



# INTERNAL INQUIRY ON PROTOCOL SCAM WHY DON'T THEY SUSPEND THE CONTRACT?



## Prakash Raj, Don't Talk Rubbish... YV Subbareddy Must Attend the Trial: Pawan Kalyan

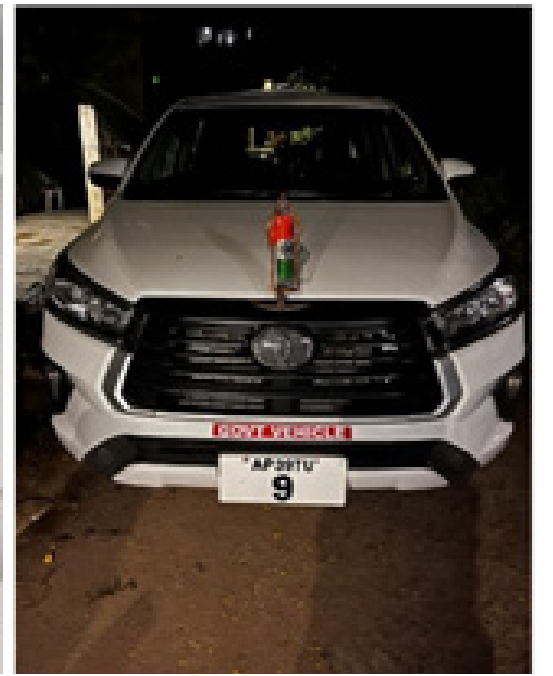
TPN, Andhra Pradesh: AP Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan has warned YCP leaders not to interfere with matters concerning Sanatana Dharma. He expressed deep anguish over the desecration of Tirumala Laddu Prasadam and accused the YCP leaders of speaking irresponsibly. Former TTD Chairman Bhumana Karunakar Reddy had claimed yesterday that a "hydrama" took place in Tirumala. Pawan Kalyan, after performing a symbolic cleaning of the temple steps at Vijayawada Indrakiladri Durgagudi, lashed out at the YCP leaders in a media interaction.

Pawan demanded that YV Subbareddy, the former TTD Chairman, should face investigation in the Tirumala adulterated laddu case. He also criticized former TTD EO Dharma Reddy for being untraceable during this issue. He expressed pain over the comments made by YCP leader Ponnnavolu Sudhakar Reddy on the laddu matter, warning that such remarks were uncalled for. He advised that if there is a mistake, it should be acknowledged; otherwise, it should be clarified that there is no wrongdoing. He questioned whether the leaders don't feel a sense of responsibility to protect dharma.

Pawan Kalyan also criticized actor Prakash Raj for his comments on him, stating that Prakash should understand the situation before speaking. Pawan emphasized that he respects all religions and does not criticize any faith. He warned Prakash Raj that making ill-informed remarks about Sanatana Dharma would not be tolerated. "Secularism is a two-way street, not one-way," he said, urging Prakash Raj not to speak recklessly.



Sl. No.	Car No.	Car Model	Make	Year	Rate	Remarks
1	AP 2014 9	Toyota	White	2014	60,000.00	
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TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The protocol scam, brought to light by POINT, has created ripples within the Government. The Chief Minister's Office (CMO) has taken the matter seriously and has reportedly requested detailed information from the Protocol Department. According to sources, the pro motion file of one official has been put on hold. An internal inquiry is currently underway.

On another front, both central and state GST officials are expect-

ed to request all details regarding the car rental bills paid by the Protocol Department. Officials from the Transport Department are also examining the cars being used for protocol duties. They are investigating whether these cars are registered locally or in Telangana (TG), and if taxes have been paid properly.

Allegedly, one of the IAS officers working in the CMO is shielding Mr. Vijaya Bhaskar Reddy in this matter. Mr. Vijaya Bhaskar Red-

dy is reportedly using his close connections with this IAS officer to avoid repercussions from the scam. However, the IAS officer is believed to be unaware of the full extent of the scam and is currently gathering details. It is suspected that, in the meantime, Mr. Vijaya Bhaskar Reddy may use his long-standing relationships and experience with various officials to slow down the investigation and escape scrutiny.

The key question now is wheth-

er the tenders awarded for car rentals will be canceled. A thorough investigation needs to be initiated, and the tenders should be suspended pending the inquiry. Additionally, POINT has been receiving threatening calls from associates of Mr. Vijaya Bhaskar Reddy, though we remain undeterred. We are committed to uncovering more details and will continue publishing reports until his contracts—held under various names—are canceled.

# Govt Going to Propose N.V. Ramana for TTD Chairman?

TPN ,Amaravathi: The Andhra Pradesh government is reportedly considering N.V. Ramana for the prestigious position of Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) Chairman. The decision comes amidst a heated controversy surrounding the Tirumala Laddu Prasadam and disagreements over the selection of the TTD Chairman.

Earlier, the government had proposed the names of prominent TV channel owner for the role. However, one of them strongly opposed the government's decision, further fueling the ongoing debate linked to the Tirumala Laddu adulteration issue. The disagreement between the channel owner And Another Opposed It over the nomination escalated tensions, complicating the selection process.

In light of these developments, the state government is now leaning towards proposing N.V. Ramana for the position Of TTD



Chairman, hoping to defuse the controversy. Officials believe that Ramana's selection will bring an end to the disputes surrounding the appointment of the TTD Chairman and the Laddu controversy, which has stirred public sentiment and drawn significant attention.

The TTD Chairman role holds immense significance due to the spiritual importance of the Tirumala temple. The government aims to ensure that the appointment is free of political and public disputes, with N.V. Ramana's name emerging as a potential solution to restore peace and trust in the TTD's leadership.

In this context, there is a lot of praise N V Ramana will be appointed by the government...?

The Govt was Going to announce N V Ramana Name As TTD Chairman...?



# 20 Nominated Posts in AP – Who Will Hold Which Post?

TPN ,Andhra Pradesh: The coalition government that came to power in Andhra Pradesh four months ago has begun filling nominated posts in the first phase. CM Chandrababu released the first list of 20 appointees today, which includes various corporation chairmen, including those

for the Waqf Board and RTC. It seems that those who did not receive tickets during the previous elections and have been loyal to the party for a long time have been appointed based on their competence.

Abdul Aziz from Nellore district has

been appointed as the Chairman of the Waqf Board. Animini Ravinayudu has been appointed as the Chairman of the Sports Authority of Andhra Pradesh (SAP). Battula Taty Babu has been appointed as the Chairman of the AP Housing Board. Boragam Srinivasulu has been appointed as the Chairman of the AP Scheduled Tribes Cooperative Economic Cooperation (AP TRICAR). Damachrala Satya has been appointed as the Chairman of the AP Maritime Board.

Deepak Reddy was appointed as the Chairman of CEDAP. BJP leader Lanka Dinakar was given the opportunity to serve as the Chairman of the 20 Principles Implementation Committee. Karrothu Bangarraju has been appointed as the Chairman of AP Mark-

fed. Manne Subbareddy received the opportunity to chair the AP State Seeds Development Corporation Limited. Manthena Ramaraj has been appointed as the Chairman of the Andhra Pradesh Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (APIIC). Nandam Abdaiah has been appointed as the Chairman of the AP Padmasali Welfare and Development Corporation. Nukasani Balaji has been appointed as the Chairman of the AP Tourism Development Corporation. Konakalla Narayana has been appointed as the Chairman of APS RTC, with PS Muniratnam as Vice Chairman. Pila Govinda Satyanarayana was appointed as the Chairman of the AP Urban Finance and Infrastructure Development Corporation. Pilla Manikyala Rao has been appointed as the Chairman of the Leather Indus-

tries Development Corporation.

Peethala Sujatha has been appointed as the Chairman of the AP State Consumer Protection Council. Tammireddy Sivashankar (Janasena) has been appointed as the Chairman of the AP Micro, Small and Medium Enterprises Development Corporation. Janasena leader Thota Meher Sudhir has been appointed as the Chairman of the Andhra Pradesh State Civil Supplies Corporation. Vajja Baburao has been given the opportunity to become the Chairman of the Andhra Pradesh Trade Promotion Corporation Limited. Jana Sena leader Vemulapati Ajay Kumar has been appointed as the Chairman of the AP Township Infrastructure Development Corporation (Tidco).





## Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan Orders Immediate Action AIIB Grants to Fund Construction

Rs. 13.45 Crore Sanctioned for Ekkemondi-Gollamanda Road Reconstruction



**TPN ,Andhra Pradesh:** In response to recent floods that severely damaged the Ekkemondi-Gollamanda road in Nagayalanka Mandal, Krishna district, the Andhra Pradesh government has approved a reconstruction project worth Rs. 13.45 crore. The proposal, supported by an Asian Infrastructure Investment Bank (AIIB) grant, was placed before Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Panchayati Raj and Rural Development, Shri Pawan Kalyan. Krishna District Collector Balaji and Panchayati Raj ENC Balu Naik presented the details.

The road, running along the Krishna River, is particularly vulnerable to backwaters during storms and floods, resulting in severe erosion. In the most recent floods, 700 meters of the road were eroded. To prevent further damage, a comprehensive plan for road reconstruction has been formulated, including the installation of a 700-meter reinforced concrete (RCC) structure along the coast and the use of porcupines for additional erosion protection.

The proposed measures are expected to protect 8,000 acres of land and benefit 12,000 local residents. Shri Pawan Kalyan emphasized the urgent need for this project, instructing officials to prioritize the road's reconstruction and submit a revised estimate report. He directed the ENC to utilize AIIB grant funds for the work. Additionally, the Deputy Chief Minister called for coordination between his office and the District Collector to explore corporate social responsibility (CSR) funds for further enhancements. Shri Pawan Kalyan also instructed the Krishna District Collector to provide a detailed report on the status of available funds and security measures for the project. Furthermore, he highlighted the critical need for constructing a bridge from Atimoga to Ekkemondi, instructing the Roads and Buildings Department to address this issue promptly.

This project is expected to significantly improve transportation and flood resilience in the affected areas.

## AP Govt Appoints Chairpersons for 20 Corporations

- Allotment of 3 posts to Jana Sena and one post to BJP
- Konakalla Narayana as RTC Chairman
- Abdul Aziz as Waqf Board Chairman
- Ravi Naidu as Chairman of Sap

**TPN ,Andhra Pradesh:** The Andhra Pradesh government has issued orders for the replacement of nominated posts, appointing chairpersons for a total of 20 corporations. The coalition government also announced the appointment of vice chairpersons for one corporation and members for various corporations, with three candidates from Jana Sena and one candidate from the BJP securing positions. Among the key appointments, Konakalla Narayana has been named as the RTC Chairman, Abdul Aziz as the Waqf Board Chairman, Ravi Naidu as the SAP Chairman, and Lanka Dinakar as the Chairman of the 20 Principles Implementation Committee.



In the first list of nominated posts, which includes a total of 99 individuals, the coalition government prioritized representation for BC, SC, minority, and ST communities. Eleven cluster in-charges have been appointed, with each cluster in-charge also receiving the title of chairman. Additionally, six other

unit in-charges have been appointed.

In the newly announced 99 posts, youth representation has been emphasized. Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has focused on providing positions to common workers who have diligently served the party at the grassroots level.

## Judgment Postponed on Johnny Master's Custody Petition



**TPN ,Andhra Pradesh:** Arguments regarding the custody petition of Johnny Master, who was arrested in a sexual harassment case, have been completed in the Ranga Reddy court, with the judgment postponed until tomorrow. The Narsinghi police had filed a petition requesting custody of Johnny Master for five days. The court heard the custody petition today, but after the proceedings, the verdict was adjourned.

On the 19th of this month, the Narsinghi police arrested a female choreographer in Goa in connection with the sexual harassment allegations. Johnny Master was subsequently transported from Goa to Hyderabad on a production warrant. When he was presented in the Ranga Reddy court, the court remanded him for 14 days.

The case continues to attract significant attention, and further developments are expected as the court prepares to deliver its judgment.

## New Wine Shops Notification Will Be Soon In AP

**TPN,Andhra Pradesh:** The Andhra Pradesh excise department is gearing up to release a notification for new wine shops in the state, with an announcement expected within the next two or three days. This follows a series of legislative changes initiated by the coalition government aimed at amending existing laws governing the operation of wine shops.

Previously, the YCP government had established a law to manage wine shops in the state. Recently, the Cabinet approved amendments to the Act, leading to the introduction of an ordinance. This ordinance is now pending approval from the state governor, who is expected to give his seal of approval tomorrow.

Once the governor approves the ordinance, the government plans to issue a notification for a total of 3,736 wine shops across Andhra Pradesh. This move is anticipated to significantly impact the state's liquor retail landscape, providing opportunities for new establishments to operate under the revised regulations.



## Successful Negotiations Between Govt and Lorry Owners on Free Sand Transportation



**TPN ,Andhra Pradesh:** In a significant development, negotiations between the Andhra Pradesh government and lorry owners regarding free sand transportation have concluded successfully. The agreement was reached during discussions held at the Secretariat on Tuesday, attended by Mines and Underground Minister Kolu Ravindra and Chief Secretary

Mukesh Kumar Meena. Chief Secretary Mukesh Kumar Meena revealed that the government had engaged in multiple discussions with the lorry owners' associations to address their concerns, particularly regarding the introduction of a deposit and affidavit system as part of the free sand policy. In response, Minister Ravindra announced that

this system would be replaced by a registration process, ensuring compliance with government regulations. However, he emphasized that transport operations must continue without disruption.

The Chief Minister has previously stated the necessity of implementing a GPS-based system and adhering to the prescribed trans-

port charges. Additionally, export permits will be granted exclusively through a mobile application. Lorry owners were encouraged to align their operations with the government's objectives.

Representatives from the lorry owners' associations raised concerns about hefty fines imposed for minor infractions in mining activities. In response, Mukesh Kumar Meena assured them that clear instructions would be communicated to district collectors to alleviate these issues.

Meena also confirmed that minor transportation obstacles experienced over the past few days have been resolved, allowing pending sand loading operations to resume starting Wednesday.

## Actors Reaction On Laddu Controversy

**TPN ,Andhra Pradesh:** The ongoing controversy surrounding the Tirumala Laddu has escalated into a heated exchange between actor Prakash Raj and Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan. The issue has significantly impacted the political landscape in the state, with various parties targeting the previous YCP government amid allegations of adulteration.

Prakash Raj recently criticized Pawan Kalyan for his national-level comments on the Laddu issue, questioning why the Deputy Chief Minister was making a fuss instead

of investigating the matter. He urged Kalyan to focus on addressing religious issues within the country rather than seeking attention at the national level.

In response, Pawan Kalyan advised Prakash Raj to fully understand the context before speaking. He expressed frustration over Raj's comments, warning him that discussing Sanatana Dharma lightly would not be taken lightly. "Don't speak up when things go wrong," Kalyan asserted, emphasizing the importance of respectful dialogue.

Prakash Raj countered

Pawan's remarks during a recent press conference, stating, "Mr. Pawan Kalyan, I just watched your press meet. What did I say? Why are you misunderstanding it and twisting it? Please read my

tweet again and understand." He indicated that he would address the situation further after returning from his current shoot abroad. Pawan Kalyan Sir... Sorry: Hero Karthi



Meanwhile, actor Karthi found himself embroiled in the controversy after making comments about the Laddu. Pawan Kalyan expressed his intolerance towards the jokes made about the sacred offering, stating that people in the film industry should either support Sanatana Dharma or remain silent. Karthi subsequently apologized, stating, "Pawan sir, I apologize if there has been any misunderstanding. I have a lot of respect for you."

As the situation continues to unfold, the Tirumala Laddu issue remains a focal point of political and cultural discussions in Andhra Pradesh.



## YS Sunitha Seeks Cancellation of Sivashankar's Bail in Supreme Court



**TPN ,Andhra Pradesh:** In a significant development in the YS Vivekananda Reddy murder case, YS Vivekananda Reddy's daughter, YS Sunitha, has approached the Supreme Court seeking the cancellation of bail granted to Sivashankar Reddy, an accused in the case. YS Vivekananda Reddy, a former minister in undivided Andhra Pradesh and brother of former Chief Minister YS Rajasekhara Reddy, was murdered in 2019.

Sunitha's counsel has urged the Supreme Court to hear all petitions filed against the remaining accused in the case together. A bench comprising Justice Sanjeev Khanna and Justice Jai Kumar has agreed to hear all the petitions simultaneously on November 5.

Sunitha has long been vocal about her dissatisfaction with the investigation, alleging that despite her brother YS Jagan Mohan Reddy being the current Chief Minister, no justice has been delivered in her father's murder case.

She has also claimed that she has been threatened by various individuals to withdraw from pursuing justice.

During the recent Assembly elections, Sunitha campaigned against the YSR Congress Party (YCP), calling for the defeat of its leaders. YCP leaders, in turn, accused her of aligning with the Telugu Desam Party (TDP), but Sunitha refuted these allegations, asserting that she is fighting for justice and has not sold out to any political party.

Sunitha's meeting with TDP Chief and former CM Chandrababu Naidu in Vijayawada further fueled speculations, but she clarified that her fight remains solely against the injustice in her father's murder case. Her continued efforts to seek justice for her father have become a focal point in Andhra Pradesh's political landscape, with the Supreme Court's upcoming hearing expected to be closely watched.

## Raghurama's Calls for Justice Fierce Criticism Against Jagan

**TPN ,Andhra Pradesh:** TDP MLA Raghurama Krishnam Raju has once again criticized Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, claiming that he has fought tirelessly against Jagan's "anarchy" from 2021 to 2024, without missing a single day. Raghurama explained that his fight was aimed at making the public understand Jagan's true nature and governance.

Raghurama made these remarks during a television discussion following the High Court's rejection of the anticipatory bail petition of former CID officer Vijay Pal. He recounted his own experience, stating that he was tortured while in CID custody, which made him realize that the current government must go to prevent such tragedies from happening again. He also revealed that there had been two or three assassination attempts on his life.

He mentioned the recent suspension of PSR Anjaneyulu in the Kadambari case and predicted that Sunil Kumar would be the next to face consequences. Raghurama also suggested that Jagan's involvement in the case would soon become evident through phone call records, as the coalition government is persistent in its investigation.

In reference to the Jethwani case, he highlighted that details of calls were found through Google Takeout, indicating that sim-



ilar evidence would emerge regarding the current situation. Raghurama claimed that Jagan's denial of being in the country when Chandrababu Naidu was arrested is false, as technology has already revealed the truth. Raghurama further accused Dr. Prabhavathi of pressuring him to give a false report in his case and alleged that Sunil Kumar tampered with medical records. He asserted that all evidence, including video records, pointed to malpractice, and called for severe punishment for those involved.

## Roja Faces Shock on Her Own Channel Poll Results, Channel Deleted

**TPN ,Andhra Pradesh:** YCP leader and former minister Roja was left surprised by the results of a poll conducted on her YouTube channel regarding the Tirumala Laddu issue. The unexpected outcome revealed a strong public opinion against her party's stance.

In the poll, Roja asked who was responsible for the alleged adulteration of Tirupati Laddus, and 74 percent of respondents held Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy accountable. Additionally, another poll questioned under whose rule Tirumala was better managed. An overwhelming 77 percent of participants voted in favor of Chandrababu Naidu's leadership, stating that his governance was superior.

The poll results, showing significant support for the opposition, came as a jolt for Roja, who likely anticipated more favorable responses from her audience. These outcomes reflect growing discontent among the public on these



sensitive issues.

Former minister and YCP leader Roja faced a major backlash from netizens following poll results on her YouTube channel regarding the Tirumala Laddu adulteration issue. Unable to anticipate the public's reaction, Roja deleted both the polls and her channel.

The poll asked viewers whose governance was better in Tirumala, with 76% of 19,000 participants voting in favor of Chandrababu Naidu. Another poll questioned who was responsible for the adulteration of the Tirumala Laddu Prasadam. Out of 62,000 votes, 72% blamed former CM Jagan Mohan Reddy.

Shocked by the results, Roja took down both the polls and her channel. However, netizens quickly posted screenshots of the results on social media, leading to widespread trolling of the former minister. Roja, one of the leaders who lost in the 2024 assembly elections, was taken aback by this unexpected outcome.

## Bandi Sanjay praises Pawan for speaking powerful words

- BJP MP defends Pawan's comments on Sanatana Dharma
- The Union Minister emphasizes that Sanatana Dharma will not remain silent
- Union Minister of State extends support to Jana Sena



**TPN, Telangana:** It is known that Andhra Pradesh Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan, speaking at the Indrakiladri venue today (Tuesday), made strong remarks stating, "No one should interfere with Hindu Dharma. Do Hindus not have sentiments? Should they just sit and watch while unholy things are being done in temples? If you speak against Sanatana Dharma, we will not remain silent." In response to these comments, Union Minister of State and senior BJP leader Bandi Sanjay has declared his full support for Pawan Kalyan.

Bandi Sanjay expressed that Pawan Kalyan has spoken powerful words and that he will fully back him. "Secularism is a two-way street. It won't work if we think we should remain silent when others strike us. We will not remain like punching bags," commented Bandi Sanjay.

In this context, Bandi Sanjay took to the platform

X (formerly Twitter) and quoted a famous verse: "Paritranya Sadhunam, Vinasaya Cha Dushkritam. Dharmasamsthapanarthaya Sambhavami Yuge Yuge," highlighting his support.

## Devineni Avinash, Talashila Raghuram Not Cooperating with Investigation: Mangalagiri Police

- Case of attack on TDP central office
- Police questioned Devineni Avinash and Talashila Raghuram
- CI says their answers were "I don't know, I've forgotten"



**TPN, Amaravati:** It is known that YSR Congress Party (YCP) leaders Devineni Avinash and Talashila Raghuram are being investigated by Mangalagiri police in connection with the attack on the TDP central office. However, CI Srinivas Reddy stated that both leaders are not cooperating with the investigation. He also mentioned that this lack of cooperation will be brought to the attention of the Supreme Court.

Today, the police summoned Avinash and Raghuram for questioning. Talashila Raghuram was in-

terrogated from 10 am to 11 am, followed by Avinash, who was questioned from 12 noon to 1:30 pm. The police posed 7 questions to Raghuram and 11 questions to Avinash. However, according to CI Srinivas Reddy, both repeatedly responded to the questions by saying they did not remember, had forgotten, or did not know.

## Shock for Jagan... R Krishnaiah Resigns from Rajya Sabha Membership

- Rajya Sabha Chairman accepts R Krishnaiah's resignation
- YSRCP had sent Krishnaiah to Rajya Sabha in 2022



**TPN, Telangana:** Telangana BC leader R Krishnaiah has resigned from his Rajya Sabha membership. His resignation was accepted by the Rajya Sabha Chairman. In June 2022, the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) sent R Krishnaiah to the Rajya Sabha, sparking discus-

sions about sending a BC leader from Telangana to the upper house. However, Krishnaiah unexpectedly resigned yesterday.

The YSRCP had 11 Rajya Sabha members, but with the earlier resignations of Mopidevi Venkataramana and Beda Mastan Rao, and now R Krishnaiah, the party's representation has dropped to 8. The Rajya Sabha Chairman issued a bulletin announcing that R Krishnaiah's seat is now vacant.

## Case Registered Against Former MLA Kethi Reddy for Attempted Murder

**TPN ,Andhra Pradesh:** A case of attempted murder has been registered against former MLA Kethi Reddy and his followers following an incident near Dharmavaram sub-jail. The case was filed based on a complaint by BJP worker Pratap Reddy.

The altercation reportedly took place in the vicinity of the Dharmavaram sub-jail, where tensions flared between Kethi Reddy's group and Pratap Reddy. In his complaint, Pratap Reddy accused Kethi Reddy and his followers of assault and attempting to murder him during the confrontation.

The police promptly registered a case of attempted murder under relevant sections of the law and



have launched an investigation into the incident. Authorities are gathering evidence and witness statements to determine the full extent of the altercation. This incident has sparked political tensions in the region, as Kethi Reddy is a well-known political figure and a former MLA. The allegations against him are serious, and the investigation is expected to be closely monitored. Further details on the incident and the investigation are awaited.

This case is likely to attract significant attention, given the political background of the accused and the involvement of BJP party workers in the complaint.

**TPN ,Andhra Pradesh:** Former minister and senior YCP leader Ambati Rambabu has challenged AP Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan regarding the Tirumala Laddu case. "If you can prove that ghee mixed with animal fat is used in the preparation of laddu prasadam, I will wash your shoes," he asserted, expressing frustration at Pawan's theatrics. This statement was made in response to Pawan's recent act of cleaning

## If you can prove, I will wash your shoes

the stairs of Vijayawada's Indrakiladri. Ambati Rambabu alleged that Pawan claimed the YCP government does not care if Hindu temples are being attacked. He pointed out that many temples were damaged in Vijayawada during the previous TDP government. He questioned why Pawan, who professes such love

and devotion for Sanatana Dharma, did not address the issue of idols being taken away in municipal troughs. "Isn't it wrong that they are trying to take revenge on us politically? Is this traditional? Will God forgive this?" he asked. Ambati Rambabu further stated that if former TTD chairman Bhumana Karunakar Reddy

were to take an oath in Tirumala, Pawan would merely label it a drama, urging the public to recognize who is truly engaging in theatrics. During this occasion, Ambati Rambabu also shared a video of Pawan Kalyan sweeping the stairs at Indrakiladri.





# THIS CANAL IS MINE, NOBODY CAN ENTER: A LAND GRABBER'S WARNING

TPN, Vijayawada: The Budameru floods have been attributed to encroachments, a fact confirmed by the government itself. Mr. Pawan Kalyan has spoken out about it, and former Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu also acknowledged it. Minister for Irrigation, Mr. Nimmala Ramanaidu, reiterated the same, announcing Operation Budameru. However, despite these government assertions, a single individual is now challenging all authorities, claiming that a canal known as Pamula Kaluva is his personal property. "Nobody can question me," he declared. He is even preventing residents of Jakkampudi village, who have been dealing with floodwaters for days, from draining the water from that area. Additionally, he has blocked access to the land he has illegally occupied, which spans 3 acres, though official records list it as part of Pamula Kaluva. When the residents of Jakkampudi attempted to repair the breached canal bund of Pamula Kaluva, this individual obstructed them, claiming the entire canal land belongs to him. His modus operandi involves purchasing small plots of land adjacent to government land, and then gradually incorporating the government land into his own holdings. In this particular case, he acquired 60 cents of



land in survey no. 237, but now claims ownership of the entire 3 acres. However, according to official records, the north and south boundaries of this survey number belong to the irrigation department. The man behind these encroachments is Mr. Gottimukkala Nagaraju, who has a similar history of land grabbing in Vijayawada City. For many years, starting from Sattyanarayanapuram, he has been encroaching on government lands and selling off plots. His entire "profession" revolves around encroachment, and he has amassed illegal control over land valued at approximately Rs. 20 crores. Now, he claims that Pamula Kaluva belongs to him. Local residents of Jakkampudi have confronted him, but Nagaraju refuses to listen. He is boldly asserting that even the government is under his control.

# Actress Mitra Files Complaint Against YouTuber Harshasai for Cheating

TPN, Vijayawada: An actress named Mitra has filed a complaint against popular YouTuber Harshasai, accusing him of cheating by falsely promising to marry her. The complaint was lodged at Narsinghi Police Station by Mitra's lawyer. Along with Harshasai, his father was also named in the complaint. In her statement, Mitra claimed that Harshasai deceived her by making her believe he would



marry her. She further alleged that she gave Rs. 2 crores to Harshasai. Mitra was both the producer and the lead actress in Harshasai's self-directed movie \*Mega\*, which recently released. Following the broken promises, Mitra decided to take legal action, accusing Harshasai of betrayal. The police are expected to investigate the claims made by Mitra and take necessary action.

# Amaravati Government Hospital Superintendent Defies High Court Orders. Sparks Controversy



TPN, Amaravati: In a shocking turn of events, the Superintendent of the Government General Hospital (GGH), D. Venkateswara Rao, has allegedly defied the High Court's orders and granted permissions for canteens without following due process. Despite a change in government, Venkateswara Rao is accused of continuing to act as a covert supporter of the previous YCP regime, raising concerns about his impartiality. The controversy stems from a High Court order issued on October 21, 2021, which mandated that tenders must be called for private canteens within the hospital premises as per established rules. However, in blatant disregard of this ruling, Venkateswara Rao granted permission to a new canteen under the nomination method on January 7, 2023, without issuing any tenders, allegedly without informing the NTR District Collector. It is further reported that the superintendent approved canteen operations linked to YCP ministers Vellampally and Taneti, following recommenda-

tions from another YCP leader, Vanitha. These approvals have raised questions about potential political favoritism and corruption. Moreover, Venkateswara Rao is accused of terrorizing employees, including those in the Directorate of Medical Education (DME), medical college staff, and hospital personnel, while allegedly flaunting his connections with senior officials. Rumors suggest that a high-ranking official named Krishna Leela has been backing the superintendent, adding to the growing discontent among staff. In another alarming development, the same canteen contractor reportedly embezzled ₹6 lakhs from the hospital, yet no action was taken to recover the funds. Despite these allegations, authorities seem to be turning a blind eye to the rampant corruption within the hospital under Venkateswara Rao's leadership. Anti-corruption officials have yet to intervene, leaving many to question when justice will be served.

# Home Minister Anitha Takes Swift Action on PeddaVagu Overflow in Vijayawada

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Home and Disaster Management Minister Anitha Vangalapudi has responded promptly to the situation caused by the overflowing Peddaggu stream in Vijayawada. Upon receiving reports that farmers and students were trapped due to the overflow, she immediately sought detailed information from officials. In a swift move, the Home Minister contacted the Managing Director of the Disaster Management Organization, Kurmanath, instructing him to stay on high alert and coordinate the necessary actions.



Minister Anitha also spoke with NTR District Collector Srijana, who provided updates on the current situation. Collector Srijana assured the Minister that the Peddaggu stream had returned to normalcy, and the general public had not experienced significant hardships. Precautionary steps were taken, particularly for the students of Vikas College, who were advised to remain in their hostel for the night to avoid crossing the stream.

The Home Minister issued a directive for the police to stay vigilant at all times, ensuring that no one attempts to cross the stream, thus preventing any potential dangers. The focus remains on ensuring the safety of all residents and maintaining order during this period.

# NCC Commanding Officer Leads Food Packet Distribution for Flood Victims in Vijayawada

TPN, Vijayawada: In a heartwarming gesture, the Commanding Officer of 8(A) Air Squadron NCC, Vijayawada unit, organized the distribution of food packets to those affected by the recent floods in various parts of Vijayawada town. The victims, who were severely impacted by heavy rains and flooding, received much-needed relief on Wednesday. NCC cadets, along with their officers, visited the flooded areas, offering food packets to the displaced residents. During their visit, they not only provided meals but also comforted the distressed victims, offering moral support in their time of need.



The effort was praised by many NCC officials who expressed gratitude to the cadets for their timely intervention and dedication. The Commanding Officer's initiative and the active participation of the cadets were highlighted as exemplary, as they stepped up to help the community during this difficult time. Several NCC officials, PI staff, and cadets, including Qasim garu, took

part in the program. Their collective efforts brought hope and relief to many flood-affected families. The program showcased the spirit of service and commitment instilled in the cadets, who went beyond their regular duties to assist those in need. This initiative by the NCC Vijayawada unit serves as a reminder of the power of community support in times of crisis.

# Vijayawada Division Celebrates Rashtrakavi Dinkar Jayanti During 188th Official Language Meeting

TPN, Vijayawada: The Vijayawada Division of South Central Railway (SCR) conducted its 188th Divisional Official Language Implementation Committee (DOLIC) meeting under the chairmanship of Shri Narendra A. Patil, Divisional Railway Manager. The meeting coincided with the celebration of Rashtrakavi Shri Ramdhari Singh 'Dinkar' Jayanti. Shri Patil began the meeting by paying rich tributes to the eminent Hindi poet, reciting verses from 'Rashmirathi,' his most celebrated work. He emphasized that honoring a scholar involves a commitment to engage with their literature. Shri P. E. Edwin, Additional Divisional Railway Manager (Infrastructure) and Additional Mukhya Rajbhasha Adhikari, congratulated officers for surpassing targets set by the Official Language Policy. He noted that the

division achieved 87.87% for 'Notings,' significantly above the 30% target, and an impressive average of 88% replies in Hindi for correspondence. Shri M. K. Nagaraju, Rajbhasha Adhikari, welcomed committee members and highlighted the division's progress in implementing the official language policy through various workshops and training sessions. He urged all staff to incorporate Hindi into their daily operations. As part of the Jayanti celebrations, branch officers presented papers on Ramdhari Singh 'Dinkar' and recited his poetry. The meeting concluded with a vote of thanks from Shri Nagaraju, reiterating the commitment to uphold Hindi in official work.

# Major Transfers of Engineers at NTTPS Amid Government Reforms in Power Department

TPN, Vijayawada: The government has initiated a major reshuffle in the power department, particularly targeting long-term employees at the Dr. Narla Tata Rao Thermal Power Station (NTTPS). In a bid to address inefficiencies, the authorities have transferred 10 senior engineers who had been stationed in their posts for over a decade. This move comes after frequent shutdowns of power units at NTTPS, causing concern among the higher-ups at Genco. A top Genco official recently expressed frustration over



the recurring issues at the plant, leading to the decision to overhaul the engineering staff.

Union leaders welcomed the transfers but demanded further action, insisting that other officers who have also held their positions for extended periods be reassigned as part of a broader cleanup effort. The government's actions are part of a larger reform plan aimed at improving the reliability of power generation and addressing long-standing issues in the sector. The reshuffle is expected to bring in fresh leadership to address the recurring technical problems at NTTPS and ensure smoother operations in the future.

# Pawan Kalyan is inciting people using religion: Potina Mahesh

TPN, Vijayawada: YCP leader Potina Mahesh criticized AP Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan, saying that what Pawan is doing is not a penance initiation but a political initiation. He remarked that it is ironic for Pawan, who has never visited TTD temples, to talk about Sanatana Dharma. He further said that when something goes wrong, those in responsible positions should correct it, but Pawan is instead provoking people by obstructing religious beliefs. He questioned whether Pawan believes in Hindu Gods.



Does Pawan know the purpose of initiation? Potina asked. He explained that initiation is done to seek forgiveness for past wrongs. Choreographer Johnny Master added that Pawan should undergo penance initiation for alleged-ly abusing a minor. He emphasized that the red book constitution should be implemented in the state and that Chandrababu should also perform penance initiation for his wrongdoings. He made it clear that Venkateswara Swamy would not remain silent if Hindu sentiments are tampered with.



## Can A Last-Minute CM Change Really Help Kejriwal And AAP?



In a recent turn of events, Arvind Kejriwal, leader of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), submitted his resignation as Delhi Chief Minister, signaling a strategic shift ahead of the February 2025 elections. Unlike his earlier resignation in 2013 after just 48 days in office, which was driven by his failure to pass the Jan Lokpal Bill, Kejriwal's recent decision appears more calculated. After a decade in power, including two consecutive terms, Kejriwal is now navigating corruption charges related to the liquor policy case. His aim seems to be to rebuild his public image and regain credibility among Delhi's electorate.

Despite his resignation, Kejriwal appears to be holding on to certain perks of office, such as seeking accommodation in Delhi's prestigious Lutyens Zone. This underscores the challenge he faces in balancing his earlier idealism with the realities of political power. Kejriwal, once celebrated for his activism and anti-corruption stance, now finds himself fighting to clear his name and regain the public trust he once commanded. His life has come full circle, from being a Magsaysay award-winning activist to a politician entangled in allegations of corruption.

In a smart political move, Kejriwal chose not to promote his wife or select a Dalit leader as his successor, both of which could have sparked controversy. Instead, he opted for Atishi, an Oxford-educated leader with a strong track record

of reforming Delhi's government schools. Atishi's understated, approachable demeanor, combined with her policy expertise, makes her an appealing choice. Her focus on initiatives like the Mukhyamantri Mahila Samman Yojana, which provides ₹1,000 per month to women, aims to secure support from the capital's female voters.

The question now is whether this change in leadership will help Kejriwal restore his moral standing in Delhi before the elections. Atishi's appointment might serve as a fresh face for the AAP, while Kejriwal can focus on campaigning and reshaping his image after his recent stint in jail. However, the success of this strategy remains uncertain. While Atishi has projected Kejriwal as the true leader behind the scenes, it is unclear if voters will see his resignation as a sign of accountability or merely a political tactic. If the gamble pays off, Kejriwal could be in line for a fourth term as Delhi's chief minister.

Meanwhile, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) appears unruffled by these developments. Party insiders believe that Kejriwal's attempt to reinvent himself will be effectively countered in the coming months. However, there is some concern within the BJP about AAP's decision to change its chief ministerial candidate just before the elections. For the past decade, the BJP has struggled to mount a direct challenge to Kejriwal, with its battles against him often led by figures like Lieu-

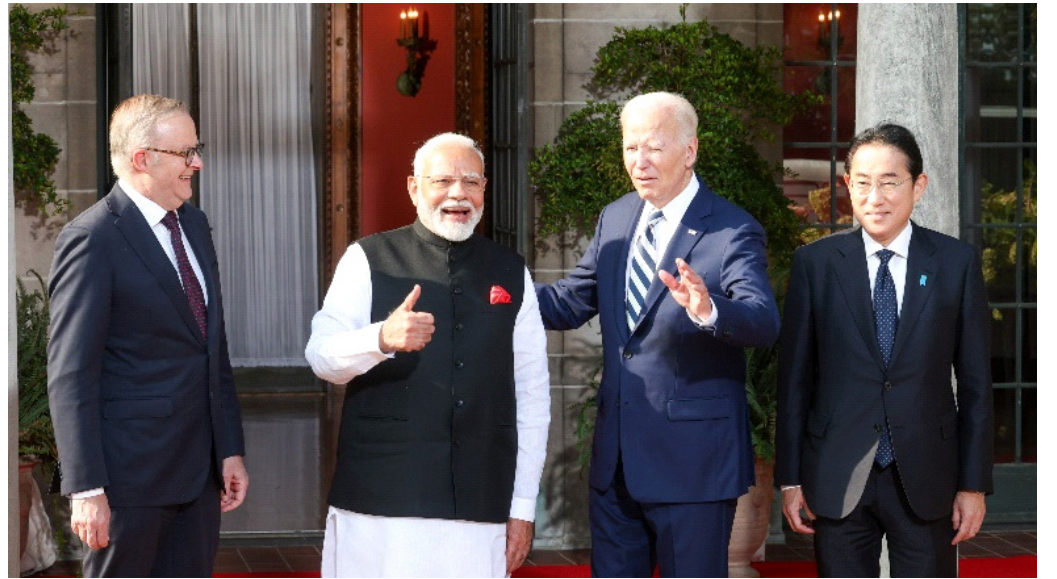
tenant Governor V.K. Saxena, who are not politically aligned with the BJP.

While some in the BJP acknowledge their lack of a strong, popular face to take on Kejriwal, party leaders remain optimistic. They point to the 2022 Municipal Council of Delhi elections, where the BJP exceeded expectations despite Kejriwal's claims that they would win only 20 seats. The BJP ended up with 104 seats, while AAP secured 134. This performance has given BJP strategists confidence that they can replicate their success in the upcoming Delhi elections, even without a clear chief ministerial candidate.

There has been speculation about the possibility of former Union Minister Smriti Irani emerging as the BJP's chief ministerial face in Delhi. However, party leaders downplayed these rumors, noting that Irani has simply been tasked with overseeing the BJP's membership drive in the capital. For now, it appears that the BJP will stick to its usual strategy of entering the election without a designated candidate for chief minister, a tactic that has worked in several other states.

As Delhi heads toward the 2025 elections, both AAP and the BJP are preparing for a high-stakes battle. Kejriwal's decision to step down and introduce Atishi as a new face may shake up the political landscape, but whether it can win over the voters and counter the BJP's momentum remains to be seen.

## PM Modi's Diversity Pitch On Recent US Trip



Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent visit to the U.S. was marked by a significant speech at Nassau Coliseum in Long Island, where he addressed a large and enthusiastic audience. While his addresses to the Indian diaspora in America have become a familiar spectacle since his first official trip in 2014, this occasion held particular importance as it was his first trip after securing a third consecutive term as India's Prime Minister. Modi framed his victory as a historic achievement, marking the first time in six decades that a Prime Minister had returned to power after two full terms.

Modi's speech appeared to serve multiple purposes, including responding to criticism from Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, various left-liberal groups, Western NGOs, and sections of the Western media regarding the state of India's democracy, religious tolerance, and freedom of speech. Though he did not directly mention these critics, it was clear that Modi aimed to address the negative narratives circulating in the West.

On the issue of democracy, Modi highlighted the scale and vibrancy of India's electoral process, indirectly countering accusations from Rahul Gandhi and others about the fairness of the 2024 elections. Gandhi had previously made allegations during his U.S. visit that India's elections were not conducted fairly. Moreover, international bodies like V-Dem have criticized India for sliding into what they call "electoral autocracy" and ranked the country poorly in terms of democratic standards. Modi, however, used statistics to underscore the magnitude of India's elections, with nearly double the number of voters as the population of the U.S. and more voters than all of Europe combined. He described this process, involving millions of polling staff, thousands of candidates, and hundreds of media outlets, as a testament to India's "vibrant democracy."

Modi also celebrated India's diversity, which he linked to the broader idea of "Bhartiyata," or Indianness. He made a point to acknowledge the wide array of linguistic and cultural groups present in the audience—Telugu, Marathi, Tamil,

Malayalam, Kannada, Gujarati, Bengali, and Odiya—underscoring that India thrives on unity in diversity. His mention of the Telugu community first may have been a subtle nod to comments made by Rahul Gandhi regarding regional identity, which has been a point of discussion in opposition to the imposition of any single national identity. Modi also announced the creation of the "Thiruvalluvar Chair for Tamil Studies" at the University of Houston, a move aimed at spreading the teachings of the Tamil saint-philosopher Thiruvalluvar.

Regarding freedom of expression, Modi defended India's record by emphasizing the expansion of social and digital media. He suggested that the growth of media platforms in India reflects a society where freedom of speech is flourishing, indirectly countering the accusations from his critics who claim that the Modi regime has stifled free expression in recent years. This was an attempt to rebut claims from opposition parties and NGOs that media freedom has been curbed during his leadership.

Modi also took the opportunity to emphasize his governance model, which he described as "Vikas bhi, Virasat bhi"—development with heritage. This approach was illustrated by the outcomes of his U.S. visit, where India secured a landmark deal to establish a semiconductor fabrication plant, a key step toward advancing India's technological infrastructure, particularly in national security-related industries. In a parallel gesture, the U.S. agreed to return 297 stolen and smuggled antique artifacts to India, blending the themes of technological progress and cultural preservation.

Finally, Modi assured the audience of policy continuity, stressing that his third term would be marked by even more ambitious goals. He framed his re-election as a mandate from the people of India to achieve progress at "three times the strength and three times the speed" compared to previous terms. This assertion of continuity and momentum aimed to reassure both domestic and international audiences that his government would remain stable and focused on growth.

## J&K Polls Phase 2: Newbies Can Give A Tough Fight To Legacy Players

Jammu and Kashmir's second phase of voting, scheduled for September 25, will be critical in shaping the future political landscape of the region. With 26 seats up for grabs, the competition features both established political parties and a significant number of independent candidates and smaller parties. Following a decade of unrest, the voter turnout in Phase 1 was an impressive 61.38%, indicating a growing enthusiasm for democratic engagement and a shift away from violence.

Key political players like the National Conference (NC), the People's Democratic Party (PDP), the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), and the Congress are actively campaigning, promising development and stability. Newcomers such as the Apni Party and the Awami Ittehad Party are also competing, creating a dynamic and unpredictable race. Out of the 239 candidates contesting in this phase, a large number are independents and

candidates from smaller parties, making up 55% of the total.

Prominent candidates include former Chief Minister Omar Abdullah from the NC, who is contesting from Budgam and Ganderbal, and BJP president Ravinder Raina, who is defending his seat in Nowshera. Altaf Bukhari of the Apni Party, the wealthiest candidate, is contesting from Chhannapora. Additionally, Sarjan Ahmad Wagay, a jailed cleric, is contesting two seats, Ganderbal and Beerwah, adding further intrigue to the elections.

The delimitation process has reshaped the electoral map, with five seats eliminated and six new ones created, reflecting the ongoing changes in Jammu and Kashmir's political structure. This phase also includes seven seats reserved for the Scheduled Tribes (ST), a demographic shift that the BJP hopes to capitalize on by ap-



pealing to the Pahari-speaking community in Rajouri and Poonch. However, this move has sparked tensions with the Gujjar and Bakerwal communities, which the NC and Congress are trying to leverage.

The legacy parties like the NC and PDP

face challenges from newer parties and independents, who could act as vote-splitters, further complicating the electoral outcomes. With both Jammu and Kashmir seeing high competition, especially in the valley where more candidates are contesting per seat than in Jammu, the political landscape

could shift dramatically depending on how these new players perform.

This phase will set the stage for the final leg of voting on October 1 and will play a crucial role in determining the future of Jammu and Kashmir's political structure.



# US-India Semiconductor Partnership

The United States and India have reached a significant agreement to collaborate on establishing a semiconductor fabrication plant in India, marking a crucial step in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's initiative to enhance domestic manufacturing capabilities.

According to a White House statement following a meeting between President Joe Biden and PM Modi in Delaware, the proposed facility will focus on producing infrared, gallium nitride, and silicon-carbide semiconductors. This initiative will be supported by the India Semiconductor Mission, alongside a strategic partnership involving Bharat Semi, 3rdiTech Inc., and the US Space Force. This collaboration aims to strengthen India's position in the global semiconductor supply chain, which has become increasingly vital in recent years.

India's strategic geopolitical position in Asia has attracted attention, highlighting the country's potential in the technology sector. Modi has consistently voiced his vision of positioning India as a competitive alternative to China, particularly in manufacturing. This effort is part of a broader strategy to reduce reliance on Chinese manufacturing and to bolster India's own industrial base.

In recent years, India has successfully begun to attract significant investments from multinational companies. Notably, major corporations like Apple and Samsung have started shifting some of their production operations to India, taking advantage of the



country's skilled workforce and favorable economic policies. This trend aligns with Modi's push to create a robust manufacturing ecosystem within India.

The semiconductor collaboration with the US not only signifies a strengthening of bilateral ties but also positions India as a key player in the global tech landscape. As the demand for semiconductors continues to grow, particularly with the rise

of technologies like AI and 5G, this partnership could pave the way for increased innovation and economic growth in India.

Overall, the establishment of a semiconductor fabrication plant in India represents a pivotal moment for both nations, fostering technological advancements and enhancing supply chain resilience in a rapidly evolving global market.

## Farmers Should Demand: Kangana Ranaut's Latest Draws Congress Fury



The Congress party launched a strong attack on BJP MP Kangana Ranaut on Tuesday following her controversial remarks about the farm laws that were central to the farmers' protests of 2020. This is not the first time Ranaut has faced backlash for her comments; she was previously reprimanded last month after making statements that drew sharp criticism from Congress. Following that incident, she received a clarification, indicating that her views do not reflect the party's stance.

During a press interaction in her Lok Sabha constituency of Mandi, Ranaut expressed her belief that the laws, which were repealed by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government in November 2021 after widespread and sometimes violent protests, should be reinstated. She stated, "I know this will be controversial... but I feel the farm laws that were repealed should be brought back. The farmers themselves should demand it. They are a pillar of strength for the nation's development and I want to appeal to them—demand the laws back for your own good."

The Congress party quickly responded to her comments, sharing a video of Ranaut's statement and firmly asserting their opposition. In a tweet, they declared that "these black laws will (never be brought back now)... no matter how hard Narendra Modi and his MPs try." This reflects the party's commitment to standing against the controversial legislation, which had sparked significant unrest among the farming community.

Ranaut's comments have reignited discussions around the farm laws, highlighting the ongoing tension between the BJP and opposition parties over agricultural policies. The Congress's swift response underscores their determination to defend the interests of farmers and maintain pressure on the ruling government.

As the political discourse intensifies, it remains to be seen how Ranaut's statements will impact the BJP's standing among farmers, a crucial constituency in Indian politics. The controversy serves as a reminder of the sensitive nature of agricultural policies and the profound impact they have on livelihoods across the country.

## Mamata Banerjee Accuses Centre of Withholding PMAY Funds



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has accused the central government of failing to release funds under the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY) for the past three years. Speaking at an administrative review meeting in Bolpur on Tuesday, she stated, "For the last three years, we have not received any funds under PMAY. A total of Rs 1.70 lakh crore of Central funds are due to us. Still, we are trying to allocate as many houses as possible from our limited resources."

Banerjee reassured residents that funds for 11 lakh houses in the district will be released shortly. She also mentioned that expenditures for restoring roads damaged by floods will be covered by development funds allocated to local legislators.

Addressing the ongoing flood situation, Banerjee noted that while conditions have improved, some areas remain affected. She criticized the state's flooding as not merely a result of rainfall, stating, "It is unfortunate that West Bengal does not get flooded just because of the rainfall. The state gets flooded because of the water released from

Jharkhand."

The Chief Minister justified her decision to withdraw the state government's representation in the Damodar Valley Reservoir Regulation Committee (DVRRC), arguing that it was ineffective given the Damodar Valley Corporation's (DVC) role in the flooding. She expressed her frustration with the DVC's indiscriminate release of water from their barrages without prior notification to the state government.

"I do not want to maintain any connection with any organization that endangers lives by releasing water indiscriminately," she declared. Banerjee further criticized the DVC for prioritizing power generation over its original objective of flood protection, stating that the corporation has repeatedly ignored the state's requests for a more gradual release of water.

This series of statements reflects Banerjee's ongoing struggle for state autonomy and accountability, particularly regarding flood management and housing assistance.

## Truth Will Come Out Siddaramaiah Responds to Court Setback in Land Scam Case

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, currently facing prosecution in the alleged MUDA land scam case, expressed his unwavering confidence in the judicial system on Tuesday. He condemned the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for engaging in what he termed "revenge politics." In a defiant statement, he declared, "I believe in the law and the Constitution... The truth will finally win."

Siddaramaiah dismissed the land scam allegations as a "sham," responding vigorously to opposition leaders who once again called for his resignation. He attributed these charges to the BJP's inability to counter his welfare initiatives, asserting that their actions were politically motivated. "The BJP and JDS resorted to political retaliation against me because I am pro-poor and fighting for social justice," he stated, bolstered by support from Congress leaders and party members.

The Chief Minister also hinted at potential legal challenges against the Governor's sanction for the investigation, saying, "I will consult with experts on whether such an investigation is allowed under the law... I am confident the investigation under 17A will be cancelled." His legal advisor, AS Ponnanna, echoed this sentiment, emphasizing that the High Court had deemed the Governor's order "illegal" and that they were exploring options for judicial review.

Addressing calls for his resignation, Siddaramaiah pointed out the hypocrisy of his opponents, noting, "The leaders asking for my resignation today are the same who opposed schemes implemented by me for the poor and oppressed." He reminded critics that the BJP did not secure a majority on its own, referencing the controversial "Operation Kamala," which he claimed aimed to destabilize elected governments by targeting senior leaders from ruling parties.

## In Touch With NIA, Top Cops: Railway Minister On Threats To Rail Safety

Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnav stated today that the government will take stringent measures against individuals who engage in stone-throwing at trains. His comments followed a recent incident where stones were thrown at the Mahabodhi Express as it approached Mirzapur railway station. "The whole railway staff is fully aware and in touch with the state governments, including state DGPs and Home Secretaries and the NIA. Strict action will be taken against anyone involved in such incidents," Mr. Vaishnav assured reporters.

This heightened focus on security comes on the heels of another alarming incident in Gujarat, where panic ensued at Kim railway station when railway authorities discovered that critical components had been removed from the tracks. Fortunately, the sabotage was detected just before a train was scheduled to pass over the affected rail lines. Investigations revealed that the trackman and two other railway employees had orchestrated the sabotage to gain social media notoriety and secure promotions, even risking lives



in the process.

To enhance safety, the Indian Railways has initiated a pilot project called the Rail Rakshak Dal in the North Western Railway (NWR) zone. This new unit is designed to respond quickly to accidents and conduct rescue operations effectively.

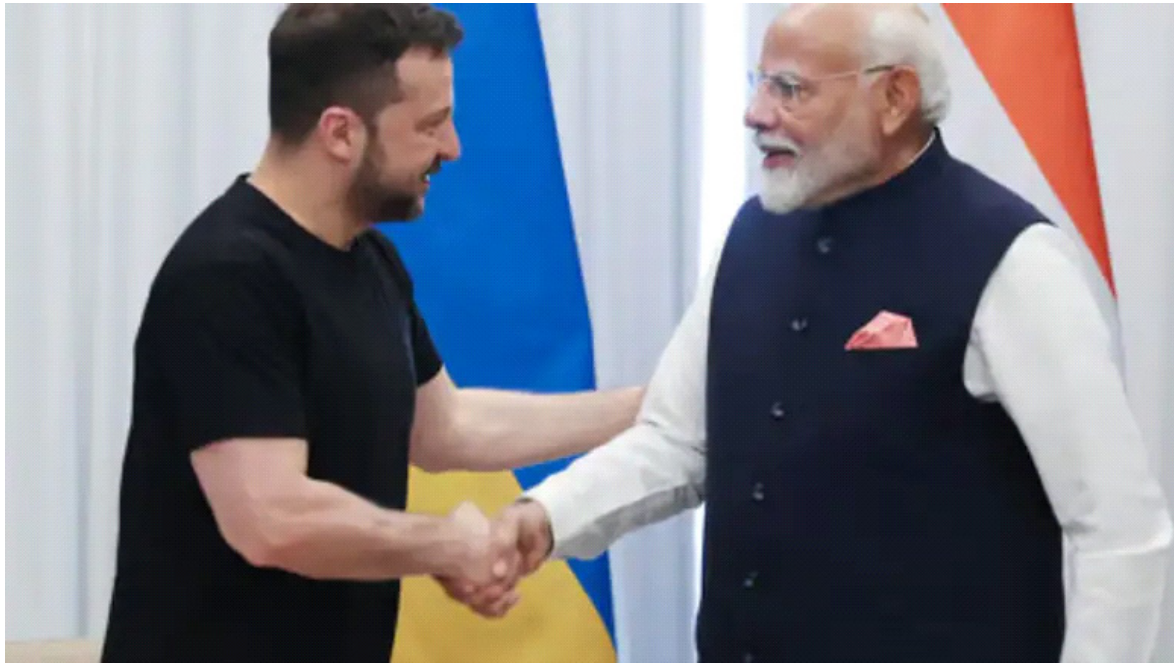
In addition to these initiatives, Mr. Vaishnav highlighted significant advancements in railway security, par-

ticularly the Kavach system. "For the security of railways, Kavach is a very big development. On July 16, 2024, the Kavach 4.0 version was finalized by the RDSO, and its first installation was completed from Sawai Madhopur to Kota and Nagda," he explained. The Kavach system, an indigenously developed Automatic Train Protection (ATP) technology, automatically applies brakes if a train exceeds specified speed limits, enhancing operational safety.





## Grateful For PM Modi's Support For Ukraine's Territorial Integrity: Zelensky



Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky commended Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday for his "clear support" of Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity. The two leaders met during the UN Summit of the Future to discuss the ongoing conflict in Ukraine and potential pathways to peace.

In a post on X, Zelensky expressed gratitude for their productive conversation. "This is our third bilateral meeting this year. We are working together to strengthen cooperation across various fields," he noted. He emphasized the importance of enhancing collaboration on international platforms, particularly within the UN and G20, and discussed implementing the Peace Formula in preparation for a second Peace Summit.

"I am grateful for Prime Minister Modi's clear support of our sovereignty and territorial integrity," Zelensky wrote, highlighting India's diplomatic position regarding the conflict.

During their meeting, PM Modi reiterated India's commitment to resolving the war through diplomacy and dialogue. According to the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA), he

emphasized India's "clear, consistent, and constructive" approach, which prioritizes engagement among all stakeholders.

After the meeting, PM Modi shared a post on X, stating, "Met President Zelensky in New York. We are committed to implementing the outcomes of my visit to Ukraine last month to strengthen bilateral relations. I reiterated India's support for an early resolution of the conflict in Ukraine and the restoration of peace and stability."

This encounter marked the third meeting between the two leaders in just over three months, with both agreeing to maintain close contact, as confirmed by the MEA. Modi's visit to Ukraine in August was particularly significant, as it was the first by an Indian Prime Minister since diplomatic relations were established in 1992, underscoring India's proactive role in promoting peace in the war-torn region.

Despite its neutral stance in the Russia-Ukraine conflict, PM Modi has consistently advocated for a peaceful resolution, reaffirming India's commitment to stability in the region.



## US-India Ties Strengthened by Modi-Biden Friendship

US Ambassador to India Eric Garcetti emphasized the "close friendship" between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Joe Biden, highlighting its significance in the growing ties between the two nations. In an interview with ANI, Garcetti described Modi as the most pro-American Prime Minister in Indian history, while he referred to Biden as the most pro-Indian president the US has seen.

Garcetti noted that their friendship represents the broader relationship between the two countries. "These two leaders exemplify the closeness we share," he stated, underscoring their mutual commitment to enhancing bilateral cooperation.

He also discussed the Quad, a strategic forum comprising the US, India, Japan, and Australia, calling it a "powerful platform" for setting a common vision in the Indo-Pacific region. Garcetti highlighted the Quad's role in promoting principles that align with international law, contrasting it with nations that do not adhere to such standards.

The recent sixth Quad Summit, hosted by Pres-

ident Biden in Wilmington, Delaware, saw the participation of PM Modi and other leaders. Garcetti explained that the joint declaration from the summit emphasized cooperation across various areas, including disaster response and supply chain security. He reiterated that the Quad's focus is not on any single nation but on collective goals for a free and prosperous Indo-Pacific.

Furthermore, he stated that the Quad aims to address shared challenges and should not be seen as a threat by other countries. "We have committed \$1 billion between the US and India to tackle climate issues affecting nearly 900 million vulnerable people in our countries," he added, reinforcing the Quad's inclusive vision.

Garcetti clarified that the Quad is not a military alliance aiming to project power, but rather a coalition focused on preserving peace and ensuring prosperity. He concluded, "Our initiatives, whether in coast guard cooperation or military interoperability, aim to protect our people while fostering regional stability."

## Timing Issues Prevent Modi-Trump Meeting



Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump announced plans to meet Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi during his visit, but the two did not connect. Modi's brief 55-hour trip was packed with diplomatic engagements, while Trump focused on his election campaign, just six weeks ahead of the polls.

On Saturday, PM Modi attended the Quad summit with President Joe Biden and the leaders of Australia and Japan. The following day, he addressed a large diaspora rally in a New York suburb but had to compete for time as Trump held his own rally in North Carolina.

PM Modi's busy schedule continued into Monday, where he participated in the Summit of the Future and met with various leaders, including Ukraine's President Volodymyr Zelensky and Vietnam's Prime Minister To Lam. He also had discussions with Palestinian President Mahmoud Abbas, Nepal's Prime Minister K.P. Sharma Oli, and Kuwait's Crown Prince Sheikh Sabah al-Khalid.

Speculation surrounded a potential meeting between Modi and Mohammad Yunus, the interim chief advisor of Bangladesh, on the sidelines of the summit. However, media reports suggested Modi may have snubbed Yunus by not scheduling a meeting.

When questioned about the missed meeting, India's Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri explained, "The Prime Minister is leaving in a few minutes. The chief advisor of Bangladesh is not here yet, so there hasn't been any possibility of a meeting on this occasion."

Notably, Touhid Hossain, a foreign affairs adviser in the interim Bangladeshi government, spoke at the summit instead of Yunus, who was originally listed as a speaker.

## Bangladesh's Army Chief Backs Interim Government



In a significant shift following the ousting of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, General Waker-uz-Zaman, the army chief of Bangladesh, has expressed unwavering support for the interim government led by Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus. This support comes as the country grapples with the aftermath of intense student-led protests that resulted in Hasina's resignation after 15 years in power.

In a recent interview, General Zaman emphasized his commitment to Yunus's administration, stating, "I will stand beside him. Come what may." He outlined plans to implement crucial reforms across the judiciary, police, and financial institutions, aiming for free and fair elections within 18 months.

The general highlighted the need for patience as the country transitions back to democracy, indicating that a timeline of one to one-and-a-half years would be ideal. Both of the main political parties, Hasina's Awami League and the opposition Bangladesh Nationalist Party, have pushed for elections within three months of the interim government's establishment.

With the military stepping in to restore order after a surge of violence that claimed over 1,000 lives, Zaman asserted that the armed forces would maintain a non-political stance, emphasizing professionalism within the military. He also noted that allegations of misconduct among military personnel are being investigated, and actions will be taken against any wrongdoing.

## Hezbollah Commander Among 6 People Killed In Fresh Israeli Strikes On Beirut



An Israeli airstrike in the southern suburbs of Beirut on Tuesday killed Hezbollah commander Ibrahim Qubaisi, a key figure in the group's rocket division, along with five others. This attack intensified fears of a full-scale war in the Middle East, especially as Hezbollah has recently faced significant setbacks against Israeli forces.

The airstrike occurred in the Ghobery neighborhood and is part of a broader campaign by Israel, which has intensified its military operations against Hezbollah. This shift comes after nearly a year of conflict with Hamas in Gaza, where Israel has been focused on countering threats from its southern border. The health ministry reported initial casualties of six dead and 15 wounded from the latest strike.

Israel's military has vowed to escalate its attacks on Hezbollah. Military Chief Herzi Halevi stated that "the situation requires continued, intense action in all arenas," reflecting a determination to exert pressure on Hezbollah amidst ongoing hostilities. According to Lebanese authorities, Israel's airstrikes have killed at least 558 people, including many civilians, and injured over 1,800 since Monday.

As the violence escalates, the specter of regional war looms large, drawing in not only Israel and Hezbollah but potentially also Iran and the United States. Calls for diplomatic intervention are growing, with UN human rights chief Volker Turk urging influential states to help de-escalate the situation. U.S. National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan expressed hope for a diplomatic solution that could restore peace.





# Domestic Stock Markets Hit Record Highs

**BSE Sensex Crosses 85,000; Nifty Tops 26,000 with Metal and IT Sector Gains**

The streak of record highs in the domestic stock markets continues. For the first time in history, the BSE Sensex crossed the 85,000 mark, and the NSE Nifty crossed 26,000. This rise is attributed to positive signals from global markets and increased buying in IT and metal sector stocks. After a tepid start in the morning, the indices surged to record highs before profit-taking set in, ultimately ending the session flat. Market breadth on the BSE turned in favor of sellers, with 2,036 stocks declining while 1,940 gained. The rupee weakened by 12 paise, settling at 83.67 against the US dollar.

The BSE Sensex, which closed at 84,928 in the previous session, opened today at 84,860. It touched an intraday low of 84,716 and an intraday high of 85,163, but eventually lost 14 points to close at 84,914. The NSE Nifty opened at 25,921, hit a low of 25,886, and reached a high of 26,011. It closed with a marginal one-point gain at 25,940. Bank Nifty settled 137 points lower at 53,968.

In the Nifty50, 25 companies gained while 25 declined. The top gainers included Tata Steel, Hindalco, Power Grid, Tech Mahindra, and Adani Enterprises. The biggest losers were SBI Life, Hindustan Unilever, Grasim, Ultratech Cement, and Shriram Finance. The Finance, FMCG, PSU Bank, Private Bank, Realty, Healthcare, and Consumer Durables sectors ended in the red, while Oil & Gas, Pharma, Metal, IT, and Auto sectors rallied.

**Nifty's support is at 25,900, and resistance is at 26,000.**

SEBI has raised concerns that merchant bankers are not adhering to SME IPO regulations properly and is keeping an eye on the situation. Nifty crossed the 26,000 milestone for the first time in history, taking just 37 sessions to gain another 1,000 points from the 25,000 level. Chalet Hotels clarified that it has no association with Fires Securities. Tata Motors launched the Nexon ICNG and Nexon 45KWh models. Arvind Smart Space shares jumped 16% after Axis Securities gave it a buy rating. JTL Industries is planning a share split and the issuance of bonus shares. The Nifty Auto Index hit record highs, while Tata Power shares gained on Motilal Oswal's buy rating. Shares of HDFC Bank rallied as it plans to sell loans worth Rs 70,000 crore. AstraZeneca Pharma shares surged 17% after CDSCO approved the import and supply of Durvalumab. The market value of Nifty metal stocks has crossed Rs 36,000 crore. Arcade Developers' shares were listed at a 37% premium compared to the IPO price.



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## Recommended Stocks:

**Hindalco:** On Monday, Hindalco's share price increased by ₹28.45 (+4.12%) to ₹719.00. Hindalco is a leading aluminum manufacturing company, heavily influenced by global commodity markets and demand in industrial sectors.



the flagship company of the Adani Group, it is involved in various sectors, including energy and infrastructure, influencing its stock performance.

**Siemens:** Siemens' stock increased by ₹151.55 (+2.18%) to ₹7,089.95. Siemens is a global leader in engineering and technology solutions, with its stock price reflecting strong performance in industrial automation and energy solutions.



**Powergrid:** Powergrid saw its share price rise by ₹9.45 (+2.77%) to ₹350.60. Powergrid Corporation of India is a major electric power transmission company, and its stock is closely tied to infrastructure and energy demands.



**Adani Enterprises:** Adani Enterprises' share price rose by ₹56.50 (+1.86%) to ₹3,100.45. As



**REC:** REC's share price gained ₹6.00 (+1.11%) to ₹548.50. REC Ltd, a public infrastructure finance company, funds power projects, and its stock is driven by developments in the energy and infrastructure sectors.



## Adani Joins UNEZA: A Step Towards Sustainable Energy

Adani Green Energy Ltd (AGEL) and Adani Energy Solutions Ltd (AESL) have officially joined the Utilities for Net Zero Alliance (UNEZA), as announced on September 24. This strategic move positions both companies as pioneers in India's renewable energy sector, making them the first in their respective fields to become part of this global alliance.



facilitating the seamless integration of renewable energy into the existing grid system, a critical component for achieving a carbon-neutral future.

The participation of Adani companies in UNEZA reflects a growing recognition of the importance of collaborative efforts in tackling climate change and promoting sustainable practices within the energy sector. By joining forces with global leaders, Adani aims to leverage shared knowledge and best practices to accelerate the transition toward a more sustainable energy ecosystem.

This development is a significant milestone not only for Adani Group but also for India's overall commitment to sustainable development. As the world increasingly shifts toward renewable energy, initiatives like UNEZA play a crucial role in guiding industries toward cleaner, more efficient energy solutions.

In summary, Adani's involvement in UNEZA signifies a proactive approach to addressing the challenges of climate change while fostering innovation and sustainability in the energy sector.

Established during COP28, UNEZA aims to unite leading utilities and power firms worldwide in the quest for renewable energy integration. The alliance promotes the development of energy grids equipped for renewable sources, enhancing electrification efforts and advocating for clean energy solutions.

As a member of UNEZA, AGEL is committed to several key initiatives. The company will focus on expanding clean power infrastructure, bolstering energy security, and enhancing energy efficiency. These efforts are essential for achieving a sustainable energy future, particularly in the context of India's ambitious climate goals.

On the other hand, AESL will intensify its initiatives aimed at developing reliable grid infrastructure specifically designed for the transmission and distribution of green energy. This alignment with UNEZA underscores AESL's commitment to

## Moderation in Retail Loan Growth: TransUnion CIBIL Report

A recent report from TransUnion CIBIL has indicated a notable slowdown in the growth of retail loans across various products for the quarter ending June 2024. This trend is particularly evident in small-ticket loans, which have experienced a marked decline in origination volumes.

According to the report, the consumer credit landscape has faced significant challenges, with origination volumes for credit cards and home loans witnessing sharp decreases. Specifically, the credit card segment recorded a negative growth of 9 percent, while home loans experienced a staggering decline of 30 percent in the first quarter of FY25. These figures reflect a cautious approach among consumers, likely influenced by rising interest rates and economic uncertainties.

The slowdown in retail loan growth sug-



gests that borrowers are becoming more selective, potentially opting to delay major purchases or seeking alternative financing options. This trend may also point to an overall tightening of consumer sentiment, as individuals navigate the complexities of the current economic climate.

Additionally, the decline in small-ticket loans—a category often favored by first-time borrowers and those with limited credit histories—highlights a broader hes-

itance in consumer spending. This could have implications for sectors reliant on consumer credit, including retail and housing.

TransUnion CIBIL's findings serve as a critical indicator for lenders and policymakers, signaling the need to reassess lending strategies and approaches to meet changing consumer demands. Financial institutions may need to explore innovative products and flexible lending solutions to encourage borrowing and stimulate growth in the retail loan segment.

As the market adjusts to these dynamics, it will be essential for stakeholders to monitor trends closely and adapt accordingly. Understanding consumer behavior and preferences will be crucial for fostering confidence and facilitating a more robust lending environment in the months to come.

## India's Economic Growth Forecast: Optimism for 2024

Moody's Analytics has updated its economic outlook for India, projecting a growth rate of 7.1 percent in 2024, an increase from the earlier estimate of 6.8 percent. This positive revision highlights the resilience of the Indian economy following a robust post-pandemic recovery, which saw a growth rate of 7.8 percent in 2023.

For 2025, Moody's maintains its growth forecast at 6.5 percent, indicating stability in the economic landscape. Looking further ahead, the agency anticipates a slight acceleration to 6.6 percent in 2026, a notable shift from its previous projection of 6.2 percent for that year made in June. This suggests a growing optimism about the underlying strengths of the Indian economy.

Moody's Analytics emphasized that the



strong rebound in 2023 laid a solid foundation for continued growth, although the economy is expected to experience a gradual slowdown in the coming years. The projected rates reflect both the challenges and opportunities facing India as it navigates global economic uncertainties and domestic factors.

Key drivers of this growth include increased consumer spending, infrastructure investments, and robust service sector performance. The government's

continued focus on reforms and initiatives aimed at boosting economic activity will also play a crucial role in sustaining growth momentum.

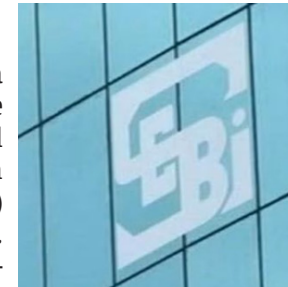
While the forecast presents a positive outlook, it also underscores the need for India to address potential risks, such as inflationary pressures, geopolitical tensions, and global economic fluctuations. Policymakers will need to remain vigilant and responsive to these challenges to ensure that the economy remains on a growth trajectory.

In summary, Moody's Analytics projects a vibrant economic future for India, with 7.1 percent growth anticipated in 2024 and stable rates beyond that. The optimism reflects a combination of strong past performance and proactive governance aimed at fostering sustainable development.

## SEBI Study Reveals High Loss Rates Among Individual F&O Traders

A recent study by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has highlighted the challenging landscape for individual traders in the equity futures and options (F&O) segment. The findings reveal that nearly 93 percent—approximately 9 out of 10—individual traders incurred losses, with the total aggregate loss exceeding Rs 1.8 lakh crore between FY22 and FY24.

The study underscores a stark contrast between the performance of individual traders and that of foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) and proprietary traders. While the majority of individual traders faced significant losses, FPIs and proprietary trading firms managed to secure substantial profits during the same period. This disparity raises questions about the strategies employed by different groups in the F&O market.



The F&O segment is known for its high volatility and risk, often attracting novice traders who may not fully understand the complexities involved. The SEBI report indicates that many individual traders engage in high-leverage trading, which can amplify losses and lead to devastating financial consequences. The aggressive nature of F&O trading, coupled with insufficient risk management, appears to be contributing factors to the widespread losses among retail investors.

In contrast, FPIs and proprietary traders often utilize advanced strategies and extensive market research to inform their trading decisions. These institutional players are typically better equipped to navigate the complexities of the F&O market, resulting in a more favorable outcome.

The findings of the SEBI study serve as a crucial reminder for individual traders about the inherent risks associated with trading in the F&O segment. It underscores the importance of education, disciplined trading strategies, and effective risk management practices to mitigate potential losses.

As the market continues to evolve, the data suggests that individual traders may benefit from seeking guidance and developing a deeper understanding of market dynamics before participating in high-stakes trading environments.



# Devendra Fadnavis and the 'TINA' Factor in Maharashtra Politics



## A Look Ahead to the 2024 Elections

As the 2024 Maharashtra Assembly elections draw near, the political landscape in the state is growing increasingly charged. On one hand, Uddhav Thackeray is urging the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) alliance to declare its Chief Ministerial candidate, while also making overtures to Muslim voters—marking a significant shift from the ideology of his father, Balasaheb Thackeray. On the other, the ruling Mahayuti alliance, led by the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and its partners, is grappling with seat-sharing challenges while expediting welfare schemes to secure their electoral stronghold.

Amid this political swirl, Devendra Fadnavis stands as a pivotal figure in Maharashtra's political narrative. Whether overseeing the implementation of key welfare schemes like the Ladli Behan Yojana, navigating internal alliance tensions, or addressing public criticism related to controversies like the Chhatrapati Shivaji statue collapse in Sindhudurg, Fadnavis remains unwavering in his resolve. His role as Deputy Chief Minister has been marked by a relentless focus on policy-driven governance, making him a critical player in Maharashtra's political future.

Despite frequent criticism and controversies, Fadnavis has successfully positioned himself as the most credible leader ahead of the upcoming elections. This credibility underscores the growing perception of Fadnavis as the "There Is No Alternative" (TINA) factor for Maharashtra's leadership, making it increasingly difficult for opposition parties to present a viable alternative to his leadership.

## A Policy-Led Development Model

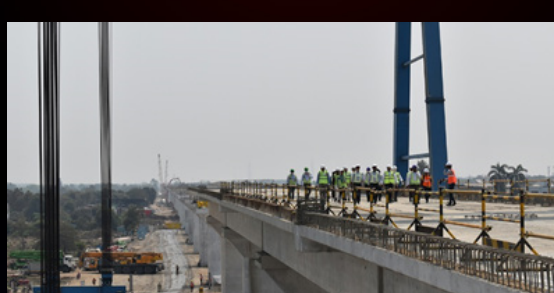
Fadnavis's political success is built on a foundation of policy-driven development, a model that has resonated with both urban and rural constituencies in Maharashtra. Historically, Maharashtra has been known as a progressive, entrepreneurial state. However, the early 2000s saw an economic stagnation that impacted infrastructure, agriculture, and employment. Delays in critical infrastructure projects and a lack of investment dampened the state's overall growth, both in urban centers and rural areas.



Fadnavis's tenure as Chief Minister, beginning in 2014, marked a significant turnaround for Maharashtra. With strong backing from Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Fadnavis initiated a series of infrastructure and development projects that revitalized the state's economy. Large-scale projects in industries such as manufacturing, information technology, and infrastructure attracted domestic and foreign investments, while his administration also made concerted efforts to drive rural development—an area often overlooked by previous administrations.

## Transforming Rural Maharashtra

One of Fadnavis's most notable achievements has been his focus on rural development, ensuring that Maharashtra's villages were not left behind in the state's economic resurgence. His flagship initiative, the \*Jalyukta Shivar Abhiyan\*, focused on water conservation by creating farm ponds on demand and revitalizing traditional water bodies. This project addressed the acute water scarcity that plagued many parts of the state and benefited over 100,000 farmers by conserving millions of liters of water. The scheme's success has been so significant that it is now being considered for replication in other states.



In addition to water conservation, Fadnavis oversaw the completion of 21 long-pending irrigation projects in the drought-prone Vidarbha region. The ₹34,000 crore Water Grid project in Marathwada is also expected to solve long-standing water challenges, giving a new lease on life to the region's agricultural sector. These rural-focused projects have solidified Fadnavis's reputation as a leader who does not solely focus on urban-centric growth but is equally invested in improving the lives of rural residents.

## Boosting Industrial Development and Employment

Fadnavis's leadership has not only been about agricultural reforms; it has also involved generating employment in underdeveloped areas.



One key initiative was the Surajgad Steel Plant in Gadchiroli, which has promised to create significant economic opportunities for Maharashtra's tribal communities. Similarly, the establishment of the Rail Coach Plant in Marathwada is expected to generate jobs and spur local economic growth.

## Infrastructure Development: A Game Changer

Perhaps the most iconic of Fadnavis's achievements is the \*Samruddhi Mahamarg\* or the Nagpur-Mumbai Super Communication Expressway. This massive infrastructure project connects Vidarbha, Marathwada, and Mumbai, revolutionizing Maharashtra's agricultural economy by creating a direct trade route between the state's farming regions and urban markets. The highway has significantly reduced travel times, boosted trade, and improved market access for rural farmers. While the project faced opposition from certain farming groups, Fadnavis's administration ensured that those affected were compensated fairly. His creation of a dedicated "war room" to monitor the project's progress was an innovative solution that ensured timely completion of the project.



Urban infrastructure also received a substantial boost under his leadership, with major metro projects transforming public transport in Pune, Nagpur, and Mumbai. Other projects like the Thane-Borivali underground route and the Coastal Road project from Worli to Nariman Point are expected to ease urban traffic congestion, further enhancing the quality of life in Maharashtra's urban centers.

## The TINA Factor: Why Fadnavis Stands Apart

What makes Devendra Fadnavis the "There Is No Alternative" (TINA) factor in Maharashtra is his ability to deliver on transformative policies that have yielded tangible results for both urban and rural constituencies. His leadership has revitalized Maharashtra's economy, improved infrastructure, and created jobs across the state, making him the undisputed leader heading into the 2024 elections.



With a proven track record and widespread popularity, Fadnavis stands as a formidable force in Maharashtra politics. As the elections approach, it is clear that the question is not only who will win but whether any other political leader can match his policy-driven success. For now, it seems there is no alternative.



## TikTok Bans Russian State Media Outlets

TikTok has officially banned the accounts of Russian state-owned media outlets RT and Sputnik, citing their involvement in “covert influence operations.” This move is in line with the platform’s community guidelines, which aim to prevent deceptive practices that seek to manipulate users.

In a statement on its website, TikTok announced that it has removed accounts linked to Rossiya Segodnya and TV-Novosti, the parent organizations of RT and Sputnik, respectively. The company emphasized that these accounts had been attempting to covertly influence audiences, which violates its policies. As a result, users will no longer have access to content from these Russian news organizations on the platform.



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Previously, these accounts faced restrictions in the European Union and the United Kingdom. TikTok clarified that under its state-affiliated media policy, content from these outlets was already ineligible for the “For You” feed, aiming to limit foreign interference in global discussions. Additionally, their accounts had been labeled as state-controlled media to inform users about the nature of the content being present-

The recent ban aligns with broader efforts to combat disinformation from Russian media. Just days prior, Meta, the parent company of Facebook and Instagram, announced a similar ban on RT, following accusations from the Biden administration that the outlet operates as an extension of Moscow’s intelligence agencies.

## Truecaller Introduces Automatic Spam Protection for iPhone Users

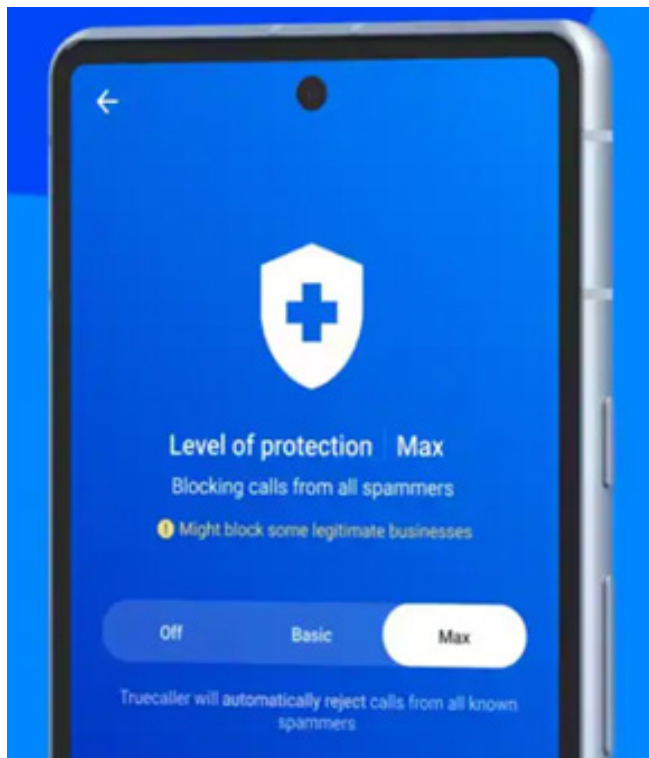
Truecaller has launched a highly anticipated automatic spam blocking feature for iPhone users with the recent update supporting iOS 18. This new functionality allows Truecaller to automatically intercept and block calls identified as spam, offering a significant enhancement to spam protection on Apple devices, similar to what Android users have enjoyed for some time.

With this update, users no longer need to manually decline spam calls; Truecaller will handle the blocking automatically. Even if a spam call is rejected, it will still appear in the user’s call log as a missed call, ensuring that no important notifications are overlooked.

Alan Mamedi, co-founder and CEO of Truecaller, expressed excitement about the update on X (formerly Twitter), stating, “We hope the customers will be so happy that they will finally say ‘Truecaller works on iPhone.’” He acknowledged that while the iOS app had been performing decently over the past two years, this new feature aims to meet user expectations regarding security and functionality.

This automatic blocking feature will be available to all Truecaller premium subscribers. Interestingly, users can take advantage of a pricing strategy that allows them to add a family member on an Android device to their plan for just ₹25 per month, even if that family member uses an iPhone.

Due to previous limitations imposed by Apple on call blocking, Truecaller had faced chal-



lenges in providing comprehensive spam protection for iPhone users. However, the enhancements in iOS 18 have paved the way for improved functionality, allowing users to effectively combat the issue of unwanted calls that has long plagued many iPhone users.

Overall, this update represents a significant step forward for Truecaller on iOS, delivering much-needed relief to users frustrated by spam calls. With the new features, Truecaller aims to enhance user experience and solidify its position as a leading tool for call management and spam protection on all platforms.

## Google Photos Introduces New AI Video Editing Tools

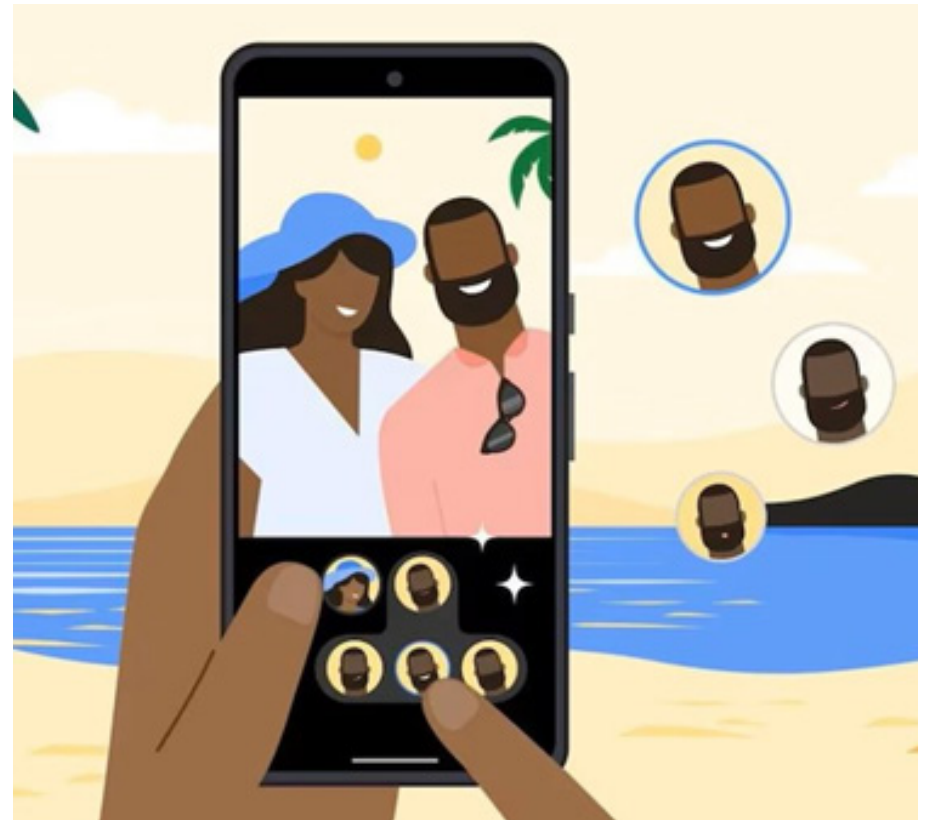
Google Photos has rolled out a significant update, introducing new AI-powered video editing features on both Android and iOS platforms. This update includes several new editing tools designed to enhance user experience, particularly for Android users, who will receive exclusive access to some of these features.

One of the key additions is an updated trim tool that allows users to cut specific parts of their videos with precision, down to individual frames. This feature is particularly useful for those who want to highlight particular moments in their videos when sharing with friends.

Another notable enhancement is the auto-enhance button, which optimizes video quality by improving brightness, contrast, and overall lighting. With this update, users can now perform color correction and stabilize videos with just a single tap, making it easier to achieve professional-looking results.

Additionally, a new speed tool has been introduced, enabling users to easily speed up or slow down video playback. This feature allows for the addition of slow-motion effects to specific shots, letting viewers savor important moments for longer.

AI-powered video presets are also part of this up-



date, available on both Android and iOS. These presets simplify video editing by automatically applying effects based on contextual awareness. Users can select presets for various functions, including trimming, lighting adjustments, and speed control. The AI also enables dynamic motion tracking, which allows the software to zoom in on subjects during crucial moments or apply slow-motion effects seamlessly.

As part of ongoing improvements, Google Photos is also rearranging video editing tools to enhance accessibility for users. This update comes shortly after the introduction of other AI features, such as Descriptive Queries and the AI-powered Ask Photos functionality, demonstrating Google’s commitment to improving user experience through innovative technology.

## Telegram to Share User Data with Authorities

Messaging app Telegram has announced a significant shift in its data-sharing policy, with CEO Pavel Durov stating that the platform will provide user IP addresses and phone numbers to relevant authorities in response to valid legal requests. This change, detailed in a post on Telegram, aims to deter criminal activities on the platform.

The decision comes in the wake of Durov’s recent arrest in France, where he faces allegations of complicity in the dissemination of child sexual abuse materials. This marks a notable departure from Telegram’s historically lax approach to government requests for data, as the app has been known for its resistance to takedown demands and has often ignored requests for information about suspected criminal activities.

In addition to changing its data-sharing policy, Telegram has implemented measures to conceal problematic content from search results. Durov explained that the platform is employing artificial intelligence and a team of moderators to enhance its content moderation efforts.



The legal troubles for Durov stem from charges filed by French authorities, which portray him as leading a company that has been uncooperative with law enforcement in investigations related to organized crime. While Durov denies these charges, he has been ordered to stay in France during the ongoing investigation.

Under Durov’s leadership, Telegram has faced scrutiny from governments worldwide, from the European Union to authoritarian regimes in Russia and Iran. While the app has been a tool for activists organizing protests, it has also become a space for extremist groups and conspiracy theorists. Notably, white supremacists in the U.S. have used Telegram to plan coordinated attacks.

## Influencer dresses up as Spider-Man to beg for money in Mumbai

An unusual incident at Kalyan Junction in Mumbai has captured significant attention after an influencer donned a Spider-Man costume and posed as a beggar to create viral content. Spider-Man, a beloved superhero from Marvel Comics, has seen a surge in popularity in India, particularly following the success of films like \*Spider-Man: No Way Home\*.

The viral video, shared by the Instagram user @shaddyman98, features the influencer sitting beneath the stairs of the bustling railway station in

his iconic red and blue suit, reaching out to train passengers for money. The caption reads, “Spider-Man ko dedo bhai koi” (Please give alms to Spider-Man), clearly aimed at drawing in curious onlookers and generating social media engagement.

As the video circulates online, reactions have been mixed. While many viewers found the act entertaining and humorous, others raised ethical concerns regarding the appropriateness of staging such a scene in a public space. Some applauded

the creativity and boldness of the influencer, arguing that it highlights the lengths to which content creators will go to achieve viral fame.

Critics, however, voiced discomfort over the implications of blending humor with a serious social issue like begging, questioning whether this form of content undermines the struggles faced by those in genuine need. The performance sparked discussions about the moral responsibilities of influencers and the impact of social media culture on public perception.





# India to Host Germany for Hockey Series in New Delhi



The Indian men's hockey team is set to face Germany in a thrilling two-match series at the Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium in New Delhi on October 23 and 24. Hockey India made the announcement on Tuesday, generating excitement among fans and players alike. The last encounter between these two hockey powerhouses was in the semi-finals of the Paris Olympics, where Germany narrowly defeated India 3-2. Following that, India clinched the bronze medal by beating Spain in the third-place play-off, adding to the anticipation of this upcoming series.

HI Secretary General Bhola Nath Singh echoed this sentiment, stating, "The India-Germany hockey rivalry has always been a thrilling contest. Our players are eager to compete against such a strong side, and I believe this series will help both teams refine their skills and strategies ahead of future international tournaments." He also emphasized the importance of this Indo-German collaboration, which not only fosters sportsmanship but also strengthens ties between the two nations.

Hockey India President Dilip Tirkey expressed his enthusiasm for the matches, stating, "This bilateral series against Germany will be a remarkable showcase of world-class hockey." He highlighted the historical significance of the rivalry, noting that both teams have a rich legacy in the sport. The series presents a unique opportunity for fans to witness a high-stakes competition between two of the world's most formidable hockey nations.

German Hockey Federation President Henning Fastrich shared his excitement, remarking that "India has always been a special place for hockey." He added that the German team is looking forward to playing in front of passionate Indian fans, calling it a fantastic opportunity to enhance sporting relations while preparing for upcoming global events.

With the series just around the corner, both teams are gearing up for what promises to be an exciting display of skill and determination on the hockey field.

## BAI Rewards Para Shuttlers for Paris Paralympic Success

The Badminton Association of India (BAI) has announced a total cash reward of ₹50 lakh for the para shuttlers who earned medals at the recent Paris Paralympics. This announcement comes in recognition of the outstanding achievements of Indian para athletes, who secured five medals at the event, including one gold, two silver, and two bronze.

Nitesh Kumar, who won the gold medal in the men's singles SL3 category, will receive a reward of ₹15 lakh. Silver medalists Suhas Yathiraj (men's singles SL4) and Thulasimathi Murugesan (women's singles SU5) will each be awarded ₹10 lakh. Bronze medal winners Manisha Ramadass (women's singles SU5) and Nithya Sre Sivan (women's singles SH6) will each receive ₹7.5 lakh.

This year's Paralympics marked a historic achievement, with Thulasimathi, Manisha, and Nithya becoming the first Indian women shuttlers to win medals at these Games. BAI Secretary-General Sanjay Mishra highlighted the consistent performance of Indian para badminton players on the global stage, stating that the cash rewards are one way to acknowledge their hard work and dedication.

"BAI is committed to developing and promoting para-badminton across the country," Mishra noted. He emphasized that the association is undertaking numerous initiatives to support these athletes and help them achieve greater success in the future.

In light of the busy tournament schedules, BAI plans to organize a virtual interaction session with the medal-winning players. This session will provide an opportunity for the association to congratulate them and discuss their ongoing needs for further development in the sport.

## Security Measures for India-Bangladesh Test Match in Kanpur

Elaborate security arrangements are being implemented for the upcoming second Test match between India and Bangladesh, scheduled to take place at the International Green Park Stadium in Kanpur on September 27. A senior official announced on Tuesday that a "fool-proof" security plan has been established to ensure the safety of both teams and the attending spectators.

The heightened security comes in the wake of tensions surrounding protests organized by the Akhilesh Bhartiya Hindu Mahasabha. An FIR was filed against 20 members of the group for allegedly obstructing roads to conduct a 'havan' protest against reported atrocities on Hindus in Bangladesh. Additional Commissioner of Police (Law and Order) Harish Chander confirmed that the police have requested a substantial deployment of officers, including senior-ranking officials, to manage security effectively during the match.

"We are thoroughly reviewing our security measures to ensure a safe environment for all involved. We are confident of securing an adequate police presence to meet all requirements," Chander stated. The police are coordinating with various central and state agencies, including the Intelligence Bureau (IB), to gather and share information regarding any potential threats.



To enhance security, the Green Park stadium and nearby Hotel Landmark have been organized into distinct sectors, zones, and sub-zones. Control over these areas has been assigned to officials of varying ranks, including DCP, additional DCP, and ACP, with DCP (East) Shrawan Kumar Singh appointed as the nodal officer overseeing the entire event.

In addition to the security measures, traf-

fic diversions have been instituted around the stadium to facilitate smooth movement and ensure the safety of fans and players.

The FIR against the protestors includes charges under various sections, such as unlawful assembly, rioting, and obstruction of public ways. The named individuals include Rakesh Mishra, Vikas, Atul, and several others, with around ten remaining unidentified.

## India's Historic Third Place Finish at Asia Pacific Padel Cup



In a groundbreaking achievement, India's padel team has secured third place in the Asia Pacific Padel Cup, held in Bali, Indonesia. This tournament marks India's inaugural appearance in such a competition and is also the first of its kind in the Asia Pacific region. The event has not only provided a platform for emerging padel nations but also showcased the growing popularity of the sport across the continent.

Despite falling short of reaching the finals, the Indian team displayed remarkable skill and determination throughout the tournament. In the bronze medal match, they faced off against Malaysia, delivering a strong performance that culminated in a decisive 3-0 victory. This win not only earned them a medal but also highlighted their potential in a sport that is rapidly gaining traction.

The team's journey to the podium was filled with valuable learning experiences, as they competed against seasoned opponents. Their ability to adapt and improve was evident, showcasing the depth of talent within Indian padel. The players exhibited excellent teamwork and strategy, which proved crucial in their successful matches.

The success of the Indian padel team in Bali is a significant milestone for the sport in the country. It is expected to inspire more players to take up padel and contribute to its development at the grassroots level. With increasing support and recognition, padel is poised for growth in India, and this tournament has set a strong foundation for future competitions.

As the team returns home with a bronze medal, they carry not just a trophy but also the experience and confidence gained from competing on an international stage. The Asia Pacific Padel Cup has been a pivotal moment for Indian padel, and the players are eager to build on this momentum as they look ahead to future tournaments.





## Sudheer Babu's Jatadhara Set for Mahashivratri 2025 Release

Sudheer Babu's highly anticipated film *Jatadhara*, a supernatural epic, is scheduled for release on Mahashivratri in 2025. The film's recently unveiled second poster offers a mesmerizing glimpse into its mythical universe, featuring Sudheer Babu in a powerful and enigmatic avatar that radiates supernatural energy. This captivating imagery has piqued audience interest, sparking speculation about his character and the film's intricate narrative.

Produced by Perna Arora in collaboration with Sudheer Babu Productions, *Jatadhara* aims to push the boundaries of Indian cinema by merging elements of mythology, fantasy, and drama. Expressing his enthusiasm for the project, Sudheer Babu stated, "Stepping into the world of *Jatadhara* is an unforgettable experience. The script beautifully intertwines our rich mythological heritage with scientific elements." He emphasized the film's strong narrative and commended the entire team's dedication, particularly praising producer Perna Arora's vision and her commitment to assembling a talented cast and crew.

The excitement surrounding *Jatadhara* continues to grow, especially with hints of a major Bollywood heroine joining the cast, along with a prominent A-list actress set to portray the female antagonist. These revelations have significantly elevated expectations, positioning the film as a potential genre-defining blockbuster.

With pre-production nearing completion and filming slated to begin soon in Hyderabad, *Jatadhara* promises to deliver a visually stunning and emotionally engaging cinematic experience. The new poster serves as a testament to the project's ambitious scale, aiming for a pan-India release in 2025.

Following his recent success with *Harom Hara* and with his upcoming film *Maa Nanna Superhero* set to release on October 11th, Sudheer Babu is poised to deliver another captivating performance in *Jatadhara*. The blend of mythology, fantasy, and drama makes this film one of the most eagerly awaited cinematic events of the year.

## Gladiator 2 Trailer: Bigger, Bloodier, and More Intense

The new trailer for *Gladiator 2*, directed by Ridley Scott, promises an epic cinematic experience that is grander, bloodier, and more intense than its acclaimed 2000 predecessor. Running 146 seconds, the promo opens with a sweeping shot of a turbulent sea beneath ominous clouds. A character reflects, "It is an art, choosing gladiators," as we catch a glimpse of Lucius Verus, played by Paul Mescal, wounded and confined in a ship's hold. Denzel Washington's character, Macrinus, asserts, "They are usually prisoners of war," hinting at the harsh realities of gladiatorial life in ancient Rome.

The trailer quickly shifts tone, showcasing the chaos of a burning Rome with the arrival of Marcus Acacius, portrayed by Pedro Pas-



cal. Despite the turmoil, Lucius Verus refuses to surrender. Under Macrinus's guidance, he learns to harness his anger, setting the stage for his journey to greatness. The narrative reveals that Lucius is the son of the legendary Maximus Decimus Meridius, famously played by Russell Crowe in the original film. This connection adds a compelling layer to the story, as Lucilla, played by Connie Nielsen, encourages her son: "Take your father's strength. His name was Maximus. And I see him in you."

As the trailer unfolds, viewers are

treated to glimpses of intense action sequences, promising a thrilling blend of drama and spectacle. With its powerful performances and grand visuals, *Gladiator 2* aims to capture the essence of its predecessor while elevating the stakes for a new generation.

Set to be one of the most anticipated films of the year, *Gladiator 2* combines historical epic storytelling with high-octane action, ensuring fans are in for a monumental cinematic experience. As excitement builds, the film is poised to redefine the epic action genre once again.



## Bigg Boss Tamil: A New Era with Vijay Sethupathi

Since its launch, Kamal Haasan has been the enduring face of Bigg Boss Tamil, guiding contestants and audiences alike through the ups and downs of the reality show. However, the upcoming season marks a significant shift as Vijay Sethupathi steps in to replace the iconic actor-filmmaker. This change comes as Haasan takes a break from his hosting duties, allowing the show to embrace a fresh perspective.

With Sethupathi at the helm, the eighth season promises to be a reboot, offering an opportunity for the show's creators to revamp its format. Known for his casual demeanor and engaging personality, Sethupathi is expected to bring a new energy that could resonate well with both contestants and viewers. This season aims to capture the laid-back charm of its new host, setting the stage for a more relaxed and relatable experience.

The makers have confirmed that Bigg Boss Tamil Season 8 will premiere on October 6, airing on Vijay TV. This launch

date has generated excitement among fans eager to see how Sethupathi's unique style will influence the dynamics of the show. His ability to connect with audiences through humor and authenticity may open new avenues for interactions within the house, creating a different atmosphere for contestants and viewers alike.

As the show evolves, it will be interesting to see how Sethupathi balances the traditional elements of Bigg Boss with his own approach to hosting. The change not only brings a fresh face but also allows for innovative twists in the format that could enhance viewer engagement.

In summary, the transition from Kamal Haasan to Vijay Sethupathi marks a pivotal moment in Bigg Boss Tamil's journey. With the new season on the horizon, fans are eager to witness how this shift will unfold and what surprises await in the house. As anticipation builds for October 6, one thing is clear: Bigg Boss Tamil is ready for a new chapter.

## Mani Ratnam Wraps Up Shooting for Thug Life

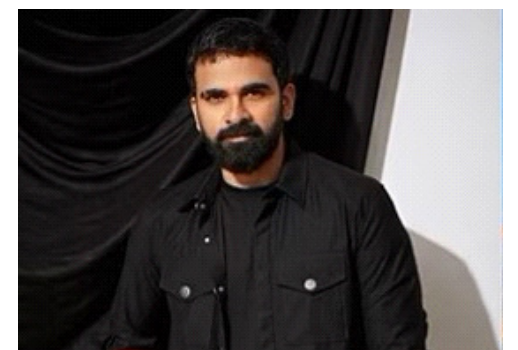
One of the most intriguing aspects of Mani Ratnam's recent projects, particularly the Ponniyin Selvan duology, has been the remarkable efficiency with which he brought his cinematic vision to life. Throughout various promotional events, it was highlighted that Ratnam and his dedicated team completed the shooting for both parts of this historical epic in just 120 days. This impressive feat of meticulous planning and swift execution has sparked renewed interest as the makers of Ratnam's upcoming film, *Thug Life*, have announced that shooting for the movie has officially wrapped up.

The announcement was made via a post that celebrated the completion of filming, generating excitement among fans and industry insiders alike. Ratnam's ability to maintain a brisk shooting schedule while ensuring high production quality has become a hallmark of his filmmaking style, and *Thug Life* appears to be no exception.

Set against a vibrant backdrop, *Thug Life* promises to deliver the engaging storytelling and intricate character development that Ratnam is renowned for. While specific plot details remain under wraps, the film is expected to blend action and drama, exploring themes of morality and resilience within the context of contemporary society.

Ratnam's previous works have consistently showcased his knack for crafting compelling narratives that resonate with audiences, and *Thug Life* is anticipated to continue this tradition. The quick turnaround from shooting to post-production will likely keep the momentum going, as fans eagerly await the film's release.

As the industry watches closely, this swift completion of *Thug Life* adds another layer to Ratnam's legacy as a filmmaker capable of harmonizing speed and artistry. With an impressive cast and the director's signature storytelling flair, *Thug Life* is poised to be one of the most anticipated releases in the coming months, further solidifying Ratnam's status as a master of Indian cinema.



## Ashok Selvan denies being a part of Dhanush's next directorial Idli Kadai

Dhanush recently revealed that his fourth directorial venture and 52nd film as an actor will be titled *Idli Kadai*. While rumors circulated about Ashok Selvan being cast as Dhanush's brother, he took to X (formerly Twitter) to clarify that he will not be a part of the project.

A tweet suggested that Ashok would portray Dhanush's sibling, with Arun Vijay set to play the antagonist and Nithya Menen in the lead female role. The report also mentioned that filming is currently underway in Theni, with the next schedule planned for Chennai.

In his retweet, Ashok expressed his admiration for Dhanush, stating, "I love @dhanushkraj sir and am an ardent fan. I look forward to working with him in the future but would like to clarify that I am not part of #IdliKadai." His fans appreciated his honesty, with comments ranging from support to disappointment. One user wrote, "Good, you clarified," while another expressed sadness with broken heart emojis. Some fans even suggested they were eager for a reunion between Ashok and Ajith Kumar after their collaboration in *Billa 2*.

As for *Idli Kadai*, Dhanush shared a concept poster that showcases a roadside eatery under a starry night sky, featuring a shopkeeper and another man. Dhanush not only directs but also stars in the film, which includes music by GV Prakash Kumar, cinematography by Kiran Koushik, and editing by Prasanna GK. The film is produced by Aakash Baskaran of Dawn Pictures, alongside Dhanush's own Wunderbar Films.