



JAGAN DIGGING HIS OWN POLITICAL GRAVE

TPN, GRK: Because of TDP's hide-and-seek game, Ex-CM Mr. YS Jaganmohan Reddy is failing every time he comes before the people. The government is keeping the facts with them and releasing them in a timely manner. Without having clarity on the total picture, Jagan is trying to bat against the government in the dark, which is leading to more damage to his image.

First, Chief Minister Mr. N. Chandrababu Naidu opened up about the adulteration of ghee used in Laddu Prasadam at Tirumala. Initially, Mr. YV Subba Reddy came out without knowing that the government already had the NDDB report. He challenged Mr. Naidu and the government. Immediately, TDP released the NDDB report, which clearly stated that the ghee used in Laddu Prasadam was adulterated.

After the release of the report, Mr. Jaganmohan Reddy held a press meet and questioned the government: if the report came on July 23, what had they done? He also questioned why TTD had not stopped the use of that ghee. He mentioned



that the particular batch of ghee came during Naidu's regime, and the test report also pertained to that period, so he asked, what was his fault in it?

Then the government released the facts, once again surprising Jagan & Co. TTD had found impurities in the ghee and, suspecting it, sent

samples for testing on June 12, and again in July. The EO clearly stated that whenever they doubted the quality of ghee, they immediately stopped using the ghee from AR Dairy. This means they stopped using it from the day Mr. Naidu took his oath as CM. It is clear that no adulterated ghee was used during Mr. Naidu's current tenure.

YCP failed to expose the show-cause notices issued to AR Dairy and Mr. YV Subba Reddy before the dispute escalated. At least they should have realized the ruling coalition's strategy after receiving the notices. After that, they have been limited to a defensive stance only. Now, Jagan has quoted the EO's remarks, stating that the particular adulterated ghee was not used, and asked why Mr. Naidu was conducting a deliberate campaign on the issue. In doing so, he himself admitted that no adulterated ghee was used under Mr. Naidu's tenure. However, he conveniently left out the record of AR Dairy supplying ghee before June, which was the complaint made by the Alliance Government against him.

ernment, he cannot enter without giving the declaration, and realizing this, he canceled his visit.

Afterward, he criticized the requirement, stating that conditions should not be imposed to visit any temple. He questioned, "If I was stopped, then what about Dalits in the state?" Once again, he committed a self-goal. If he had entered the temple after giving the declaration, considering that his family openly follows Christian traditions (a fact for which late Mr. YSR had given the declaration), he could have proceeded with



After Mr. Pawan Kalyan's aggressive stance, the issue took a turn toward religious beliefs. To defend his position, Mr. Jagan started a strategy of visiting Tirumala and conducting prayers at all the temples. By doing this, he wanted to prove that he is either for Hindus or not against Hindus.

But what happened next? He was well aware that he had to give a declaration at Tirumala. When he was CM, he avoided giving the declaration, and since TTD was under his control, nobody questioned him. He even refused to give the declaration during his Padayatra when he was in the opposition. At that time, he claimed that since his father, YSR, had given the declaration earlier, as a son, he did not need to do so again. Now that TTD is under the control of a new gov-

his protest at Tirumala. However, his foolish decision to refuse the declaration prevented this. It is well-known that he and his party have a significant base of Christian support, and he even released a video before the 2019 elections, in which he practiced Hindu rituals in a traditional manner.

By continuing to believe that he can manipulate facts with illusions, Jagan is only hurting himself. He is failing repeatedly after losing power. When he was in power, a section of the media helped him cover up the facts, but that is no longer possible. Forgetting this, he is still acting as though he is in power. His image has undoubtedly been heavily damaged among neutral observers after the Laddu Prasadam dispute. After witnessing all his actions, some netizens are now saying that his true religion is money.



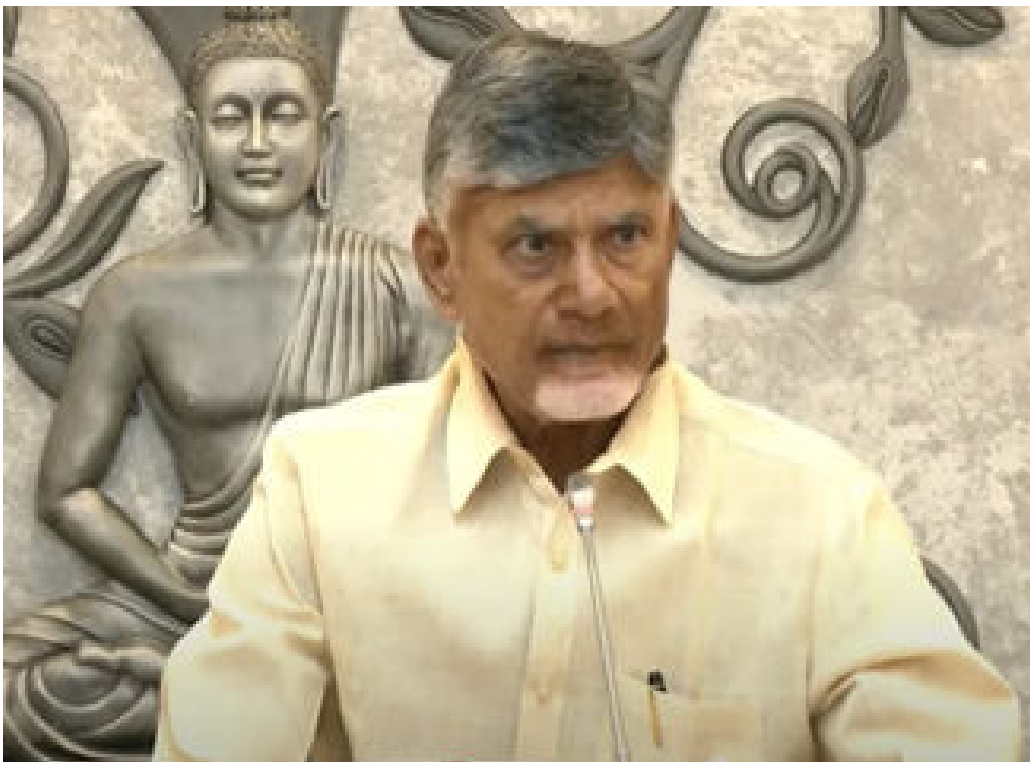
Know the history of Tirumala, follow the Rules - CM Chandrababu

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: TPN, Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu responded strongly to former CM Jagan Mohan Reddy's recent decision to cancel his visit to Tirumala, addressing the controversy surrounding the cancellation and the rules governing the revered temple. Amid rising tensions over the incident, CM Chandrababu emphasized the importance of respecting Tirumala's traditions and rules, urging everyone to adhere to them, irrespective of their personal beliefs.

Jagan had canceled his scheduled Tirumala trip, citing concerns over alleged threats of arrest and pressure to sign the temple's declaration form, a document affirming respect for Hindu traditions. In a press conference, Chandrababu dismissed these claims, stating that the government never prevented Jagan from visiting the temple but simply reminded him to follow the prescribed rules, including the Agama Shastra, which governs rituals at the shrine.

Chandrababu clarified, "No one told Jagan not to go to Tirumala. We only said he should not hold rallies or public gatherings. We asked him to follow the traditions and rules that are in place. If you don't like it, don't go, but if you go, follow the local customs."

The Chief Minister expressed frustration with Jagan's insinuations, saying that violating temple rules could hurt the sentiments of millions of devotees. He also criticized Jagan for allegedly disregarding these rules during previous visits to Tirumala. "You have violated the rules before. Does that give you permanent authority to violate them



again? If we, as lawmakers, do not respect the laws we create, how can we expect the people to do so?" Chandrababu questioned.

Addressing Jagan's comments about his religious practices, Chandrababu took issue with his statement about reading the Bible behind closed doors. "You say you read the Bible between four walls, but why do it in private? You have faith in it, so study it openly. There's nothing wrong with practicing one's religion openly," he remarked. Chandrababu emphasized that respecting religious customs—whether Hindu, Christian, or Muslim—was key to maintaining religious harmony, a value he said all leaders should uphold.

Chandrababu also likened recent incidents to those of notorious Colombian

drug lord Pablo Escobar, implying that anarchic behavior might follow if respect for law and order is not maintained. "We cannot tolerate acts of tyranny and rowdiness," he asserted.

The Chief Minister further criticized Jagan's party for failing to condemn controversial statements made by its members about religious practices. "Did the former chief minister deny any of these comments? Is he not responsible for what his party members say?"

In closing, Chandrababu made it clear that his government would not compromise on matters of temple desecration or religious harmony. "We will take full responsibility for ensuring the sanctity of temples is preserved. There will be no compromise in that," he affirmed.

Game of BJP Started with the Saffronization of Pawan

TPN, GRK: Has the BJP started its pre-planned strategy using the Laddu Prasadam dispute? It certainly seems that way. Mr. Pawan Kalyan has emerged as a saffron warrior, roaring like a devout sevak. We all know that Mr. Pawan Kalyan has always followed traditional rituals. He performed a pooja for Varahi, and whatever the event, it always begins with a pooja. He even followed a Deeksha after taking oath as the Deputy Chief Minister. However, no one expected his recent provocative remarks and speech, which carried a strong religious tone.

It's a fact that many people were deeply hurt after learning about the adulteration of ghee in the Laddu Prasadam at Tirumala. This issue was first raised by Mr. N. Chandrababu Naidu, the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh. Two days later, Mr. Pawan Kalyan initiated a "Prayaschitta Deeksha," and he plans to conclude it with a large meeting at Tirumala on October 3. He performed a purification ritual at the Goddess Durga Temple, during which he delivered a highly aggressive speech. His remarks, laden with religious references, could be seen as provocative and potentially unconstitutional. If someone else were in power at the center or the state, cases might have been filed against him.

Although some sections of society were unhappy with Mr. Pawan



Kalyan's remarks, many of his followers supported him. Memes have been circulating on social media, trolling Mr. Pawan by comparing his recent statements to older speeches, in which he claimed not to prioritize caste or religion. Trolls have dubbed this episode his "New Avatar." However, one thing is certain: he has now hijacked the entire narrative. While Mr. Jaganmohan Reddy may have run a show today and will continue tomorrow, on October 3, all eyes will be on Mr. Pawan Kalyan.

Political analysts believe that the BJP is positioning itself to emerge as an alternative force in Andhra Pradesh with the help of Pawan Kalyan's image. This opportunity arose suddenly, and it seems that the BJP has executed its plan using Pawan. Their ultimate goal appears to be projecting Mr. Pawan Kalyan as the leader of Telugu people, which would mean leveraging him in both Telugu states, including Telangana. Some of Pawan's well-wishers are advising him to safeguard his individuality rather than falling completely into the BJP's trap. After all, the agenda of "saving temples from government control" aligns with the BJP's long-standing promises to its core voters.



AP and Karnataka Sign MoU for Elephant Conservation and Eco-Tourism

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: In a significant development for wildlife conservation, Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan and Karnataka Forest Minister Ishwar B. Khandre signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) aimed at addressing elephant-related issues and promoting eco-tourism. The agreement was finalized during an inter-state coordination meeting held in Vijayawada, with both parties emphasizing the importance of cooperation between their states.

Pawan Kalyan highlighted the urgent need to address the increasing incidents of elephants invading agricultural fields, particularly in districts like Chittoor, Parvathipuram Manyam, Srikakulam, and Vizianagaram. "When I visited Chittoor, residents expressed their distress over elephant herds destroying their crops and threatening their livelihoods," he stated. He noted that local officials suggested that trained "Kunki" elephants from Karnataka could help manage the situation.

Following discussions with Karnataka's Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, both governments agreed on six key points to tackle the issue. The plan includes the management of elephant camps, training for the Kunki elephants, and collaboration to combat red sandalwood smuggling. Pawan Kalyan expressed gratitude to CM Siddaramaiah for his swift response and support, stating, "This agreement is a rare opportunity for forest conservation and highlights the importance of inter-state cooperation."

The MoU encompasses various initiatives, including knowledge exchange, tribal training, and the formation of special task forces to monitor smuggling activities. Both leaders emphasized that despite their political differences, the welfare of the people and wildlife remains paramount.

willingness to provide training for the Kunki elephants and highlighted the importance of eco-tourism, noting, "Karnataka has 32 eco-tourism parks, and we will work to enhance similar opportunities in Andhra Pradesh."

The signing of this MoU marks a historic moment in the collaborative efforts between Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka, paving the way for enhanced wildlife conservation and eco-tourism initiatives that can benefit both states in the years to come.

Minister Ishwar B. Khandre praised Pawan Kalyan's commitment, stating, "His quick action and dedication to addressing the plight of elephants demonstrate his concern for the people." He also reiterated Karnataka's

Jagan Cancels Tirumala Visit Amid Row Over Declaration

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: YSR Congress president Jagan Mohan Reddy has canceled his planned visit to the Tirumala temple on Saturday, which was meant to atone for the "sin" allegedly committed by Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu. Naidu has claimed that animal fat was used to make the famed laddoos offered as 'prasada' at the shrine.

Addressing a press conference on Friday afternoon, Mr. Reddy stated that he was denied permission to visit the temple, a charge that has been refuted by Naidu's TDP.

The decision comes amid a political row in the state, as the TDP and its ally, the BJP, demanded that Mr. Reddy, a former chief minister, sign a declaration intended for non-Hindus. According to the rules of the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams, which manages the temple, foreigners and non-Hindus must declare their reverence for Lord Venkateswara before visiting the shrine. Sources indicated that while this rule is longstanding, new signboards announcing it have appeared near the temple following the announcement of Reddy's visit on Wednesday.

Naidu asserted that his government would protect Hindu sentiments and that all visitors must follow the temple's traditions.

YSR Congress leaders have reportedly received notices from the police stating that Section 30 of the Police Act, which regulates public assemblies and processions, is in force in the district.

ACB Court Remands Former Miner Venkata Reddy Until October 10



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) officials presented former minister Yandi Venkata Reddy before the ACB court, where significant allegations of financial misconduct were discussed. It is claimed that the government exchequer has suffered a loss of approximately ₹2,566 crores due to Venkata Reddy's actions.

The ACB officials had previously registered a case against him and initiated a thorough investigation into the matter. During the



proceedings, Advocate Rajesh represented Venkata Reddy, arguing for his client's case.

After reviewing the evidence and arguments, ACB court judge Himabindu remanded Venkata Reddy until October 10. Following the ruling, the advocate for Venkata Reddy requested that he be allowed to bring food from home during his remand period. The judge ordered that this request be granted, provided that doctors confirm the necessity after a health examination.

The case against Venkata Reddy highlights the ongoing efforts of the ACB to combat corruption and uphold the integrity of government operations. As the investigation continues, further details are expected to emerge regarding the alleged misconduct and its impact on public finances. The remand period will allow authorities to gather more evidence and assess the claims made against the former minister.



Centre's Big News on Vizag Steel Plant: Merger in the Works?

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The decision to privatize the loss-making Vizag Steel Plant is reportedly under review. Facing challenges such as a shortage of raw materials and a lack of permanent mine allocations, the steel plant has been incurring losses. In light of this, it appears the Central Government, which had earlier decided to privatize the plant, is now reconsidering its decision. If this change materializes, it could bring relief to the steel plant's employees.

There are indications that the Centre is in discussions about merging the Visakha Steel Plant with the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL). Previously, the government had decided to privatize the plant, but considering the concerns of the workers and growing political pressure on the coalition government in Andhra Pradesh, a

merger with SAIL, a central government entity, seems to be a more favorable option.

As part of this potential merger, the Centre is also exploring the sale of the steel plant's land to the National Mineral Development Corporation (NMDC). Discussions with the State Bank of India have already taken place for this purpose. The Centre hopes that if these talks are successful, a long-term solution for the steel plant's issues can be found. The merger with SAIL is expected to take shape very soon if all goes according to plan.

With this information, it is anticipated that trade unions may welcome the decision, as it could provide a more secure future for the plant and its employees.

Johnny Master Revealed Key Facts in Police Custody?



TPN, Hyderabad: Narsinghi police are investigating popular choreographer Johnny Master, who was arrested in a sexual harassment case. The police took him into custody for the third day and interrogated him, presenting the recorded statement of the victim. According to reports, Johnny Master made some shocking revelations during the interrogation. As per media reports, Johnny Master denied the allegations, claiming they were baseless. He stated that the accusation of molesting the victim when she was a minor was false. He explained that he was introduced to her through the 'Dhee' show

and that she had repeatedly asked him to marry her, which caused him distress.

Allegedly, Johnny Master informed the police that he had brought the victim's behavior to the attention of director Sukumar. He claimed that Sukumar had even spoken with her after being contacted. Johnny Master further told the police that there was a conspiracy against him, stating that people were envious of his success and that this case was a result of their inability to accept his growth.



YS family converted to Christianity Years ago...

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: TDP leader Anam Venkataramana Reddy made strong comments, questioning whether YCP chief Jagan is a Hindu or a Christian. He claimed that the YS family converted to Christianity a hundred years ago, in 1925, and has believed in Jesus Christ ever since.



He further mentioned that Jagan's mother, Vijayamma, his wife, Bharti, and his sister, Sharmila, are all Christians.

Venkataramana Reddy stated that Jagan's wedding was conducted according to Christian tradition and that the last rites of Bharti's father were performed in the Christian tradition as well. He added that there is a cross at the YS family's samadhi (memorial). If Jagan is not a Christian, he argued, the cross should be removed. He also claimed that in an affidavit given to the CBI, Jagan identified himself as a Christian.

Anam asserted that Jagan should adhere to one religion. If Jagan is a Hindu, he should visit Tirumala with his mother, wife, and daughters and offer his "talanilas" (hair offering) to the

Lord. He remarked that Jagan's entire family are thieves and questioned if Jagan considered himself superior to prominent figures like Sonia Gandhi and Abdul Kalam, who signed the declaration upon visiting Tirumala. He insisted that Jagan should sign the Tirumala declaration.

At the same time, Anam made harsh comments about YV Subbareddy and Ponnabolu Sudhakar Reddy. He asked mockingly if Subbareddy was a "Guruswami." He also alleged that YV Subbareddy attempted to withdraw the pink diamond case while he was chairman of TTD, but the court did not permit it. Additionally, he criticized Ponnabolu, saying that Ponnabolu used to graze pigs in Kanaparthipadu, which is why he was quoting the prices of pork fat.

Mohan Babu Meets CM Chandrababu Naidu After Ages

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: For a long time, things haven't been smooth between Manchu Mohan Babu and CM Chandrababu Naidu. In fact, Mohan Babu was so strongly opposed to the TDP leader that he campaigned for Jagan Mohan Reddy in the 2019 elections. However, this association with the YCP also didn't end well, leading Mohan Babu to distance himself from Jagan eventually.

Now, after a long hiatus, the veteran of the Manchu family has met with CM Chandrababu Naidu. It had been years since the two last came together, but today Mohan Babu met with the CM to hand over a cheque for Rs 25 lakh toward the AP CM Relief Fund. The relationship between Mohan Babu and Chandrababu Naidu has been turbulent over the years, despite the fact that Mohan Babu was a contemporary of Chandrababu during the early TDP days. However, recently, Mohan Babu has shown signs of softening toward Chandrababu, referring to him as "Naa aathmiyudu, mithrudu" (my close one, my friend)



in a letter regarding the adulteration of Tirumala Laddu.

It seems Mohan Babu is attempting to rebuild his relationship with Chandrababu Naidu. Interestingly,

CM Naidu appeared to be in good spirits while posing for photos with the Manchu veteran. The image has been garnering attention on social media for a variety of reasons.

Supreme Court Sumoto inquiry on Tirumala Laddu- Sharmila's letter to CJI..!

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: AP Congress President YS Sharmila has made serious allegations regarding the adulteration of the sacred Tirumala laddoos during the tenure of her brother, YS Jagan Mohan Reddy's government. Sharmila claimed that lab tests confirmed the presence of animal fat in the laddoos, which are revered as holy "prasadam" by millions of devotees. She expressed outrage over the issue, calling it a "heinous act" and stating that devotees deserve to know the truth about what happened.

In a media address, Sharmila emphasized the sacred nature of the laddoos, saying, "The laddoo is not just a sweet, it is prasadam, and to find it adulterated with animal fat is shocking and unacceptable." She also revealed that she has written a letter to Chief Justice of India (CJI) DY Chandrachud, urging the Supreme Court to take up the matter suo motu and conduct a thorough investigation. Sharmila stressed the need for accountability and justice, calling for swift action by the authorities. Sharmila pointed out that the rules of the Tirumala Declaration should apply equally to everyone, regardless of their position or status. She noted that those in power must follow established norms to prevent such incidents from occurring in the future. These remarks come amidst growing public concern over the integrity of the Tirumala laddoos, which hold significant religious and cultural importance.



Meanwhile, a political war of words has erupted in Andhra Pradesh over the allegations of adulteration. Sharmila has been vocal in recent days, responding strongly to criticisms framed as a battle between the YCP and opposition alliances. She accused Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu of failing to govern effectively, remarking that while Naidu is performing "peace homams," Pawan Kalyan is organizing protests, and Jagan is conducting purification rituals, all are engaged in "dirty politics." Sharmila further alleged that the government knew about the adulteration and that animal fat had been added to the laddoos, citing evidence from lab reports. However, no action was taken, and instead, political and religious motives were being played

out. Sharmila accused Pawan Kalyan of fueling communal tensions and questioned whether the same concerns would arise if the incident involved a church or mosque. She also claimed that Pawan is acting under the direction of the BJP, while Chandrababu Naidu's government, with support from Prime Minister Modi, is attempting to divide communities for political gain.

In her letter to the CJI, Sharmila demanded a suo motu case or a CBI investigation to uncover the truth behind the laddoo adulteration scandal. She also addressed the ongoing controversy over whether Jagan should give a declaration at Tirumala, stating that the rules should apply to everyone equally.

Why Should Jagan Sign? - Bhumana

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: A tense situation prevailed in Tirupati during YCP chief Jagan's visit to Tirumala. In 1990, a special law was introduced in the then-unified Andhra Pradesh, requiring non-Hindus to give a declaration before visiting Tirumala Srivara. Recently, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu accused former CM YS Jagan of visiting Tirumala without giving the required declaration.



YCP chief Jagan is expected to reach Tirumala on Friday. Hindu organizations and BJP leaders are demanding that Jagan sign the declaration before his visit. In this context, former chairman of TTD and former MLA of Tirupati, YCP leader Bhumana Karunakar Reddy, made sensational comments, stating that Jagan will not sign the declaration, sparking controversy. "Does one have to sign a declaration to visit Srivara?" questioned Karunakar Reddy, challenging the Chandrababu government and TTD officials. He pointed out that Andhra Pradesh Home Minister Anitha, who is a Christian, recently visited Tirumala without signing any declaration.

Karunakar Reddy asked if CM Chandrababu Naidu or TDP leaders questioned her declaration status at that time.

Karunakar Reddy directly challenged CM Chandrababu, asking why Jagan is being required to sign a declaration when Home Minister Anitha did not do so. He made it clear that Jagan will not sign the declaration under any circumstances and will visit Srivari. He further stated that anyone attempting to stop Jagan in Tirumala would be seen as betraying Hindu values and would face public backlash. Karunakar Reddy also criticized TTD EO Shyamala Rao, noting that she has remained silent on the issue of Jagan's declaration, while only TDP, BJP, and Jana Sena leaders are raising demands. He found it ironic that the Chandrababu Naidu government continues to demand Jagan's declaration, despite TTD officials not making any such request.

Karunakar Reddy's statement that Jagan will not give a declaration has become a hot topic of debate, with many waiting to see how TTD officials will respond.

We Should Salute to Chandrababu Says YCP Leader

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Tirumala Laddu adulteration controversy has escalated into a major scandal in Andhra Pradesh. While the NDA government is targeting YS Jagan and making harsh comments, YCP leaders are accusing Chandrababu Naidu of engaging in diversion politics. Chandrababu, who promised the people a "Super Six," is being accused of creating new conspiracies daily to divert attention from his unfulfilled promises.

YCP leader Donthireddy Vemareddy has expressed his outrage, claiming that Chandrababu is even using Tirumala Srivara for his selfish political gains. According to Vemareddy, Chandrababu is deliberately misleading the people without delivering on his promises. Vemareddy, who recently took charge as the YSRCP coordina-



tor for the Mangalagiri constituency in Guntur district, also expressed his frustration with Chandrababu during a recent press conference.

At the press conference, held at the

YSR Congress Party office on the Mangalagiri Bypass Road, Vemareddy thanked YS Jagan Mohan Reddy for entrusting him with the responsibility of being the Mangalagiri coordina-

tor. Speaking to reporters on his first day in office, Vemareddy launched a scathing attack on Chandrababu. He criticized Chandrababu's political strategy, calling it "diversion politics," and claimed that the administration of the state is not being run according to constitutional principles. He accused Chandrababu of running a factional and divisive administration, highlighting the unnecessary damage caused during recent floods, particularly to boats in the river. Vemareddy sarcastically remarked that Chandrababu "should be saluted" for constantly creating distractions, such as the Tirumala controversy, to avoid addressing public opposition. He accused Chandrababu of repeatedly employing such tactics in the past, with numerous examples to prove it. Vemareddy concluded by stating that

Chandrababu should be "saluted" for managing to divert attention away from his unfulfilled electoral promises, without facing accountability for it.

"Pawan Kalyan's behavior is disappointing. It is not appropriate for him to speak about his role as the Deputy Chief Minister of the state and as a representative of Sanatana Dharma in such a manner. As the Deputy Chief Minister, Pawan Kalyan should treat all communities equally. It is painful to see him make statements that may incite religious strife. He should reflect on his actions and consider the impact of his words. As the coordinator of the Mangalagiri constituency, I will soon form party committees and work towards strengthening the party."



Janavani Program at Janasena Party Headquarters Addresses Public Concerns

TPN, Mangalagiri: The Janasena party organized a Janavani program at its central office in Mangalagiri, where individuals from various parts of the state submitted applications outlining their problems. Bhimavaram MLA Sri P. Ramanjaneyulu received the applications and ensured that the concerns of the public were addressed promptly. During the event, attendees voiced their issues, ranging from local grievances to broader community

concerns. In response, the concerned authorities were informed immediately via phone about the pressing matters that required urgent resolution. This initiative reflects the party's commitment to being responsive to the needs of its constituents and actively engaging with the community. Notable party leaders participated in the program, including Mr. Sundara Ramireddy, Mr. Malneedi Tirumala Rao, Mr. Channamalla Chandra Shekhar, and Mr.

Bandi Ramesh. Their presence underscored the party's dedication to addressing the challenges faced by the public and promoting a platform for dialogue. The Janavani program is part of a broader effort by the Janasena party to connect with citizens, gather feedback, and implement necessary changes to improve the quality of life in the state. Party officials expressed their gratitude to the participants for sharing their concerns and reiterat-

ed their commitment to finding solutions to the issues raised. As the program concluded, participants left with the hope that their voices would be heard and that appropriate actions would be taken to resolve their problems. The Janavani initiative exemplifies the Janasena party's aim to foster communication between the government and the public, ultimately working towards a more responsive governance structure.

Machilipatnam Government Hospital Sanitation Workers Protest Over Grievances



TPN, Machilipatnam: In a significant demonstration at the Machilipatnam government hospital, sanitation workers have organized a sit-in to express their grievances regarding unfair treatment and workplace harassment. The workers highlighted their struggles, stating that in order to work as laborers, they are often forced to take on additional household tasks and responsibilities. Union leader Kumpati Jayakar, who has come under scrutiny, is accused of regularly sexually harassing his colleagues. Workers are voicing their anger over Jayakar's abrupt rise to leadership within the union, questioning how someone without the necessary qualifications could assume such a role. They claim that he has gained this position by flattering a select few for his personal benefit.

The sanitation workers are demanding accountability and transparency within the union, asserting that their concerns have been overlooked for too long. They emphasized that proper representation and support are essential for their well-being and safety at the workplace.

"We are not just here to clean; we deserve respect and fair treatment," stated one worker during the protest. The workers are calling for immediate action to address their grievances, including a thorough investigation into the allegations against Jayakar.

The sit-in has garnered attention from local media and community leaders, who are urging hospital authorities to take the necessary steps to resolve these issues. The protest reflects broader concerns about workers' rights and the need for a safe and respectful working environment in the healthcare sector. As the situation unfolds, it remains to be seen how the hospital administration will respond to the workers' demands and whether meaningful changes will be implemented to address their concerns.



Precautionary Measures for Diwali Festival, District SP R. Gangadhara Rao Issues Directives

TPN, Vijayawada: In light of the upcoming Diwali festival, District Superintendent of Police (SP) Mr. R. Gangadhara Rao, IPS, has implemented precautionary measures to ensure safety and compliance in the region. The directives focus on the monitoring of Diwali ammunition storage facilities, sales locations, and manufacturing centers.

The state government has mandated that all ammunition manufacturing and storage sites, as well as retailers, adhere to strict safety protocols. Authorities are actively educating shopkeepers and operators about these necessary precautionary measures to prevent any accidents or violations.

Furthermore, it is crucial to note that possessing, manufacturing, or transporting Diwali fireworks without proper permits is considered a criminal offense. Citizens are encouraged to remain vigilant and report any suspicious activities. If anyone encounters unauthorized sales or transportation of fireworks, they are urged to contact the authorities immediately at 9491068906.

These measures aim to ensure a safe and joyous Diwali celebration for everyone in the community while upholding the law.

Land Grab Allegations Surface in Vijayawada Town Planning Department



TPN, V.V.S. Madhu Babu: A major land grab scandal involving the Town Planning Department of Vijayawada Municipal Corporation has come to light. Allegations have surfaced that construction permits were issued based on fraudulent documents. The case revolves around 180 yards of land in Survey No. 1066, belonging to the Secretary Karkim Sangha Dharma Granthalayam (library) at Komala Vilas Center. It is alleged that two individuals, Rampilla

Jayaprakash and Pilla Durga Rao, conspired to forge documents by adding the survey number of an adjacent house, 1065, while keeping the library's assessment number, 1073022154, intact. Based on these fake documents, the Town Planning Department granted construction permits. When questioned about the irregularities, City Planner Prasad stated that the matter was under the court's jurisdiction, dismissing the survey number mix-up as

irrelevant. He further claimed that since documents were provided, permission was issued accordingly, raising concerns about the department's due diligence process. The key issue in this case is the confusion between Survey No. 1065 and 1066. The fraudulent permits were issued for construction on Survey No. 1066, where the Secretary Karkim Sangha Dharma Library is located, but the documents incorrectly listed Survey No. 1065. It has also come to light that the

land in question has a history dating back to 1918, when 161 yards of land in Survey No. 1065 were registered for a 12-foot walkway. The allegations point to potential corruption involving officials from the revenue department, town planning, and sub-registrar's office. The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has been informed of the incident, and an investigation is underway to uncover the full extent of the land grab scandal.

Transforming the Slums of Vijayawada



Wall Paintings as Part of the 'Swachhta Hi Seva' Program
East Constituency MLA Gadde Rammohan Rao Participates in the Program

TPN, Vijayawada: In a bid to enhance the beauty of Vijayawada, East Constituency MLA Gadde Rammohan Rao announced the commencement of wall painting projects in slum areas as part of the 'Swachhta Hi Seva' initiative.

On Friday morning, under the guidance of Vijayawada Municipal Commissioner Dhyanchandra, vibrant and beautiful paintings were executed on walls located at Kamininagar and Donka Road.

MLA Gadde Rammohan Rao actively participated in the program, contributing his skills to paint the walls while promoting the essence of the 'Swachhta Hi Seva' initiative. He emphasized that the Vijayawada Municipal Corporation is dedicated to beautifying the city through this program.

He noted that, with the support of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, the municipal corporation is advancing various initiatives aimed at the overall development of Vijayawada. He highlighted the significant public approval received for several welfare and development programs initiated within the first 100 days of the new government. Gadde Rammohan Rao urged all citizens to engage in the 'Swachhta Hi Seva' program, emphasizing the collective effort required to elevate Vijayawada to the top position in the 'Swachh Survekshan' rankings.



APGENCO and NHPC Join Forces to Propel AP's Renewable Energy Growth

TPN, Amaravati: In a significant step towards achieving a sustainable and green energy future, a Joint Venture agreement was signed between Andhra Pradesh Power Generation Corporation Limited (APGENCO) and National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Limited (NHPC) for the development of large-scale renewable energy projects.

This landmark agreement, under the leadership of the Hon'ble Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Shri Nara Chandrababu Naidu, aims to position the state as a leader in renewable energy. The Joint Venture will focus on developing solar power plants and pumped storage projects to meet the state's growing energy needs while reducing carbon emissions. With an installed capacity of 8,800 MW, APGENCO currently meets 47% of Andhra Pradesh's energy requirements and plans to add 8,560 MW of renewable capacity over the next five years.

NHPC, a key player in India's renewable energy landscape, is expanding its capacity with an additional 46,400 MW of green energy projects nationwide. This collaboration highlights the state's commitment to combating climate change and promoting clean energy through solar, wind, and pumped storage projects. Hon'ble Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu praised the partnership, stating it will not only secure Andhra Pradesh's energy future but also significantly contribute to India's renewable energy goals. Hon'ble Energy Minister Shri Gottipati Ravi Kumar emphasized that this initiative is a key milestone in advancing the state's renewable energy ambitions.



Sahara Desert to Turn Green? A Green Mirage or a Sign of Future Catastrophes?

TPN, Mahanandi: The Sahara is a land that has remained unchanged over time, an expanse of earth untouched by growth. Once vibrant with greenery, it has become a sea of sand dunes. This vast desert, spanning 9 million square kilometers across North Africa, is the largest in the world and one of the driest regions on Earth. However, recent satellite images released by NASA suggest a surprising transformation: the Sahara is becoming green again.

These images show that vegetation is sprouting across the desert, and the once barren landscape is being enveloped in lush greenery. The question arises: what is happening in the Sahara? Is this a cause for celebration or a warning of impending doom?

Historically, the Sahara served as a crucial trade route linking ancient Roman, Islamic, and other civilizations. It has long been characterized by extreme temperatures, with daytime highs reaching 50 degrees Celsius and nighttime lows plummeting to zero. Rainfall is scarce, leading scientists to refer to it as an "open museum" due to its ancient landscapes shaped by millennia of erosion.

Interestingly, thousands of years ago, the Sahara was not the desert we see today. It was once



a flourishing area filled with lakes, rivers, and abundant flora and fauna. This transformation from a green paradise to a harsh desert provides critical insights into how climate change can reshape entire regions.

Recent satellite data indicate that heavy rainfall has struck the Sahara, particularly in Morocco, Algeria, Tunisia, and Libya. This has led to an unprecedented surge in vegetation, with scientists observing that areas of the desert are now six times more humid than before. While this greening might seem like a positive change, it is essential to

recognize the underlying factors at play.

Experts warn that the increased rainfall in the Sahara is linked to severe weather patterns caused by climate change. Unprecedented storms are now moving north across the continent, leading to record rainfall in countries that are typically arid, such as Niger, Chad, Sudan, Libya, and Egypt. As a result, the region is experiencing floods that have affected around 4 million people.

The Sahara's revival is a complex interplay of natural cycles and climate change. While it may

appear to be thriving, scientists suggest that this may only be the beginning of more severe weather events. The changing climate is affecting weather patterns globally, and as a result, the Sahara is becoming a harbinger of potential disasters.

In summary, the Sahara's newfound greenery is not a moment for celebration but rather a signal of the profound changes happening in our climate. While it is captivating to witness this transformation, it is crucial to understand the broader implications of these environmental shifts.



Jagan Cancels Tirumala Visit: Afraid of Arrest or Declaration?

TPN, Prudhvi: In a dramatic turn of events, former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy canceled his scheduled visit to the Tirumala temple at the last minute, sparking speculation about whether he was concerned about a possible arrest or the ongoing controversy over signing the temple's religious declaration.

Jagan was expected to arrive at the Tirumala hill shrine today, but his sudden cancellation has stirred political tensions in the state. Addressing the media shortly after the decision, Jagan made several bold claims, accusing the ruling government of threatening his safety.

"There is a tyrant rule going on in Andhra Pradesh. They are threatening to arrest a former chief minister just because he wants to have Tirumala Darshan. I've never seen anything like this in the state's history," Jagan stated, expressing his frustration with the situation.

He went on to say that the police had issued warnings and notices against his visit, leading him to believe that continuing with the trip might result in his arrest. The remarks gave the impression that Jagan was more concerned about the legal and political fallout than a routine temple visit.

This cancellation comes after the Tirupati police invoked Section 30 of the Police Act, implementing strict measures to maintain law and order during Jagan's visit. In parallel, Hindutva groups have been vocally demanding that Jagan sign the Tirumala temple declaration, which is a tradition for non-Hindu visitors affirming respect for the customs of the Hindu temple. Jagan, a Christian, has historically avoided signing this declaration, adding fuel to the ongoing controversy surrounding his visits to the temple.

The declaration issue has long been a point of contention between Jagan and right-wing groups, who accuse him of disrespecting Hindu traditions by refusing to sign the document. These groups have been vocal in their demands for the former chief minister to either sign the form or stay away from the temple, further intensifying the situation.

Ultimately, Jagan's decision to cancel the trip appears to be a combination of concerns over a possible arrest and the religious declaration dispute. His comments during the press meet suggested that he believed the police were being used as political tools to create obstacles for him, and he framed the incident as part of a larger narrative of political suppression by the ruling NDA government.

While the cancellation has averted a potential showdown, it has raised fresh questions about the state of law and order in Andhra Pradesh, and whether Jagan's concerns were valid or politically motivated. Either way, the decision to cancel his visit to one of the most revered temples in India has become a focal point of debate, blending politics, religion, and governance into a complex narrative.

MIM's Strategic Expansion: Asaduddin Owaisi's Bold Move in Telangana

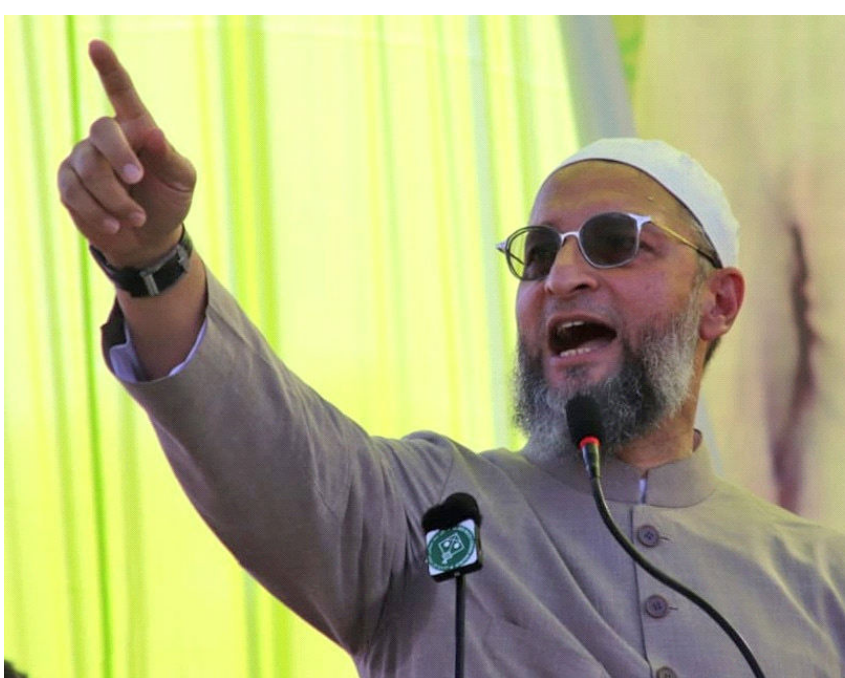
The Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (MIM) leader, Asaduddin Owaisi, has announced a significant decision aimed at expanding the party's influence in Telangana by contesting the upcoming local body elections independently. This strategic move seeks not only to bolster the party's standing within the state but also to establish its presence in other regions. MIM's focus is on developing into an independent political force, with a clear agenda to engage with the community and address local issues, which could potentially lead to a stronger political foothold in future elections.

Efforts for MIM Expansion

Owaisi and his party are diligently working to enhance MIM's influence, not only in Hyderabad but also across various districts of Telangana. The party's strategy is particularly focused on Muslim-majority areas, where it aims to present itself as a viable political alternative. By actively engaging with local communities, MIM intends to address pressing issues and resonate with the electorate's concerns. Contesting local body elections is a crucial step in this direction, as it will allow MIM to establish a significant presence in both urban and rural areas. This foundational strength could translate into substantial political capital for upcoming state and national elections.

Changing Relationship with BRS

MIM's decision to run in local body elections as an independent entity raises questions about its existing relationship with the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS). Historically, MIM has collaborat-



ed with the BRS in Hyderabad, but this latest development indicates a shift towards asserting its independence. The reasons behind this change are multifaceted; MIM has emerged as a more potent political force and is now in a position to engage strategically with various political entities. By contesting independently, MIM seeks to assess its strengths and gauge its influence among the electorate.

Potential Alliance with Congress

Amidst discussions regarding MIM's future, speculation has arisen about a possible alliance with the Congress party. This speculation revolves around whether MIM would collaborate with Congress to divide votes in constituencies with significant Muslim populations, thereby thwarting the BJP's influence. Such a partnership could be strategically advantageous, especially in critical constituencies where the Muslim

vote is pivotal. However, this approach carries risks; MIM's base may be wary of Congress, potentially leading to internal dissent and challenges for the party.

Implications of MIM's Contestation

MIM's entry into local body elections is likely to reshape the political landscape in Telangana. Should the party achieve success, it could secure a crucial role in local governance and subsequently influence state politics. This success would not only enhance MIM's strength but also position it as an alternative force in future political alignments with other parties.

For the Congress party, MIM's participation presents both an opportunity and a challenge. While it could potentially consolidate the anti-BJP vote, a division of votes among opposition parties could inadvertently benefit the BJP, complicating the political calcu-

lus.

Amid these developments, questions have emerged regarding a potential secret arrangement between MIM and the BJP concerning the local body elections. Critics have suggested that this decision may be aimed at fragmenting anti-BJP votes to undermine Congress. However, MIM has categorically denied these allegations, asserting that it remains committed to combating communal forces. Despite these denials, the criticisms have created a political quagmire for the party, raising doubts about its intentions and alliances.

Future Activities of MIM in Telangana

Looking ahead, MIM aims to bolster its strategy in Telangana by broadening its reach into new constituencies and increasing party membership. This proactive approach involves engaging the electorate and raising awareness about local issues. If MIM successfully navigates these challenges, it could play a pivotal role in shaping Telangana's political future and significantly influence upcoming state and national elections. In summary, Asaduddin Owaisi's decision for MIM to contest local body elections independently marks a strategic shift in the party's political approach. The implications of this decision will unfold in the coming months, and it remains to be seen how MIM's actions will impact the political environment in Telangana. The party's future trajectory will likely depend on its ability to connect with voters and navigate the complexities of local and national politics.



Politics Now Only Means Power Politics: Nitin Gadkari

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari addressed the changing landscape of politics during a felicitation event for Rajasthan Governor Haribhau Bagade on Friday. He expressed concern that while politics traditionally encompassed social service, nation-building, and development, it has increasingly devolved into mere power politics.

"Politics should reflect 'samajkaran, rashtrakaran, and vikaskaran'—the essence of social service, nation-building, and development. Unfortunately, today's politics has transformed into 'sattakaran'—a focus solely on power," Gadkari stated, highlighting a shift away from the original ideals of public service.

Reflecting on his experiences as a grassroots worker, Gadkari recalled the challenges faced by Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) members in their early days. "In the past, we faced significant hurdles, including a lack of recognition and respect. I spent two decades working in Vidarbha, where our rallies were often met with hostility, and my vehicle was even set ablaze," he shared.

Despite these obstacles, Gadkari emphasized the importance of dedication and hard work. "The popularity I enjoy today is not solely my own; it is a testament to the efforts of committed party workers like Haribhau Bagade who risked their lives for the welfare of the people," he added.

Gadkari underscored that a good party worker is one who remains committed and courteous, regardless of personal gain within the party. "Those who receive rewards often behave well, but true character is shown by those who act with integrity without any expectation," he remarked.

In conclusion, Gadkari called for a return to the fundamental principles of politics, urging leaders to prioritize service and development over the pursuit of power. His comments reflect a broader call within political circles to refocus on the core values that underpin effective governance and community engagement.

Technology Today Differs from Constitution's Drafting Era: Chandrachud



Chief Justice of India DY Chandrachud addressed the evolving nature of the Constitution during the MK Nambyar Memorial Lecture on Thursday. He highlighted how modern technology, particularly the internet and social media, has drastically transformed society since the Constitution was drafted. "Today's technology makes previous models of application obsolete," he noted, arguing for a flexible interpretation of the Constitution rather than a strictly originalist approach.

Chandrachud described the Constitution as a "living instrument," capable of adapting to contemporary issues. He emphasized that its relevance lies in the ability to apply its principles to solve current challenges. For instance, he pointed to environmental constitutionalism, which merges various fields of law to address pressing climate issues that the framers could not have anticipated. He warned of the dire implications of climate change, citing estimates that millions may become climate refugees, necessitating judicial awareness of these developments.

The Chief Justice further discussed Article 17, which abolishes untouchability, stressing that its historical context was rooted in a caste-based hierarchy. He argued that understanding such provisions requires a dynamic interpretation that reflects social realities.

Chandrababu Naidu and Jagan Reddy Clash Over Tirupati Temple Visit

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu intensified his criticism of YSR Congress president Jagan Mohan Reddy, who claimed that Naidu's government obstructed his visit to the Tirumala temple. Naidu dismissed Reddy's accusations as "lies," insisting that no official notices were issued to prevent his predecessor from visiting the temple. "Did anyone stop you? Show the notice to the media," Naidu challenged during a press conference.

Reddy contended that notices were sent to his party members, indicating that permission for the temple visit was denied. This statement followed demands from Naidu's Telugu Desam Party (TDP) and its ally, the BJP, for Reddy to sign a declaration as a prerequisite for his visit, as required for non-Hindus and foreigners at the temple. Recent signs in Tirumala mandate that visitors declare their reverence for Lord Venkateswara.

The dispute escalated when Naidu brought attention to Reddy's previous claim regarding the use of animal fat in laddoos offered at the temple. "Public



figures must respect traditions," Naidu stated, emphasizing that those visiting places of worship should adhere to established customs. "You can't act in a way that disrespects the beliefs of devotees," he added.

Reddy defended his plans to visit without signing a declaration,

asserting that his faith is known throughout the country. He noted his past visits to the temple before his tenure as Chief Minister and expressed respect for various religions, including Hinduism.

In response to Naidu's comments about the laddoos being made with adulterated ghee, Reddy ac-

cused Naidu of using the issue to distract from his own governance failures. He alleged that Naidu was creating unnecessary controversy around the quality of the temple offerings. "This is just a diversion tactic," Reddy claimed, aiming to deflect criticism from his administration's shortcomings.

Do You Support Separate Flag For J&K: Yogi Adityanath Asks Rahul Gandhi

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Thursday posed pointed questions to Congress MP Rahul Gandhi regarding the National Conference's demands for reinstating Article 370 and Article 35A, as well as a separate flag for Jammu and Kashmir. Addressing a gathering in the Ramgarh Assembly Constituency, CM Yogi questioned, "Does Rahul Gandhi support the National Conference's decision for a separate flag for Jammu and Kashmir? Does he back the push to reintroduce Article 370 and 35A, which could lead Jammu and Kashmir back to unrest and terrorism?"

The Chief Minister emphasized the dangers of promoting separatism, suggesting that such discussions undermine the youth of Kashmir. His comments come amidst ongoing political tensions and discussions about the region's governance.

Union Home Minister Amit Shah also weighed in on the matter, responding to Rahul Gandhi's recent remarks about governance in Jammu and Kashmir. Shah reminded the audience that the Congress party had imposed President's Rule in the region more than any other party. "Rahul Baba, those who write your speeches don't tell you the truth," he asserted, countering Gandhi's claims about outsiders ruling in Jammu and Kashmir.

Shah highlighted the increased voter turnout in recent elec-



tions, attributing this to a decrease in terrorism, and noted that democracy is strengthening in the region. He stated, "Now, democracy has become strong in Jammu and Kashmir," referencing the active participation of local representatives.

In his remarks, Shah further pledged that the BJP would not allow Gandhi to dismantle reservation policies if Congress were to return to power. "We will not let you end reservation," he warned, reinforcing the BJP's commitment to its electoral promises.

As Jammu and Kashmir approaches the final phase of its assembly elections—its first since the abrogation of Article 370—political stakes are high. The elections, being held after nearly a decade, mark a significant moment in the region's political landscape, with leaders from various parties vying for influence and public support. The counting of votes is set for October 8.

Is this election: Arvind Kejriwal on BJP winning MCD standing committee poll



Former Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal criticized the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) after its candidate, Sunder Singh, secured the last vacant seat on the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) standing committee. Singh received 115 votes, while the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) candidate, Nirmala Kumari, received none, as both AAP and Congress boycotted the election. With Singh's victory, the BJP now holds 10 seats on the committee compared to AAP's eight.

Kejriwal voiced his concerns during a session in the Delhi Assembly, asserting that only the mayor has the authority to convene a meeting of the MCD House. He accused the lieutenant governor of overstepping this rule by directing an additional commissioner to handle the meeting, questioning the legitimacy of the election. "Is this election?" he asked, characterizing the BJP's actions as "hooliganism."

He further emphasized that

MCD rules stipulate a 72-hour notice must be provided to all councillors before a meeting, which he claimed was disregarded in this instance. The seat became vacant after BJP councillor Kamaljeet Sehrawat was elected as a Lok Sabha MP from West Delhi.

In a press conference, Delhi Mayor Shelly Oberoi declared the election "unconstitutional," stating that AAP councillors would not participate. The MCD Commissioner, Ashwani Kumar, had previously ordered the election for September 27 at 1 pm, but the mayor adjourned the meeting to October 5.

After his victory, Sunder Singh expressed gratitude to the BJP leadership, suggesting that AAP's decision to boycott indicated a lack of confidence in their own councillors. "They were given opportunities multiple times, but they did not show up. The election was conducted fairly," Singh stated, calling it a victory for democracy.

AAP Says "Nothing Today" In Row Over Delhi Civic Body Panel Poll

Delhi's ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has announced its decision not to participate in the election for the sixth seat in the Municipal Corporation of Delhi (MCD) Standing Committee, as confirmed by former Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia. He stated that Mayor Shelly Oberoi had adjourned the House until October 5, rendering today's election unnecessary. The election was originally scheduled for 1 PM.

Following Sisodia's remarks, Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal expressed concerns about the legality of the election. He emphasized that only the Mayor has the authority to convene a House sitting and criticized the involve-

ment of the Lieutenant Governor (LG) and the Commissioner in this matter. Kejriwal argued that the democratic process must be respected and accused the opposing parties of having ulterior motives. "There seems to be a conspiracy to do something wrong, which is why they are doing all this," he stated.

This election controversy follows a heated exchange from Thursday night, where LG VK Saxena insisted that the election take place at 10 PM, a request AAP deemed unreasonable given the short notice. Sisodia criticized this late-night election push, noting that many councillors had already gone home.

In response to these tensions, Mayor Oberoi formally labeled the election as unconstitutional and illegal, addressing a letter to the Commissioner of the Municipal Corporation. However, the LG countered this, demanding a report on the election's conduct by 10 PM and suggesting that the Deputy Mayor oversee proceedings if necessary.

The Standing Committee plays a crucial role in financial decision-making within the MCD. Currently, the committee comprises three AAP members and two from the opposition BJP. The appointment of a sixth member has been contentious, as it could potentially tip the balance in favor of the BJP.

India's Bid For Permanent Seat At UN Security Council

During the United Nations General Assembly's seventy-ninth session in New York, UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer expressed strong support for India's bid for permanent membership in the United Nations Security Council (UNSC). His endorsement comes shortly after similar statements from U.S. President Joe Biden and French President Emmanuel Macron, signaling a growing consensus among major nations regarding the need for UNSC reform.

Starmer emphasized the necessity for the UNSC to evolve into a "more representative body," pointing out that the current structure—comprised of five permanent members (the U.S., UK, Russia, China, and France) and 10 non-permanent members—no longer reflects the geopolitical realities of the modern world. He argued for the inclusion of permanent representation from Africa, as well as Brazil, Japan, Germany, and India.

"We want to see permanent African representation on the Council, Brazil, India, Japan, and Germany as permanent members, and more seats for elected members as well," Starmer stated, un-



derlining the urgency for reform.

The call for change was echoed by French President Macron, who, earlier in the week, advocated for a more effective and representative Security Council. Macron noted that the current composition leads to gridlock, making it difficult for the UN to address global challenges effectively. He reiterated France's support for



expanding the UNSC to include countries like India, Germany, Japan, and Brazil, alongside representatives chosen by African nations.

These endorsements come at a critical time as India's Ministry of External Affairs has been vocal about the need for reform in the UNSC, with External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar emphasizing



the importance of sustained pressure for India's permanent seat.

The growing support from influential leaders signals a potential shift in international diplomacy, as nations recognize the need for a Security Council that reflects current global dynamics and enhances its effectiveness in dealing with pressing global issues.



Shigeru Ishiba Becomes Japan's New PM

Shigeru Ishiba has been elected as Japan's new prime minister, marking a significant moment in his political career after four unsuccessful leadership bids. The 67-year-old, known for his solitary approach and love for reading—he claims to read three books a day—takes the helm of the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) during a turbulent time, as the party grapples with declining public support and recent scandals.

Ishiba, a former defense minister who entered politics in 1986, has been a vocal critic within the LDP, often clashing with party leadership over various issues, including Japan's nuclear energy policy and the lack of options for married couples to maintain separate surnames. In a recent address to LDP lawmakers, he acknowledged the hurt his past actions may have caused and expressed his commitment to moving forward.

Launching his campaign at a Shinto shrine in his father's hometown of Tottori, Ishiba described this as his "final battle" for leadership. He has ambitious plans to revitalize Japan's struggling regions by relocating some government agencies out of Tokyo and creating an oversight agency for emergency shelters in disaster-prone areas.

Despite his long-standing political presence, Ishiba has faced opposition within the party, stemming from his prior defection to an opposition group in the 1990s and his outspoken critiques of current leadership. This complicated his path to garner the necessary nominations to run for prime minister, forcing him to lean on grassroots support cultivated over decades.

Joe Biden Brings New Gun Control Law

In a significant move to tackle the escalating issue of gun violence in the U.S., President Joe Biden signed an executive order today aimed at addressing emerging firearm threats. As he prepares to leave office, Biden emphasized the urgent need for action, citing alarming statistics that reveal gun violence is now the leading cause of death among American children, surpassing diseases and accidents.

"To end the problem of gun violence, we must first confront the problem of guns in America," Biden stated during a social media announcement. He expressed deep concern over the rising number of child fatalities due to gun-related incidents, which reached 4,752 in 2021 alone, marking an increase from previous years.

The executive order focuses on two main areas: first, it aims to regulate machine gun conversion devices that transform semi-automatic firearms into fully automatic weapons. Despite being illegal, these devices have been increasingly misused. The second focus is on combating the proliferation of unserialized and 3D-printed firearms, which pose significant detection challenges for law enforcement.

Additionally, Biden directed his Cabinet to improve active shooter drills in schools to better prepare students and staff for potential threats. "We have to do better," he urged, highlighting the need for comprehensive safety measures in educational institutions.

In light of the recent tragic school shooting in Georgia, which left four dead and involved a 14-year-old suspect, the urgency of this order cannot be overstated.

Trump Claims U.S. Faces "Worst Border Crisis in History" Ahead of Harris's Visit

Former President Donald Trump has intensified his criticism of Vice President Kamala Harris, labeling her tenure as "the worst border crisis in the history of the world." His remarks came on the eve of Harris's visit to the US-Mexico border, where he accused her of contributing to a dramatic increase in illegal immigration and chaos at the border.



During a news conference in New York, Trump said, "For nearly four years, we have been living through this crisis, which has brought untold suffering and death upon our land. Kamala Harris is the architect of this destruction." He questioned the timing of her visit, suggesting it was politically motivated and expressed skepticism about her effectiveness in addressing border issues.

Trump further claimed that when Harris was appointed as the border czar, she inherited "the most secure border in US history" from his administration. He accused her of dismantling successful policies, including halting the construction of the border wall and suspending deportations. "She wanted amnesty for everyone, including criminals," he alleged, framing her actions as a radical left agenda.

In contrast, Harris, speaking at a rally in Pennsylvania, dismissed Trump as an "unserious man," stating that his plans could have dire consequences for the American people. She pointed to his "Project 2025," criticizing it for potentially cutting social security and Medicare and imposing a new tax on necessities that could cost families thousands annually.

As Trump heads to Michigan to discuss manufacturing, Harris pointedly remarked on his track record, claiming he presided over significant manufacturing job losses and fostered outsourcing. "American workers deserve a leader who keeps their promises," she asserted, emphasizing her commitment to reviving manufacturing jobs and supporting unions.

Lebanon Ceasefire Proposal Faces Rejection from Israel

The recent optimism shared by the US and its allies over a proposed three-week ceasefire between Israel and Hezbollah quickly dissipated. Shortly after the proposal was unveiled, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu made it clear that there would be no ceasefire, as Foreign Minister Israel Katz stated on X. Upon arriving in New York, Netanyahu reaffirmed Israel's commitment to continuing its military actions against Hezbollah, even releasing a photo that suggested he had ordered a strike on a Hezbollah commander.



for Netanyahu to later deny any imminent agreements.

Despite these rejections, White House spokesman John Kirby insisted that discussions with Israeli officials about the ceasefire were ongoing. He expressed uncertainty about the rationale for Israel's refusal, stating, "It's not clear to us that there isn't cause for us to continue to have these conversations." This contradiction—between US assertions of Israeli consideration and Israel's outright dismissal—has further complicated the US approach to the ongoing conflict.

The Israeli government's rejection echoed a similar scenario from last year regarding a ceasefire in Gaza after the October 7 attacks by Hamas. The US has often claimed that Israel was supportive of ceasefire plans, only

Experts argue that the Biden administration has no alternative but to persist with its efforts, interpreting the ceasefire proposal as a signal intended to convey the potential repercussions of Israel's unilateral actions. Meanwhile, international leaders, including French President Emmanuel Macron, have voiced concerns that Netanyahu's rejection could lead to unmanageable escalations.

As pressure mounts domestically—amidst significant displacement of Israelis near the Lebanese border—Netanyahu's government remains hesitant. A recent statement from his office acknowledged the US's role in promoting a ceasefire but fell short of endorsing the plan. This ongoing confusion tests the US's strategy in the region, leaving many to question its effectiveness.

China Responds to Japanese Warship Passage Through Taiwan Strait

China's military declared a state of "high alert" on Thursday following Japan's unprecedented passage of a warship through the Taiwan Strait. This marked the first time a Japanese Self-Defense Force vessel, the Sazanami destroyer, navigated this contentious waterway, prompting a stern response from Beijing.



Japan's Chief Cabinet Secretary, Yoshimasa Hayashi, refrained from commenting on military operations, but Chinese foreign ministry spokesman Lin Jian confirmed that Beijing had lodged a complaint with Tokyo. Lin emphasized

China's vigilance regarding Japan's political intentions, stating, "China has lodged stern representations with Japan."

The U.S. and its allies have increasingly traversed the Taiwan Strait,

reinforcing its status as an international waterway, which has infuriated China. Alongside the Japanese destroyer, military vessels from New Zealand and Australia also crossed through the strait on the same day, asserting their right

to freedom of navigation.

China's defense ministry acknowledged the transits, stating that it remains on high alert and is monitoring these foreign military operations. Spokesman Zhang Xiaogang condemned the passages as threats to China's sovereignty and security, asserting that the Chinese military would take necessary measures in response.

This incident follows recent escalations, including a Chinese aircraft carrier's maneuver between Japanese islands and incursions into Japanese airspace.



Five-Session Winning Streak Comes to an End

Key Stocks and Sectors React to Global Cues and Domestic Developments

The stock market's five-session winning streak came to a halt on Wednesday, as benchmark indices closed with moderate losses. The indices, which started with gains in the morning driven by IT stocks, remained range-bound until the afternoon. However, as European markets began to slide into losses, the domestic markets followed suit. Investors are now awaiting key economic data from the US and Japan, as well as China's stimulus package announcements, which are expected to influence future market positions. Market breadth remained balanced, with 1,995 stocks advancing and 1,947 declining.



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The BSE Sensex, which closed at 85,836 in the previous session, opened higher at 85,893 today. During the session, it touched an intraday low of 85,474 and a high of 85,978 before settling at 85,571, a loss of 264 points. Similarly, the NSE Nifty opened at 26,248, hit a low of 26,151 and a high of 26,277, before closing with a 37-point loss at 26,178. Bank Nifty dropped 541 points to close at 53,834.

In the Nifty50 index, 29 companies posted gains while 20 saw losses. BPCL, Cipla, Sun Pharma, Divis Labs,

and Reliance emerged as the top gainers, while Power Grid, Bharti Airtel, HDFC Bank, ICI-CI Bank, and Hero MotoCorp registered the biggest losses. Sector-wise, banking, finance, FMCG, media, private banks, and realty indices ended in the red, while auto, IT, pharma, PSU banks, healthcare, consumer durables, and oil & gas indices saw gains.

BPCL shares surged 7% intraday to reach a lifetime high. Zee Media shares closed 10% higher, supported by fundraising news. Wrights received a Rs 100 crore order from Adani Ports. Swiggy is preparing for an IPO with a valuation of Rs 83,375 crore. Alembic Pharma received US FDA approval for its Paliperidone tablets, used to treat schizophrenia. Ola

Electric's latest scooter received PLI certification, and the Supreme Court issued notices to Adani Enterprises Consortium.

SJVN shares rose after the company signed two MOUs with the Maharashtra government, and GMR Airports received permission to operate and upgrade Nagpur's Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport. Reliance Power shares hit the upper circuit due to bulk deals, and Bondada Engineering shares followed suit after securing an order from KPI Green. Hindalco Industries shares reached a lifetime high, and PC Jeweller shares hit multi-year highs after a one-time settlement was approved by the Bank of India. RailTel shares also surged after receiving a Rs 156 crore order from the Maharashtra government.

Sebi Board likely to approve 'New Asset Class' and MF lite regulations

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) is set to hold a crucial board meeting on **September 30**, where it will deliberate on several significant measures aimed at enhancing the regulatory framework for financial markets. One of the key topics on the agenda is the potential introduction of a new asset class, which could provide investors with more diverse options in the market.

In addition to exploring the new asset class, SEBI's board is expected to review proposed regulations for "mutual fund lite," a streamlined version of mutual fund offerings designed to make investing more accessible to a broader range of investors. These changes could simplify the investment process and encourage greater participation in mutual funds, ultimately benefiting the market as a whole.

A notable proposal under consideration is the launch of a financial product that combines elements of both rights issues and preferential allotments of shares. This innovative product aims to provide companies with greater flexibility in raising capital while offering investors unique opportunities to acquire shares. The dual approach could attract a wider pool of investors and

enhance liquidity in the market.

The board's discussions will likely reflect SEBI's ongoing commitment to fostering a robust and transparent financial ecosystem in India. By introducing new products and regulations, SEBI aims to adapt to the evolving needs of the market and the diverse requirements of investors.

As the meeting approaches, market participants will be keenly watching for updates and potential outcomes



from SEBI's deliberations. The decisions made during this meeting could have significant implications for the investment landscape, influencing how companies raise capital and how investors engage with the market.

Overall, SEBI's board meeting on September 30 is poised to be a pivotal moment for the Indian financial market, potentially setting the stage for new opportunities and innovations in the investment space.

India's Oil Refining Capacity Set to Expand Significantly by 2030



India's oil marketing companies (OMCs) are poised to enhance their crude oil refining capacity by 35-40 million tonnes (MT), bringing the total installed capacity to 295 MT by the end of fiscal 2030. This expansion will require a substantial capital expenditure of approximately Rs 1.9 to Rs 2.2 lakh crore, with most of the growth anticipated through brownfield projects, as outlined in a recent Crisil Ratings report.

Anuj Sethi, Senior Director at Crisil Ratings, noted that while overall petroleum product consumption is expected to moderate, with a projected compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of around 3 percent over the next six years, transport fuel consumption will see slower growth of 2-3 percent. Factors contributing to this slowdown include improved fuel efficiency, an increasing market share of vehicles utilizing alternative cleaner fuels, and the government's target of 20 percent ethanol blending.

From fiscal 2014 to 2024, India's refining capacity expanded by 42 MT to reach 257 MT, largely driven by rising domestic demand, while exports remained relatively

stable at 60-65 MT during this period. Domestic consumption of petroleum products recorded a CAGR of 4 percent over the past decade. Notably, transport fuels account for 56 percent of total consumption, with diesel—primarily linked to commercial vehicle use—growing at a rate of 4 percent. However, the shift towards electric vehicles and the adoption of natural gas for public transportation is likely to temper diesel demand, resulting in an anticipated growth rate of 2-2.5 percent CAGR for the next six years.

Petrol consumption remains predominantly driven by internal combustion engine (ICE) two-wheelers, which account for 75 percent of the market. According to Joanne Gonsalves, Associate Director at Crisil Ratings, oil refiners have been successfully managing operating profits despite fluctuations in oil prices, achieving average returns of \$9-11 per barrel between fiscal years 2016 and 2024, with returns on investment ranging from 12 to 14 percent. The oil sector's strategic importance to the Indian government further enhances its resilience and potential for growth.

Indian Economy Expected to Grow at 6.5-7% This Financial Year

India's Chief Economic Advisor (CEA), V Anantha Nageswaran, announced on Friday that the Indian economy is projected to grow at a rate of 6.5-7% in the current financial year, which he deemed commendable given the global economic landscape. Speaking at an event organized by the Bengal Chamber of Commerce and Industry (BCCI), Nageswaran highlighted that while the real growth rate stands at 6.5%, the nominal growth rate, factoring in inflation, is expected to reach 11%.

Nageswaran emphasized that this growth positions India as the fastest-growing economy in the world for the fiscal year. He attributed this robust performance to the prudent fiscal and monetary policies implemented by the government, which have fostered a stable post-COVID recovery. He stated, "Post-COVID recovery in India is cemented due to prudent macro-economic management."

Addressing concerns about economic vul-



nerabilities, he reassured that the country's current account balance remains stable, and both domestic financial markets and the banking system are in good health. He pointed to significant improvements in macroeconomic indicators, including a reduction in the external debt-to-GDP ratio and declining retail inflation.

Nageswaran noted that the increased cap-

ital expenditure and enhanced supply-side capabilities have played crucial roles in controlling inflation and sustaining steady growth. He stressed the importance of identifying domestic sources of growth to ensure continued economic progress.

He identified the micro, small, and medium enterprises (MSMEs) as vital for job creation and emphasized the need for these businesses to scale up into larger firms to absorb more labor. Furthermore, he highlighted the necessity for greater female participation in the workforce, advocating for improved safety and security measures in workplaces.

Regarding the impact of artificial intelligence (AI), Nageswaran cautioned that while it could displace labor, a balance must be maintained between technological advancement and social responsibility. He concluded that fostering an environment conducive to productive employment and ensuring food security are essential for India's future economic stability.

India's forex reserves hit all time high, inch closer to \$700 billion

India's foreign exchange reserves have reached a record high of \$692.3 billion as of September 20, marking a sixth consecutive week of increases. According to data released by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday, the reserves grew by \$2.84 billion during the reporting week, following a total rise of \$19.3 billion in the previous five weeks.

The surge in reserves can be attributed to a combination of factors, including favorable actions from the U.S. Federal Reserve and significant inflows into local stock markets. The Indian rupee also benefitted from these developments, strengthening to settle at 83.70 against the dollar. This marked the rupee's best week in 2024, aided by a notable 50-basis-point rate cut by the Federal Reserve, which bolstered investor sentiment.



The recent performance of the rupee was impressive, as it peaked at 83.4850, reaching its highest level in over two months. Despite settling slightly lower at 83.70 on Friday—down 0.1% week-on-week—the overall outlook remains positive due to continued foreign investment in Indian equi-

ties and bonds.

The foreign exchange reserves consist primarily of foreign currency assets, which fluctuate based on the RBI's market interventions to mitigate excessive volatility in the rupee's value. These interventions are crucial for maintaining market stability, allowing the RBI to act both when the rupee strengthens and when it weakens.

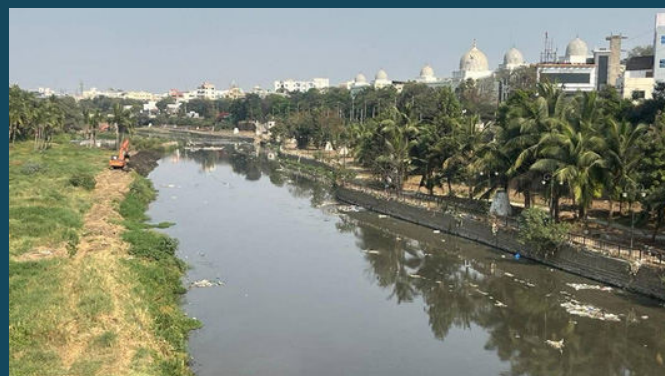
In addition to foreign currency assets, India's forex reserves also include its reserve tranche position with the International Monetary Fund (IMF). The ongoing increase in reserves reflects investor confidence in India's economic prospects and contributes to the nation's financial stability, allowing for greater resilience in times of global economic uncertainty.



Operation MUSI: Rising Tensions in Greater Hyderabad

With the demolition of Hydra in Greater Hyderabad, tension is rising among the locals. As successive demolitions continue, residents are increasingly worried about when the bulldozers will reach their homes.

- Removal of buffer zone structures in the riverbed is in the first phase, followed by the second phase.
- Identification of a buffer zone extending 50 meters from the river's edge on both sides.
- Apartment dwellers and expats are anxious about what will happen if their existing houses are removed.
- There is a possibility of compensation for losses and the construction of new houses for those affected.



In Greater Hyderabad, the process of Operation Moosey is progressing rapidly. As part of the beautification of the Musi River, the state government is taking steps to remove houses, apartments, and other structures built in the catchment area along the riverbed and provide alternatives. Consequently, the topic of Musi cleaning has become a hot issue throughout the metropolis. However, residents are worried as they face eviction from their homes where they have lived for years.

The government is focusing on structures within the Musi River, buffer zone, and FTL (Full Tank Level). To this end, the Revenue and Musi officials are moving forward with the removal of houses and structures built inside the riverbed. On Thursday, revenue officials conducted a house-to-house survey in Ashramnagar, Golconda, Ibrahimbagh, Kishanbagh, Shankarnagar, Musarambagh, Chadarghat, Chaitanyapuri, and other areas of Langarhouz. During this survey, residents were asked to provide their Aadhaar cards, current bills, and nulla bills. Each house wall was marked with an RB-X stamp, indicating that the house was located in the riverbed.

Identification of 12,184 Illegal Buildings



The Congress government is fast-tracking the development project for the Musi River. They have proposed the removal of identified structures, with double-bedroom houses to be provided for displaced persons. According to a prior survey, officials from the revenue department, HMDA, GHMC, police, and enforcement agencies concluded that there are more than 12,184 illegal constructions within the 55 km area of the Musi catchment. These structures are categorized into riverbed and buffer zones, with 1,595 structures identified in the riverbed and 288 large constructions. Additionally, structures up to 50 meters from the river's edge on both sides have been identified in the buffer zone, totaling 7,851 illegal constructions, including 1,032 large buildings. Furthermore, 3,004 illegal constructions are under the FTL category.

Damage Compensation and Construction Costs



In line with the provision of double-bedroom houses for those whose homes are located in the riverbed, two-bedroom houses will also be allocated to residents on government land in the buffer zone. According to the Land Acquisition Act of 2013, the government has decided to pay the costs associated with house removal, as well as compensation for large constructions, apartments, and houses located on private lands within the buffer zone. However, clarifications will be provided only after revenue officials inspect the private constructions and report to the government.

Revenue officials are expected to evacuate locals from the riverbed for double-bedroom housing without incurring any costs. Adequate precautions are being taken to ensure a smooth evacuation process. Officials will facilitate the transfer of residents' belongings to double-bedroom homes using DCMs (light trucks) at no cost. A DCM will be assigned to each house, ensuring that the process is carried out calmly without causing

any disruption. Additionally, measures are being implemented to perform necessary repairs and maintenance in the new double-bedroom houses.

Meetings in Apartments



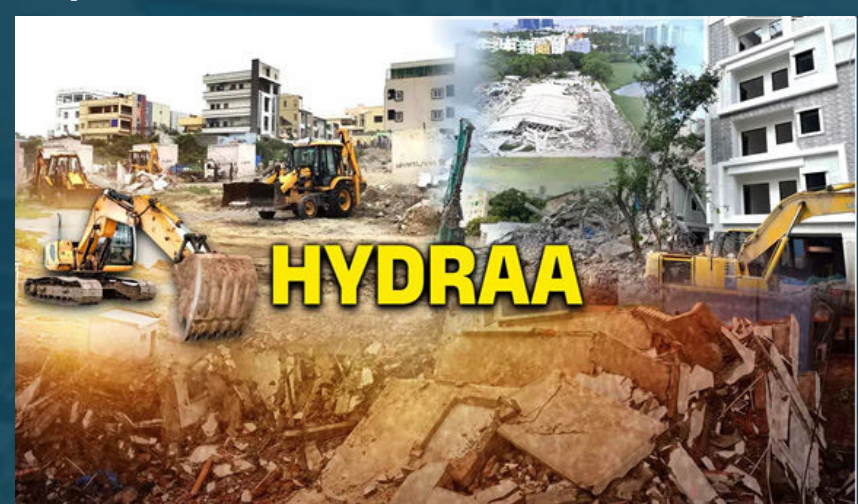
House owners, who previously arranged monthly meetings for apartment maintenance, have recently begun meeting daily in light of the ongoing demolitions.



Those living in the buffer zones and areas affected by FTL are particularly concerned. They are anxious about when the bulldozers will arrive. Owners are confused about whether their homes are located in the buffer zone or under the FTL designation.

Concerns Among Residents of the Buffer Zone

As part of Operation Moosey, revenue officials met with homeowners in the riverbed on Thursday to explain the situation. They assured residents that they would only be relocated after double-bedroom houses are allocated to them. However, many locals expressed frustration, warning that if evicted, there would be no peace. Residents who have built homes and large structures on government and private lands within the 50-meter buffer zone from the river are particularly worried. Many have invested significant amounts of money in apartments and are anxious about when they will be affected.



Sending WhatsApp Messages Without Saving Contacts

WhatsApp has become the go-to messaging app for many smartphone users, offering a seamless way to communicate. However, saving a new contact just to send a message can be cumbersome. Fortunately, there are several methods to send WhatsApp messages without saving someone's number. Here's a look at five effective techniques.

One of the simplest ways is through the WhatsApp application itself. First, open WhatsApp on your device and copy the mobile number you wish to message. Tap the New Chat button and select your name from the contact list. Paste the copied number into the text box and hit Send. If the number is associated with a WhatsApp account, you'll see an option to chat with them directly.

Another method involves using a web browser to create a direct link. Open your browser and paste the link format: <https://api.whatsapp.com/send?phone=xxxxxxxx>. Replace "xxxxxxxx" with the desired number, including the country code. Press Enter, click on "Continue to Chat," and you'll be redirected to WhatsApp where you can send your message without saving the contact.

For those using the Truecaller app, there's a convenient option available



as well. Open Truecaller, search for the mobile number, and look for the WhatsApp icon. Tapping on it will launch a chat window in WhatsApp, allowing you to message without saving the number.

Google Assistant provides yet another way to send messages. Activate the Assistant and say, "send a WhatsApp to" followed by the full mobile number, including the country code. You'll be prompted to dictate your message, and the Assistant will send it for you automatically.

iPhone users can utilize Siri Shortcuts to achieve the same goal. Start by enabling untrusted shortcuts in the Shortcuts app. Then, search for and download the "WhatsApp to Non-Contact" shortcut. After adding it, run the shortcut, enter the mobile number, and you'll be taken to a new chat window in WhatsApp.

These methods empower users to communicate freely on WhatsApp without the hassle of managing contacts, enhancing the overall messaging experience.

Reddit user reveals simple hack to speed up Swiggy and Zomato deliveries



A recent Reddit post by a user from Bengaluru has ignited a discussion among food delivery fans, suggesting that opting for cash on delivery (COD) on platforms like Zomato and Swiggy may lead to quicker and more accurate service. The user, known as u/steve7evans, shared this tip in a local subreddit, claiming that using COD can provide a "premium experience" without incurring any extra fees.

According to the Redditor, choosing COD might prioritize orders over those from users with premium subscriptions. "The user experience remains the same—once the order arrives, you can pay via any UPI app, wallet, or saved card through the app," the post explained. This method, they argue, alleviates concerns about becoming "Zomato's starving hostage," suggesting that COD could help users avoid long waits and potential delivery mishaps.

In addition to faster deliveries, the post highlights another potential benefit of using COD: enhanced customer support. The Redditor claims

that opting for COD increases the likelihood of reaching a human representative when there are delays or issues with an order. "Using COD could increase your chances of being connected to a human," they noted, which may mitigate the frustration often associated with automated customer service.

While the claims made by the user may resonate with some, it's important to consider that individual experiences can vary. Factors such as location, time of day, and delivery demand all play significant roles in delivery efficiency. However, the idea that COD could lead to expedited service is intriguing and worth exploring further.

As food delivery continues to be a staple for many, this tip could change how users approach their orders. Whether or not it holds true, it certainly adds another layer to the conversation around optimizing food delivery experiences. For now, those who are willing to try COD might just find themselves enjoying a faster meal.

The Impact of Smartphones on Children's Brain Development

Smartphones have woven themselves into the fabric of daily life, impacting how we communicate, access information, and entertain ourselves. While adults often spend hours glued to their screens, children are increasingly following suit, raising concerns about the implications for their brain development.

In a recent discussion with neuroscientist Dr. Andrew Huberman, social psychologist Dr. Jonathan Haidt shed light on why it's crucial to limit smartphone usage among children. Haidt emphasized that smartphones, while offering unprecedented connectivity and resources, can negatively affect the developing brain. The primary concern lies in how these devices affect attention spans, social skills, and emotional well-being.

Haidt pointed out that the constant barrage of notifications and the addictive nature of social media can lead to decreased attention spans in children, making it challenging for them to focus on tasks that require sustained mental effort. This dis-



tracting can hinder academic performance and reduce the quality of interactions with peers and family.

Moreover, Haidt noted that smartphones can alter how children engage socially. Instead of fostering face-to-face interactions, excessive smartphone use can lead to a reliance on virtual communication, which lacks the nuances of in-person conversations. This shift may impair their ability to read social cues and

traction can hinder academic performance and reduce the quality of interactions with peers and family. To mitigate these risks, Haidt advocates for strict supervision of smartphone usage among children. Setting boundaries on screen time and encouraging alternative activities, such as outdoor play and reading, can foster healthier developmental outcomes. By prioritizing balanced usage, parents can help ensure that smartphones serve as tools for growth rather than hindrances to a child's well-being.

develop empathy, crucial skills for navigating real-world relationships. The psychological impact is another significant concern. Haidt explained that studies have shown a correlation between heavy smartphone usage and increased rates of anxiety, depression, and loneliness among young people. As children compare themselves to curated online personas, they may struggle with self-esteem and body image issues, further exacerbating mental health challenges.

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Enlarged Salience Network: A Key Indicator of Depression Risk

Recent research has illuminated the brain's involvement in depression, particularly highlighting an enlarged salience network in affected individuals. This network, primarily found in the frontal cortex and striatum, plays a crucial role in processing rewards and directing attention to significant stimuli. The findings suggest promising possibilities for early detection and personalized treatment options for depression.



The salience network is essential for helping the brain identify which stimuli are most relevant, guiding our focus on both external and internal factors. In individuals suffering from depression, researchers have found that this network can be significantly enlarged, which may explain the cognitive and attentional difficulties frequently associated with the disorder.

network in people with depression can be nearly twice the size compared to healthy individuals. Notably, this enlargement remains constant and does not vary with mood fluctuations, suggesting it is a stable characteristic rather than a temporary symptom. This has led scientists to propose that a larger salience network could serve as a potential marker for depression risk, identifiable even before symptoms manifest.

identification of individuals at risk for developing depression. Since the salience network can be detected early, including in children who have yet to exhibit depressive symptoms, this offers a pathway for proactive preventive care. Additionally, interventions aimed at targeting this specific network—such as neuromodulation techniques or tailored therapies—could emerge as effective treatment strategies.

While research is still in its nascent stages, experts believe that a deeper understanding of the mechanisms behind salience network enlargement could lead to novel pharmaceutical and therapeutic interventions. By focusing on how this network influences depression, scientists aim to develop more personalized treatment approaches, ultimately enhancing patient outcomes and paving the way for advancements in mental health care.

Research indicates that the salience

This discovery could revolutionize the

Google Restricts Account Creation for Russian



Alphabet's Google has announced restrictions on the creation of new accounts for Russian users, according to reports from state news agencies citing Russia's digital ministry. This decision reflects ongoing tensions between the tech giant and the Russian government, which has increased scrutiny and pressure on foreign tech companies since the invasion of Ukraine.

The Russian digital ministry confirmed the new limitations, noting a significant drop in the number of SMS messages sent by Google to Russian users. They indicated uncertainty regarding the reliability of SMS confirmations for two-factor authentication, a vital security feature for many users.

In light of these developments, the ministry has advised users to create backup copies of their data and consider switching to alternative two-factor authentication methods or domestic platforms, suggesting a shift towards local digital solutions amidst escalating restrictions on foreign services.

Google has faced mounting criticism from the Russian government over its refusal to comply with demands

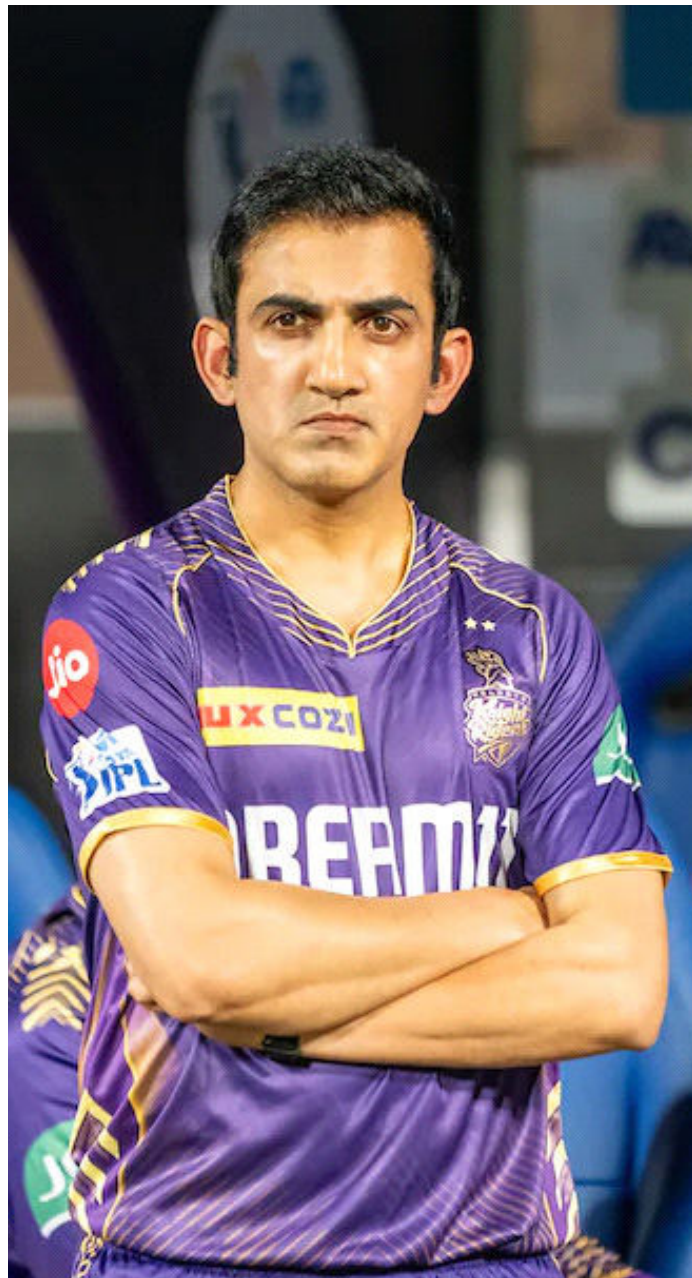
to remove content deemed illegal by Moscow. The company has been proactive in blocking YouTube channels associated with Russian state media and public figures, having deactivated over 1,000 channels and removed more than 5.5 million videos related to the Ukraine conflict.

This move aligns with Google's broader strategy, which includes ceasing monetization of content that exploits or condones Russia's actions in Ukraine. In August, Google also announced the deactivation of AdSense accounts in Russia, further limiting its commercial activities within the country.

Additionally, users in Russia have reported slower speeds on Google's YouTube platform, a situation that Russian lawmakers attribute to the company's alleged failure to upgrade its infrastructure. However, this claim has been contested by Google and various technology experts, who argue that the slowdown may stem from other factors.

As tensions continue to rise, the impact of such restrictions on digital communication and information access for Russian users remains a critical concern.

Dwayne Bravo Joins KKR as Mentor



The Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR) have appointed Dwayne Bravo as their new mentor for the upcoming IPL 2025 season, following Gautam Gambhir's departure to become Team India's head coach. Bravo, a celebrated figure in T20 cricket, recently announced his retirement from all forms of the game after a disappointing end to his Caribbean Premier League (CPL) 2024 season due to injury.

KKR's CEO, Venky Mysore, expressed excitement about Bravo's addition, emphasizing his competitive spirit and extensive experience. "DJ Bravo joining us is a very exciting development. His deep desire to win and knowledge will benefit the franchise and all players immensely," Mysore stated. Bravo's involvement with KKR will extend to their global franchises, including those in CPL, MLC, and ILT20.

Bravo's move from the Chennai Super Kings (CSK), where he is a legendary figure, has left many CSK fans stunned. His loyalty and contributions to the franchise made him a fan favorite, making his transition to a rival team particularly surprising.

In reflecting on his new role, Bravo shared his enthusiasm for the KKR environment, saying, "Having played for and against the Knight Riders, I have a lot of respect for how they operate. The owners' passion and the family-like environment make it a special place." He sees this opportunity as the perfect platform to transition from a player to a mentor for the next generation.

Having retired from international cricket in 2021, Bravo had also served as a bowling consultant for Afghanistan during the 2024 T20 World Cup. In his heartfelt retirement message, he reminisced about his 21-year career, filled with both highs and lows, expressing gratitude for the life cricket has provided him and his family.

With a remarkable record of 631 wickets in T20 cricket across 582 matches, Bravo leaves an indelible mark on the sport as he embarks on this new chapter with KKR.

Julian Alvarez Secures Late Victory for Atletico Madrid

Julian Alvarez made a decisive impact for Atletico Madrid, scoring a last-minute winner in their 1-0 triumph over Celta Vigo in La Liga. The match took place on Thursday, September 26, 2024, with Alvarez coming off the bench to net his second goal in the league this season.

Atletico struggled throughout the game, particularly in the first half, where they failed to register a single shot. Celta Vigo looked more threatening, with Jan Oblak making a crucial save from Iago Aspas just before the break. The Slovenian goalkeeper continued to shine, denying Borja Iglesias with another impressive stop early in the second half.

Diego Simeone's side finally found their breakthrough late in the game. Alvarez pounced on a deep cross from Antoine Griezmann at the back post, securing all three points for Atletico. Post-match, Alvarez expressed his delight, stating, "(Scoring) helps for confidence, and it's always to help the team... these are three important

points."

Simeone acknowledged the lack of creativity in the first half but credited his substitutes for injecting life into the game. His son, Giuliano, made his first start, while Alvarez's omission from the starting lineup raised some eyebrows. Despite their performance, Atletico managed to secure the win, which keeps them in third place in the league.

In other matches, Villarreal clinched a 2-1 victory against Espanyol, with Ayoze Perez scoring twice to solidify their position in fourth place. Meanwhile, Real Betis could only manage a 1-1 draw against bottom-placed Las Palmas.

Barcelona continues to lead La Liga after their recent victory over Getafe, followed closely by Real Madrid, who defeated Alaves 3-2 earlier in the week. As Atletico gears up for a crucial derby against Real Madrid, the late win against Celta could prove vital for their confidence moving forward.



Napoli Crush Palermo 5-0 Amid Fan Violence in Coppa Ital

Napoli secured a dominant 5-0 victory over Palermo in the Coppa Italia, advancing to the last 16, but the match was overshadowed by violent clashes between rival fans. The game, held at the Stadio Diego Armando Maradona, started with Cyril Ngongue's early brace, which set the tone for a comprehensive Napoli performance. Juan Jesus added a third goal just before half-time, putting Napoli firmly in control.

Palermo's night worsened in the second half when Aljosa Vasic received a straight red card for a reckless challenge on Billy Gilmour, leaving the visitors down to ten men. Napoli capitalized on the situation, with David Neres netting the fourth goal shortly thereafter. Scott McTominay rounded off the scoring with his first goal for the club just seconds after coming on as a substitute for Giacomo Raspadori.

What should have been a straightforward cup tie for Napoli was marred by off-field incidents, as rival supporters began throwing flares and firecrackers at each other during the half-time break. This led to a seven-minute delay in the second half, highlighting the trou-



bling trend of fan violence in Italian football, especially this week.

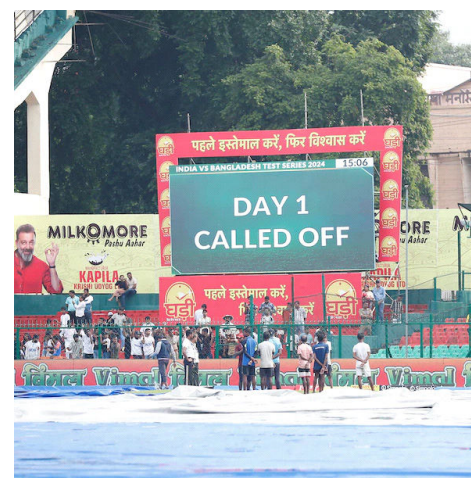
Earlier, the local derby between Genoa and Sampdoria was marred by violence as well, resulting in numerous injuries. Reports suggest that both clubs could face sanctions, including the possibility of playing their next two home matches behind closed doors.

As Napoli prepares for a crucial Serie A clash against Monza this Sunday, they will aim to focus on their performance on the pitch rather than the troubling incidents in the stands. The team's impressive showing against Palermo sets a positive tone, but the ongoing fan violence casts a shadow over Italian football's image.

Akash Deep, R Ashwin Strike But Rain Takes The Win On Day 1 Of Kanpur Test

Day 1 of the Kanpur Test saw rain interrupt play, limiting the action to just 35 overs after a delayed start due to overnight rain. India's decision to bowl first under overcast conditions proved strategic as pacer Akash Deep showcased his skills, taking two crucial wickets, while Ravichandran Ashwin dismissed Bangladesh's captain, Najmul Hossain Shanto.

Rohit Sharma's decision to invite Bangladesh to bat initially seemed promising, but the visitors struggled to 107 for three by the time rain halted proceedings. Shanto, batting positively, managed to score 31 runs, but his dismissal by Ashwin shifted momentum back to India. Mominul Haque remained at the crease with



40 runs alongside veteran Mushfiqur Rahim, who contributed 6 runs.

Akash Deep's bowling was particu-

larly impressive, with figures of 2/14 in 10 overs. His round-the-wicket approach to left-handers yielded consistent results, as he exploited the seam movement on offer. His early breakthroughs included a sharp edge caught by Yashasvi Jaiswal and a leg-before wicket decision against Shadman Islam, which was upheld despite a review.

Bangladesh's openers faced difficulties against the Indian bowlers. While Zakir Hasan struggled to get off the mark, Shadman Islam managed 24 runs but fell victim to the probing pace attack. Jasprit Bumrah and Mohammed Siraj both had chances but failed to capitalize on edges that evaded the slips.

Kamindu Mendis Sets Record as Fastest Asian to 1000 Test Runs

Sri Lanka's Kamindu Mendis made history on Friday by becoming the fastest Asian batter and the joint-second quickest overall to reach 1000 Test runs during the ongoing match against New Zealand in Galle. Mendis achieved this remarkable milestone in just 13 innings, breaking the previous Asian record held by India's Vinod Kambli, who accomplished the feat in 14 innings.

Mendis's achievement places him alongside cricket legends, as he equaled the record set by the iconic Don Bradman, who also reached 1000 runs in 13 innings. The only players to have achieved this milestone quicker are Everton Weekes and Herbert Sutcliffe, both of whom reached 1000 runs in just 12 innings.

The 28-year-old batsman showcased impressive form and technique throughout the match, displaying a range of shots that kept both the bowlers and spectators on their toes. His ability to score runs consistently has drawn comparisons to some of the game's greats, and his record-breaking innings further solidifies his reputation as one of the brightest talents in modern cricket.

This milestone is particularly significant for Sri Lankan cricket, which has been in a rebuilding phase. Mendis's success could provide much-needed optimism and inspiration for the team's younger players. His achievement comes at a crucial time as Sri Lanka aims to regain its status as a competitive force in international cricket.

Mendis's journey to this landmark has been marked by hard work and determination. His rise through the ranks of Sri Lankan cricket has not gone unnoticed, and he is now seen as a key player for the national team moving forward. As he continues to build on this early success in his Test career, cricket fans and analysts alike will be eager to see how far Mendis can go and what other records he may break in the future.





Devara Part 1 Review: NTR Jr. Shines Amidst Familiar Tropes

The much-anticipated "Devara Part 1," starring NTR Jr., has sparked discussions about the so-called 'SS Rajamouli curse'—a superstition suggesting that actors who deliver hits with Rajamouli face box office flops in their subsequent films. While I'm generally skeptical of such beliefs, the curse loomed large over this release, especially following the success of "RRR." However, after watching "Devara," it's clear that this film has the potential to break that pattern.

Set against the backdrop of the 1980s and 90s, "Devara" follows the titular character, played by NTR Jr., as he transitions from an arms smuggler to a protector of the seas after a tragedy strikes his village. The film deftly moves from the bustling streets of Mumbai to the serene landscapes of Ratnagiri, painting a vivid picture of the protagonist's journey.

From the very first frame, the film establishes its ambitious scope, thanks in large part to production designer Sabu Cyril. The visual storytelling is impressive, with stunning depictions of the sea and meticulously crafted ring fights. The film's color grading further enhances its aesthetic appeal, creating a captivating viewing experience.

NTR Jr. is undeniably the heart of the film. His performance is captivating; he brings authenticity to each punch and kick, ensuring that the action feels grounded. The first half is particularly engaging, with a steady pace and numerous elevation moments designed to satisfy his fanbase.

However, the second half introduces Janhvi Kapoor's character, Thangam, who ultimately falls into the typical "flower pot" role—more of a pretty face than a significant contributor to the plot. In contrast, Zarina Wahab as Devara's mother provides a more substantive performance, adding emotional depth to the narrative.

Ballerina Trailer Unveils High-Octane Action in the John Wick Universe

The highly anticipated trailer for **"Ballerina"** has arrived, offering an exhilarating glimpse into the action-packed realm of the John Wick franchise. Starring **Ana de Armas** as Eve Macarro, a Ruska Roman ballerina on a fierce quest for vengeance, the film is set between the events of **"John Wick: Chapter 3 - Parabellum"** and **"John Wick: Chapter 4"**. This spinoff aims to expand the lore of its dynamic female assassin, who was briefly seen in a previous cameo.

The trailer delves into Eve's traumatic backstory, revealing that her family was brutally murdered by a gang of hitmen. As she seeks retribution, viewers are treated to a showcase of her formidable combat abilities. From slicing through enemies with an ice skate to wielding a flamethrower, Ana de Armas delivers a performance filled with intensity. The action sequences promise to be as thrilling as fans expect, artfully blending elegant ballet movements with raw, brutal fighting.

One of the most exhilarating moments occurs at the end of the trailer when Eve encounters none other than **"John Wick"** himself, played by **Keanu Reeves**. This crossover not only heightens excitement for the film but also reinforces the connection to the broader John Wick universe.

The highly anticipated first look teaser for the Tamil film **"Amaran"** was unveiled on September 27, showcasing Sai Pallavi in a powerful role as Indhu Rebecca Varghese. The film narrates the poignant love story of Major Mukund Varadharajan, played by Sivakarthykayan, through the eyes of his devoted wife, Indhu.

The teaser begins with a striking moment where Prime Minister Narendra Modi presents the Ashok Chakra, India's highest peacetime gallantry award, to Indhu. This opening sets a solemn tone, indicating the film's exploration of love intertwined with sacrifice and valor. As the video progresses, it beautifully captures Sai Pallavi's portrayal of Indhu, emphasizing her emotional journey and resilience in the face of loss.

Accompanied by a stirring musical score, the one-minute and twenty-two-second teaser provides glimpses of heartfelt moments between Indhu and Major Mukund, illustrating their deep connection and the challenges they face. The makers described Sai Pallavi's character as "the Heart of Amaran," hinting at the emotional core that she brings to the narrative.

Fans and followers of Sai Pallavi have expressed excitement over her performance, with many praising her ability to convey complex emotions. The teaser not only highlights her acting prowess but also sets the stage for a gripping tale of love and sacrifice. The film aims to resonate with audiences by showcasing the strength of relationships amid adversity.

"Amaran" promises to be a significant addition to Tamil cinema, blending a heartfelt love story with the themes of bravery and patriotism. As anticipation builds, viewers eagerly await more details about the film's release and the performances that await them. With Sai Pallavi leading the way, **"Amaran"** is poised to capture hearts when it hits theaters.

"Love, Sitara" weaves a poignant tale centered around family dynamics and the secrets that surface during a reunion. The film stars Sobhita Dhulipala in the titular role of Sitara, whose impending wedding to Punjabi beau Arjun (Rajeev Siddhartha) sets the stage for a whirlwind of revelations. The picturesque backdrop of Kerala provides the perfect canvas for this rom-com that doubles as a family drama.

As the story unfolds in Sitara's ancestral home, the impending nuptials trigger the unearthing of long-buried truths. The focus shifts to Hema Chechi (Sitara's beloved aunt, played by a compelling Virginia Rodrigues), who has kept her heartache hidden for far too long. The narrative cleverly juxtaposes Sitara's own emotional struggles with the secrets of her family, creating a rich tapestry of interwoven lives.

One of the film's strengths lies in its portrayal of a matriarchal household, with the formidable grandmother (B Jayashree) at the helm. Her character adds depth and wisdom, providing a strong counterbalance to the younger generation's romantic entanglements and personal dilemmas. This family setup not only grounds the narrative but also highlights the cultural

Sai Pallavi Shines in First Teaser of Amaran



Love Sitara: Sobhita Dhulipala film aims for some fresh strokes



nuances that come with such dynamics.

The script manages to inject fresh energy into the familiar genre, exploring themes of love, loss, and redemption while maintaining a light-hearted tone. The chemistry between the characters is palpable, especially in the scenes that capture the awkwardness and warmth of familial relationships.

While "Love, Sitara" doesn't shy away from ad-

ressing serious themes, it remains accessible and engaging, making it suitable for a wide audience. The film's blend of humor and heartfelt moments ensures that viewers are both entertained and moved.

Overall, "Love, Sitara" is a commendable addition to the romantic comedy genre, offering a delightful exploration of the complexities of love and family, underscored by strong performances and a relatable storyline.

Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 Teaser Unveils Thrilling Horror Adventure

The teaser for **"Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3"** has arrived, promising an exciting mix of horror and comedy as it navigates the complex narrative of the franchise. Opening with a powerful voiceover from the original Manjulika, portrayed by **Vidya Balan**, viewers hear her demand, "How dare you give away my throne to him?" This sets the stage for the devilish return of Manjulika, hinting at the unfolding drama.

The teaser showcases classic elements of an Indian horror film—burning paintings, unsettling music featuring "Ami Je Tomar" in the background, and the iconic red door from the previous installments. One notable moment includes Vidya Balan fiercely lifting her throne, underscoring her formidable presence.

The return of **"Rooh Baba"**, played by **Kartik Aaryan**, adds to the intrigue. He boldly states,



"The world is utterly foolish to fear ghosts," only to confront Manjulika, illustrating the blend of humor and horror that fans expect. Additionally, the teaser teases a romantic subplot involving Kartik Aaryan and **"Triptii Dimri"**, adding another layer to the narrative.

In their social media announcement, the stars shared their excitement: "Kya Laga Kahaani Khatam Ho Gayi? (What did you think, the story is over?) Rooh Baba vs Manjulika... iss Diwali. Teaser out now." The film promises to deliver an epic horror adventure this Diwali, inviting audiences to dive back into the world of **"Bhool Bhulaiyaa"**.

"Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3" marks the third installment in this beloved franchise, following the critically acclaimed **"Bhool Bhulaiyaa"** (2007), which starred Akshay Kumar, Shiney Ahuja, and Vidya Balan in memorable roles. The sequel, **"Bhool Bhulaiyaa 2"**, featuring Kartik Aaryan, was a commercial success, further solidifying the franchise's popularity. Directed by Anees Bazmee and produced by Bhushan Kumar's T-Series, this latest installment is sure to keep fans on the edge of their seats.