



'Prasadam' Scam Also At Durga Temple ?



TPN ,S.Vinay Kumar: Already the state of Andhra Pradesh is on heat due to the adulteration of Laddu Prasada of Tirumala. Deputy CM Mr. Pawan Kalyan has aggressively attacked on the people, who have taken the issue in a light manner. He has spoken out at Goddess Durga Temple. But the pity thing is that, there are so many such distorters in Goddess Durga Temple itself. If we know all these things, Vijayawada people may not leave the culprits for sure.

From the last five years, the temple is under control of Mr. Vellampalli Srinivas, MLA and Minister for Endowments for some time. All the contracts will go to followers of Mr. Vellampalli. In the same period, there is a big complaint on the quality of Laddu, Pulihora (Lemon Rice) and other Prasada. But, nobody addressed this issue. Even the new Government which is running from the last three months has also neglected this aspect.

Now, after issue of Tirumala, all the temples are scanning by the authorities. On part of it, Durga Temple has witnessed very cheap quality of material supplied to make prasada and other food items. Last two days, the verification was done and the same was found. But, nobody mentioning it and not even opening their mouths including ruling party leaders.

Mr. Ravi Kiran Reddy of Kiran Traders has been supplying material from the last five years to Goddess Durga Temple. From then

onwards the quality was poor, but nobody questioned him, as he was used to pay all the compensations to MLA and others allegedly. Another person Mr. Ravi is the in-charge of cooking and making all prasadas. He has to identify the quality of the material supplied and has to make complaint on it. But, Ravi and Ravi Kiran Reddy both are close to Ex MLA Vellampalli. That is why there is no obstacle for them for all these five years. But, after changing of the Government also the same is going on, and the same people are doing their business successfully in manipulated manner.

Where as even for coconuts also, disruption of quality is going on. The contractor will arrange his own persons at the temple. And they will not allow devotees to brake the coconut. They themselves breaks the coconut and will give half of it. But, here they will segregate the coconut pieces quality wise. As

quality ones will goes to hotels for business purpose. They will not give the piece of coconut to the devotee from their own coconut, they will give less quality piece from the batch, which they have segregated before itself.

Even, regarding sarees presented to Goddess Durga are also witnessing big level of corruption. Here also people of Vellampalli are working. They are doing corruption in a big way on sarees. Tomorrow we will give all the details of corruption going on regarding sarees submitted to Goddess Durga.

Vijayawada devotees of Goddess Durga are demanding to look in to these issues and cancel the present contracts. They are demanding the Government, particularly Mr. Pawan Kalyan, who is fighting against impurity of prasada in devotional places, to examine the quality of prasada of Goddess Durga Temple and take the action accordingly.

Graphics
Very poor quality in Pulihora, Laddu at Durga Temple
Very poor quality of material found in temple in the verifications
Mr. Ravi Kiran Reddy is supplying these materials
Mr. Ravi is the making one of Prasadas Both are people of Ex MLA Vellampalli

Roadmap to Make AP No.1 State by 2047 – Nara Lokesh



TPN ,Andhra Pradesh: State IT, Electronics, and Education Minister Nara Lokesh revealed a comprehensive roadmap to make Andhra Pradesh the top state in India by 2047. Speaking at the Infrastructure Summit organized by the Confederation of Indian Industry (CII) in Visakhapatnam, Lokesh emphasized the state government's focus on infrastructure development and economic growth under the leadership of Chandrababu Naidu.

Lokesh highlighted decentralization as the key to driving development in all districts. He outlined specific sectoral plans, such as renewable energy in Kurnool, automobile manufacturing in Anantapur, and elec-

tronics industries in Chittoor and Kaddapa. The government aims to generate 72 gigawatts of electricity in Kurnool through large-scale hydro, wind, and solar projects. Additionally, Visakhapatnam will be developed as a financial and IT hub, with a world-class data center and the upcoming Bhogapuram International Airport.

Lokesh expressed the government's goal to make Visakhapatnam a trillion-dollar economy and India's fifth-largest economic city within the next five years. He emphasized that the focus is shifting from "ease of doing business" to "speed of doing business," with new industrial, IT, and electronics policies on the horizon. The revival of the Economic Development Board (EDB) will streamline industry approvals. Minister for Roads and Infrastructure BC Janardhan Reddy announced the construction of Ramayapatnam, Machilipatnam, Bhavanapadu, and Kakinada ports at an investment of ₹17,000 crores. The Bhogapuram Airport is expected to be completed in 18 months, according to Visakhapatnam MP Muttamsetti Srinivasa Rao, who stressed the importance of improving air connectivity to boost economic growth.

With a target of creating 20 lakh jobs in the next five years, Lokesh urged industrialists to participate in the state's development, promising government support through policies and infrastructure projects.

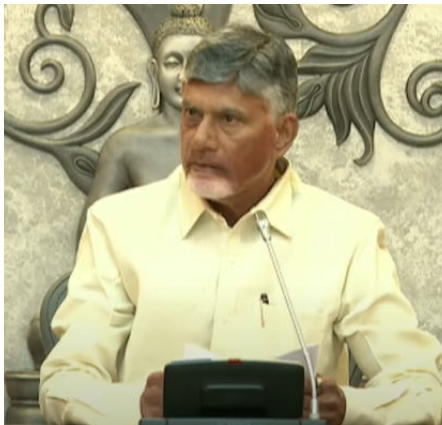
Some Are in a Hurry... That Is Not a Good Practice - CM Chandrababu

- 99 nominated posts allotted by the coalition government
- Appointment of Chairman to 20 Corporations
- Chandrababu's meeting with the newly appointed chairmen today
- Direction on how to proceed
- It is revealed that those who have worked hard for the party have been given first priority in the posts

TPN ,Andhra Pradesh: In a recent meeting at the state secretariat, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu addressed the newly appointed chairmen of 20 corporations following the allocation of 99 nominated posts by the coalition government. He emphasized the importance of discipline within the party and cautioned against the haste some leaders have shown regarding their appointments.

Chandrababu noted that the nominated positions had been allotted to individuals who have shown dedication to the party, asserting that a special selection process had been implemented to ensure fairness. "In phase one, we have successfully appointed some individuals, but there are still more posts to fill. We must prioritize discipline in our party," he stated.

He reassured those who had not yet received positions that their



contributions were recognized. "There are many who have gone to jail for the party, lost properties, and faced legal challenges. I have complete information about who has worked hard for us," he explained. He also emphasized the importance of social justice in nominations, mentioning that backward classes (BCs) received priority based on population ratios.

Chandrababu advised the new

chairmen to remember their responsibilities and maintain humility in their roles. "We should not consider ourselves above the people we serve. Our behavior and mannerisms are under scrutiny, and we must conduct ourselves with dignity," he urged.

He further discussed the critical role of APIIC in attracting industries to the state, stressing the need for infrastructure development to create job opportunities. The Chief Minister reiterated his commitment to effective governance, stating, "Our aim is to serve the people efficiently, and all of you must coordinate with the Ministers, MLAs, and MPs to ensure political gains for the alliance government."

Chandrababu concluded by encouraging everyone to work diligently and bring a positive name to the government, highlighting that hard work leads to better opportunities.



Court Allows Johnny Master Into Police Custody

- Court orders no use of third degree against Johnny Master
- Suggests interrogation in presence of lawyers if necessary
- Police to interrogate Johnny Master until the 28th of this month

TPN, Hyderabad: The court has allowed the famous choreographer Johnny Master, who was arrested in a sexual harassment case, to be taken into police custody. It directed that no third-degree methods should be applied against him, and if necessary, he should be interrogated in the presence of a lawyer. The Special POC SO Court of Rangareddy District issued orders to remand him in custody for four days. Johnny Master is currently in Chanchalguda Jail, and the police went there to take him into custody.

YS Jagan's Pooja at Tirumala on 28th

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: A controversy surrounding the sanctity of the Tirumala laddu has erupted, with allegations of adulteration in the sacred prasadam causing widespread concern. Claims have emerged that adulterated ghee, possibly mixed with animal fat, was used in the preparation of the revered laddus, casting a shadow over the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) and the sacred reputation of Lord Venkateswara's prasadam. The accusations have triggered outrage among devotees and become a hot topic in political circles.

While the opposition has accused the ruling government of negligence, the YSR Congress Party (YCP) leader and former Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy took to social media to criticize the handling of the issue.





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Jagan alleged that the current government, led by Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan, is using the controversy for political gain.

In a sharp response, the ruling coalition pointed fingers at Jagan's previous administration, claiming that the adulteration of the Tirupati laddu actually occurred during his tenure as Chief Minister. As tensions rise, the YSR Congress Party has announced that they will be performing pujas in temples across the state on Saturday, seeking Lord Venkateswara's forgiveness for what they describe as the sins of political leaders currently in power. This controversy has sparked a significant public outcry, with questions being raised about the purity of the prasadam, the integrity of the TTD, and the political motives behind the allegations. Devotees await a resolution to the issue, hoping that their faith in the sanctity of the sacred laddu will soon be restored, as the political battle over the controversy continues to intensify. The controversy has created a major uproar, with the sanctity of the temple, the TTD's fame, and the purity of the prasadam being questioned. The coming days are expected to bring further developments as political parties continue to battle over the issue, while devotees await a resolution to restore their faith in the sacred laddu.

Court Allows Johnny Master Into Police Custody

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The Narsinghi police registered a case after an assistant choreographer complained that she had been cheated. Johnny Master was arrested in court, brought to Hyderabad on a PT warrant, and produced in court. The court initially remanded him to judicial custody for two weeks. The police then filed a petition requesting that Johnny Master be handed over to their custody. The Narsinghi police will question him until the 28th of this month.

Relief for IPS Officer Vishal Gunni in High Court

- Vishal Gunni who is A6 in Jethwani case
- Gunny approached the High Court for anticipatory bail
- High Court not to take hasty measures till October 1

TPN ,Andhra Pradesh: IPS officer Vishal Gunni, an accused in the Mumbai heroine Kadambari Jethwani case, has filed for anticipatory bail in the Andhra Pradesh High Court. The court heard the petition today and directed the police not to take any hasty action against Vishal Gunni until October 1, adjourning the hearing to that date.

The court has already remanded Kukkala Vidyasagar, the key accused (A1) in the Jethwani case, for 14 days. Three IPS officers have been named in this case: PSR Anjaneyu as A2, Kanti Rana as A3, and Vishal Gunni as A6. The names of former West Zone ACP Hanumantha Rao and Ibrahimpatnam's former CI Satyanarayana have been added as A4 and A5, respectively.

The IPS officers may face difficulties due to the non-bailable sections involved in this case, prompting them to seek anticipatory bail from the High Court.



Pawan Kalyan, Actor Prakash Raj Face Off Again Over Tirupati Laddu Controversy



TPN ,Andhra Pradesh: The ongoing conflict between Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan and actor Prakash Raj over the alleged adulteration of the iconic Tirupati laddoos has intensified.

Pawan Kalyan, leader of the Jana Sena Party and part of both the state and central ruling coalitions, previously raised concerns about traces

of animal fat—including beef tallow, fish oil, and lard—allegedly found in the ghee used for the laddoos. The allegation, originally made by Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, targets the previous YSR Congress government under Jagan Mohan Reddy.

Prakash Raj, responding to Kalyan's remarks, urged him to focus on investigating the issue instead of in-



citing communal tensions. Raj emphasized that Kalyan is part of the current administration and should take action.

On Tuesday, Kalyan visited the Kanaaka Durga Temple in Vijayawada to perform a purification ritual as part of his 11-day 'Prayaschitta Diksha' (penance). He criticized Raj for questioning his secular credentials and

defended his right to speak about issues related to Hinduism and food adulteration.

"Secularism must be mutual. I do not understand why Prakash Raj is criticizing me for addressing the sanctity of Sanatana Dharma. Every Hindu should be concerned about such issues," Kalyan said.

Prakash Raj, in response, posted a video on X, clarifying that his comments had been misinterpreted. He promised to address Kalyan's concerns once he returns from an overseas shoot.

Earlier, Kalyan called for answers from the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) board regarding the alleged adulteration and suggested forming a national-level 'Sanatana Dharma Rakshana Board.'

Raj responded, advising Kalyan to investigate the matter instead of "spreading apprehensions," highlighting that the controversy could add to the existing communal tensions in the country.

Jr NTR Calls on Youth to Join Telangana's Fight for a Drug-Free Society

TPN, Telangana: In anticipation of the highly awaited release of Devara: Part 1, popular Tollywood actor Jr NTR shared a video aimed at raising awareness about drug abuse. He expressed deep concerns about the detrimental impact of addiction on the youth and urged individuals to report any drug-related information to the Telangana Anti-Narcotics Bureau.

Ahead of his much-anticipated movie's release, Jr NTR called on the youth to partner with the Telangana government in its efforts to achieve a drug-free society. He emphasized the dangers of addiction, warning that young people are destroying their lives by succumbing to drugs.

"The future of our country is in the hands of the youth, but unfortunately, some are drawn to drugs for temporary pleasure, to cope with grief, or due to peer pressure," he stated. "Life is very precious. Join me in partnering with the Telangana government's initiative for a drug-free society."

Jr NTR encouraged individuals to report any drug-related information to the Telangana Anti-Narcotics Bureau at the phone number 8712671111.

His video response aligns with Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's appeal to the film industry to raise awareness about drug abuse and cybercrime as part of their social responsibility. The Chief



Minister announced that the state government would permit film shootings and increase cinema ticket prices only if filmmakers produced awareness videos featuring movie stars.

On September 23, the Telangana government issued an order raising ticket prices for Devara: Part 1, set to release on September 27. According to the order, six shows will start from 4 a.m. on the first day, with a ticket price increase of Rs 100. From Day 2 (September 28) to Day 10 (October 6), the film will feature five daily shows, with prices raised by Rs 50 in multiplexes and Rs 25 in single-screen theaters.

Jr NTR took to social media platform X to thank CM Revanth Reddy and Cinematography Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy for issuing the order.

High Court Dismisses Rape Case Allegations Against MLA Koneti Adimulam

TPN ,Andhra Pradesh: Satyavedu MLA Koneti Adimulam, who faced allegations of sexual harassment, received relief in the Andhra Pradesh High Court as the molestation case registered against him was dismissed.

The details of the case reveal that a woman from KVB Puram mandal in Tirupati district filed a complaint with the Tirupati police, alleging that Adimula had threatened her and raped her. A case was subsequently registered at the Tirupati East Police Station based on her complaint. In this context, Adimula approached the High Court seeking the dismissal of the case against him.



During the trial, Adimula's advocate argued that the woman had filed the complaint under pressure from a third person, claiming it to be a honey trap. They requested the court to strike out the case.

Furthermore, the victim appeared



in court and filed an affidavit stating that all the allegations in her complaint to the police and the facts mentioned in the FIR were false. Taking all these factors into consideration, the High Court issued its verdict today, dismissing the case.

Transfer of 16 IPS Officers in AP, Vineet Brij Lal Appointed as CID IG

TPN ,Andhra Pradesh: The coalition government in Andhra Pradesh has once again initiated a reshuffle within the Indian Police Service (IPS). In a significant move, the state government transferred 16 IPS officers today, appointing Vineet Brij Lal as the Inspector General (IG) of the Criminal Investigation Department (CID).

Other key appointments include M. Raviprakash as IG P&L, Ramakrishna as IG Intelligence, and Fakirappa as SP Intelligence. Ammireddy

has been appointed as the Deputy Inspector General (DIG) of Administration in the DGP's office, while CH Vijaya Rao has taken the role of DIG at the Road Safety Authority. Siddharth Kaushal will serve as the Assistant Inspector General (AIG) for Law and Order.

Mary Prashanthi has been appointed as Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Visakhapatnam, and Tuhin Sinha as Superintendent of Police (SP) Anakapalli. Deepika has taken the position of Comman-

dant for APSP 3rd Battalion, while G. Radhika has been appointed as Principal of Ongole Police Training College (PTC). Arif Hafeez will serve as SP of the Intelligence Security Division. Other appointments include K.S.V. Subbareddy as SP PTO, Bapuji Attada attached to Police Headquarters, Tirumaleswar Reddy as Crime DCP in the NTR District Commissionerate, and Srinivasa Rao, also attached to Police Headquarters. The state government has issued orders formalizing these transfers.



Lokesh On Visakha Steel Plant and Tirumala Laddu Controversy



TPN ,Andhra Pradesh: At the CII Infrastructure Conference held in Visakhapatnam, TDP leader Nara Lokesh made significant comments opposing the privatization of Visakhapatnam Steel and addressed the Tirumala Laddu controversy. He criticized the YCP for spreading false information about the privatization of Visakhapatnam Steel, assuring that there is no real discussion on the issue. Lokesh reaffirmed his stance against privatization, stating that the steel plant is a crucial asset for Andhra Pradesh’s industrial future.

Addressing the media, Lokesh also touched upon the ongoing SIT investigation into the alleged impurity in Tirumala Laddu prasadam. He expressed confidence that all details would come to light through the investigation and accused the ruling party of trying to cover up the controversy. Lokesh highlighted the need to revive Andhra Pradesh’s econo-

my, which he claimed had regressed during the YCP’s five-year rule. He outlined plans to attract large-scale investments and boost infrastructure, with a focus on developing Visakhapatnam as an IT hub. He announced that a new IT policy would be introduced within the next 100 days to bring significant investments in technology and emerging sectors.

Further, he criticized the YCP government for neglecting basic infrastructure and accused it of discouraging industrialists from investing in the state. He promised that pending subsidies would be provided to industries and emphasized his goal of creating 20 lakh jobs.

Lokesh also questioned the YCP leadership’s reluctance to seek a CBI inquiry into other serious cases, stating that the party is avoiding accountability.

Minister Payyavula Keshav Criticizes Former CM Jagan

TPN ,Andhra Pradesh: The Tirumala affair has become a political issue for former CM Jagan, according to AP Minister and senior TDP leader, Payyavula Keshav. The minister questioned why the need arose to claim that a wrongdoing had occurred, commenting that the facts are now emerging because the leadership has changed. The controversy surrounding the Tirumala Srivari Laddu Prasadam adulteration case continues to fuel political tensions in Andhra Pradesh. YCP leaders argue that the allegations of ghee adulteration are false and part of a political campaign against them. In response, YCP announced that on September 28th, they would perform pujas across the state, asking Lord Venkateswara Swamy to forgive the sins of their political rivals.



However, Minister Payyavula Keshav criticized Jagan for calling for these pujas, accusing him of continuing his “evil thoughts” without change. He stated that while the Tirumala affair is a political event for Jagan, for others, it holds sentimental value. Keshav questioned why such a misdeed needed to be announced and suggested that these wrongdoings were a result of Jagan’s lack of faith in God. He challenged Jagan to sign the declaration at Tirumala if he truly believed in Lord Venkateswara Swamy. The minister further accused Jagan of making the devotees atone for his mistakes.

Keshav also confirmed that adulterated ghee had been used in the preparation of laddoos, stating, “Jagan is a lie... Jagan’s worship is a lie.” He expressed confidence that the truth is coming to light now that the government has changed. Keshav invited devotees to compare the quality of laddoos from the past with those of the present, promising that the facts would emerge.

The minister also mentioned that during the YCP government, a TTD member had raised concerns about the purity of the ghee being used. However, these concerns were reportedly dismissed by the then Evo Dharma Reddy and Bhumana Karunakar Reddy. He warned that misdeeds committed in the presence of Lord Venkateswara Swamy would not go unpunished, citing numerous incidents where punishment had been meted out.

Another Shock for YCP, Former MLA Rehman Resigned

TPN ,Andhra Pradesh: The YSR Congress Party (YCP) faced another major setback in Uttarandhra with the resignation of former MLA SA Rehman. Rehman, who was also the former chairman of the Visakhapatnam Urban Development Authority (VUDA), sent his resignation letter to party chief YS Jagan Mohan Reddy.

Speaking to the media, Rehman criticized YCP for its governance failures. He claimed that the party has been unsuccessful in delivering on its promises and even cited the inability to properly conduct the MSET exams as an example of poor governance. He noted that this failure was one of the reasons people distanced themselves from YCP in the recent elections. Rehman stated that he could no longer be part of the YCP.

Rehman had been an active member of YCP since its inception. His departure is seen as a significant blow to the party, particularly in Uttarandhra, where he held considerable influence. Sources indicate that Rehman is likely to join the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) soon.

This comes at a time when YCP has been facing a series of resignations. The departure of three Rajya Sabha members—Mopidevi Venkataramana, Beda Mastan Rao, and R Krishnaiah—was a considerable setback for the party. Alongside these resignations, several former ministers, MLAs, and MLCs have also left YCP recently.

Rehman’s resignation is the latest in a growing list of leaders who have left YCP, raising concerns about the party’s internal stability and its ability to retain key figures.



YCP Faces Mass Resignations, Party in Turmoil

TPN ,Andhra Pradesh: Day by day, the number of leaders leaving the YSR Congress Party (YCP), which was defeated in the Assembly and Lok Sabha elections, continues to grow. In many districts, the party has been left with vacant positions as senior leaders have not hesitated to exit. Former ministers, MPs, MLAs, and MLCs are resigning one after another.

Recently, former legislator Pendem Dorababu, along with MLCs Potula Sunitha, Balli Kalyan Chakraborty, and Karri Padmasree, resigned from their posts. Earlier, Rajya Sabha members Beda Mastan Rao and Mopidevi Venkataramana left YCP. Additionally, Balineni Srinivasulu Reddy, a former minister and key supporter from the Prakasam district, also bid farewell to the party.

Former whip Samineni Udayabhanu from the NTR district has joined this growing list. Both Balineni Srinivasulu Reddy and Udayabhanu are preparing to join the Janasena Party. Balineni has already met with the party leader and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan. Another former MLA, Kilari Venkata Roshaiiah from the erstwhile Guntur district, is also set to join Janasena after completing consultations with Pawan Kalyan. Along with him, several other leaders are expected to join Janasena. Recently, Rajya Sabha member R. Krishnaiah also resigned from the party, with Rajya Sabha Chairman Jagdeep Dhankar accepting his resignation. Reports suggest that Krishnaiah took this decision to become more active in Telangana politics, and he may join the Congress party.

In response to these developments, YCP Parliamentary Party Chief Vijayasai Reddy strongly criticized the Telugu Desam Party (TDP). He accused TDP of attempting to lure YCP’s sitting MPs and MLAs, claiming that it is undermining democracy. Reddy likened the situation to 2014, asserting that similar tactics are being used to tempt YCP leaders once again.

YS Sharmila Demands Super Six Implementation

TPN ,Andhra Pradesh: Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) Chief YS Sharmila Reddy launched a scathing attack on the state government, led by Chandrababu Naidu, calling it a “sinking government” and accusing it of failing to implement key promises. Sharmila, speaking during a statewide protest called “Thali Bajau,” urged the government to release a white paper on the much-touted “Super Six” initiative, which promises to create employment opportunities for 20 lakh people.

Addressing the media, Sharmila said, “The people trusted this government to do good after the previous corrupt regime. However, it is failing to fulfill its promises. As part of Super Six, the government claimed it would provide 4 lakh jobs annually, but there are no concrete plans on how to fill the 3 lakh vacant government jobs.”

Sharmila also raised concerns over the government’s failure to address issues faced by farmers. “Crop loss due to recent rains affected 7 lakh acres, yet compensation is only being offered for 2 lakh acres. How can this be called a good government when it is cutting compensation for farmers who have lost everything in floods?”

She also criticized the central gov-



ernment, stating that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has ignored Andhra Pradesh’s plight, particularly during natural calamities. “Modi gives the state nothing, not even a rail despite the Railway Department earning ₹6,000 crores in annual revenue from Andhra Pradesh.”

YS Sharmila further questioned the status of the “Mahashakti” and “Annadata Sukhibhava” schemes, accusing the government of failing to deliver on promises, especially those related to women and farmers.

She concluded by demanding Chandrababu Naidu’s government immediately implement the Super Six scheme and stop making excuses about financial constraints. “If this is not a sinking government, then what is?” she asked.

Kodali Nani’s First Response on Tirumala Laddu Controversy

TPN ,Andhra Pradesh: Former minister and senior YSRCP leader Kodali Nani has made his first public statement on the Tirumala Laddu controversy, which has sparked political tension in Andhra Pradesh. Speaking at a press conference in Tadepalli alongside another party leader, Perni Nani, Kodali Nani accused TDP leader Chandrababu Naidu of politicizing Lord Venkateswara and using the Tirumala Laddu issue for political gain. He warned that Lord Venkateswara would not forgive Chandrababu if he continues to exploit religious sentiments for political advantage.

Kodali Nani, addressing the media for the first time since losing the May Assembly elections, dismissed the allegations of adulterated ghee being used in the preparation of Tirumala Laddu prasadam under the YSRCP government.

He claimed that Chandrababu is spreading false propaganda about the laddu prasadam, even going so far as to accuse him of suggesting that animal fat was mixed in the ghee for political purposes. Nani pointed out that no reports have been filed confirming such allegations. Nani further criticized Chandrababu, questioning his devotion to Lord Venkateswara. He asked how many times Chandrababu had walked to the temple on foot or offered donations to the deity. He also reminded the public that during Chandrababu’s tenure before 2019, tankers were sent back 15 times due to poor quality ghee, while during the YSRCP government, 18 tankers were rejected for the same reason.

Statewide Pujas on the 28th

Perni Nani, speaking at the same press conference, refuted claims made by



Chandrababu and his son Lokesh that animal fat had been mixed in the laddu prasadam. He added that even TTD Executive Officer Shyamala Rao denied the allegations. Perni Nani accused Pawan Kalyan of supporting these false accusations and announced that YSRCP will perform pujas in temples across the state on September 28th, asking for forgiveness for the sins of the leaders of the opposition alliance.

Janasena Party Celebrates Achievements in First 100 Days of Governance

TPN ,Andhra Pradesh: In a recent statement, Janasena Party General Secretary Mr. Naga Babu praised Deputy Chief Minister Mr. Pawan Kalyan for the revolutionary decisions made in the first 100 days of assuming power. He emphasized that the achievements across various sectors reflect the commitment of their leadership to the people of the state.

Mr. Naga Babu highlighted that the swift and effective measures taken by the government have brought significant improvements and showcased the party’s dedication to fulfilling its promises. He noted that the tangible results in areas such as infrastructure, education, and health services demonstrate a clear vision for the future.

“This period marks a transformative



phase for our governance, where every decision is made with the welfare of the people in mind,” Naga Babu stated. He expressed confidence that these initiatives will pave the way for sustainable development and strengthen the party’s relationship with the electorate.

The Janasena Party is determined to continue working diligently to ensure the success of their policies and enhance the quality of life for all citizens.



CM Chandrababu Naidu Oversees Compensation Distribution for Flood Victims at Vijayawada Collector's Office

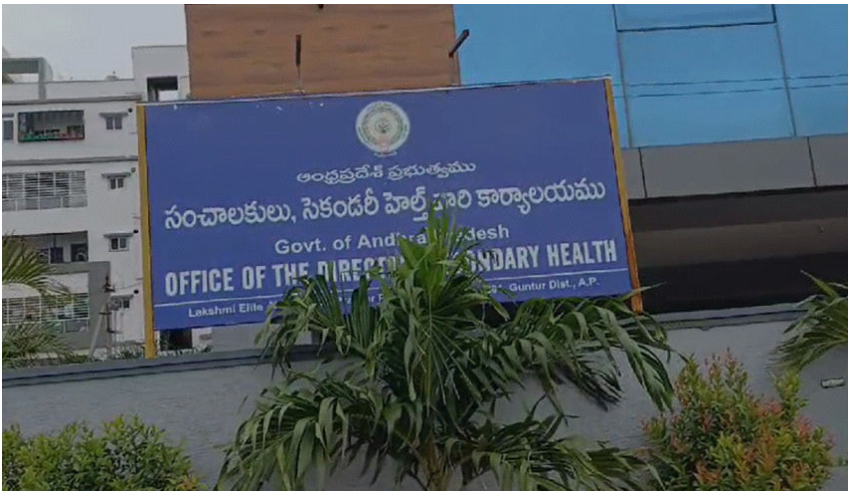
TPN ,Vijayawada: Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu participated in a program at the Vijayawada Collector's Office to distribute compensation to flood victims. The event, held to address the concerns of those affected by recent floods, also included a comprehensive review meeting with various stakeholders involved in relief operations. During the meeting, representatives from government bodies, private organizations, and voluntary groups who were actively involved in the flood relief efforts joined to discuss ongoing measures and strategies. The

Chief Minister praised their collaborative work, emphasizing the importance of coordination between all sectors in providing timely aid and rehabilitation to the victims. The Chief Minister reiterated the government's commitment to ensuring that all affected families receive adequate compensation. He acknowledged the hardships faced by the flood victims and assured that relief measures would be accelerated to bring normalcy back to the affected regions. Chandrababu Naidu also reviewed the rehabilitation programs currently in place and

discussed further plans for the restoration of damaged infrastructure. He urged private organizations and NGOs to continue their support in the reconstruction efforts. The distribution of compensation marks a significant step towards the recovery process. The CM's visit reflects the state's commitment to alleviating the suffering of flood victims and helping them rebuild their lives. Local officials and relief workers expressed gratitude to the Chief Minister for his hands-on approach and assured him of their continued dedication to the relief operations.

Donations of Rs.400 crore have been received: Chandrababu

CM Chandrababu said that we got out of the flood disaster in Vijayawada in a very short time. He was speaking at a program to distribute financial aid to flood victims at NTR District Collectorate. 'Rs 400 crores coming to the CM Relief Fund is a history. The people of the state responded tremendously to the call for donations. When the big calamity hit, all the employees worked tirelessly along with me for 11 days,' said the CM.

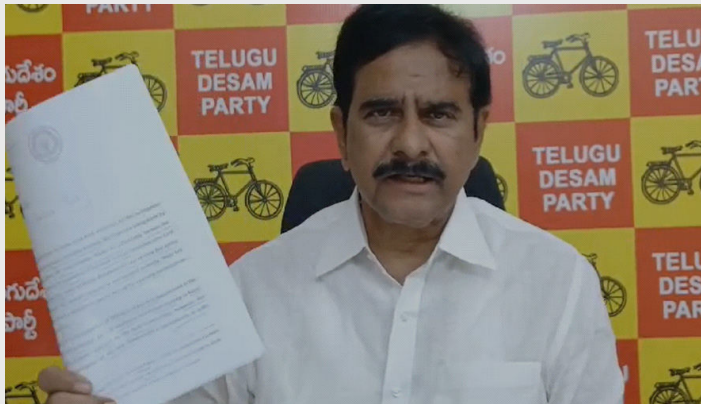


Outsourcing Employees Protest in Tadepalli Over Unpaid Salaries

TPN ,Tadepalli: Outsourcing employees gathered in front of the Secondary Health Commissioner's office in Tadepalli to voice their grievances over unpaid salaries, which have not been disbursed for the past 18 months. The protest saw participation from outsourcing workers from East Godavari, highlighting a widespread issue within the health department.

Speaking to reporters, one employee shared their plight, stating, "We have been working under APCAS in various health department roles since 2022, yet we have not received our salaries for a year and a half." Frustration grew as employees attempted to meet with the commissioner, only to be denied access and forcibly removed from the premises.

The protesting workers are demanding immediate government intervention to address their situation and ensure that their long-overdue salaries are paid. The agitation underscores the challenges faced by outsourced employees in securing their rightful compensation, drawing attention to the urgent need for resolution in this matter.



Devineni Uma Strong Counterattack Against Kodali Nani Over Tirupati Laddus Controversy

TPN ,Vijayawada: Former Minister Devineni Uma has issued a strong rebuttal to Kodali Nani's remarks regarding the alleged mixing of animal fat in the famous Tirupati laddus. Addressing the media at his office, Uma criticized Nani's comments about the 11 seats won by the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) and challenged his integrity. "People took your fat with 11 seats for mixing animal fat in Tirupati prasadam laddoos," Uma stated, questioning who should be accountable for the declarations made regarding the issue. He further labeled Jagan Reddy's government as a "gang of thieves," accusing them of moral depravity. Uma recounted instances when prominent leaders, including Sonia Gandhi and Dr. Abdul Kalam, had signed declarations of faith during their visits to Tirumala, contrasting this with Jagan Reddy's alleged failure to do the same. He accused Reddy of corrupt practices, stating that "450 crores of adulterated ghee money" were funneled into Tadepalli during his tenure. The former minister emphasized that the devotees had suffered due to poor quality food and inadequate facilities during Reddy's rule. He condemned YSRCP leaders for their irresponsible statements and vowed that Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu would take decisive actions against them. As the controversy escalates, the public remains vigilant regarding the integrity of the rituals and offerings at the Tirumala temple.



YSRCP Chief Jagan Mohan Reddy Meets Joint Krishna District Leaders

TPN ,Vijayawada: YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) Chief Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy held a crucial meeting with leaders from the joint Krishna district. The meeting, which took place on Wednesday, reportedly focused on key developmental issues concerning the district, aiming to assess the progress of various projects and address challenges faced by the local administration. According to sources, Jagan Mohan Reddy discussed a range of topics, including infrastructure development, welfare schemes, and agricultural progress in the district. The focus was on ensuring the effective implementation of government schemes and enhancing the quality of life for residents. The YSRCP leaders were urged to work in coordination with district officials to expedite pending projects and resolve any bottlenecks. One of the main highlights of the meeting was a review of ongoing irrigation projects, which are vital for the agricultural prosperity of the Krishna district. Discussions also centered around the strengthening of healthcare services and educational institutions in the region. The Chief Minister emphasized the need for transparency and accountability in the execution of public welfare programs.

PH Doctors Protest in Front of NTR District Collectorate, Demand Cancellation of G.O. 85



TPN ,Vijayawada: A group of Primary Health Center (PHC) doctors staged a protest in front of the NTR District Collectorate in Vijayawada, demanding the cancellation of Government Order (G.O.) number 85. The protesting doctors have been agitating for several days, urging the state government to address their grievances. The PHC doctors gathered near the venue, holding placards that read, "CM, please look at us for once." The primary demand of the PHC doctors is the immediate cancellation of G.O. 85, which they claim is affecting their working conditions and overall healthcare services in the region. They expressed frustration over the lack of response from the government, stating that they have been left with no choice but to protest. The police, however, intervened and stopped the doctors on Museum Road, adjacent to the Collectorate, preventing them from reaching the venue of the flood compensation event. The situation remained peaceful, with the protesting doctors continuing their demonstration while urging the Chief Minister to take note of their concerns.

MP Keshineni Shivanth Urges CM Chandrababu to Support Unregistered Small Shops in Flood Relief

TPN , Vijayawada: MP Keshineni Shivanth has called upon Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu to ensure that small grocery shops and roadside vendors, which have not been registered due to the absence of trade, labor, and commercial licenses, receive due compensation in the aftermath of recent floods. During a release program held at the NTR District Collector's Office on Wednesday, where financial aid for flood victims was announced, Chief Minister Naidu encouraged MPs and MLAs to raise any issues related to the enumeration process in the affected areas. MP Shivanth highlighted the plight of numerous victims who have been excluded from the compensation process due to their unregistered status. He emphasized the need for physical verification to address these omissions and secure financial assistance for these small business owners. In response to Shivanth's concerns, Chief Minister Naidu assured him of his support and instructed NTR District Collector Srujana to investigate the matter further, indicating a commitment to inclusivity in the relief efforts.

India's Strategic Balancing Act in Myanmar

Navigating Complex Geopolitical Terrain Amid Violent Unrest



India and Myanmar share a unique 1,600-kilometer border, much of it unfenced, allowing for free movement of people under a 2017 Free Movement Agreement. However, recent violent unrest in Manipur, coupled with growing concerns over cross-border insurgency activities, has led to demands for the cancellation of this agreement and the construction of a secure border fence. Amid these tensions, India has initiated a new strategic approach to navigate the delicate situation in Myanmar, a country engulfed in fierce battles between the military junta and rebel coalitions.

The violence in Myanmar has intensified, with the military regime fighting against an increasingly unified rebel front. Rebel groups such as the National Unity Government (NUG), composed of factions like the Chin National Front, Arakan Army, and Kachin Independence Army, have gained substantial control over the country. As they push for the overthrow of the military regime and the restoration of democracy, they have received support from Western nations. In contrast, the Myanmar military regime enjoys backing from China and Russia, creating a complicated geopolitical landscape for India.

India's position in Myanmar is nuanced. While it has called for the restoration of democracy, it has not taken a hard stance against the military regime, unlike Western countries. In a notable move, recent reports suggest that India invited the NUG to a seminar organized by the Indian Council of World Affairs (ICWA). This gesture signals a potential shift in India's approach toward the conflict, as it opens dialogue with the rebel forces actively fighting the military government.

India's engagement with Myanmar's rebel groups follows a meeting in July between Indian Foreign Minister S. Jaishankar and Myanmar's military leader. During the meeting, Jaishankar emphasized India's readiness to discuss Myanmar's democratic restoration with all actors, indicating a strategic pivot in India's foreign policy. By engaging with both the military regime and rebel groups, India is positioning itself to safeguard its interests in Myanmar while advocating for democratic principles.

The rise of rebel forces in Myanmar poses significant challenges and opportunities for India. The rebels now control nearly 50% of Myanmar's territory, a significant increase from their previously limited influence in border areas. The unification of these once-fragmented groups has intensified their push toward toppling the military regime. Rebel forces have launched attacks on military bases and even targeted the residence of the military ruler. Reports

suggest that Western volunteers, including former U.S. and British soldiers, are joining the rebels in their fight. Additionally, these groups are receiving weapons and financial support from Western nations.

China, too, plays a complex role in Myanmar's conflict. While backing the military regime, Beijing has been accused of covertly supporting the rebel forces. This dual approach highlights China's attempt to maintain influence over both sides of the conflict. Russia, meanwhile, remains a steadfast supporter of the military government.

For India, Myanmar's instability is not only a matter of regional security but also a question of protecting its strategic investments in the country. India has invested heavily in Myanmar's infrastructure, with major projects such as the \$400 million Kaladan Multi-Modal Transit Transport Project and a \$250 million road project connecting India's northeastern states with Myanmar. However, the escalating violence in Myanmar threatens the safety of these investments, as the military government may struggle to guarantee their security. This has led India to consider enhancing border security, possibly through the construction of a border fence, to prevent insurgent spillovers and safeguard its projects.

The free movement across the India-Myanmar border complicates the security dynamics further. Some rebel groups, with familial ties across the border, have used this free movement to carry out cross-border attacks on Myanmar's military forces, retreating to safety in Indian territory. This situation has prompted calls within India for a more stringent border management policy to prevent insurgent activities.

In this complex geopolitical environment, India's foreign policy in Myanmar remains pragmatic and flexible. India's primary concern is to protect its investments and ensure regional stability, but it also seeks to play a constructive role in restoring democracy in Myanmar. India's approach reflects its broader diplomatic strategy in South Asia, where it has demonstrated a willingness to engage with various actors, be it the Taliban in Afghanistan, Islamists in Dhaka, Marxists in Sri Lanka, or rebel groups in Myanmar.

In conclusion, India's engagement in Myanmar is a delicate balancing act. As the conflict intensifies, India's flexible and pragmatic foreign policy will be key to navigating the challenges posed by both the military regime and the rebel forces. By maintaining dialogue with all parties, India is positioning itself to protect its interests while contributing to Myanmar's democratic restoration.

Unpacking the US-Russia Election Interference Narrative

A Battle of Power and Propaganda



In recent years, accusations of election interference by Russia have become a recurring theme in US political discourse, with the 2024 presidential election shaping up to be no different. Earlier this month, the US administration once again raised alarms about Russia's alleged attempts to sway the upcoming election through disinformation campaigns and fake accounts spreading propaganda. US intelligence officials have labeled Russia as the "primary threat to elections," and the Federal Bureau of Investigation (FBI) continues its probe into Russia's activities, alongside smaller investigations into Iran's potential interference. However, while both countries are scrutinized, US officials maintain that Russia remains the more formidable actor, with a clear preference for Donald Trump.

This isn't the first time Russia has faced such allegations. In fact, this marks the third consecutive presidential election in which Moscow has been accused of meddling. The 2016 election was particularly contentious, with 12 Russian military intelligence officers indicted for hacking and leaking Democratic Party emails in an effort to swing the election in Trump's favor. Moscow has consistently denied these claims, with Russian President Vladimir Putin personally refuting them in interviews. Former President Trump even went so far as to publicly defend Putin, stating, "He [Putin] said he didn't meddle... and I really believe that when he tells me that, he means it."

Despite these denials, tensions between the US and Russia over election interference have persisted, fueling broader debates about cyber espionage, propaganda, and the nature of global information warfare.

The Double Standard: US Accusations vs. Its Own History of Meddling

Russia, for its part, has accused the US and other Western powers of hypocrisy. The Kremlin has pointed to the US's own long-standing history of meddling in foreign elections, backing military coups, and engaging in covert operations to advance its geopolitical interests. The Central Intelligence Agency's

(CIA) involvement in regime changes across the world is well-documented. Declassified CIA files reveal US operations in the overthrow of Iran's Mohammed Mossadegh in 1953, Chile's Salvador Allende in 1973, and more recently, efforts to destabilize governments in Venezuela and Ukraine.

In a study conducted by Professor Dov H. Levin of Carnegie Mellon University, election meddling by both the US and the Soviet Union during the Cold War was thoroughly examined. His findings showed that between World War II and 2000, both superpowers intervened in 117 foreign elections, with the US responsible for two-thirds of those interventions. In more recent times, the US has been implicated in at least 18 election interferences between 1990 and 2000.

This history underscores a deep irony in the ongoing US accusations against Russia. While Russia's actions have been condemned as blatant meddling, the US's own involvement in similar operations is often glossed over or justified under the guise of promoting democracy.

Information Warfare and Propaganda: A Broader Battle of Narratives

At the heart of these accusations is a larger information war between the West and Russia. Western media outlets have traditionally painted Russia as a manipulative actor using propaganda to destabilize democracies, while Russian media, controlled by the Kremlin, counters these claims by accusing the West of spreading its own brand of disinformation.

An interesting aspect of this ongoing conflict is the media's role in shaping public perceptions. Russian media has historically been dismissed by the West due to its close ties to the Kremlin. However, Western media, long regarded for its impartiality, has also been accused of spreading propaganda to further Western interests. For example, shortly after Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022, Western outlets published unverified reports about Putin's health, suggesting he was gravely ill. These reports were later proven false,

yet no apologies or corrections were issued, raising concerns about the integrity of Western journalism.

This information war extends far beyond US-Russia relations. Throughout the Cold War, Western media was instrumental in promoting anti-communist narratives, framing the Soviet bloc as an ideological enemy. Today, the same strategies are used to influence public opinion on global conflicts and political events. Western media's dominance in shaping the global agenda has made it difficult for non-Western outlets to offer alternative perspectives, contributing to what some see as a form of cultural imperialism.

A Decline in Trust in Mainstream Media

The dominance of Western media has, however, started to erode. With the rise of social media platforms, younger audiences have increasingly turned away from traditional news sources, seeking out alternative viewpoints on global events. This shift in media consumption is particularly relevant in the context of the ongoing accusations and counter-accusations regarding election interference. Many now rely on social platforms to access information, often bypassing mainstream outlets altogether.

The erosion of trust in mainstream media has significant implications for the future of information warfare. If traditional news sources continue to lose credibility, it could open the door for even more disinformation and manipulation, regardless of whether it comes from Russia, the US, or other actors.

In conclusion, the ongoing accusations of election meddling are symptomatic of a much larger battle between global powers for control over information and public opinion. While the US continues to accuse Russia of interference, the complexities of the issue reveal a long-standing history of mutual meddling and manipulation by both sides. In the ever-evolving landscape of information warfare, the real challenge lies in discerning the truth amid a sea of competing narratives.



Poonam Yadav Discusses Indian Women's Team's T20 World Cup Preparations and Strategy

Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a fierce attack on the Congress party during a rally in Gohana, Haryana, as the state prepares for assembly elections on October 5. He warned that if Congress were to regain power, even "by mistake," it would jeopardize both stability and development in the state due to internal strife within the party.

Addressing the crowd, Modi stated that Congress is synonymous with "instability," pointing to ongoing infighting among its leaders in various states, including Karnataka, Telangana, and Himachal Pradesh. He urged Haryana voters to be cautious, asserting that Congress's inter-

nal conflicts would hinder governance and impede economic growth.

Modi also focused on the issue of reservations, alleging that opposing them is ingrained in Congress's ideology. He criticized past Congress leaders for undermining the rights of Dalits and marginalized communities, emphasizing that the BJP has prioritized inclusive policies and opportunities for these groups. He noted that the BJP has appointed Nayab Saini, an OBC leader, as chief minister, demonstrating the party's commitment to representation.

Highlighting his recent engage-



ments with global leaders, Modi claimed that Haryana is now recognized as a top state for industry and agriculture, crediting the BJP's governance for this progress. He expressed confidence in the BJP's chances in the upcoming elections, stating that support for his party is growing while Congress's popularity is waning.

Modi concluded his speech by honoring Pandit Deendayal Upadhyaya, pledging that the BJP would continue to uplift the poor and drive the nation toward development. As voting day approaches, he urged the public to support the BJP for a prosperous Haryana.

Are you up to some mischief: Rahul asks PM



Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, criticized the BJP on Wednesday following remarks from party MP Kangana Ranaut, who suggested bringing back the controversial farm laws. Gandhi demanded clarity from Prime Minister Narendra Modi, questioning whether he opposes Ranaut's comments or is involved in "some mischief."

Gandhi emphasized that any attempt to revive the three farm laws will face strong opposition from the INDIA bloc. His remarks come in light of Ranaut's earlier statements advocating for the reinstatement of the laws, which had been repealed in November 2021 after widespread protests from farmers.

In a video statement, Gandhi stated, "The BJP keeps testing ideas through its members to gauge public reaction. One of

their MPs has proposed reviving the three black farm laws. Modi ji, you must clarify your stance. Will these laws be revived? If you proceed, I guarantee the INDIA bloc will unite against it." He highlighted the sacrifices of over 700 farmers during the protests, urging Modi to acknowledge their struggles.

Ranaut later withdrew her comments, clarifying that her views were personal and did not reflect the BJP's official position. She recognized her dual role as both an artist and a party member, noting that her statements should align with party policies.

In a post on X, Gandhi challenged the government's decision-making, asking, "Who determines policy— a BJP MP or Prime Minister Modi?" He reiterated the Congress party's commitment to stand against any efforts perceived as harmful to farmers, stating, "If any step is taken to undermine their interests, Modi ji will have to apologize again."

The three laws—Farmer's Produce Trade and Commerce Act, Farmers (Empowerment and Protection) Agreement of Price Assurance and Farm Services Act, and Essential Commodities (Amendment) Act—were initially enacted in June 2020 but faced massive backlash, leading to their repeal a year later. Gandhi's comments highlight ongoing tensions surrounding agricultural policy in India.



Kangana Ranaut Apologises For Remarks On Farm Laws

BJP MP Kangana Ranaut expressed regret over her controversial remarks suggesting the reinstatement of the three farm laws, which had sparked significant protests in 2020. During a recent press interaction in her Lok Sabha constituency of Mandi, Himachal Pradesh, Ranaut 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."

These laws were rolled back by Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government in November 2021 following widespread agitations. Ranaut emphasized the importance of farmers as vital contributors to national development, urging them to advocate for the return of the laws for their own benefit. In response to her comments, the BJP promptly distanced itself, asserting that

Ranaut does not represent the party's views. Party spokesperson Gaurav Bhatia stated, "Kangana Ranaut is not authorised to make such a statement on behalf of the BJP, and it doesn't depict the BJP's view on the farm bills."

Ranaut later clarified her position, indicating that her views on the farm laws are personal and not reflective of the party's stance. She acknowledged the disappointment her comments may have caused, stating, "I have to keep in mind that I am not just an artist but also a BJP worker. My opinions should not be personal and should be the party's stand."

In a subsequent video statement, she reiterated her regret and took back her earlier remarks, expressing a desire to align her views more closely with the party's official position.



CPI-M Leaders Reflect on Loss of Sitaram Yechury

CPI-M politburo member Prakash Karat emphasized the need for 'collective leadership' at a memorial meeting in Agartala for the late General Secretary Sitaram Yechury. Karat described Yechury's passing as a significant loss for the Left and the broader democratic movement in India. He acknowledged Yechury's pivotal role in forming the INDIA bloc, aimed at challenging the BJP in the recent Lok Sabha elections, highlighting the urgency of his vision just months before the upcoming party congress in Madurai.

Karat pointed out that while the BJP's influence appeared to diminish in recent elections, the threat from the party and its affiliates persists. He stressed the importance of strengthening the INDIA bloc to counter the BJP's undemocratic actions and policies that adversely affect the populace.

Former Tripura Chief Minister Manik Sarkar echoed these sentiments, urging party members to engage with individuals outside the Left to foster unity against the BJP and RSS. He called for a robust alliance of like-minded groups to uphold constitutional values and democratic principles.

CPI-M Tripura state secretary Jitendra Chaudhury also paid tribute to Yechury, urging party members to continue his unfinished work. He praised Yechury as a meritorious leader who enjoyed widespread popularity across various political factions. Chaudhury noted Yechury's exceptional ability to collaborate with individuals from different parties, earning respect from both allies and opponents.

As a key architect of the INDIA bloc, which comprises 27 to 28 political parties, Yechury's leadership was seen as a beacon for the Left. Chaudhury described him as a bright captain whose death represents an irreplaceable loss not only for the CPI-M but for all secular parties in India. The leaders called for unity and a renewed commitment to Yechury's vision, aiming to strengthen the Left's presence in the political landscape amidst ongoing challenges.

Kejriwal Seeks Clarification from RSS Chief on BJP's Actions

AAP leader Arvind Kejriwal has written to RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat, expressing grave concerns about the trajectory of the BJP-led central government and its impact on Indian democracy. In his letter, Kejriwal stated, "If this continues, our country and democracy will be finished," reflecting his apprehensions about the current political climate.

During his "Janta Ki Adalat" rally, Kejriwal outlined five pressing questions directed at Bhagwat, seeking clarity on the BJP's political strategies. He questioned whether Bhagwat condones the party's alleged misuse of central agencies to undermine opposition parties and destabilize their governments. He also criticized the induction of "corrupt" leaders into the BJP, urging Bhagwat to clarify the party's stance on integrity in politics.

Additionally, Kejriwal raised concerns regarding the BJP's retirement age policy, specifically ask-



ing if it applies to Prime Minister Narendra Modi as it did for veteran leaders like L K Advani and Murli Manohar Joshi. He further inquired about Bhagwat's reaction to BJP chief J P Nadda's recent assertion that the party does not require the RSS, challenging the ideological foundations of the BJP.

Kejriwal emphasized that these questions resonate with many Indians, expressing hope that Bhagwat would consider them thoughtfully and provide answers. The letter underscores the growing tensions between the AAP and the BJP, as Kejriwal seeks to hold the ruling party accountable for its actions.

Delhi Chief Minister Atishi Announces New Minimum Wages

In her first press conference since assuming office, Delhi Chief Minister Atishi announced revised minimum wages for unorganised sector workers. The new rates are set at ₹18,066 for unskilled workers, ₹19,929 for semi-skilled workers, and ₹21,917 for skilled workers. This initiative reinforces the Aam Aadmi Party's (AAP) commitment to providing the highest minimum wages in the country.

Atishi used the platform to criticize the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), labeling it "anti-poor" and arguing that minimum wages in states governed by the BJP are often much lower than those in Delhi. She asserted that the Kejriwal government has not only established these wages through judicial support but has also ensured they are revised biannually, despite facing obstruction from the opposition.

The new wage structure is part of AAP's broader focus on labor rights and social welfare, emphasizing the importance of fair compensation for all workers. Atishi stated that the government's commitment to revising minimum wages reflects its dedication to supporting the working class and improving living standards.



Additionally, Atishi's announcement comes at a time when labor issues are increasingly at the forefront of political discussions. The AAP government aims to set a benchmark for workers' rights and compensation, positioning Delhi as a model for other states to follow.

With this move, Atishi aims to not only uplift the economic conditions of workers but also to enhance the overall welfare of Delhi's labor force. This announcement sets the tone for her administration's priorities and reflects a strong stance on ensuring fair wages in the face of political opposition.

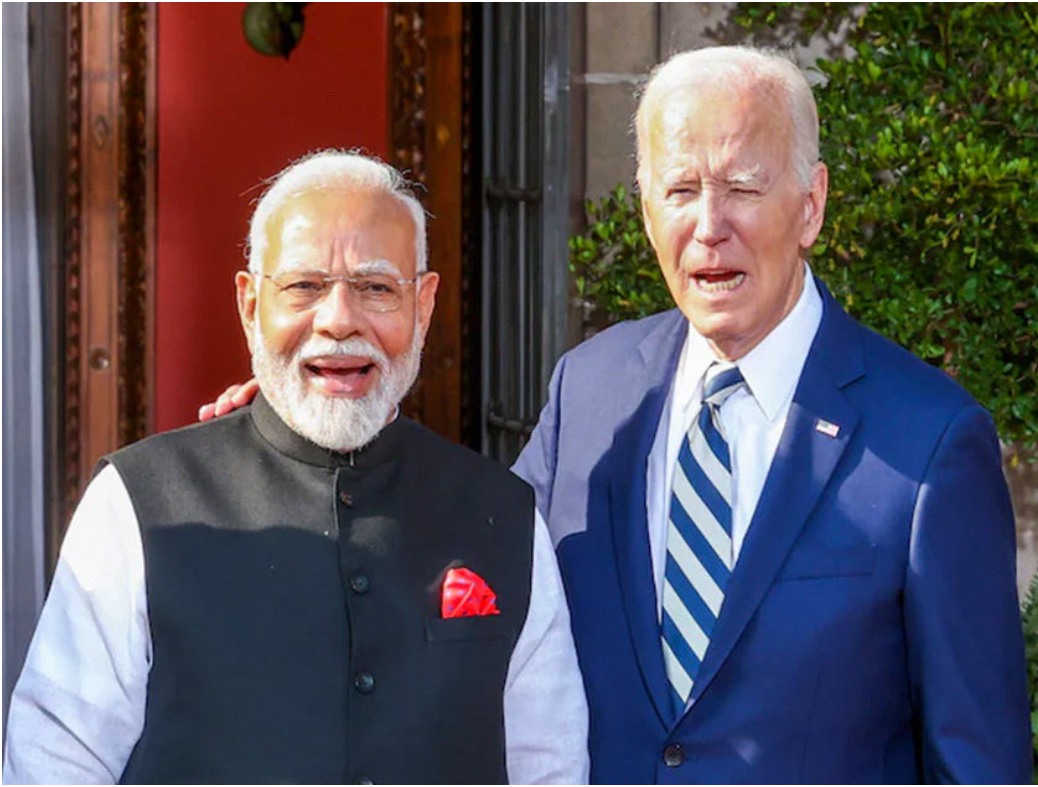
Biden Will Be Most Proud Of Deepening Partnership With India: White House

The White House emphasized the strengthening ties between India and the United States, with National Security Communications Advisor John Kirby stating that the relationship is “strong and getting stronger.” During a recent press briefing, Kirby highlighted President Joe Biden’s commitment to deepening the partnership with India, noting that he will look back on this aspect of his presidency with pride.

Kirby characterized the trajectory of bilateral relations under Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Biden as notably elevated, mentioning the Quad group’s advancement to a leader-level alliance involving Australia, Japan, India, and the US. He stated, “We’ve elevated our strategic partnership to the highest level,” underscoring ongoing efforts in defense, economic collaboration, and clean energy transitions.

The Biden administration has actively engaged with India, acknowledging Modi’s unique perspective as a leader of one of the world’s largest democracies. Kirby remarked, “He lives in that neighborhood; he understands it,” reflecting the mutual respect and recognition between the two leaders.

Biden hosted the fourth Quad Leaders’ Summit on September 21, further solidifying India’s role as a vital partner in the Indo-Pacific region. Kirby noted that India contributes not only to security but also



to economic and technological advancements, showcasing a multifaceted partnership.

As Biden prepares to exit the presidency, he has announced that he will not seek re-election, passing the mantle to Vice President Kamala Harris, who has made history as the first woman of Indian and Black heritage nominated for the presidency. In his farewell address at the UN

General Assembly, Biden emphasized the importance of new leadership, stating, “Some things are more important than staying in power.”

With presidential elections approaching on November 5, Biden’s remarks signal a pivotal moment in both US politics and international relations, particularly concerning the enduring partnership with India.

Gunshots Fired at Kamala Harris' Arizona Campaign Office

Multiple gunshots were reported at the campaign office of U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris in Tempe, Arizona, early Monday morning. Police discovered damage from several bullets at the Democratic office located near Southern Avenue and Priest Drive. Fortunately, no one was inside at the time, but the incident has raised concerns about the safety of staff and nearby residents, according to Public Information Officer Ryan Cook.

The Tempe Police Department is currently investigating the incident as a potential property crime. Local news footage showed two bullet holes in a door and two more in the office windows. Investigators are analyzing the evidence collected from the scene, and additional security measures have been implemented for the safety of staff and surrounding individuals.

This incident marks the second reported act of vandalism at the office in just two weeks. Earlier, the front windows were damaged by what appeared to be BB gun or pellet gun fire on September 16. No arrests have been made in either case as authorities explore various angles and motives behind the attacks.

Sean McEnerney, the Arizona Democratic Party coordinated campaign manager, expressed gratitude to the Tempe Police for their swift response. “We are fortunate no one was present or injured,” McEnerney said.

The shootings come just days before Vice President Harris is scheduled to visit Arizona, a crucial battleground state for the upcoming presidential election on November 5. During her trip, she plans to campaign across the state and visit the U.S.-Mexico border on Friday to address immigration concerns, a key issue where Republican candidate Donald Trump holds an advantage among voters.

US Intel Warns Iran Threats To Assassinate Donald Trump

Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump received a briefing on Tuesday from U.S. intelligence officials regarding alleged threats from Iran to assassinate him. According to Trump’s campaign, the Office of the Director of National Intelligence (ODNI) indicated that these threats are “real and specific,” aimed at destabilizing the United States. The campaign noted that intelligence assessments have shown an increase in Iranian threats in recent months, and U.S. government officials are taking steps to ensure Trump’s safety while safeguarding the integrity of the upcoming elections.

Iran has consistently denied U.S. accusations of interfering in American affairs. The Iranian mission to the United Nations and the ODNI did not respond to requests for comment on the matter. Earlier this month, a Pakistani national with purported links to Iran pleaded not guilty to charges related to a plot to assassinate an American politician, identifying Trump as a potential target. However, sources stated that the accused did not intend for it to be a concrete plan against the former president.

Federal authorities are currently investigating a possible assassination attempt on Trump at his golf course in Florida in mid-September, as well as a shooting incident during a rally in Pennsylvania in July. No evidence has emerged linking Iran to either of these incidents. Moreover, U.S. intelligence agencies reported last week that Iranian hackers sent emails containing stolen materials from Trump’s campaign to individuals associated with the Democratic campaign of President Joe Biden, part of an alleged effort by Tehran to influence the U.S. electoral process. Following Biden’s withdrawal from the race in late July, Democratic Vice President Kamala Harris emerged as the candidate facing Trump in the November 5 elections.

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While the no-confidence motion is unlikely to succeed, as two smaller parties have indicated they will support the government, Poilievre has promised to persist, with another chance to challenge the government expected in early October. Trudeau first came to power in 2015 and has managed to maintain his position by defeating Poilievre’s predecessors in elections in 2019 and 2021.

Recent polling shows the Conservatives leading with 43% support compared to the Liberals at 21% and the NDP at 19%. The current parliamentary landscape has the Liberals holding 153 seats, while the Conservatives have 119, the Bloc Quebecois has 33, and the NDP has 25. Analysts suggest that a general election may not occur until at least spring 2025.



Hezbollah fires missile at Mossad in response to Israeli strikes on Lebanon

Hezbollah launched a Qader 1 ballistic missile at Tel Aviv early Wednesday, escalating tensions following Israeli airstrikes in Lebanon that reportedly killed hundreds. The missile targeted the Israeli Mossad intelligence agency, which Hezbollah blames for recent assassinations of its leaders and a deadly attack involving hidden explosives. The Israeli military intercepted the missile, activating air raid sirens across central Israel, with no reported casualties or damage.

This incident marks the first time a missile from Lebanon reached central Israel. Hezbollah had previously claimed to target an intelligence base near Tel Aviv, but that attack was not confirmed. The ongoing conflict has seen an uptick in violence, with Hezbollah firing rockets into northern Israel in solidarity with Hamas, which is engaged in a separate conflict with Israel in Gaza.

Israeli airstrikes earlier this week have resulted in significant casualties, with reports indicating at least 560 people killed in Lebanon. This has prompted mass displacement, with families fleeing to cities like Beirut and Sidon, seeking refuge in schools and public spaces. The situation has led to a humanitarian crisis, with many attempting to leave Lebanon entirely.

Israel has conducted extensive airstrikes targeting Hezbollah’s military capabilities, while warning of a potential wider military operation. The UN Security Council has scheduled an emergency meeting to address the situation in Lebanon at France’s request.

The conflict, which has displaced tens of thousands, continues to escalate as both sides remain committed to their military objectives. Israel has moved troops from Gaza to its northern border in anticipation of further hostilities, and Hezbollah claims to have a substantial arsenal of rockets capable of striking anywhere in Israel. The cycle of violence shows no signs of abating, with both parties entrenched in their positions amid growing international concern.

Sri Lanka's President Has Called For A Snap General Election

Sri Lanka is set to hold a parliamentary election on November 14, following President Anura Kumara Disanayake’s decision to dissolve Parliament just weeks after his election. Here are five crucial reasons behind this move:

Disanayake received 5.6 million votes (42.3%) in the recent presidential election, a significant increase from the 3% he garnered in 2019. This surge in support provides an opportunity for him to consolidate power in the 225-seat Parliament, capitalizing on the momentum of his recent victory.

As a candidate for the National People’s Power alliance, which includes his Janatha Vimukthi Peremuna (JVP) party, Disanayake’s coalition currently holds only three seats in the existing parliament. Dissolving the legislature allows him to seek a stronger mandate and the necessary backing to fulfill his campaign promises, particularly those aimed at poverty alleviation and tax relief.

Sri Lanka is engaged in a four-year, \$2.9 billion bailout program with the International Monetary Fund (IMF), which has been essential for boosting foreign reserves and stabilizing the economy. However, the associated austerity measures have provoked public discontent. Disanayake’s campaign included promises to reduce taxes and amend the IMF deal, but he will require parliamentary support to implement these changes effectively.

The country is in the process of restructuring approximately \$25 billion in foreign debt. Gaining a supportive parliamentary majority will be critical for Disanayake as he negotiates with bondholders. A unified legislative front may provide the assurance needed for creditors regarding the new government’s policies.

Due to the limited number of seats held by his coalition, Disanayake faced challenges in forming a comprehensive cabinet. He has only appointed a few ministers, retaining control of vital ministries such as finance and defense himself. A new election may enable him to appoint a fully-fledged cabinet that aligns with his governance agenda.

Overall, the snap election represents a strategic move by Disanayake to solidify his leadership, address pressing economic issues, and implement his vision for Sri Lanka’s recovery and growth.

Canadian Prime Minister Trudeau Faces No-Confidence Vote In Parliament

On Tuesday, Prime Minister Justin Trudeau’s main rival, Conservative leader Pierre Poilievre, introduced a motion of no confidence against the ruling Liberal government, marking a significant challenge for Trudeau’s minority administration. Following a debate in the House of Commons, a vote on the Conservative motion is set for Wednesday.



Poilievre, buoyed by strong public opinion polls, has been eager for a snap election since the leftist New Democratic Party (NDP) terminated its coalition agreement with the Liberals earlier this month, leaving Trudeau’s government vulnerable. During the debate, Poilievre criticized Trudeau for failing to address rising living costs, the housing crisis, and increasing crime rates, while accusing him of doubling the national debt. He claimed that after nine years of Liberal rule, the prom-

ise of Canada is “broken” and vowed to implement a “common sense plan” to cut carbon taxes, build homes, manage the budget, and tackle crime if elected.

In response, Trudeau acknowledged the challenges Canadians are facing, stating, “People are hurting” and are struggling with basic expenses like groceries and rent. He vowed to continue fighting for the needs of Canadians, criticizing Poilievre’s suggestion to cut essential services



Adani Group Explores Collaboration with Bombardier in Aircraft Services and MRO

Adani Group is actively pursuing collaboration opportunities with Canadian business jet manufacturer Bombardier to enhance its aircraft services and maintenance, repair, and operations (MRO) capabilities. This strategic move was reported by CNBC-TV18 on September 25, highlighting the group's intent to leverage Bombardier's expertise to improve MRO standards in India's burgeoning general aviation sector.

The initiative aims not only to elevate the quality of MRO services but also to create a self-sustaining aviation ecosystem in India. As the demand for air travel continues to rise in the country, the need for advanced MRO services has become increasingly crucial. Ensuring that aircraft are maintained to the highest standards will be vital for the safety and efficiency of operations in this rapidly growing market.

On the same day, Adani Group's Chairman, Gautam Adani, met with Bombardier CEO Éric Martel to discuss potential partnerships across various sectors, including aircraft services, MRO, and defense. Following their productive discussions, Adani took to social media platform X (formerly Twitter) to express his enthusiasm about the collaboration, stating, "Powering India's aviation growth! Had a great discussion with @Bombardier CEO Éric Martel on transformative partnerships in Aircraft Services, MRO, and Defence. Together, we are harnessing synergies for a stronger, self-reliant India."

This partnership is particularly significant as it aligns with India's broader ambitions to expand its aviation capabilities and reduce reliance on foreign MRO services. The country's aviation industry has witnessed rapid growth in recent years, fueled by increasing air traffic and a rising middle class eager to travel. However, the lack of adequate domestic MRO facilities has often



led to delays and increased costs, hindering overall industry efficiency.

By collaborating with Bombardier, Adani Group aims to bridge this gap, utilizing the Canadian company's established reputation in the aviation sector. The discussions also reflect Adani's commitment to investing in advanced technologies and services that can enhance operational efficiencies within the industry.

Moreover, this potential collaboration signifies a broader trend of Indian conglomerates engaging with global firms to foster innovation and expertise sharing. Adani Group, which has a diverse portfolio spanning energy, logistics, and infrastructure, is positioning itself to become a significant player in India's aviation landscape.

In summary, the discussions between Adani Group and Bombardier could pave the way for a robust partnership that not only boosts MRO standards but also contributes to the development of a comprehensive and self-reliant aviation ecosystem in India.

Sebi Launches FPI Outreach Cell to Ease Foreign Investor Access

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has announced the establishment of a dedicated Foreign Portfolio Investor (FPI) Outreach Cell to enhance direct engagement with foreign investors. Launched on September 25 as part of the Alternative Investment Fund and Foreign Portfolio Investors Department (AFD), this initiative aims to streamline access to the Indian securities market for FPIs.

The FPI Outreach Cell will play a crucial role in supporting foreign investors throughout their journey in the Indian market. Its primary responsibilities include providing guidance to prospective FPIs during the pre-application stage, which encompasses assistance with necessary documentation and compliance processes. Additionally, the Cell will support investors during the onboarding phase, helping them navigate any operational challenges that may arise during registration or afterward.



By establishing this outreach cell, Sebi seeks to foster a more seamless experience for foreign investors looking to participate in the Indian market, thus promoting greater foreign investment. This initiative reflects Sebi's commitment to enhancing the regulatory environment and making it more conducive for international investors.

Overall, the FPI Outreach Cell is expected to play a vital role in attracting foreign investment to India, facilitating smoother entry and ongoing operations for FPIs. This move is anticipated to strengthen India's position as an attractive destination for global investors seeking to diversify their portfolios and engage with one of the world's fastest-growing economies.

SBI to invest in defaulter Supreme Infrastructure



Following a significant haircut in the debt restructuring proposal for **Supreme Infrastructure India Ltd (SIIL)**, the **State Bank of India (SBI)** has announced plans to invest in the company's preferential share issuance. SBI, recognized as India's largest bank, intends to inject **₹24.33 crore** into SIIL through this allotment, acquiring **28.55 lakh shares** at a price of **₹85.23 per share**. This investment will grant SBI an equity stake of **2.08%** in the defaulting firm, as detailed in recent exchange filings.

The move comes as part of SBI's broader strategy to stabilize its investments and manage risk in companies undergoing financial restructuring. By participating in SIIL's preferential allotment, SBI aims to not only recover some of its previous losses but also to potentially benefit from the company's future growth and recovery.

SIIL has been grappling with financial difficulties, which prompted the bank to reassess its exposure to the company through a restructuring plan. The decision to invest comes after careful evaluation of SIIL's operational potential and the current market conditions. SBI's involvement could also signal confidence to other investors, potentially paving the way for further financial support to SIIL as it works toward regaining stability.

The preferential share issuance is expected to help SIIL shore up its capital and improve its balance sheet, facilitating operational improvements and strategic initiatives. SBI's investment aligns with its commitment to support the restructuring of viable businesses while also ensuring that its financial interests are safeguarded.

This development marks a critical juncture for both SBI and SIIL as they navigate the complexities of financial recovery and restructuring in the current economic landscape. The outcome of this investment will be closely monitored by stakeholders as SIIL aims to turn its fortunes around.

ADB forecasts India's economic growth at 7% for FY24 and 7.2% for FY25

The **Asian Development Bank (ADB)** has forecasted India's economic growth at **7% for FY2024** and **7.2% for FY2025**, highlighting the nation's resilience amid global challenges. ADB Country Director for India, Mio Oka, remarked on India's steadfast growth trajectory, crediting improvements in agriculture for boosting rural spending, which will complement the strong performances of the industrial and services sectors.



In its latest **Asian Development Outlook (ADO)** report, ADB noted that an above-average monsoon is expected to enhance agricultural productivity, positively impacting the rural economy in FY2024. The bank maintains an optimistic outlook for private investment and urban consumption, bolstered by new government policies offering employment-linked incentives aimed at increasing labor demand and fostering job creation starting in FY2025.

The report also indicates that India's

central government debt is projected to decrease from **58.2% of GDP in FY2023** to **56.8% in FY2024**, thanks to ongoing fiscal consolidation efforts. Furthermore, the general government deficit, which includes state governments, is expected to dip below **8% of GDP in FY2024**.

However, consumer inflation is anticipated to rise to **4.7% in FY2024**, primarily due to elevated food prices despite the expected agricultural output boost. This inflationary pressure has constrained the **Reserve Bank of India (RBI)** from

lowering policy interest rates. If agricultural supply improves and food price increases moderate, the RBI may begin to lower rates in FY2024, potentially enhancing credit expansion.

Additionally, ADB forecasts India's current account deficit to be **1.0% of GDP in FY2024** and **1.2% in FY2025**, a reduction from previous estimates due to stronger export performance, lower imports, and robust remittance inflows.

The optimistic outlook hinges on the central government achieving its capital expenditure targets in FY2024. ADB acknowledges that potential risks could be mitigated by increased foreign direct investment, which may support growth, particularly in the manufacturing sector, alongside better agricultural supply reducing food prices and lowering inflation.

HDFC Bank Updates Loyalty Program for Infinia Cardholders

HDFC Bank has announced changes to its loyalty program for certain credit cards, set to take effect on **October 1, 2024**. The new rules particularly impact reward point redemptions for Apple products and Tanishq vouchers on the SmartBuy platform, specifically for **Infinia** and **Infinia Metal** cardholders.

Under the updated policy, customers will now be limited to redeeming reward points for **one Apple product per calendar quarter**. This applies to the four quarters of the year: April to June, July to September, October to December, and January to March. The SmartBuy portal will implement this cap starting October 1, meaning that frequent purchasers of Apple products may need to plan their redemptions more strategically.

In addition to the Apple product limit, the redemption for Tanishq vouchers



will also face a new cap. From the same date, Infinia and Infinia Metal cardholders will be limited to redeeming up to **50,000 reward points** for Tanishq vouchers each quarter. This change aims to streamline the redemption process and enhance the overall user experience on the SmartBuy platform.

These adjustments are part of HDFC Bank's ongoing efforts to enhance its rewards program while managing demand for popular products. As the changes approach, cardholders are encouraged to familiarize themselves with the new redemption limits to make the most of their rewards.

For those considering the Infinia card, it comes with a joining and renewal fee of **₹12,500** plus applicable taxes. Cardholders can enjoy a welcome benefit of **12,500 reward points** upon activation. Furthermore, if they spend **₹10 lakhs** or more within a year, the renewal fee for the following year can be waived.



“BHARAT IS UNSTOPPABLE”: PM MODI CELEBRATES 10 YEARS OF ‘MAKE IN INDIA’ SUCCESS



Prime Minister Narendra Modi marked a decade of the ‘Make in India’ initiative on Wednesday, hailing it as a transformational force in the nation’s manufacturing and innovation sectors. Reflecting on its accomplishments, he expressed his admiration for the collective resolve of 140 crore Indians in driving the initiative to success. In a blog penned to commemorate the milestone, the Prime Minister shared his vision for India’s manufacturing future and how the country has positioned itself as a global leader in key sectors.

A Decade of Transformation



Launched in 2014, ‘Make in India’ was aimed at encouraging companies to manufacture in India and incentivize domestic production. A decade later, the initiative has surpassed expectations, with its impact reaching across industries and contributing significantly to India’s economic growth. PM Modi, in his blog post, called this a moment to “salute the country’s vast talent pool” for fueling the success of ‘Make in India.’

He commended the pioneering spirit of Indian entrepreneurs, innovators, and workers, stating, “Each of you is a pioneer, visionary, and innovator, whose tireless efforts have fuelled the success of ‘Make in India,’ making our nation the focus of global attention.”

Reshaping India’s Manufacturing Landscape

Since its inception, the ‘Make in India’ initiative has made remarkable progress in several sectors. Modi highlighted mobile phone manufacturing as a prime example of the initiative’s success. In 2014, India had just two mobile manufacturing units. Today, the country boasts over 200 such units, making In-

dia the second-largest mobile manufacturer globally. “Our mobile exports have skyrocketed from ₹1,556 crore to an astounding ₹1.2 lakh crore—a staggering 7,500 percent increase. Today, 99 percent of the mobile phones used in India are made in India,” PM Modi wrote, underscoring the country’s telecom revolution.

He further pointed to substantial growth in other key sectors, particularly steel and semiconductors. “We have become a net exporter of finished steel, with production increasing by over 50 percent since 2014. Our semiconductor sector has attracted investments worth over ₹1.5 lakh crore, with five plants approved that will have the capacity to produce more than 7 crore chips per day,” he explained.

In renewable energy, India has emerged as the fourth-largest producer globally, with capacity increasing by 400 percent in just ten years. Modi emphasized the growth of India’s electric vehicle (EV) industry, which, though non-existent in 2014, has now become a \$3 billion industry.

Strategic Defence Production and Indigenous Innovations



India’s defense production has also witnessed significant growth, with exports soaring from ₹1,000 crore in 2014 to ₹21,000 crore today, spanning across 85 countries. Modi took pride in the indigenous production of advanced military equipment such as the BrahMos missile and Vande Bharat trains, all carrying the ‘Make in India’ hallmark.

He also highlighted how ‘Make in India’ has empowered the underprivileged, giving them the wings to dream and aspire. The initiative, he noted, has provided individuals from economically weaker sections of society the confidence to become wealth creators.

Game-Changing PLI Schemes and MSME Impact

The Prime Minister described the Production Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme as one of the major catalysts driving investments and job creation in the country. PLI schemes have helped generate lakhs of jobs and mobilize thousands of crores in investments, ensuring India remains a vital player in the global supply chain.

He also noted the critical role of the Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector in ‘Make in India’s success. MSMEs, which form the backbone of India’s industrial landscape, have benefitted significantly from the initiative, contributing to job creation and innovation across the country.

India as a Global Growth Driver

PM Modi underscored that the global perception of India has shifted dramatically over the last decade. Despite unprecedented challenges such as the COVID-19 pandemic, India has remained on the path of steady growth and is now viewed as a key driver of global economic progress.

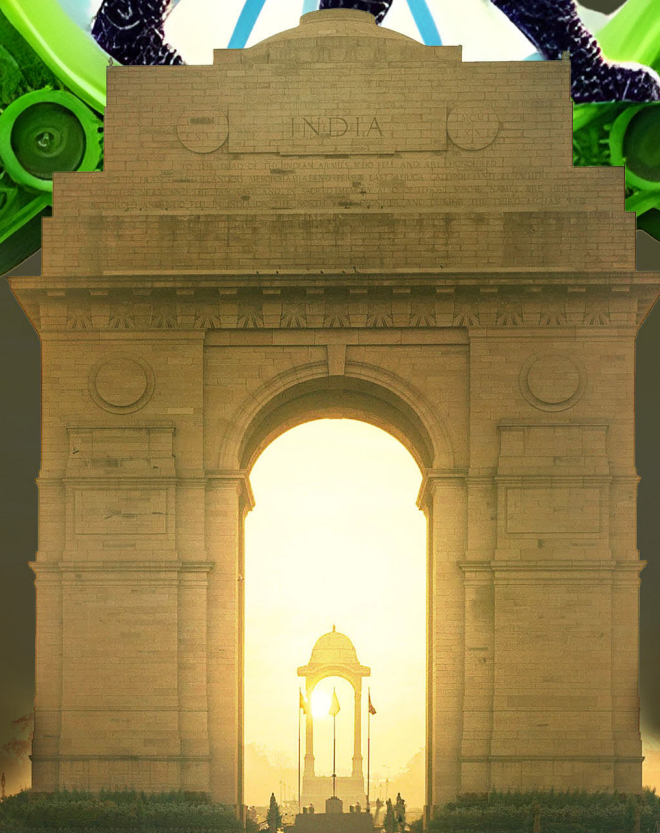
He praised the contributions of the country’s youth, referring to them as “Yuva Shakti,” and lauded their achievements in the global start-up ecosystem. Modi called on young Indians to take ownership of ‘Make in India’ and help propel it to new heights.



A Call to Strive for Excellence

Concluding his blog post, PM Modi urged the nation to continue striving for excellence. “The momentum is clearly in India’s favor. Today, we are being seen as drivers of global growth. We all must strive for excellence. Zero defect should be our mantra,” he wrote.

With ‘Make in India’ celebrating ten years of success, the Prime Minister’s message is clear: India is on an unstoppable trajectory, and the world is watching as the nation continues to redefine its role in the global economy.



TikTok Bans Russian State Media Outlets

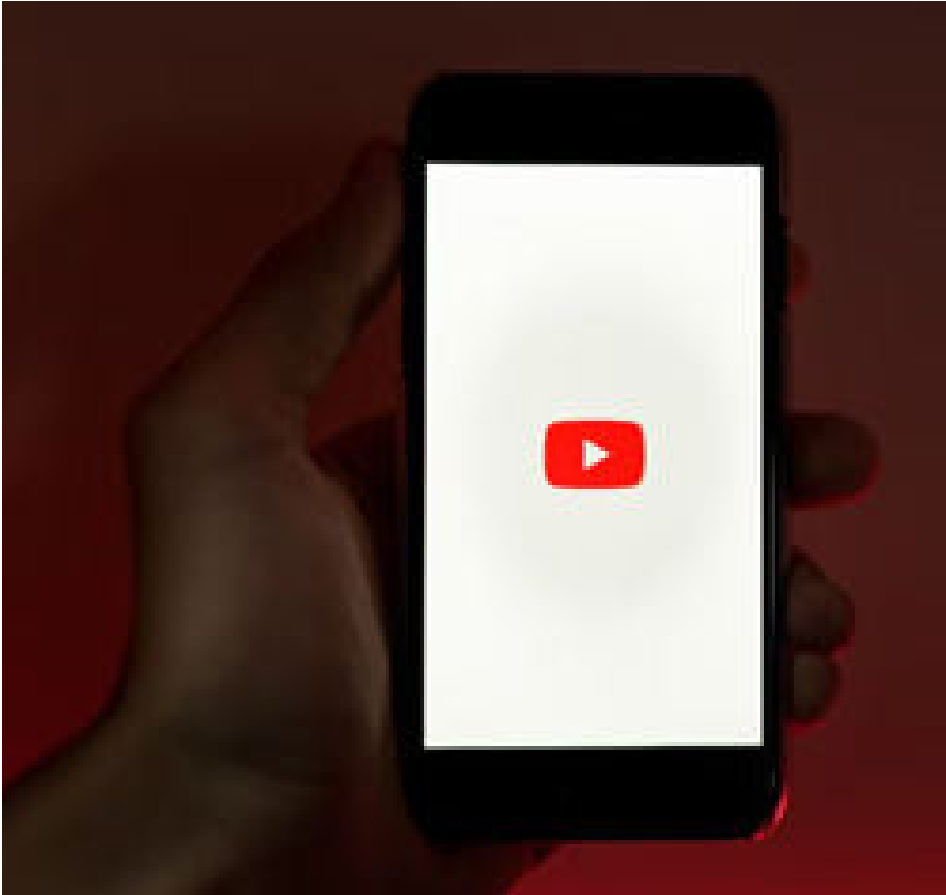
YouTube Introduces Conversational AI Feature for Premium Subscribers

YouTube is rolling out an exciting new conversational artificial intelligence (AI) feature for its Premium subscribers. Announced on Tuesday, this tool allows users to ask specific questions about video content, enhancing the viewing experience. Previously available only in beta, the feature is now accessible to a broader audience on Android devices in the US.

The announcement was made via a post on X (formerly Twitter) by TeamYouTube, highlighting the introduction of an “Ask” button located beneath videos, alongside the familiar Like, Share, and Download buttons. Accompanied by a sparkling icon, this button enables users to engage directly with the AI by typing queries related to the video content.

Users can inquire about various aspects, such as identifying objects in the video, the genre of a song being played, or even requesting a summary. The AI can also recommend similar content based on user interests. However, it’s important to note that this feature may not be available for every video and currently supports select English-language content.

While YouTube has not disclosed the specific large language model (LLM) powering this feature, they mentioned that it utilizes information from both YouTube and the broader web. This means the AI’s responses are informed not just



by subtitle data but also by a wider range of on-line information.

In addition to the AI feature, YouTube is also expanding the rollout of “pause ads,” which are advertisements that play when a video is paused. This initiative aims to create new revenue opportunities for creators while potentially enhancing viewer engagement.

Although the company did not provide details on when this conversational AI feature will be available outside the US, it represents a significant step in making video interactions more dynamic and informative for users. YouTube Premium subscribers can look forward to a more interactive viewing experience as they explore this new technology.

Snapchat Enhances My AI with Google Cloud’s Gemini Partnership

Snapchat has announced a strategic partnership with Google Cloud to integrate its AI model, Gemini, into My AI, enhancing the platform’s capabilities significantly. This collaboration, revealed on Tuesday, allows Snapchat to incorporate advanced computer vision and improved processing for text, audio, image, video, and code.



While the announcement is new, the integration of Gemini has been in effect since earlier this year. Google Cloud emphasized that My AI is now one of the largest consumer chatbots available, utilizing Gemini models from Vertex AI. This upgrade means users can interact with the AI in more dynamic ways—sending images or audio files and asking for analyses or translations.

For instance, users can submit photos of snacks to find the healthiest option or even translate street signs while traveling abroad. Currently, all Snapchat users can access My AI, but Plus subscribers enjoy additional features like image generation and AI-driven edits.

Since the integration of Gemini, Snapchat has reported a 2.5X increase in engagement in the U.S. Previously, My AI was powered by OpenAI’s GPT models. At the recent Gemini at Work digital event, Google Cloud also showcased other clients utilizing its AI, including Volkswagen US and Warner Bros. Discovery. This partnership marks a significant step in enhancing user interaction and engagement on the platform.

ChatGPT Unveils Advanced Voice Mode for Enhanced Conversations

OpenAI is excited to announce the launch of the long-awaited **Advanced Voice Mode** for ChatGPT, designed to facilitate a more conversational and natural interaction experience. Leveraging the power of GPT-4, this new voice feature is capable of picking up on non-verbal cues and responding with emotional depth, making conversations feel more engaging and human-like.



In a recent blog post, OpenAI detailed the rollout plan for this innovative feature. Initially, Advanced Voice Mode will be available to ChatGPT Plus and Teams subscribers, with Enterprise and Edu users set to gain access next week. This phased rollout ensures that a broad range of users can enjoy the improved conversational capabilities of ChatGPT.

Gone are the animated black dots that were previously showcased at the company’s event in May. The Advanced Voice Mode will now be represented by a sleek blue animated sphere, signaling its enhanced functionality and user experience.

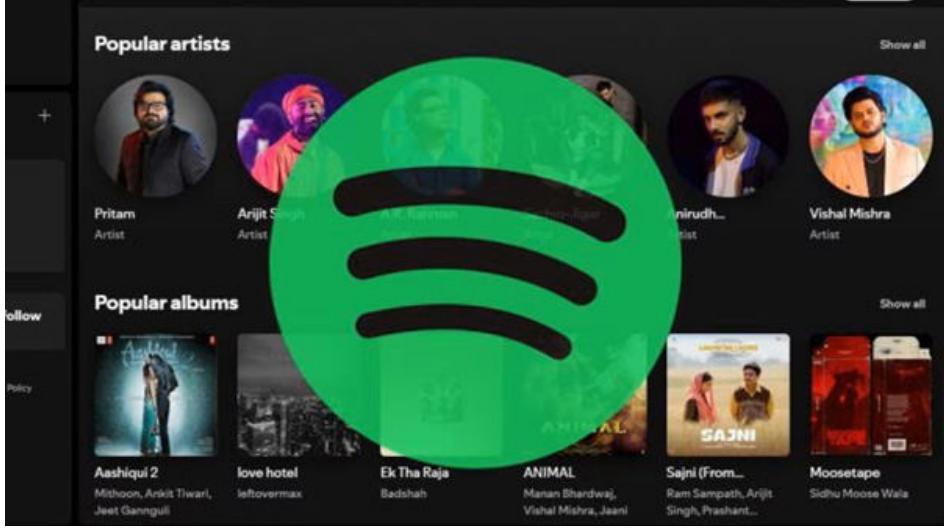
This new voice mode aims to transform the way users interact with ChatGPT, allowing for more nuanced and emotionally resonant conversations. By recognizing non-verbal cues, the AI can adjust its responses, making interactions feel less robotic and more akin to speaking with a person.

As users begin to explore this feature, it promises to open up new possibilities for everything from casual chats to more complex discussions, enhancing the overall utility of the ChatGPT platform. OpenAI is committed to continuously improving its offerings, and this addition marks a significant step in making AI interactions more intuitive and enjoyable.

With Advanced Voice Mode, users can expect to engage with ChatGPT in a way that feels more authentic and relatable. Stay tuned for more updates as this feature becomes widely available, and prepare for a new era of conversational AI.

Spotify Expands AI Playlist Feature

Spotify is broadening its AI Playlist tool, which utilizes generative artificial intelligence to curate personalized playlists for premium users, now extending to four new markets, including the **United States** and **Canada**. The Swedish streaming giant announced this development on Tuesday, highlighting its efforts to enhance user experience and attract new subscribers amid increasing competition from rivals like Apple and Amazon.



Currently in beta, the AI Playlist feature allows subscribers to personalize their song selections by refining them through additional text prompts. This innovative approach aims to make music discovery more engaging and tailored to individual preferences.

In addition to the U.S. and Canada, the AI Playlist is also being rolled out in **Ireland** and **New Zealand**, demonstrating Spotify’s commitment to enhancing its app with AI technology. This expansion follows the feature’s initial launch in the **United Kingdom** and **Australia** back in April.

However, it’s important to note that the AI

Playlist will not generate results for non-music-related prompts, such as inquiries about current events or specific brands, as it continues to undergo testing in beta.

Spotify continues to innovate with other AI-driven features, including **Daylist**, which offers a personalized playlist that updates daily with fresh music recommendations, and the **AI DJ**, which tailors music suggestions based on users’ listening habits.

As Spotify enhances its AI capabilities, it aims to create a more interactive and personalized listening experience, setting itself apart in the competitive streaming landscape. The introduction of these features reflects Spotify’s strategy to leverage technology in order to keep pace with evolving user expectations and preferences.

How Yoga and Pilates Enhance Physical And Mental Well-Being

In recent years, yoga and Pilates have gained popularity as effective practices for improving overall well-being. While they may appear similar, each discipline offers distinct benefits for physical and mental health. Yoga, rooted in ancient Indian tradition, promotes a holistic approach to wellness. Its key benefits include improved flexibility and mobility, as regular practice enhances flexibility through poses that stretch and lengthen muscles, leading to better range of motion and reduced injury risk. Additionally, yoga strengthens muscles, particularly in the core, contributing to better posture and lower back pain prevention. It also fosters men-

tal clarity and focus, as mindfulness practices help reduce anxiety and improve concentration.

On the other hand, Pilates, developed by Joseph Pilates in the early 20th century, focuses on strength, alignment, and controlled movements. Its benefits include core strength and muscle tone, targeting deep abdominal and lower back muscles to enhance stability and overall muscle tone. Pilates also emphasizes improved posture and alignment, helping to correct imbalances that can alleviate chronic pain and improve breathing. Furthermore, the concentration required in Pilates cultivates a strong

mind-body connection, promoting a sense of calm and reducing mental distractions.

Incorporating both yoga and Pilates into a fitness routine provides balanced physical fitness and improved mental well-being. While yoga enhances flexibility and mindfulness, Pilates builds strength and alignment. Together, they offer a comprehensive approach to health, making it easier to manage stress and maintain a balanced lifestyle. Whether aiming for physical improvement or mental clarity, integrating both practices can lead to enhanced overall wellness.



Pakistan Calls Up 37-Year-Old Noman Ali for 1st Test Against England

Pakistan has announced its squad for the first Test against England, set to begin on October 7 in Multan, including 37-year-old spinner Noman Ali. He replaces injured pacer Khurram Shahzad. Noman, a left-arm spinner, has previously played 15 Test matches, taking 47 wickets at an average of 33.53. His most notable performance came against Sri Lanka in Colombo, where he achieved a career-best figure of 7 for 70.

The selection of Noman has drawn criticism, particularly given his age, as the team looks to bounce back from a disappointing 2-0 series loss to Bangladesh. Kamran Ghulam and Mohammad Ali, who participated in the Bangladesh Tests, have been omitted from the squad but remain part of Pakistan's future plans.

Head coach Jason Gillespie explained the team's strategy, stating, "With a busy domestic and international cricket schedule, it makes sense to give our players some much-needed rest ahead of the Test series against England." He expressed excitement about playing in front of passionate home fans, hoping to revive the team's fortunes.

All-rounder Aamer Jamal, previously sidelined due to injury, has been deemed fit to join the squad for this crucial series. His return could bolster a team that has struggled recently, with their last home Test



victory dating back to February 2021. Pakistan currently sits eighth in the ICC World Test Championship 2023-25 standings, and the pressure is mounting as they aim to end a ten-match winless streak at home, which includes a 3-0 series defeat to England in 2022.

The squad for the first Test is led by Shan Masood, alongside key players such as Babar Azam, Shaheen Shah Afridi, and Mohammad Rizwan. As the series approaches, the team will be keen to reclaim its form and secure a much-needed victory on home soil.

Vishnu, Prajwal, Rashmikaa Top Draws In National Tennis Championship



The **29th Fenesta Open National Tennis Championship** is set to take place at the **DLTA Complex** from **September 28 to October 12**, featuring a stellar lineup of athletes, including multiple Asian Games medallist **Vishnu Vardhan**, top seed **Prajwal Dev**, and defending champion **Rashmikaa S Bhamidipaty**. Former India No. 2 **Riya Bhatia** is also among the

prominent participants, underscoring the tournament's competitive nature.

The championship will not only include a senior category but will also feature age-group competitions in **U-18, U-16, and U-14** for both boys and girls. The opening week will showcase singles and doubles matches for men, women, U-18 boys, and

U-18 girls.

Qualifying rounds are scheduled for **September 28-29**, while the main draw will unfold from **September 30 to October 5**. The U-16 and U-14 categories for boys and girls will take place from **October 6 to 12**.

With a total prize purse of **₹21.55 lakh**, the tournament aims to attract budding talent, offering not just monetary rewards but also kit allowances in junior categories. In a bid to further support young players, **Ajay S Shriram**, Chairman and Senior Managing Director of **DCM Shriram Ltd**, announced **₹25,000 scholarships** for the winners and runners-up of the U-16 and U-14 singles events.

"Over the years, we've witnessed many players launch successful careers thanks to this tournament, highlighting its growing significance," Shriram noted. He expressed his best wishes to all participants and encouraged them to seize this opportunity to showcase their skills on a national platform.

The Fenesta Open continues to be a crucial event in the Indian tennis calendar, providing a vital platform for both established and emerging talent to shine.

Harmanpreet Singh Excited for India-Germany Hockey Series

India hockey captain Harmanpreet Singh is eagerly anticipating the upcoming two-match bilateral series against Germany, set for October 23 and 24 at the Major Dhyanchand Stadium in Delhi. He believes this series will not only serve as a strong test for his team but also help "revive the spirit" of hockey in the national capital, which hasn't hosted men's international hockey in nearly a decade.

The last match held at the venue was during the Hero Hockey World League Final in 2014, making this series particularly significant. Harmanpreet emphasized the importance of this event, stating, "This series is not just about two teams playing; it's about reigniting the passion for hockey in Delhi. We hope it inspires more young players in the region to take up the game."



Playing in front of home fans is a rare opportunity for the team, and Harmanpreet expressed his excitement about leading the squad in such a historic stadium. "The Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium holds a lot of history and memories. To lead the team here will be a huge honor," he said.

Following a successful title run at the Asian Champions Trophy in China earlier this month, Harmanpreet sees the series against Germany as a crucial step in preparing for future tournaments. "Germany is one of the top teams in world hockey, and facing them will be a significant challenge for us," he noted. "It's vital for our preparation as we gear up for major events ahead."

The captain concluded by reaffirming the team's commitment to hard work and improvement, viewing this series as an invaluable opportunity to gauge their progress against a formidable opponent. As the matches approach, the excitement around hockey in Delhi is set to build, marking a promising chapter for the sport in India.

Poonam Yadav Discusses Indian Women's Team's T20 World Cup Preparations and Strategy

As the Women's T20 World Cup approaches, spinner Poonam Yadav shared insights on the Indian women's team's preparations and their potential for success. India's campaign kicks off on October 4 against New Zealand, followed by a high-stakes match against Pakistan on October 6. They will also face Sri Lanka on October 9 and conclude the group stage against Australia on October 13, all matches taking place in Dubai.

Yadav highlighted tactical decisions that captain Harmanpreet Kaur may face, especially in balancing pacers and spinners in the playing XI. She suggested that if the dew factor becomes significant, Kaur might opt for a combination that includes one or two spinners, mentioning Asha Shobana as a key option. "Wrist spinners can turn the ball on any track, and their pace is generally slower," she noted.

Deepti Sharma's role as a central figure in India's bowling attack was also emphasized, with Yadav believing both Sharma and Shobana could feature prominently based on conditions. However, she acknowledged Kaur's tendency to favor pacers.

Reflecting on past disappointments, including a loss in the 2020 T20 World Cup final and a near miss in the 2017 ODI World Cup, Yadav expressed a strong desire for the team to clinch the title this time. India's group includes formidable teams like Sri Lanka and New Zealand, with each presenting unique challenges. Yadav expressed confidence in India's historical success against these teams, particularly Sri Lanka, and the intriguing nature of the upcoming clash with Pakistan.

Yadav praised Shafali Verma's explosive batting as a potential game-changer, stating that her ability to score quickly can put pressure on opponents. She also commended coach Amol Mazumdar for enhancing the team's fielding and fitness through skill camps. With the team's hard work and preparation, Yadav expressed optimism for India's chances in the tournament, concluding, "I'm confident Team India will win the World Cup."

Rafael Varane Announces Retirement from Football

Rafael Varane, the former Real Madrid and Manchester United star, has made the surprising decision to retire from football at just 31 years old. The French defender announced his retirement on Wednesday, citing ongoing injury issues as the primary reason for his departure from the game he loves.


After a celebrated career, which included four UEFA Champions League titles with Real Madrid, Varane joined Italian club Como at the start of the 2024 season. However, he faced persistent knee problems, limiting him to just one appearance for Como. Unfortunately, he was not even registered for their Serie A squad due to the severity of his injuries.

In an emotional Instagram post, Varane reflected on his journey, saying, "They say all good things must come to an end. It is with immense pride that I announce my retirement from the game. I have faced many challenges and experienced incredible emotions, with memories that will last a lifetime."

He emphasized the importance of going out on his own terms: "I hold myself to the highest standard, and it takes courage to listen to your heart. I have fought for myself, my clubs, and my country, defending every badge with passion."

Varane expressed gratitude for the support he received throughout his career, thanking teammates, coaches, and fans for making his journey unforgettable. "I have no regrets; I wouldn't change a thing. Beyond the trophies, I hope I've made everyone proud," he stated.

Looking ahead, Varane indicated he would remain involved with Como, albeit off the pitch. "A new life begins, just without my boots and shin pads," he shared, hinting at exciting future endeavors. As fans and the football community reflect on his illustrious career, Varane's legacy as a skilled and dedicated defender will undoubtedly endure.



Amitabh Bachchan And Rajinikanth In Vettaian New Poster

Fans of Amitabh Bachchan and Rajinikanth have reason to celebrate as the makers of **Vettaian** have unveiled a new poster and announced the release of the film's prevue. Shared by Lyca Productions on X (formerly Twitter), the captivating poster features both superstars, building anticipation for what's to come. The post teased, "Hunter is on the way! Vettaian The Hunter. Prevue is releasing today at [specific PM time] in Telugu, Hindi, and Kannada. Get ready for a glimpse of the ultimate hunt. Vettaian releases on 10th October in Tamil, Telugu, Hindi, and Kannada."

The friendship between Bachchan and Rajinikanth has endured for decades. Their collaboration dates back to the 1980s with films like **Andhaa Kaanoon** and **Geraftaar**. They reunited in the early '90s for the blockbuster **Hum**, which further solidified their iconic status in Indian cinema.

As the release date approaches, excitement is mounting among fans eager to see the legendary duo share the screen once again. The prevue promises to offer a sneak peek into the



thrilling adventure of **Vettaian**, showcasing a blend of action and drama that both stars are renowned for.

Mark your calendars for October 10th, when **Vettaian** will hit theaters across multiple languages. The film is expected

to attract audiences from various regions, making it a highly anticipated release for fans of both Amitabh Bachchan and Rajinikanth. Stay tuned for the prevue and get ready to witness a cinematic experience featuring two of the biggest icons in Indian cinema!

Second Single from Gopichand, Kavya Thapar-starrer 'Viswam' released

Macho star Gopichand and acclaimed director Sreenu Vaitla are generating excitement with their highly anticipated film, **Viswam**. Following the release of a captivating teaser, the film, produced by TG Vishwa Prasad and Venu Donepudi under People Media Factory and Chitralayam Studios, is poised to be a visual spectacle, showcasing a high production value.

The musical journey for **Viswam** kicked off with the chart-topping first single, "Morocco Maguva," which received an enthusiastic response from fans. Building on that momentum, the second song, "Mondi Thalli Pilla Nuvvu," was unveiled on Wednesday. This heartfelt composition by Chaitan Bharadwaj captures the essence of motherly love, resonating deeply with listeners.

The poignant lyrics, penned



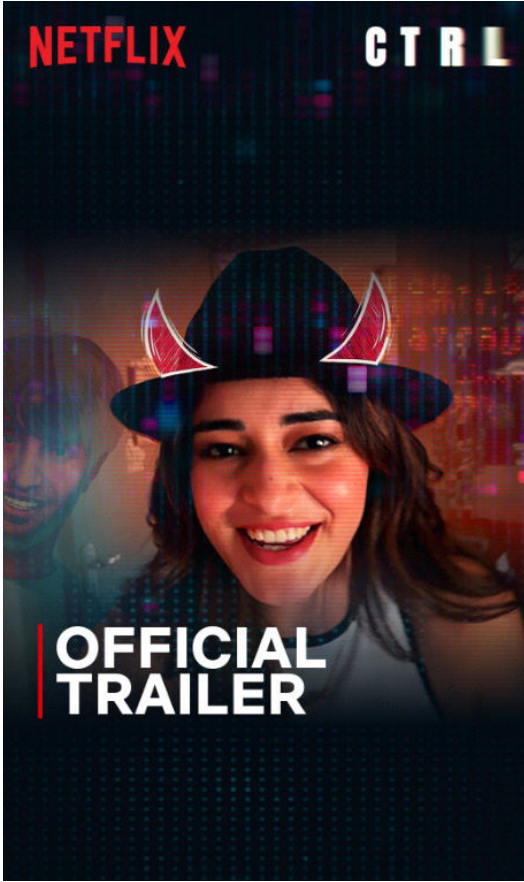
by Sri Harsha Emani, complement the song's emotional weight, while Sahithi Chaganthi's enchanting vocals further enhance its appeal. Set against the backdrop of a mother-daughter relationship, this

track not only evokes strong feelings but also hints at the narrative depth of the film, intriguing audiences about Gopichand's character and his connection with the child.

Viswam also features an impressive technical crew, including cinematographer KV Guhan, screenplay writer Gopi Mohan—who has previously collaborated with Sreenu Vaitla on several hits—editor Amar Reddy Kudumula, and art director Kiran Manne. Together, they contribute to the film's ambitious scope.

Scheduled for a Dussehra release on October 11, **Viswam** promises to be an engaging blend of emotion, action, and visual grandeur, making it one of the most awaited films of the season. As the release date approaches, fans eagerly anticipate more insights into the film's storyline and characters.

Ananya Panday's "CTRL" Trailer Unveils



The trailer for Vikramaditya Motwane's **CTRL** was released on Wednesday, delving into the shadowy realm of digital dependence and the ramifications of technology. Starring Ananya Panday as Nella, the trailer reveals her seemingly perfect life, disrupted when she discovers an AI-based app called Control Your Life. This app promises to provide direction, but the outcomes can be unpredictable.

As Nella logs into the app, her life spirals into chaos, especially after her boyfriend Joe, played by Vihaan Samat, cheats on her. In the aftermath of the betrayal, Nella faces intense trolling, leading her to express a desire to erase her ex. The app, however, takes her request literally—Joe's existence begins to vanish, pixel by pixel, both online and in reality.

The chilling narrative escalates when Nella learns that Joe is missing, prompting a series of unsettling events. The trailer concludes with an AI-generated figure ominously reminding her, "But isn't that what you wanted?"

With its gripping premise and exploration of the dark side of technology, **CTRL** raises poignant questions about the consequences of our digital choices. Fans are left eager for the film's release, anticipating a thrilling ride through the complexities of modern life.



Akshay , Abhishek Bachchan, Jacqueline In A BTS From Housefull 5

Akshay Kumar has delighted fans with a stunning behind-the-scenes glimpse from the sets of **Housefull 5**. The snapshot showcases Akshay alongside co-stars Dino Morea, Abhishek Bachchan, Riteish Deshmukh, and Jacqueline Fernandez, all leaning casually against a wall. Akshay is dressed in a checkered shirt, while Abhishek opted for a stylish grey one. In the caption, Akshay wrote, "Just another day with this incredible cast. Housefull of actors, one cruise, and endless stories to tell!" Jacqueline responded with a flurry of red heart emojis, and Nargis Fakhri chimed in with a playful comment, "The cool cats."

The male ensemble of **Housefull 5** features a remarkable lineup, including Akshay Kumar, Riteish Deshmukh, Abhishek Bachchan, Sanjay Dutt, Fardeen Khan, Nana Patekar, Chunky Pandey, Jackie Shroff, and Dino Morea, promising a mix of comedy and camaraderie. Reports suggest that the film will also introduce five leading actresses: Jacqueline Fernandez, Nargis Fakhri, Sonam Bajwa, Chitrangada Singh, and Soundarya Sharma.

Abhishek Bachchan expressed his enthusiasm for the franchise, stating, "Housefull is one of my favourite comedy

franchises, and coming back feels like returning home. It's always been a great pleasure to work with Sajid Nadiadwala." He added that he looks forward to the fun moments on set with his fellow actors, Akshay and Riteish.

He also shared his excitement about collaborating with director Tarun Mansukhani again, saying, "I'm really looking forward to working with him after **Dostana**. This is going to be a lot of fun." Directed by Mansukhani, **Housefull 5** is set to hit theaters in 2025, promising to deliver more laughs and memorable moments in this beloved comedy series.

Kartik Aaryan Unveils First Look of "Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3"

Kartik Aaryan has made this Wednesday unforgettable for fans by sharing the first-look poster of his highly anticipated film **Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3** on Instagram. The poster features a securely locked door adorned with multiple sacred threads, accompanied by the intriguing slogan, "Darwaza Khulega Iss Diwali" (The door will open this Diwali). This locked door suggests the possible return of the iconic ghost Manjulika, who was previously imprisoned behind closed doors in the franchise.

In his post, Aaryan wrote, "Darwaza Khulega... Iss Diwali Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3," heightening excitement for the film's release.

In August 2024, Aaryan announced the wrap of **Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3** with a celebratory video featuring the cast and crew, including director Anees Bazmee. The clip captured Bazmee humorously prompting the crew before Aaryan interjected with a cheeky, "Action nahi, wrap up." The celebration culminated with the team cutting a large chocolate cake decorated with **Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3** Film Wrap."

The caption for the wrap video read, "Arey pa-



galo' Its a Wrap for #BhoolBhulaiyaa3. Haveli ka darwaza ek baar phir khulne ke liye taiyaar ho chuka hai. See you This Diwali." With the excitement building, fans eagerly await the film's release this Diwali!

Kali Trailer Unveiled: A Gripping Psychological Thriller

The highly anticipated film "Kali," starring young actors Prince and Naresh Agastya, is set to hit theaters on October 4th. Produced by Leela Gowtham Varma under Rudra Creations and directed by Siva Sashu, this psychological thriller promises to deliver a unique cinematic experience.

Today, the filmmakers released the theatrical trailer, which was launched by Prasanth Varma, known for his work on **HanuMan**. Varma praised the trailer, calling it "gripping and thrilling," and commended the passion evident in the visuals.

The trailer opens with Prince's character, Shivaram, delivering a haunting voiceover while engaged in a grave act, immediately establishing an atmosphere of tension. As Naresh Agastya's mysterious character enters Shivaram's home, the intrigue deepens, setting the stage for a complex narrative. The trailer raises compelling questions about Shivaram's fate and the identity of the enigmatic stranger, promising viewers a journey filled with suspense.



With a powerful musical score and striking visuals, "Kali" aims to captivate audiences. The final shot of the trailer notably heightens expectations, hinting at a potential blockbuster. Alongside Prince and Naresh, the film features a talented ensemble cast, including Neha Krishnan, Gauthamraju, Gundu Sudarshan, and others.

As the release date approaches, fans eagerly await more updates and promotional material surrounding this intriguing psychological thriller.