



CM Cites Kaleshwaram, Urges Officials to Conduct Field Visits

TPN, Hyderabad: Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Thursday, September 27, directed officials to conduct regular field visits for quality checks, stating that if the incorrect decisions made by politicians had not been implemented, the Kaleshwaram project might not have collapsed.

Speaking after handing over appointment orders to 700 newly recruited Assistant Executive Engineers (AEEs) in the state's Irrigation Department, the Chief Minister emphasized that the Kaleshwaram project serves as a model study for officials to avoid repeating such mistakes in the future.

Reddy stressed that officials who gain field experience will excel in their profession. He noted that in the past, engineers would conduct early morning field inspections and write reports, but nowadays, officials have stopped visiting the field. The government has already ordered officials to conduct field visits regularly to ensure the



quality of ongoing projects.

"The previous government spent crores of rupees on the construction of the Kaleshwaram project, but the structure collapsed. Officials need to come forward and clarify who is responsible for this – the politicians or

the officials," he remarked.

Reddy further commented that if the government were to take action against those responsible for the Kaleshwaram fiasco, the entire irrigation department might have to be dissolved. He warned that the govern-

ment would face criticism if no action is taken and pointed out that engineers from the Executive Engineer (EE) and Superintending Engineer (SE) levels are accusing each other of mismanagement.

He added, "This situation would not

have arisen if the wrong decisions taken by politicians had not been implemented. The Kaleshwaram project, despite spending one lakh crore on the lift scheme, is not providing irrigation to even one lakh acres."

The Chief Minister contrasted this with older projects like Nagarjuna Sagar and Srisailem, which were built decades ago and are still intact, serving water and electricity needs. In contrast, the Kaleshwaram project, constructed just five years ago, has collapsed. He reminded the newly recruited engineers that water and jobs were central issues during the Telangana movement, and a decade after the state's formation, the government is undertaking large-scale recruitment. "The emotions of the Telangana people are deeply connected with water. It is your responsibility to respect those emotions and ensure the judicious use of water for the state's needs," Reddy concluded.

Construction vs. Destruction

A Tale of Truth and Lies

TPN, Telangana: The contrasting narratives between the government's construction efforts and the opposition's criticism have sparked intense debate. While the government has constructed millions of double-bedroom houses in the metropolis, detractors claim it's all a façade, branding it as deceitful propaganda. They question the sudden appearance of these houses, insinuating that people have been misled.

However, the existence of these homes is undeniable. KCR's ambitious project of building a lakh double-bedroom houses stands as a testament against such allegations. These structures are visible proof, challenging the Congress's claims that nothing was built and that the people were deceived. How can these homes, accommodating thousands, be dismissed as non-existent? The question now is whether the opposition is grappling with the reality of what's been achieved or if they're frustrated by the transparency and authenticity presented during their tenure.

The criticism of KCR's initiatives as mere 'destruction' rather than 'construction' falls flat when confronted with the tangible evidence of these homes. The truth is evident in the allocations and the promises kept, reflecting a genuine commitment to improving lives. Opponents, instead of appreciating the progress, engage in a campaign of misinformation, attempting to undermine real achievements.

KCR's efforts are not just about building homes but about fulfilling promises and standing by his words. The constructions are a testament to his dedication, a visible reality against the backdrop of accusations. The plea here is simple: let actions speak louder than words. The structures stand tall as evidence, and the claims of deceit crumble under the weight of truth.



ED Raids at Minister Ponguleti's Residence

TPN, Hyderabad: The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has initiated extensive searches at multiple locations, including the residence of Telangana Revenue Minister Ponguleti, with operations commencing early in the morning. This latest round of raids follows previous investigations at the minister's home and appears to be conducted without prior notification to the state ED office or local police, as officials have arrived directly from Delhi.

Accompanied by CRPF forces, the ED has released a significant statement indicating that the searches are also targeting the homes and offices of Ponguleti's son. The agency has uncovered information suggesting that seven luxury watches, valued at approximately Rs. 5 crores, were purchased through crypto hawala transactions. This revelation has prompted the ED to expand its search efforts across five different locations.

The Enforcement Directorate (ED) conducted searches on Friday, September 27, at the premises of Telangana Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy and his son, P. Harsha Reddy, as part of an alleged money laundering investigation.

Simultaneous searches were carried out at the minister's residence in Jubilee Hills, his farmhouse in Himayat Sagar on the outskirts of Hyderabad, and other locations associated with his son, daughter, and other family members. The searches also extended to a construction firm owned by Harsha Reddy, as well as various sites in their home district of Khammam. Sixteen teams participated in these simultaneous searches at homes, offices, and other premises.

These searches are linked to a money laundering case registered based on a complaint from the Directorate of Revenue Intelligence (DRI) against Harsha Reddy, who allegedly



purchased seven luxury watches worth Rs. 7 crore. Harsha, involved in the construction business, received a summons from the Customs Department regarding the acquisition of two luxury watches valued at Rs. 1.73 crore, which were allegedly smuggled from Hong Kong via Singapore.

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Waive Off Farmer Loans Before Dussehra or...: Harish Rao

TPN, Telangana: Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) MLA T. Harish Rao on Friday, September 27, demanded that the Telangana government waive off farmer loans before Dussehra. Rao threatened to besiege the Telangana Secretariat alongside farmers if the demand was not met. It should be noted that the Congress government has announced a loan waiver of up to Rs. 2 lakh.

Last month, Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy clarified that the loan waivers for certain farmers were delayed due to errors in documentation, such as Aadhaar cards, passbook details, loan account information, or mistakes made by the bankers. Additionally, farmers with loans exceeding Rs. 2 lakh were also affected.



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We Will Go to Court Over Hydra; We won't Sit Back and Watch



TPN, Telangana: Malkajgiri MP Etala Rajender stated that they are ready to approach the High Court if necessary regarding the Hydra issue, and they will not sit back and watch. He emphasized that the BJP stands with the common people if they are oppressed in the name of Hydra. If needed, they will mobilize lakhs of people to challenge the Revanth Reddy government's actions. The MP urged the Chief Minister to take immediate steps to ensure justice for the victims affected by the demolitions. He warned that those who play with the tears of the poor will surely face consequences.

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High Court Issues Notices to Hydra Commissioner Ranganath

TPN, Hyderabad: A victim has approached the High Court over the demolition of a building in the Aminpur pond area. The High Court heard the case and has directed Hydra Commissioner Ranganath to attend the hearing to provide an explanation.

The Telangana High Court has issued an order for Commissioner Ranganath to attend the hearing on Monday. The court heard the case concerning Aminpur pond today, and in this



context, notices were issued to Ranganath.

Hydra recently demolished a building, claiming that the Aminpur pond was within the Full Tank Level (FTL) limits. However, the affected party approached the High Court, stating that despite the case being under the court's jurisdiction, Hydra proceeded with the demolition. The High Court has ordered an explanation on the matter and instructed Ranganath to attend the inquiry, either in person or online.

Telangana Villages Win National Awards for Tourism Excellence



TPN, Hyderabad: Telangana has garnered national recognition for its tourism initiatives, with Nirmal and Somasila villages awarded for their contributions. Nirmal was recognized as the best village in the "Crafts" category, while Somasila, located in Nagar Kurnool district, excelled in the "Spiritual - Wellness" category.

The awards were presented by the Central Department of Tourism at a ceremony held at Vigyan Bhavan in Delhi, mark-

ing World Tourism Day. Union Tourism Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat chaired the event, with Vice President of India Jagdeep Dhankhar as the chief guest. Officials from both villages, including Additional Collector Faizan Ahmed from Nirmal, received the honors.

During the event, the importance of environmental sustainability in tourism was emphasized. The United Nations has designated the World Tourism Organization to promote

global tourism, and this year's theme, "Tourism - Peace," highlights the need for governmental support in developing the sector.

Telangana offers a wealth of attractions, from natural beauty to historical sites, including Anantagiri Hills, Thousand Pillar Temple, and various waterfalls. By enhancing these tourist destinations, the state aims to boost economic growth and create opportunities through increased tourism.

PCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud Responds to ED Raids



TPN, Telangana: PCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud stated that the recent ED raids on Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy's house are part of a gang-related conspiracy. He believes these actions are a result of a collusion between the BJP and the BRS party.

"Since 2014, over 96 percent of the ED's actions have targeted the opposition. We are witnessing the filing of fake cases for political gain. However, we have full faith in the Constitution and will continue to fight for justice. Our government will support the poor who are suffering

in Hyderabad.

This operation aims to reclaim land from influential individuals and realtors who have encroached on government property.

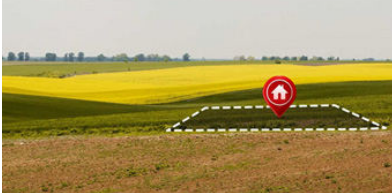
What is the total amount of loan waivers granted by the BRS in the last ten years compared to the waivers provided by our government in just nine months?

Are you ready to accept Harish Rao's challenge for a discussion? We are prepared."

Revised Land Prices in Telangana Likely to be Implemented in November

TPN, Hyderabad: The Telangana government is set to revise land prices across the state starting from November 2024, following a comprehensive study by the stamps and registration department on the open market value of land. The department is expected to submit its findings soon to Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy.

According to reports, the state government is also moving forward with the Telangana Record of Rights (RoR) Bill, 2024, having sought public feedback.



The bill, currently under review, is expected to take final shape by October.

Market value discrepancies between government-established prices and open market prices have been noted. In districts like Rangareddy, Hyderabad, and Medchal-Malkajgiri, government prices may see an increase to align with market

rates. Conversely, in districts like Adilabad and Khammam, where open market prices are lower than government-set values, the state might reduce official land prices.

Additionally, there are considerations for lowering the current registration charges from 7.5 percent. The Dharani committee, represented by Suneel Kumar and Kodanda Reddy, submitted a report on land prices to Revenue Principal Secretary Naveen Mittal, highlighting adjustments to the RoR Bill and the Dharani portal.



SPDCL to Provide Power to Agricultural Fields at Subsidized Rates

TPN, Telangana: The Telangana Southern Power Distribution Company Limited (TGSPDCL) has launched a new scheme to provide agricultural connections to farmers for just Rs. 5,000. Each connection costs Rs. 75,000, with the government subsidizing the remaining Rs. 70,000.

Officials have allocated Rs. 508.95 crore for the scheme, which will be implemented across various operational circles, including Nalgonda, Suryapet, Saroornagar, Medak, Vikarabad, Yadadri, Narayanpet, Rajendranagar, Gadwal, Rangareddy, Sangareddy,

and Mahabubnagar. The initiative prioritizes agricultural fields that are away from power lines.

The scheme will connect four to five HP pumpsets from a 25 KVA transformer. This approach aims to reduce frequent power supply disruptions caused by distribution transformer failures. Currently, there are over 27 lakh pump set connections in the state, all covered under the free power scheme.

Additionally, the central government has agreed to provide a subsidy for about 20,000

solar-powered agriculture pumps on a pilot basis under the Pradhan Mantri Kisan Urja Suraksha evam Utthaan Mahabhiyan (PM-KUSUM). The electricity generated from these solar pumps will connect to electric lines with net metering installed, allowing farmers to receive payment at Rs. 3.13 per unit for any surplus power generated.

Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has directed officials to implement solar pump installations in all villages, starting with a pilot project in his native village of Kondareddipalle in the Nagarkurnool district.

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Customs Department Investigation:

The Customs Department investigation revealed that the watches were smuggled from Hong Kong via Singapore. These watches were seized from Mohammed Mubeen, an alleged dealer who arrived in Chennai from Singapore on February 5. The Patek Philippe 5740 and Breguet 2759 watches, estimated to be worth Rs. 1.73 crore, were confiscated from Mubeen.

Harsha Reddy allegedly purchased these watches through an intermediary, Alokam Naveen Kumar, who was interrogated by Customs in March. Naveen is accused of facilitating payments through hawala and cryptocurrency. Harsha Reddy has denied these allegations.

The Income Tax Department previously conducted searches at Srinivasa Reddy's premises before the Assembly elections in November last year.

Srinivasa Reddy, a businessman, joined Congress in July, a few months after being suspended by the then-ruling Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) for anti-party activities. He was elected to the Assembly from the Paleru constituency in Khammam district and became a minister in the Revanth Reddy-led Cabinet.

We Will Go to Court Over Hydra; We won't Sit Back and Watch

During his tour of the New Maruti Nagar Moosi catchment area in the Chaitanyapuri Division, Etala visited the victims. Speaking on the occasion, he accused the Revanth Reddy government of "staging dramas" under the guise of Hydra. He recalled that, from the day Hydra was appointed, he had predicted it was merely a ploy. According to official records, he stated, the land around the ponds is not government property. He urged that the houses of the poor, who have lived there for years, should not be demolished.

Etala further criticized the Revanth Reddy government, calling its actions ruthless toward the poor. He pointed out that former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi had provided house titles to the poor in Jonnalabanda, yet the Congress government is now preparing to demolish these homes. While acknowledging that beautifying the Musi River is welcome, he insisted

that those who are still paying EMIs on their purchased land should not be harmed. He criticized the notion of providing double-bedroom houses as an alternative to homes bought for lakhs of rupees, arguing it is unjust. He also noted that floodwaters from the Musi have never affected these areas. Etala reminded people not to forget that electoral victories were achieved through their votes. He expressed anger at how Revanth Reddy's government is neglecting the residents of Basti in the name of Hydra. He accused the government of depriving people of peace by manipulating them with Revanth's promises. Issuing a stern warning, Etala said, "Beware, Revanth Reddy," and cautioned against creating further trouble for the people. He added that a report on the issue will be submitted to the central government, and claimed that Revanth Reddy is operating without regard for laws or judicial authority.

Waive Off Farmer Loans Before Dussehra or...: Harish Rao

At the time, Reddy was unable to provide a specific timeline for waiving the loans of these cases but assured that once proper documentation was submitted, their loans would be cleared immediately.

In such cases, Reddy stated that the Mandal Agricultural Officer (MAO) has been assigned to correct these errors and upload the details to the government portal. For farmers who do not have ration cards, the MAO will personally visit households to verify and confirm the loan details before the loan waiver is processed.

The former minister asserted that KCR's administration has consistently supported farmers, providing

them with Rs. 4,000 per acre, with promises to increase this amount in the future. In contrast, he claimed that Congress has not only failed to provide such support but has also left farmers burdened with loans for crop investments.

Harish Rao also responded to criticisms regarding the Kaleshwaram project, countering Revanth Reddy's claims about its collapse. He defended the project, explaining that while there were minor issues with a few pillars, the overall structure remains solid and functional. Rao emphasized that Kaleshwaram features multiple barrages and extensive infrastructure, designed to support the irrigation needs of the state.



CM Revanth Reddy Invited to Bhadrakali Devi Sharannavaratri Festival

TPN, Hyderabad: Members of the *Bhadrakali Desasthanam Governing Council* have formally invited Chief Minister *Revanth Reddy* to the *Sharannavaratri* celebrations for *Hanumakonda Bhadrakali Devi*. The invitation was presented during a meeting at the CM's residence in Jubilee Hills, attended by **MLA Naini Rajender Reddy* and other council members.

During the meeting, the Chief Minister was honored with a shawl and urged to participate in the upcoming *Mahotsavam*. Alongside the invitation letter, a picture of Goddess Bhadrakali was also gifted to him.

The festival is anticipated to attract significant attention, and the Chief Minister's participation is expected to enhance the celebrations. Other attendees included *Chief Adviser to the CM Vem Narender Reddy, **Devasthanam Chairman Seshu, **EO Seshubharathi*, and members of the governing body, reflecting the temple's commitment to strengthening ties with the state government during this auspicious occasion.



Reliance Foundation Donates ₹20 Crore to CM Relief Fund

Reliance Foundation has made a generous donation of ₹20 crore to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund for flood victims. On behalf of Chairperson Nita M. Ambani, representatives of the foundation met with Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and handed over the cheque. The Chief Minister expressed his appreciation to Reliance Foundation for supporting the government's efforts in assisting the flood-affected communities.

BRS Accuses Congress of Corruption in Musi Riverfront Development Project

Hyderabad: The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) has charged the Congress government with massive corruption and financial mismanagement related to the Musi Riverfront Development Project. At a press conference on Friday, BRS legislator P. Kaushik Reddy expressed concerns over the project costs skyrocketing from Rs 16,000 crore to an astonishing Rs 1.5 lakh crore, labeling it a blatant attempt to siphon public funds. He demanded that the State government hold a public hearing on the project before proceeding further.

Reddy criticized the government for misplacing priorities and neglecting the urgent needs of the people, warning that such actions would have severe repercussions for residents of Hyderabad. He questioned the rationale behind the inflated project estimates, stating, "The Detailed Project Report (DPR) for Musi beautification was initially pegged at Rs 16,000 crore. Now, we hear estimates skyrocketing to Rs 1.5 lakh crore. Where did this massive figure come from? The Musi River barely carries

water for two months a year. What is the point of a riverfront here?"

He also urged the State government to release water flow records for the Musi River, establish a



Minimum Flow Level (MFL), demarcate the riverbed, and halt illegal constructions along the riverbanks. Comparing the Musi project to the Centre's Namami Gange initiative, Reddy noted that while Rs 40,000 crore was spent on the 2,400 km-long Ganga River, the Musi—much shorter in length—is seeing exorbitant proposals.

Reddy accused the Congress government of pre-selecting contractors for tenders and preparing tenders accordingly, asserting that the Musi Riverfront Development Project is designed to enrich Congress leaders rather than serve the public. He vowed that the BRS would stand firm with the people and take action against unjust demolitions conducted under the guise of Musi beautification.

No One Should Be Afraid, KCR Is With You: Patolla Karthik Reddy

TPN, Telangana: Patolla Karthik Reddy, a BRS party leader, assured the residents of the Musi catchment area that they need not fear as Chief Minister KCR stands with them, and the BRS will fight on behalf of the victims. Speaking at a media conference held at Telangana Bhavan, Reddy suggested that any cleaning or development efforts in the Moosi catchment area should only be undertaken with the approval of the people. He warned that Hyderabad could turn into a "fireball" if these actions are forced upon the residents.

He questioned why constructions by the Aditya Sansthan on the Musi river were allowed, while houses of the poor were being demolished. Reddy alleged that the government officials turned a blind eye to the activities of Aditya Sansthan. He pointed out that, while his government had granted permissions to Ad-



vanth Reddy became the Chief Minister.

Reddy questioned why Rs. 40,000 crores were spent on cleaning the Ganga, the longest river in the country, but a staggering Rs. 1.50 lakh crores is being allocated for the beautification of the Musi river, which spans only 55 kilometers from Gandipet to Nagole. He criticized the Rs. 1,500 crore expenditure on the Musi River Detailed Project Report (DPR), expressing disbelief that anything like this has been seen elsewhere in the world.

Reddy further alleged that the Musi beautification project is a massive scam, pointing out that the cost of the project under the BRS government was initially Rs. 16,000 crores, but it has now ballooned to Rs. 1.50 lakh crores.

itya Sansthan two years ago, it later revoked them. He expressed his anger that the company received fresh approvals for construction after Re-

der the BRS government was initially Rs. 16,000 crores, but it has now ballooned to Rs. 1.50 lakh crores.

Investors in Hyderabad Fear Consequences of HYDRA

TPN, Telangana: BJP MP *DK Aruna* has raised concerns about the impact of the *HYDRA* initiative on investor confidence in Hyderabad. According to Aruna, investors are becoming increasingly wary due to the actions associated with HYDRA, which she claims aims to benefit Congress party leadership.

Aruna criticized the state government for allegedly using HYDRA as a distraction from more pressing issues, questioning the fairness of displacing residents. She expressed that the current climate has made it risky for investors to engage in the Hyderabad market, stating that the government led by *Revanth Reddy* is exhibiting even more corruption than the previous *KCR* administration.



She highlighted the growing public awareness of what she termed the Congress government's exploitation, alleging that projects are being allocated through manipulated tender processes. Aruna challenged Congress leaders on their past commitments made during their opposition days, questioning their failure to uphold their promises.

Emphasizing the need for consistent governance, she asserted that rules should apply equally to everyone, criticizing the Congress party for deceiving the public with false promises. Aruna's statements underscore a growing discontent regarding governance and development in Hyderabad, potentially affecting investor sentiment moving forward.

MP Etala Rajender Stage Dharna with HYDRA Victims in Kottapet

TPN, Telangana: MP Etala Rajender and Maheshwar Reddy, the BJP Legislative Party Leader, staged a dharna in Kothapet, expressing solidarity with victims affected by the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Assets Monitoring Protection (HYDRA) initiative.

Rajender made sensational comments regarding the Congress government, claiming, "If this government remains in power, its tenure will last only two more years. All the words of Revanth Reddy are mere brokered lies, and he is acting like the heir of the Rajakars. The common people will turn against them when the time comes, and this government will be overthrown soon."

Reddy criticized the government's actions, stating that many poor

individuals unknowingly purchased properties on closed shores marked as "FTL" (Flood Tidal Lines). He questioned the authorities for demolishing homes without prior notice and accused the Chief Minister of engaging in "time pass politics" by traveling to America while ignoring the suffering of the poor.

He also pointed out that notices were issued to wealthier individuals, who were able to secure court stays, while the poor were left unprotected. Reddy challenged why the Chief Minister, who was demolishing the homes of the poor, was not addressing his own property. He further criticized the BRS party for alleged corruption linked to the Kaleshwaram project and the Congress government for exploiting residents under the guise of urban development.

Telangana R&B Minister Criticizes BRS, Urges New Engineers to Follow Role Models

TPN, Hyderabad: Telangana Roads & Buildings (R&B) Minister Komatireddy Venkata Reddy took aim at the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) and some engineers associated with the Kaleshwaram project, accusing them of compromising their professional integrity to serve political interests. Speaking at an orientation program for 156 newly recruited Assistant Executive Engineers (AEEs) of the R&B department, the minister urged the young engineers to look up to legendary figures such as Mokshagundam Visvesvaraya and Nawab Ali Nawaz Jung Bahadur for inspiration.

Reddy stressed that the engineers' work would stand as a testament to their effort, impacting generations. He expressed disappointment with certain engineers from the Kaleshwaram project, alleging

that they "maligned the profession" to please their political superiors. In contrast, he urged the new recruits to focus on serving the public with integrity and commitment.

The minister also criticized the former BRS government for neglecting the R&B department, pointing out that at one point, there wasn't even one engineer available for ten mandals.

Looking ahead, Reddy expressed optimism about the state's development, citing major infrastructure projects such as the Regional Ring Road (RRR), TIMS hospitals, and new road networks. He highlighted the critical role of the R&B department in constructing these projects, which are expected to transform Telangana's infrastructure and contribute to its progress.



HC Seeks Govt's Response on ‘Maha Hyderabad’ Ordinance

TPN, Hyderabad: The Telangana High Court has directed the state government to respond within three weeks regarding the recently promulgated Ordinance No. 3 of 2024, which proposes key amendments to the Municipalities Act, 2019. The ordinance includes the merger of 51 gram panchayats with 13 municipalities from Rangareddy, Medchal-Malkajgiri, and Sangareddy districts, all located around the Outer Ring Road (ORR).

The state government aims to create a new administrative entity tentatively called the “Hyderabad Greater City Corporation” or “Maha Hyderabad,” which would unify these areas under one governance structure. The ordinance has sparked controversy, leading to a writ petition filed by Kaitpaka Yadaiah from Hayathnagar and another petitioner, who questioned its legality and raised concerns about the ordinance's impact on local governance.

A bench led by Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice J. Sreenivas Reddy has asked the government, represented by the Chief Secretary and other relevant officials, to produce records for review. The petitioners argue that the ordinance could lead to the loss of local autonomy and raise challenges in governance for the newly merged areas.

The High Court's review is expected to play a crucial role in determining the future of the proposed ordinance, which could significantly alter Hyderabad's administrative boundaries, forming a larger metropolitan area.

Seven New Direct Flights Launched from RGIA in Hyderabad

TPN, Hyderabad: IndiGo Airlines has started new direct flights to Ayodhya, Kanpur, and Prayagraj from Hyderabad as of Friday. In total, the airline has introduced seven direct flight services from Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) this September. The new routes connect Hyderabad to Rajkot, Agartala, Jammu, Agra, Kanpur, Ayodhya, and Prayagraj.

The airline will operate flights to Ayodhya four times a week on Mondays, Wednesdays, Fridays, and Sundays. This new service follows a three-month hiatus after SpiceJet discontinued its direct flights from Hyderabad to Ayodhya on June 1.

The direct flight between Hyderabad and Rajkot was launched on September 16, while a four-day-a-week service between Hyderabad and Agartala commenced on September 23. Additionally, a three-day-a-week service between Hyderabad and Jammu started on September 24.

Union Minister of Coal and Mines G. Kishan Reddy expressed his happiness at the launch of these seven new services from Hyderabad city in one month, stating that it would make it easier for travelers to explore various cultural destinations. He expressed hope that these new services would meet passenger demand and urged travelers to take advantage of them.

KTR Pays Tribute to Konda Laxman Babuji on His Birth Anniversary

TPN, Hyderabad: On the birth anniversary of Konda Laxman Babuji this Friday, BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao highlighted his unparalleled role in both India's freedom struggle and the Telangana statehood movement, stating that Babuji has inspired generations of activists.

Rama Rao paid rich tributes to Konda Laxman Babuji, recalling his pivotal role in the Telangana movement and his lifelong dedication to people's causes. He referred to Babuji as a “people's fighter” who sacrificed his ministerial position in 1969 to join the struggle for Telangana's statehood.

Speaking on Babuji's birth anniversary, Rama Rao emphasized that Konda Laxman Babuji's contributions, from India's freedom struggle to the Telangana statehood movement, are unparalleled and continue to inspire generations of activists. He noted that the Telangana Rashtra Samiti, under the leadership of K. Chandrashekhara Rao, was founded at Babuji's residence, making his legacy inseparable from the eventual achievement of Telangana State.

To honor his contributions, the previous BRS government installed a statue of Konda Laxman Babuji at Tank Bund and named the Telangana State Horticultural University after him. “His spirit continues to guide us in the progress of Telangana and influences the people of the state,” he added.



Massive Jr NTR Cutout at Sudarshan 35MM Theatre Catches Fire

TPN, Hyderabad: A massive cutout of actor Jr NTR, erected at the iconic Sudarshan 35MM Theatre, caught fire on Friday, causing panic among fans and onlookers.

The exact cause of the fire is still under investigation. It occurred after the morning show of the film Devara was canceled. Police are exploring all possible angles, including the possibility that it was set ablaze by frustrated fans.

Local police and fire department officials rushed to the scene and quickly contained the flames. Fortunately, no casualties have been reported, and the extent of the damage is still being assessed.

Further details regarding the cause of the fire and the incident are yet to be revealed by officials.



Thieves Apprehended in Bengal

TPN, Hyderabad: A recent theft at the residence of Telangana Deputy Chief Minister *Bhatti Vikramarka* occurred while he was abroad. Thieves broke into his home, stealing gold and silver ornaments. However, swift action by law enforcement led to the arrest of the suspects in *Bengal*.

The *Government Railway Police (GRP)* were conducting routine inspections at *Kharagpur railway station* when they noticed two individuals behaving suspiciously on platform number seven. Upon questioning, the suspects were identified as *Roshan Kumar Mandal* and *Uday Kumar Thakur*, both hailing from **Bihar*.

GRP Superintendent of Police *Debashree Sanyal* confirmed that the suspects confessed to the theft. Police recovered stolen items, including *Rs 2.2 lakh* in cash, a *100-gram gold coin*, foreign currency, and a significant amount of jewelry. The Bengal Police have communicated with their counterparts in Telangana regarding the recovery of the stolen items.

The *Banjara Hills Police Station* in Hyderabad has registered a case against Roshan Kumar Mandal in connection with this theft. The accused are scheduled to be presented in a Kharagpur court on Saturday as the investigation continues.



Entrepreneurs Left in Ruins as HYDRAA Demolishes Businesses in Hyderabad

TPN, Hyderabad: Around two dozen companies operating near Appa Cheruvu were demolished by officials from HYDRAA, along with representatives from the HMDA, irrigation department, revenue officials, and Cyberabad police.

Mohd Saber, a 50-year-old entrepreneur, invested heavily in a plastic granules-making business and worked hard to establish his company in Katedan after purchasing a land parcel. However, his aspirations were left in ruins as officials arrived with heavy earthmovers and tore down the sheds he had painstakingly built.

“I purchased the land and set up the company. Since 2004, we have regularly paid power bills and taxes. They demolished everything without issuing any notice or even conducting a survey,” Saber lamented. Accompanied by his 30-year-old son, Saber visited the dismantled structure to remove machinery. “We have to start from scratch. Removing and reinstalling the machinery somewhere else involves a huge amount of money,” he said, visibly crestfallen.

His son expressed that the demolition felt like a severe penalty for the family. “It would have been better if we were sent to jail and



the company continued,” he remarked. The demolished companies were located on the southern side of the railway tracks near the lake, which connects Falaknuma to Umdanagar (Shamshabad). Kamal, who previously owned an aluminum plate manufacturing unit, is struggling to understand the motive behind HYDRAA's actions, questioning whether the demolitions were related to alleged encroachments or political vendetta against local representatives.

Satish, involved in the entertainment industry, leased a shed in the area that was also destroyed by HYDRAA's bulldozers. “Material worth Rs. 30 lakh is now useless. I wonder what sin I am being punished for,” he said.

GHMC Imposes Ban on Posters, Banners, and Cutouts in Hyderabad

TPN, Hyderabad: The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) has taken a decisive step by issuing an order to ban posters, banners, and cutouts across the city. This initiative aims to enhance the urban landscape and maintain public order. The ban extends to wall posters and wall writings, reinforcing the city's commitment to aesthetics and cleanliness.

The GHMC has emphasized that this decision will help in reducing visual clutter and ensuring a more organized environment for residents and visitors. Officials have warned that any individual or organization that violates these new regulations will face legal consequences.

By implementing this ban, GHMC seeks to create a more pleasant and attractive atmosphere in Hyderabad. This move is part of broader efforts to improve urban governance and civic responsibility. Citizens are encouraged to adhere to these guidelines to foster a cleaner city.

The GHMC's actions reflect a growing awareness of the need to balance public expression with urban decorum, ultimately benefiting the entire community. As Hyderabad continues to grow, such measures are essential for maintaining its charm and livability.



Onion Prices Skyrocket in Hyderabad

TPN, Hyderabad: Onion prices in Hyderabad have skyrocketed, significantly straining residents' budgets. Just a month ago, the price ranged between Rs 25 and Rs 30 per kilogram, but it has surged to around Rs 70 per kg now. This dramatic increase has raised concerns among consumers and prompted many to reconsider their purchases. According to the price chart from Telangana Rythu Bazaars, onions are currently priced between Rs 50 and Rs 60 per kg. However, local stores are charging over Rs 70 per kg, making onions a costly item

for many households. This substantial price hike has led to a drastic decrease in sales volume, as residents in Hyderabad are minimizing their onion purchases to manage their expenses. The surge in onion prices can be attributed to a supply-demand mismatch caused by crop damage due to heavy rainfall in Telangana and neighboring states. The intermittent rains have led to significant losses in onion crops, resulting in a shortage of supply in the city. Key onion markets in Hyderabad, including Malakpet, Bowenpally, Moosapet, and Gudimalkapur, have

experienced a notable decline in arrivals, further exacerbating the situation. Restaurants in Hyderabad are also feeling the pinch, as rising onion prices make it increasingly difficult for them to include onions in their dishes. In response to the shortage, one restaurant even displayed a notice on its wall, informing customers that there were “no onions” available and urging their cooperation. As the India Meteorological Department (IMD) predicts more heavy rains in the coming days, it remains uncertain how much further onion prices will rise.





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.

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.



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.



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.

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.

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



for Netanyahu to later deny any imminent agreements.

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 empha-



sized 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.



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.



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-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 Moosy 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

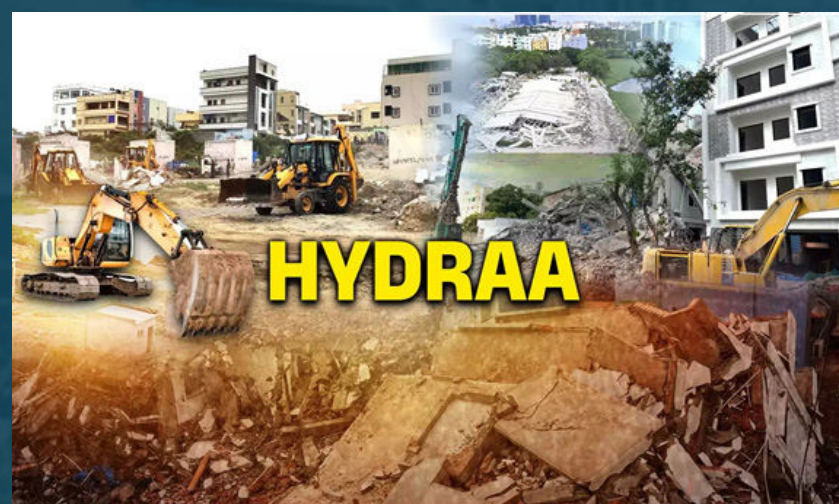


House owners, who previously arranged monthly meetings for apartment maintenance, have recently begun meeting daily in light of the ongoing demolitions.

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 Moosy, 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=xxxxxxxxxx`. Replace "xxxxxxxxxx" 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.

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-



traction 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

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.

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.

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

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.

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

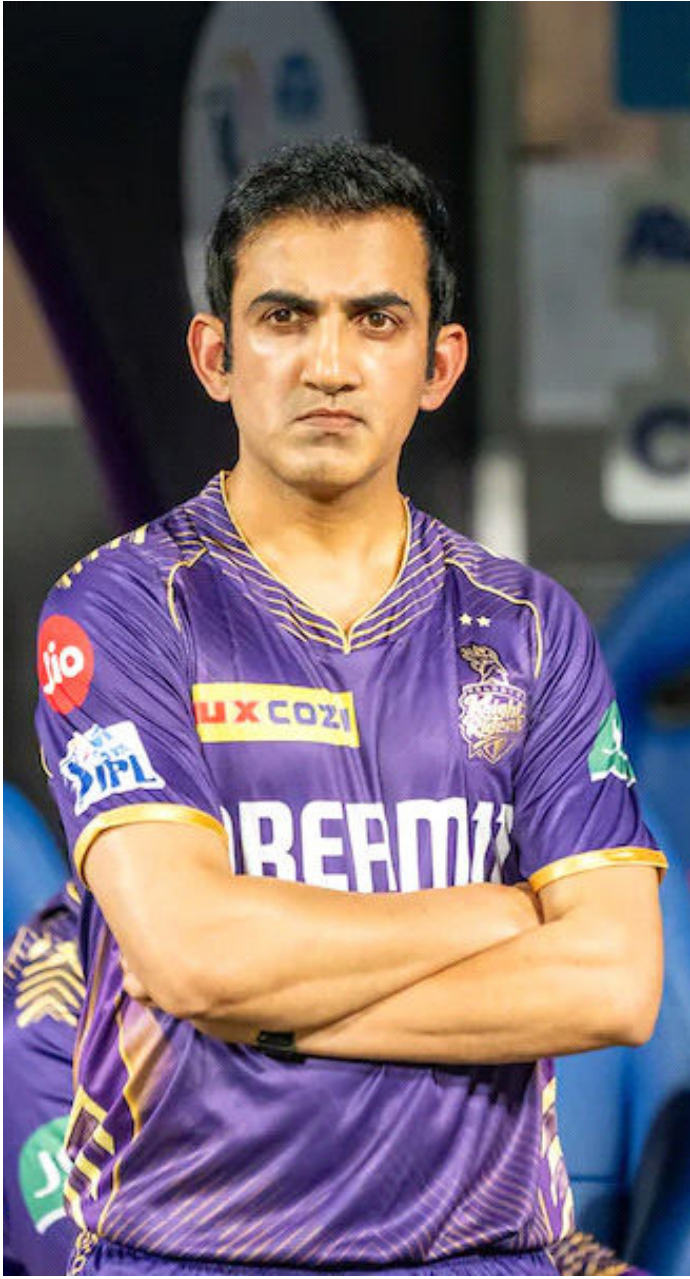
to remove content deemed illegal by Moscow. The company has been proactive in blocking YouTube channels associated with Russian state media and public figures, having deactivated over 1,000 channels and removed more than 5.5 million videos related to the Ukraine conflict.

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.

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 Ngonge'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 troubling



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.

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 Mushfiquur 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.

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.



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 Sivakarthikeyan, 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.