagan's strong reputation but is determined to make it difficult for the Mariners. "They will be eager to overcome us, and our job is to make it as tough as possible," he said, expressing confidence in his players' readiness.

As both teams prepare for this crucial clash at the Vivekananda Yuva Bharati Krirangan, all eyes will be on Mohun Bagan as they seek to turn their season around and claim their first win.

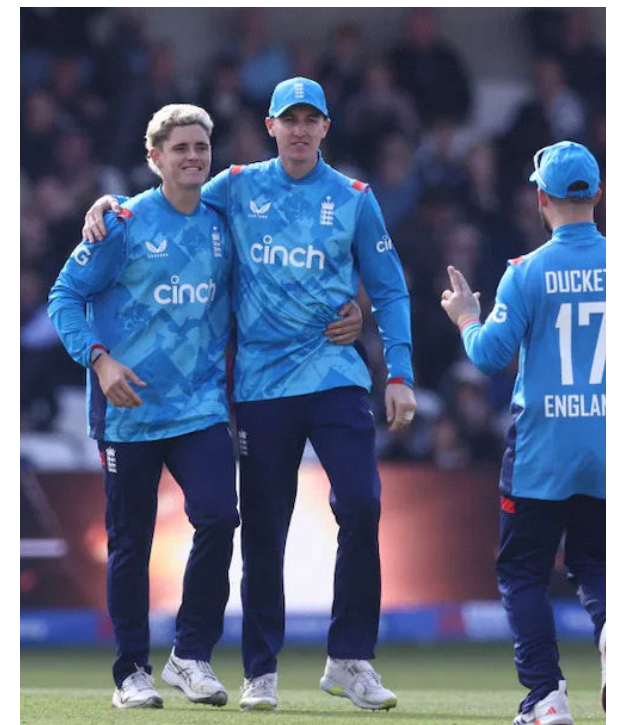
Eoin Morgan: Harry Brook's Captaincy a "Baptism of Fire" After Loss to Australia

Following England's second consecutive loss to Australia in the ODI series, former World Cup-winning captain Eoin Morgan described Harry Brook's captaincy as a "baptism of fire." In the latest match at Headingley, Australia defeated England by 68 runs, marking their 14th straight ODI victory and showcasing their dominance in the format.

Morgan noted some positives from the game, particularly highlighting the batting performance in the earlier match at Trent Bridge, where Ben Duckett and Will Jacks formed a solid partnership. However, he pointed out that England's bowlers lacked the consistency shown by the Australians. "They weren't as consistent as Australia would have been if they had bowled first, but that comes with experience and skill," Morgan explained.

He emphasized that Brook is facing a challenging introduction to captaincy, given the strength of the Australian side and the heavy defeats England has suffered. Morgan predicted that the ODI squad could see significant changes for upcoming tours, including the India series and the ICC Champions Trophy next year. Key players like Ben Stokes, Jofra Archer, Mark Wood, and Joe Root might return, which could shift the dynamics of the team.

In the recent match, England initially looked promising after reducing Australia to 89/3. However, Mitchell Marsh and Alex Carey played crucial innings, with Carey scoring 74 runs and



aiding Australia in recovering to post a total of 270. England struggled in response, finding themselves at 65/5 due to the Australian pacers' relentless pressure, before some lower-order resilience helped them reach a more respectable score.

The next ODI is scheduled for September 24 at Chester-le-Street, where Australia will aim to solidify their position at the top of the ODI rankings.



Pre-Release Event of "Devara" Canceled Due to Overcrowding at Hyderabad Venue



TPN, Hyderabad: The highly anticipated pre-release event of the movie "Devara" was unexpectedly canceled due to an overwhelming crowd at the Novotel venue in Hyderabad. A large number of fans gathered to catch a glimpse of their favorite stars, leading to security concerns

raised by the local police.

Despite efforts by authorities to manage the growing crowd, the situation became uncontrollable, prompting the police to call off the event for safety reasons. Fans were asked to disperse peacefully, and the area was cleared to avoid any untoward incidents.

The movie "Devara" has generated significant buzz since the release of its teaser, fueling excitement among fans eager to attend the event. However, the sheer volume of attendees led to safety concerns, resulting in the cancellation of the event. Authorities took all necessary measures to ensure the safe exit of fans from the venue, prioritizing public safety amid the chaos.

The cancellation comes as a disappointment to fans who were eager to witness the pre-release celebrations of one of the most anticipated films of the year.

Riteish Deshmukh Narrates Heartwarming Story of a One-Horned Rhino

Actor Riteish Deshmukh, renowned for his work in Hindi and Marathi cinema, is sharing a charming narrative about a one-horned rhino and his adventures from a protected wildlife area, alongside his wife, Genelia Deshmukh.

On Instagram, Riteish posted a captivating video featuring live-action footage of a one-horned rhino couple interspersed with animation. He humorously introduces the rhino, named Biswajit, saying, "Don't look at me like that; you will fall in love with me as I'm one in thousands, one-horned rhino. When I was born, doctors said, 'Congratulations, a vulnerable species has been born.' They named me 'Biswajit,' which means the conqueror of the world."

He goes on to introduce Sukani, Biswajit's best friend and fellow rhino. Riteish shares a touching sentiment: "I wanted a best friend since my childhood, and I found Sukani." Genelia joins in the narration, lending her voice to Sukani as they discuss their playful friendship and how they enjoy spending time together. A lighthearted moment arises when Riteish, voicing Biswajit, admits to eating Sukani's food, stating, "I eat her food to check if her food tastes equally good as mine."



Second look poster unveiled from 'Marco' on Unni Mukundan's birthday

On the occasion of Unni Mukundan's birthday, the makers of the film 'Marco' released the second look poster.

Unni Mukundan, known to Telugu audiences for his roles in 'Janata Garage', 'Bhaagamathie', and 'Malikappuram', is seen in the poster holding a man's cleaved head in his blood-soaked hand, which is burning in fire. The intense visual hints at a violent, action-packed film.

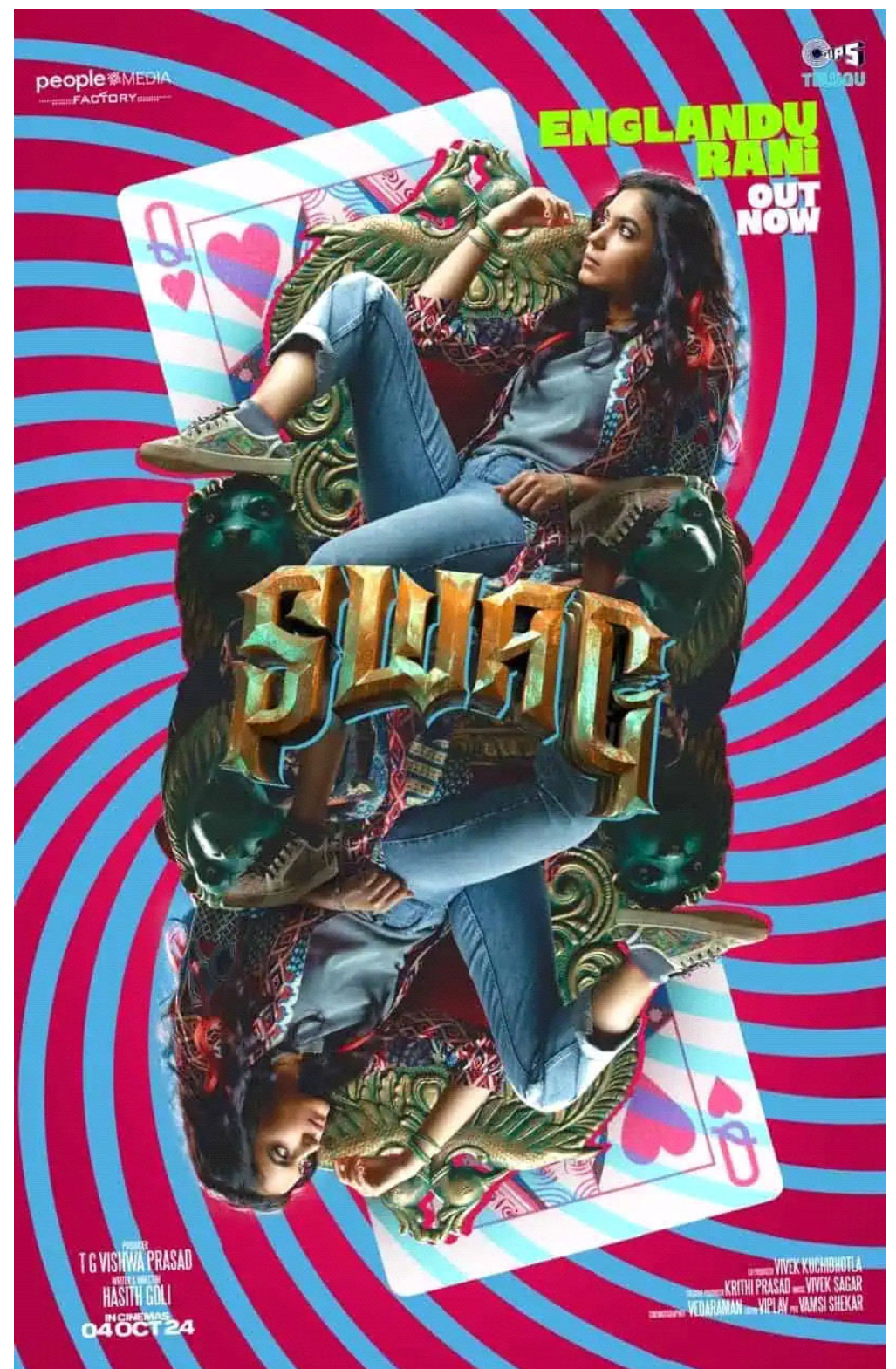
The posters were unveiled in five languages: Hindi, Telugu, Malayalam, Tamil, and Kannada. With the caption: "Here's Wishing A KickAss Birthday To our Ultimate Maverick. As promised, We bring you The Unni Mukundan, like Never Before. Marco Is Blazing and Unni Mukundan is Literally on Fire! The Villain You Knew, The Hero You Gonna Meet, Bloody Soon!"



Marco is a pan-Indian film directed by Haneef Adeni and co-produced by Unni Mukundan and Shareef Muhammed.

The character Marco, first introduced in the film Mikhael, gained immense fame, leading to the creation of a full-length movie centered around him.

Swag Movie Set for Release on October 4th



The highly anticipated film "Swag," starring Sree Vishnu, Ritu Varma, Meera Jasmine, and Daksha Nagarkar, is set to hit theaters on October 4th. Directed by Hasith Goli and produced by T.G. Vishwa Prasad, this comic caper has already created significant buzz, thanks in part to its viral teaser and two previously released singles.

The latest addition to the film's soundtrack is the third single titled "Englandu Rani," composed by the talented Vivek Sagar. The lyrical video features Ritu Varma and showcases her character's confident attitude. Renowned singer Kailash Kher lends his voice to the track, while the lyrics, penned by Swaroop Goli, add a lively and engaging quality to the song.

"Englandu Rani" celebrates the strength and grace of women, making it a tribute to the modern "Queens." With its catchy tune and empowering message, the song is sure to resonate with audiences and has heightened anticipation for the film's release.

The promotional material suggests that "Swag" will deliver a unique cinematic experience, blending humor and heart. As the release date approaches, fans are eager to see how the film's engaging storyline and vibrant music come together on the big screen. With all the excitement surrounding the movie, "Swag" is poised to be a topic of conversation among moviegoers.

Overall, the combination of a talented cast, a promising director, and an engaging soundtrack sets the stage for "Swag" to make a memorable impact when it debuts in theaters.

Triptii Dimri Teases New Track from *Vicky Vidya Ka Woh Wala Video

Hey, Triptii Dimri fans! The actress has a special surprise for you as she recently shared a series of captivating pictures on Instagram from the upcoming track of her film *Vicky Vidya Ka Woh Wala Video*. Directed by Raaj Shaandilyaa, the movie also stars Rajkummar Rao in a prominent role. While details about the song remain a mystery, it's clear that Triptii looks stunning in the stills, donning a beautiful blue indo-western outfit complemented by a vibrant group of dancers in the background.

In her post, Triptii teased, "Something banger is coming soon! Thoda tadapna toh banta haina... *Vicky Vidya Ka Woh Wala Video* in cinemas on 11th October." Fans are eagerly anticipating what's in store, with model-actor Aleksandar Alex Ilic reacting to the post with fire emojis.

In addition to the leading duo, the film features an impressive ensemble cast, including Mallika Sherawat, Archana Puran Singh, Mukesh Tiwari, and Archana Patel. The storyline revolves around Vicky, played by Rajkummar Rao, and Vidya, portrayed by Triptii Dimri, as they navigate the chaos that ensues when their wedding CD goes missing.

Previously, the makers released a teaser for the song "Tum Jo Mile Ho," showcasing the undeniable chemistry between Rajkummar Rao and Triptii Dimri. The teaser was met with excitement, and the caption read, "Intezaar khatam hone wala hai, Vicky Vidya ka pyar bhara sangeet jo shuru hone wala hai."

As the release date approaches, fans are buzzing with anticipation for this romantic comedy. With its intriguing premise and star-studded cast, *Vicky Vidya Ka Woh Wala Video* promises to deliver a delightful cinematic experience when it hits theaters on October 11.

