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# STOP BULLDOZER THREATS, WITHDRAW MUSI RIVER BEAUTIFICATION PLANS!!

TPN, Hyderabad: In a public address, senior BRS leader and former Minister T Harish Rao criticized the Telangana government's Musi Riverfront Development Project, accusing Chief Minister Revanth Reddy of displacing thousands of poor families in the name of urban development. Rao voiced his discontent with the government's actions, claiming that the project prioritizes corporate interests at the expense of vulnerable citizens' well-being.

The statement came a day after victims of the Musi Riverfront Development Project sought assistance from the BRS at Telangana Bhavan, pleading for help in preventing the demolition of their homes. Following the appeal, Harish Rao, along with other BRS leaders, visited the affected areas on Sunday to interact with the families. They listened to the grievances of the displaced residents and assured them that the BRS would fully support their cause.

During his address, Harish Rao condemned the state's approach, urging the government to stop using "bulldozer threats" against these communities and to withdraw the current plans for the river beautification project. He questioned the government's priorities, accusing it of endangering citizens' lives for the sake of benefiting corporate companies through such development initiatives.

This public condemnation highlights the growing tension surrounding the Musi Riverfront project, as many families continue to fear eviction under the guise of development. Harish Rao's stance underscores his party's commitment to standing by the displaced residents and fighting for their rights.





## NHRC Files Case Against HYDRAA Commissioner After Woman's Suicide

TPN, Telangana: The National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) has filed a case against HYDRAA Commissioner AV Ranganath following the tragic suicide of an elderly woman named Buchamma in Kukatpally, Hyderabad. The case, registered under number 16063/IN/2024, was initiated after the woman allegedly took her own life over fears that her daughters' houses might be demolished by authorities.

The incident has raised serious concerns about the actions of the local authorities and their handling of sensitive issues related to land and housing. Buchamma had reportedly purchased land near Kukatpally Lake and constructed small houses, which she later handed over to her daughters. However, revenue officials allegedly marked certain houses in the area as falling within the Full Tank Level (FTL), raising fears that they would be demolished.

Upon hearing about the potential demolition, Buchamma reportedly became distressed, which led to her slipping into depression and ultimately taking her own life. Despite this, HYDRAA officials stated that Buchamma's houses were not marked for demolition, as they did not fall within the FTL zone.

The NHRC's investigation into the matter will focus on the circumstances leading to her death and whether the actions of the authorities contributed to her distress. The case has sparked discussions about the need for sensitivity and clarity in handling land disputes and potential demolitions, especially when vulnerable individuals are involved.

## Govt to Establish ITIs in Every Assembly Constituency

TPN, Telangana: The Telangana government is moving forward with plans to establish Industrial Training Institutes (ITIs) in every assembly constituency across the state. This ambitious initiative, undertaken at the request of local MLAs, is aimed at boosting youth employability by providing practical skills and training. Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy has reportedly instructed officials to expedite the process, with plans to have these institutes operational by the next academic year.

Currently, 65 ITIs are functioning across the state, and the government is preparing to set up an additional 40 ITIs in a phased manner. A recent survey conducted by the Labour and Employment Department revealed a significant gap, showing that 64 out of the 119 assembly constituencies currently do not have government ITIs. In response, the state has made it a priority to ensure that every constituency is equipped with an ITI.

The new ITIs will serve as a one-stop solution, offering specialized courses that align with job market needs while also creating pathways for both employment and self-employment. The initiative aims to empower the youth of Telangana with skills in demand by industries, increasing their chances of securing stable jobs.

In addition to setting up new ITIs, the state government has already allocated Rs. 2,324 crore to upgrade the existing 65 ITIs into Advanced Technology Centres (ATCs). This upgrade will be done in collaboration with Tata Technologies Limited (TTL), through a 10-year Memorandum of Understanding (MoU). These ATCs will offer cutting-edge training in Industry 4.0 courses, which include long-term, short-term, and bridge courses designed to meet the growing industrial skill demands.

### Cannot intimidate with legal notices, KTR tells Revanth Reddy

TPN, Hyderabad: BRS leaders have intensified their fight against the Congress government led by CM Revanth Reddy. Recently, BRS Party Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) gave an interesting response on social media.

"It is true that the Chief Minister committed Rs. 1,137 crores to his brother-in-law's Shoda Company in the department he manages... It is true that the Chief Minister has violated Sections 7, 11, and 13 of the Anti-Corruption Act," KTR stated.

### Telangana Folk Singer Mallik Tej Booked for Sexual Assault of Co-Worker

TPN, Telangana: Telangana folk singer and cultural committee employee Mallik Tej has been booked on charges of sexual assault, following a complaint lodged by a female colleague at the Jagityal police station. The victim, a fellow folk singer, accused Tej of repeatedly raping her under the guise of false promises and exploiting her trust.



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In her complaint, the victim alleged that Tej not only assaulted her but also blackmailed and harassed her persistently, both in person and through phone communications. She further claimed that Tej verbally abused her and her family, adding to the emotional distress she endured.

The victim also accused Tej of mentally harassing her by changing the passwords of her YouTube channel and Instagram account, effectively gaining control of her digital presence. She detailed that the assaults took place multiple times in his studio, where he reportedly took advantage of the situation.

The police have registered a case, and an investigation is underway to uncover further details regarding the allegations.



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KTR further added, "Do you think sending a legal notice will stop us from talking about your illegal activities? Don't just sit back and watch as your brother-in-law distributes poison to the poor under the guise of amrit. Shoda is a small company that has earned only Rs. 2 crore in profit over the last two years."

KTR also warned, "It will be difficult for your BJP friends in Delhi to protect you. The judicial system in this country is strong and honest. Just like Ashok Chavan in the Adarsh scandal, you've been caught... You must resign."

**CM Revanth Reddy Advocates for Women's Health at Hyderabad's Pink Power Run**

**TPN, Hyderabad:** Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy emphasized the importance of women's health during the **\*\*Pink Power Run\*\*** event held at the Gachibowli Stadium on Sunday, September 29. Addressing the large crowd, he remarked that women's health forms the foundation of family and societal well-being. He also reaffirmed the state government's commitment to prioritizing women's healthcare by building more hospitals and strengthening healthcare systems.

"Let us all build a healthier and more empowered future for Telangana women," Reddy urged while addressing the participants.

The **\*\*Pink Power Run\*\*** is an initiative aimed at raising awareness



about breast cancer. Organized jointly by Sudha Reddy, director of MEIL Group, and the **\*\*MEIL Foundation\*\*** in collaboration with the Telangana government, the event brought together over 5,000 participants, including students, doctors, and software professionals.

The event featured 3 km, 5 km,

and 10 km runs, all geared toward spreading the message of breast cancer awareness and early detection. Experts have raised concerns over the increasing number of cancer cases, particularly breast cancer, which often goes undetected due to a lack of awareness. Sudha Reddy and the MEIL Foundation's initiative, in collaboration with the state government, aims to combat

this issue by encouraging early diagnosis and public awareness.

The **\*\*Pink Power Run 2024\*\*** served as a platform to educate the public about breast cancer and empower women with the knowledge necessary for early detection, making it a vital event for the health and welfare of women in Telangana.

**Pandavula Gutta to be Developed as a Tourist Destination**

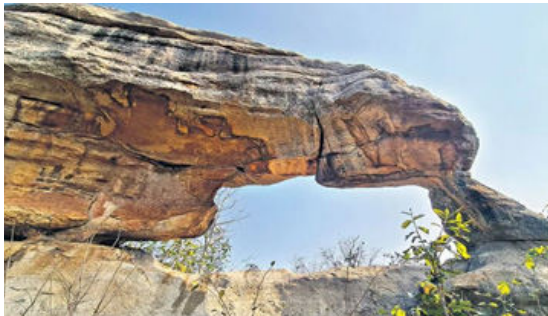
**TPN, Bhupalpally:** Collector Rahul Sharma announced plans to develop Pandavula Gutta, an ancient hill range renowned for its prehistoric rock paintings, into a significant tourist destination. Accompanied by Superintendent of Police Kiran Khare, the collector visited the site on Sunday to assess development opportunities. To enhance tourist experiences, infrastructure improvements will include the creation of roads, parking facilities, resorts, and other amenities. This development initiative is expected to generate employment opportunities for local youth.

Collector Sharma emphasized the importance of creating special tourism packages to attract visitors not only from Telangana but from across India. These packages will incorporate guide services, trekking, and cultural activities. Currently, trekking and rock-climbing events are being conducted at Pandavula Gutta.

Previously, former Collector Amrapali Kata had promoted Pandavula Gutta by engaging in rock climbing events and organizing activities such as night camping, trekking, and bird watching in the nearby Devunoor forest area. However, after her transfer,

subsequent officials did not continue these efforts. Discovered in 1990 by K. Ramakrishna Rao, an official from the Department of Archaeology and Museums in Hyderabad, Pandavula Gutta is recognized as a unique geo-heritage site by the central government. Archaeological studies using carbon dating techniques indicate that the rock paintings found in the caves date back to the Mesolithic era, approximately 4,000 to 2,500 years ago.

The caves feature intricate depictions of humans, animals, and various symbols on their walls and ceilings. Notable wildlife illustrations include bison, antelope, tigers, and leopards, alongside symbols like swastikas, circles, squares, and weaponry such as bows, arrows, swords, and lances.



**Dalit Literary Icon B. Vijaya Bharathi Passes Away in Hyderabad**



**TPN, Telangana:** Renowned Dalit Telugu author B. Vijaya Bharathi passed away on Saturday at 6 AM in a Hyderabad hospital, at the age of 84. She had been suffering from chronic health issues. A pioneering figure in Telugu literature, she was the first woman to translate the life history of Jyotirao Phule into Telugu and was known for her critical analyses of Hindu Puranas and epics.

Born in Rajolu, East Godavari district, Andhra Pradesh, to celebrated poet Boyi Bheemanna and Nagaratnamma, she was also the wife of late human rights lawyer Boja Taraka. Her family includes her daughter, Dr. Mahita, a professor at Osmania Medical College, and her son, Rahul Boja, Principal Secretary in the Telangana Irrigation Department.

B. Vijaya Bharathi's educational journey included her S.S.C. in Rajolu, intermediate studies at Pithapuram Prabhu College in Kakinada, and a degree from Koti Women's College. She earned her MA in Telugu from Osmania University, where she researched "Social Conditions of South Indian Andhra Literature."

Her illustrious career encompassed roles such as a translator for the Information and Public Relations department and a lecturer at Nizamabad Women's College, where she served as Vice Principal from 1965 to 1978. She retired as in-charge director of the Telugu Academy in 1999 and made history as the first Dalit woman to earn a Ph.D. in Literature from Osmania University.

Her literary contributions included significant works on Baba Saheb Ambedkar and translations of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's speeches. In line with her wishes, her body will be donated to Osmania Medical College.

Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and former Chief Minister KCR extended their condolences, acknowledging her contributions to literature and her role in the Telugu Academy.

**TGPSC Issues Guidelines for Group-I Main Examination Candidates**

**TPN, Telangana:** The Telangana Public Service Commission (TGPSC) has issued detailed instructions for candidates appearing in the upcoming Group-I Main examination, which is set to commence on October 21. The first paper, General English, will serve as a qualifying test, followed by six additional papers. Candidates are required to carry the same hall ticket throughout all the exams, with signatures from both the candidate and the invigilator being mandatory on each examination day. Importantly, candidates will not be permitted to use a newly downloaded hall ticket for any of the subsequent exams.

The examinations will take place

from 2 pm to 5 pm daily, with entry to the examination centers starting at 12:30 pm. The final entry will be strictly enforced at 1:30 pm, after which no candidate will be allowed to enter. This schedule applies to all seven papers, which include General English, General Essay, History, Culture, and Geography, Indian Society, Constitution, and Governance, Economy and Development, Science and Technology, Data Interpretation, and Telangana Movement and State Formation.

In terms of required materials, candidates must bring their hall ticket along with a valid original photo identification, such as a

Passport, PAN card, Voter ID, Aadhaar card, government employee ID, or driving license. They are also expected to carry a black or blue ballpoint pen, pencil, and eraser to the exam center. A recent passport-size photograph, taken within three months of the examination date, must be affixed to the designated space on the hall ticket prior to entering the examination hall.

TGPSC will provide specific answer booklets for each exam, and no additional sheets will be supplied. Any rough work must be done in the space provided within the answer booklet, as loose sheets or external papers are not allowed. Moreover, candidates

are prohibited from detaching any pages from the answer booklet. In a move to ensure comfort and simplicity, the TGPSC has enforced a dress code, asking candidates to wear chappals instead of shoes. Additionally, the exam centers will not provide any cloakroom or storage facilities, meaning candidates must manage their personal belongings independently.

The commission's guidelines emphasize the importance of adhering to these rules to ensure the smooth conduct of the Group-I Main exam, which is critical for those aspiring to secure government positions in Telangana.

**Hyderabad City: A Home to Diverse Cultures**

**Telangana Minister Sitakka at Onam Celebrations**

**TPN, Hyderabad:** Minister Sitakka stated that Hyderabad is an inclusive city, which is why people from various states and regions not only like to visit but also consider it their own. Onam celebrations were conducted on Sunday under the auspices of the Serilingampally and Nallagandla Malayalee Association. Over 800 Malayali families from 20 gated communities, along with their family members, participated in the ceremony held at Epistemo School, Nallagandla.

Minister Sitakka were special guests at the event. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Sitakka highlighted that Hyderabad is a symbol of unity in diversity. She noted that everyone in the city observes their cultural traditions with pride and that the government ensures the well-being of all, without any language barriers. She also mentioned that under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, many large companies are investing in the city and expanding their businesses.

Achyuta Rao Boppana added that in Telanga-

na, people come together to celebrate every festival, fostering a sense of family. He expressed his pleasure in participating in such wonderful celebrations.

The Onam celebrations featured a variety of activities, including flower decoration, Goshyatra, Onankali with Kerala sports, a traditional sadya feast, Malayalee cultural dances like Kathakali, and other festivities. Anvita Group Director Boppana Naga Bhushanam and others were also present at the event. Prizes were awarded to winners of various competitions.







# Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy's Father Passes Away

**TPN, Hyderabad:** Telangana Irrigation Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy is mourning the loss of his father, Purushotham Reddy, who passed away on Sunday morning after battling health issues for some time. He had been receiving treatment at KIMS Hospital in Hyderabad but succumbed to his illness early this morning. The body has been moved from the hospital to the minister's residence for final respects.

Purushotham Reddy had been unwell for some time and was undergoing treatment at KIMS Hospital in Hyderabad. His condition worsened on Sunday morning, leading to his passing. The body has been shifted to Uttam Kumar Reddy's residence for visitors to pay their respects. Many leaders, party workers, and supporters have started arriving. The funeral is scheduled for 6 PM today at Jubilee Hills Mahaprastha-



nam.

Several leaders have expressed deep sorrow over the demise of Uttam Kumar Reddy's father, offering their condolences



es to the family. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy expressed his shock and grief upon hearing the news. Along with the Chief Minister, several ministers, Congress MLAs, leaders from different parties, and officials have conveyed their sympathies. Congress members have already started gathering at the minister's residence.

## BRS Leaders Pay Their Respects

BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao also extended his heartfelt condolences on Purushotham Reddy's death, praying for his soul to rest in peace. BRS leaders, including former ministers Harish Rao and Sabitha Indra Reddy, along with MLAs Vivek Goud and Dr. Sanjay, visited Uttam Kumar Reddy's residence to offer their respects and placed garlands on the body. They consoled the minister and his family, encouraging them to stay strong during this difficult time.



Meanwhile, Purushotham Reddy's death has cast a shadow of sorrow over his native village of Tatipamula in Thirumalagiri Mandal, Suryapet district. Upon hearing the news, villagers have been grief-stricken, and many are traveling to Hyderabad to pay their last respects. The body will remain for viewing until the evening.

## KTR Recovers from Fever, to Visit Musi Riverfront Eviction Victims

**TPN, Hyderabad:** After recovering from a viral fever that lasted 72 hours, BRS working president KT Rama Rao (KTR) is set to visit areas affected by the Musi Riverfront Development Project. Starting Monday, KTR will tour Rajendranagar's Hyderguda and Kishanbagh, followed by a visit to Amberpet on Tuesday to meet with residents facing eviction due to the controversial government project.

Taking to the social media platform X (formerly Twitter), KTR condemned the ongoing evictions, calling them "mindless and ill-conceived bulldozer bullying." He assured residents that the BRS would stand by those affected, stating, "We will not stand by as people's homes are destroyed for profit. This must be stopped." KTR's comments highlight his strong opposition to the manner in which the project is being executed.

In response to a netizen questioning why he wasn't addressing other constituencies between Rajendranagar and Amberpet, KTR explained that he was allowing the elected representatives from those areas a few days to respond. He clarified that if those representatives remain silent, the BRS will step in to visit and address concerns in all affected regions.

KTR also criticized the Musi Riverfront Development Project, accusing Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy of prioritizing personal and corporate gains over citizens' welfare. He claimed that the Rs 1.5 lakh crore project was motivated by greed, leaving thousands of citizens fearful of losing their homes.

"Even as the people of the city are thrown into despair and heartbroken with the fear of losing their homes, you are playing politics with the lives of millions," KTR said, accusing the state government of disregarding the well-being of Hyderabad's citizens.

In his message to the public, KTR urged the people of Hyderabad not to lose hope or resort to drastic measures. He assured them that both the courts and the BRS would support them through this difficult time, reaffirming his commitment to standing by the affected families and ensuring their rights are protected.

## BJP Call for Farmer's Protest at Dharna Chowk, Demanding Fulfillment of Promises

**TPN, Telangana:** BJP leader Maheshwar Reddy announced that a major protest will be launched at Dharna Chowk tomorrow to demand the implementation of promises made to farmers by the Congress government. He criticized the government for ignoring the needs of the agricultural community, stating, "The Congress has failed to deliver on its commitments to the farmers."

Maheshwar Reddy called on every farmer to participate in the protest, urging them to join the movement and fight for the fulfillment of the government's guarantees.

BJP MLA Palwai Harish Babu highlighted the distress of farmers, noting that suicides among them are rising due to unfulfilled promises. He stressed that the government should provide immediate assistance to the families affected by these tragedies and called for unconditional loan waivers for farmers.

Malkajgiri MP Etala Rajender criticized Congress leader Revanth Reddy for his inability to deliver on his promises. Rajender pointed out that although Revanth Reddy claimed 73 lakh farmers had received loans, only 48 lakh benefited, with just 35-40% receiving the promised loan waiver. "Farmers are losing faith in the Congress government," Rajender said, mentioning the recent suicide of a farmer in Medchal.

The BJP leaders have united to demand swift action from the Congress government, calling on all farmers to join the "Rythu Diksha" protest tomorrow. "We will fight together to hold Revanth Reddy accountable and secure the rights of farmers," Rajender asserted.

# Hyderabad is the heart of Telangana

We are committed to resolving its long-standing problems!!

**TPN, Hyderabad:** At a recent media conference, Minister Ponnam Prabhakar addressed key development projects and challenges in Hyderabad and Telangana. He announced the introduction of electric RTC buses in Karimnagar and urged people not to believe social media rumors, stating that "Hyderabad is the heart of Telangana, and we are committed to resolving its long-standing problems."



Prabhakar acknowledged the Congress governments' role in providing Hyderabad with drinking water from the Krishna and Godavari rivers after independence. He criticized the BRS government for its handling of Hyderabad's issues over the past ten years, particularly the challenges caused by heavy rains,

which left many residents struggling.

The minister outlined plans for developing the Musi River and other areas of the city. He assured that residents near the closed canal would not be forcibly evicted, rejecting claims of such actions. In-

stead, the government plans to provide double-bedroom homes as alternatives and offer support for self-employment to those affected.

Prabhakar also criticized opposition leaders, such as Harish Rao, for politicizing the plight of the displaced, calling it an irresponsible practice. He emphasized that unlike previous administrations, which suppressed protests with force, the current government is coordinating with the victims to ensure their needs are met.

The minister also highlighted plans to turn Hyderabad into a major tourist center while protecting its natural resources. He called for dialogue to resolve any issues rather than exploiting them for political gain.

## Suspicious people Arrested Near MLA Raja Singh's House



- Police arrest two people.
- Officials investigating at Mangalhat Police Station.
- Photos of Raja Singh, guns, and bullets found on both mobile phones.

**TPN, Hyderabad:** In a concerning development in Hyderabad, police arrested two youths who were spotted behaving suspiciously near the residence of BJP MLA Raja Singh in Goshamahal. Locals noticed the unusual movements of the two youths and immediately alerted the authorities, leading to their swift arrest. The suspects, identified as Sheikh Ismail and Sheikh Khaza, were taken into custody and are currently being interrogated at the Mangal Hot Police Station.

Preliminary investigations suggest that the youths may have been conducting a reconnaissance (rekki) of Raja Singh's residence, raising suspicions of a potential attack plot. Both youths had photos of MLA Raja Singh on their mobile phones, along with alarming images of guns and bullets, further heightening the concern of law enforcement officers.

The police are investigating the possibility that the youths were planning an attack on the BJP MLA. Authorities are working to determine the motive behind the rekki and whether the youths had any accomplices or external support. The situation remains under investigation, with police intensifying security measures around Raja Singh's residence as a precautionary measure.

## Minister Sridhar Babu's Assurance for Musi Residents

**TPN, Telangana:** Minister Sridhar Babu has vowed that the Congress government will ensure justice for Musi River residents and transform Hyderabad into a world-class city. Speaking at a media conference at the Telangana Secretariat, the minister announced that the Musi project will be developed under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP). He emphasized plans to bring Godavari water to Musi and construct link roads along the river, contributing to the city's infrastructure development.



Sridhar Babu criticized the previous BRS government, questioning their inaction over the past decade regarding the Musi River's cleanup and development. He accused BRS leaders of shedding "crocodile tears" and merely pretending to care about the plight of Musi residents.

Focusing on housing for the poor, Sridhar Babu reiterated the Congress government's commitment to fulfilling the dream of homeownership for those without proper housing. Referring to the Indiramma housing scheme, he assured that homes would be provided to all eligible beneficiaries, with the government standing by the poor at all times.

The minister also pointed out the unresolved issues in Mallanna Sagar,

questioning the BRS government's response to the plight of residents there. He recalled how Congress leaders were once arrested while trying to visit Mallanna Sagar and emphasized that the current government will not repeat such actions.

In addition, Sridhar Babu warned of strict action against builders who misled buyers by hiding Full Tank Level (FTL) boundaries during sales. He reassured that the government's goal is to protect the Musi River and its surrounding residents while addressing any attempts by opportunists to provoke Congress leaders.

Overall, Sridhar Babu reaffirmed the Congress government's commitment to protecting the poor, enhancing the city's infrastructure, and holding those responsible accountable.

## MLA Danam Nagender Criticizes HYDRA Demolitions of Poor Houses

**TPN, Hyderabad:** Khairatabad MLA Danam Nagender has made sensational allegations regarding the recent demolitions of poor houses in Hyderabad under the HYDRA initiative. He expressed his strong opposition to the inhumane treatment of residents affected by the demolitions in the Musi River area.

unjust to tear down the homes of the poor without offering alternative housing solutions. He pointed out that the city is filled with illegal structures, such as Jalavihar and Himax, questioning why these were left untouched while the houses of ordinary citizens were being demolished.



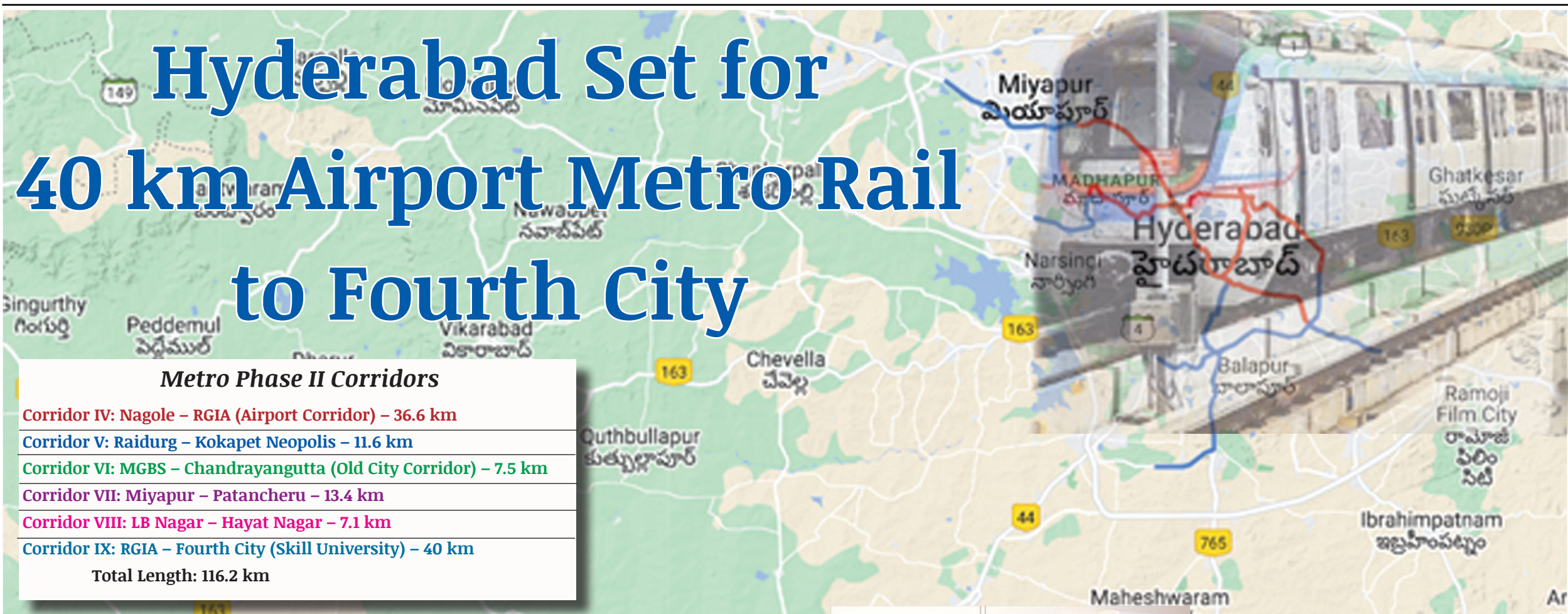
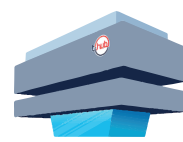
Nagender asserted that it is

Describing the red marking of houses in the Musi catchment

area as a rushed decision, Nagender suggested that it would

be more appropriate to provide accommodation to the victims adjacent to their demolished homes. He reiterated his previous warnings against intruding into slum areas where vulnerable populations reside. Nagender's comments highlight the ongoing controversy surrounding the demolition actions and their impact on the city's less fortunate residents.





### Metro Phase II Corridors

Corridor IV: Nagole – RGIA (Airport Corridor) – 36.6 km

Corridor V: Raidurg – Kokapet Neopolis – 11.6 km

Corridor VI: MGBS – Chandrayangutta (Old City Corridor) – 7.5 km

Corridor VII: Miyapur – Patancheru – 13.4 km

Corridor VIII: LB Nagar – Hayat Nagar – 7.1 km

Corridor IX: RGIA – Fourth City (Skill University) – 40 km

Total Length: 116.2 km

**TPN, Hyderabad:** Hyderabad is gearing up for a significant expansion of its metro connectivity with the launch of a 40-kilometer-long **Airport Metro Rail project** that will extend to the proposed **Fourth City**. The Hyderabad Airport Metro Limited (HAML) has announced plans to link **Shamshabad Airport** to **Skill University** in Fourth City, passing through **Mansanpally Road** and a stretch of the **Outer Ring Road (ORR)** between **Pedda Golconda** and **Raviryal**.

#### Key Features of the Project:

- Underground Section:** The first 2 km within the airport area will be constructed underground to facilitate smoother connectivity and reduce surface disruption.
- Elevated Track:** About 20 km of the metro line will be elevated, offering uninterrupted views and reducing interference with road traffic.
- At-Grade Section:** A stretch of around 18 km from ORR Raviryal exit to Skill University will be constructed at road level, integrated into a new 300-ft-wide greenfield road.

The project aims to provide rapid and seamless connectivity between the airport and Fourth City, significantly boosting infrastructure in the region.

### Metro Phase II: Expanding Hyderabad's Network

During a presentation to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, HAML Managing Director NVS Reddy outlined the alignment for Metro Phase II, which includes multiple corridors across Hyderabad

- Nagole – RGIA (Airport Corridor):** A 36.6 km stretch connecting Nagole to Shamshabad Airport via L.B. Nagar, Chandrayangutta, and other key areas. This corridor will include 35 km of elevated track and a 1.6 km underground section, featuring 24 metro stations.
- Raidurg – Kokapet Neopolis:** An 11.6 km corridor connecting Raidurg Metro Station to Kokapet Neopolis, passing through Biodiversity Junction, Financial District, and Wipro Circle, with 8 metro stations.
- MGBS – Chandrayangutta (Old City Corridor):** A 7.5 km extension of the Green Line from Mahatma Gandhi Bus Station (MGBS) to Chandrayangutta, passing through Shaliban-



- Miyapur – Patancheru:** A 13.4 km extension from Miyapur Metro Station to Patancheru, covering major areas such as BHEL and ICRISAT.
- LB Nagar – Hayat Nagar:** A 7.1 km extension from LB Nagar to Hayat Nagar, connecting Chintalkunta and Auto Nagar.
- RGIA – Fourth City (Skill University):** The newly planned 40 km corridor connecting Shamshabad Airport to the Fourth City development.

#### Wider Infrastructure Development

The new 300-ft-wide greenfield road, part of the Fourth City Metro project, will help inte-

grate road and metro infrastructure for efficient urban mobility. Additionally, around 1,100 properties along the metro's path will be affected by road widening measures, and necessary notifications have been issued for acquiring 400 properties. Sensitive structures, including religious and heritage sites, have been accounted for, with around 103 identified on this route.

The Phase II metro expansion is expected to cost around Rs. 32,237 crore, with Rs. 8,000 crore earmarked for the Fourth City connectivity. This mega project will be a joint venture between the State government and the Government of India, with approvals for the Fourth City segment to be sought in the coming months.

This ambitious project will strengthen Hyderabad's urban transportation network and is expected to play a vital role in the city's future growth, particularly by enhancing connectivity to Fourth City, a key upcoming development.

## Schools to Observe 16 Holid- days in October for Dasara and Deepavali

**TPN, Hyderabad:** In October, schools across Hyderabad and other districts in Telangana will enjoy a total of 16 holidays, primarily due to the Dasara and Deepavali festivals.

### Dasara Holidays

According to the academic calendar issued by the School Education Department, schools will be closed for 13 days during the Dasara vacation. The break will start on October 2 and extend until October 14, with schools scheduled to reopen on October 15. This extended holiday period will give students and teachers ample time to celebrate and enjoy the festive season.

Once schools resume, Summative Assessment (SA) 1 exams are slated to be conducted from October 21 to October 28.

### Deepavali Holiday

In addition to the Dasara break, schools will also remain closed on October 31 for the Deepavali festival, bringing the total number of holiday days to 14.

Furthermore, schools will also remain closed on October 20 and October 27, as they both fall on Sundays, taking the total count of holidays in the month to 16. This festive season offers students a significant break from their academic schedules, while also allowing ample time for exam preparation once classes resume.

## Bandi Sanjay Inaugurates Seva Pakwada Photo Exhibition in Hyderabad

**TPN, Hyderabad:** Union Minister Bandi Sanjay, alongside MP Laxman, inaugurated the Seva Pakwada photo exhibition at Barkatpura in Hyderabad. During the event, Bandi Sanjay delivered a powerful speech, positioning the BJP as the protector of the people's interests. He asserted, "We will be your weapon. If bulldozers are sent to demolish your homes, they will have to face BJP workers first."



He emphasized that the BJP is ready to fight hard to safeguard people's assets, criticizing the current state of governance. "Is Indiramma's rule meant to demolish the houses of the poor and break promises?" Sanjay questioned, pointing out how

both BRS and Congress have failed the people by not implementing their guarantees.

He accused the BRS government of exploiting the poor under the guise of development projects like building collectorates and fire stations. He claimed that the homes of the poor were being targeted in the name of the Musi River clean-up (Musi purge), with no genuine intention of improving the lives of

the displaced.

The Union Minister also highlighted the ongoing clash between BRS and Congress, accusing both parties of deceiving people and engaging in a political struggle over the implementation of guarantees and pending bills owed to former Sarpanches. Sanjay reaffirmed that the BJP stands with the people and is committed to protecting their rights and assets.

## Collector Assures Housing for Residents in Moosi Riverbed Area

**TPN, Hyderabad:** Rangareddy District Collector Shashanka has announced that double bedroom houses will be allocated to individuals residing in the Moosi Riverbed area. He provided this update during a press conference held at the Rajendranagar Tehsildar's office on Saturday, alongside Additional Collector Prathimasinh, RDO Venkat Reddy, and Tehsildar Ramulu.

Collector Shashanka explained that there are a total of 339 structures in the Musi Riverbed area, located across the Rajendranagar and Gandipet mandals. Among these, 175 are residential houses, while the remainder consists of mechanic sheds and plastic factories. He emphasized that those living in houses would receive double bedroom accommodations. On Saturday, house certificates were issued to 22 individuals in

the Narsingh and Jiyaguda areas. Furthermore, if two brothers reside in the same house, they will be provided with separate housing.

The Collector assured residents of the Moosi area that they should not lose heart, reiterating the commitment of the district administration to support those affected by the housing situation.

## Major Traffic Upgrade Planned for KBR Park Junctions with Rs 826 Crore Investment



The Telangana government has greenlit a massive infrastructure project aimed at improving traffic flow around the busy Kasu Brahmananda Reddy (KBR) Park junctions. The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) has approved an investment of Rs 826 crore under the HCITI Junction Improvement initiative to address traffic congestion at six key intersections.

These junctions, currently managed through

traffic signals and U-turns, are set for a significant upgrade. The project will include the construction of grade separators—flyovers and underpasses—to ensure uninterrupted traffic movement. The initiative is designed to create a conflict-free driving environment, allowing vehicles to bypass traditional traffic lights and U-turns, significantly reducing congestion.

### Key Junctions Targeted

The six junctions surrounding KBR Park are among the busiest in Hyderabad, heavily trafficked due to their proximity to key business hubs like Madhapur, Hitech City, Gachibowli, and Kondapur. The GHMC has divided the construction of these grade separators into two packages to be completed with the overall budget of Rs 826 crore.

#### Package-I: Rs 421 Crore

##### Jubilee Hills Check Post:

- Y-shaped underpass from Road No. 45 to KBR Park and Yousufguda.
- 4-lane flyover from KBR Park entrance junc-

tion towards Road No. 36.

- 2-lane flyover from Yousufguda side towards Road No. 45 junction.

##### KBR Entrance and Mugdha Junction

- 2-lane underpass from Jubilee Hills Check Post towards Cancer Hospital junction.
- 3-lane unidirectional underpass from Punjagutta side towards Jubilee Hills Check Post.
- 3-lane underpass from KBR entrance junction towards Punjagutta.

#### Package-II: Rs 405 Crore

##### Road No. 45 Junction:

- 2-lane underpass from Filmnagar junction towards Jubilee Hills Check Post.
- 2-lane flyover from Jubilee Hills Check Post towards Road No. 45.

##### Filmnagar Junction

- 2-lane underpass from Maharaja Agrasen junction towards Road No. 45 junction.
- 2-lane flyover from Filmnagar junction towards Maharaja Agrasen junction.

##### Maharaja Agrasen Junction

- 2-lane underpass from Cancer Hospital junction towards Filmnagar junction.
- 2-lane flyover from Filmnagar junction towards Road No. 12.

##### Cancer Hospital Junction

- 2-lane underpass from KBR Park side towards Maharaja Agrasen junction.
- 2-lane flyover from Maharaja Agrasen junction towards Road No. 10.

#### Innovative Drainage Solutions

In addition to the structural upgrades, the GHMC has incorporated rainwater retention systems beneath the underpasses. This innovation aims to prevent bottlenecks caused by monsoon flooding, ensuring efficient drainage and maintaining smooth traffic flow even during heavy rains.

This comprehensive project promises to significantly enhance the commuting experience in one of Hyderabad's busiest areas, offering smoother, faster, and safer routes for motorists.



# Earth to Get a Temporary 'Mini Moon' Linked to India's Mahabharata Tonight



As the world sleeps, a fascinating celestial event will occur above Earth: a temporary mini-moon, designated "2024 PT5," will enter Earth's orbit tonight. With an intriguing connection to India's epic Mahabharata, this small asteroid, just about ten meters in diameter, will stay in orbit for approximately 53 days before resuming its journey through the solar system. Though much smaller than Earth's permanent Moon, "2024 PT5" is expected to provide an exciting opportunity for astronomers.

At a mere 10 meters in diameter, "2024 PT5" pales in comparison to Earth's Moon, which has a diameter of 3,476 kilometers. In fact, it is around 350,000 times smaller, making it impossible to see with the naked eye. However, according to experts, it will be detectable with specialized telescopes after 1:30 a.m. tonight.

### A Brief Visitor from Space

A natural object that temporarily orbits a planet, like "2024 PT5," is called a mini-moon. While Earth has just one permanent Moon, other planets in the solar system have multiple moons. Saturn, for instance, boasts 146 known moons, and Jupiter follows closely with 95. Mars has two moons, while Venus has none. Although mini-moons like "2024 PT5" only remain in orbit briefly, they offer valuable insights into the behavior of near-Earth objects (NEOs).

Experts from the Indian Space Research Organisation (ISRO), which is monitoring the asteroid, have confirmed that "2024 PT5" poses no threat to Earth. The asteroid's orbit is temporary and will not result in a collision with our planet. This mini-moon will orbit Earth for around two months before disappearing by November 25, 2024.

### Understanding Mini Moons

The "2024 PT5" was first discovered on August 7, 2024, by the Asteroid Terrestrial-impact Last Alert System (ATLAS), an automated system funded by NASA and operated from Hawaii. ATLAS is dedicated to monitoring near-Earth asteroids that could pose a threat to our planet, providing crucial early warnings. The Indian space agency ISRO's own Network for Space Objects Tracking and Analysis (NETRA) is also keeping a close watch on the object.

Asteroid researchers Carlos and Raúl de la Fuente Marcos have explained that NEOs like "2024 PT5" often follow what are known as "horseshoe orbits." In this case, the asteroid approaches Earth at close range with a low relative velocity, causing it to briefly enter Earth's gravitational field. This results in a mini-moon event, where the object remains temporarily in orbit but does not complete a full revolution around the planet. These events can last anywhere from hours to months, but the mini-moons eventually leave Earth's orbit.

Though "2024 PT5" will not be visible to amateur astronomers or those using standard binoculars, professional-grade telescopes with a diameter of at least 30 inches, along with a CCD or CMOS detector, will be able to detect the object. According to the researchers, the object's small size and dim nature make it challenging to observe without such equipment.

### The Mahabharata Connection

What makes this mini-moon even more interesting is its connection to India's cultural heritage. "2024 PT5" belongs to a group of asteroids known as the Arjuna family. Named after the hero of the Indian

epic Mahabharata, the Arjuna asteroids are near-Earth objects with low-inclination, Earth-like orbits. The name was given by prolific asteroid and comet discoverer Robert H. McNaught, who was inspired by Arjuna's swift passage through the Mahabharata, likening it to the asteroids' swift journeys through the solar system.

In mythology, Arjuna is revered for his bravery, skill in archery, and spiritual wisdom, qualities that resonated with the discoverer when naming these celestial objects. The unpredictable nature of these asteroids, which periodically enter Earth's orbit, parallels Arjuna's complex character and his skillful navigation of life's challenges.

### Tracking and Analysis by ISRO

Dr. Anil Kumar, head of ISRO's Network for Space Objects Tracking and Analysis (NETRA), has confirmed that "2024 PT5" is part of the Arjuna asteroid grouping. He stated that NETRA is actively tracking the mini-moon and is collaborating with international space agencies to monitor its path. While the object is expected to leave Earth's orbit by late November, its brief visit has reignited interest in studying near-Earth objects and their interactions with our planet.

Though this is not the first time Earth has experienced a mini-moon event—similar occurrences were recorded in 1997, 2013, and 2018—each event provides researchers with a valuable opportunity to study the nature and behavior of NEOs. As "2024 PT5" makes its temporary visit, scientists around the world, including those at ISRO, will be watching closely, gathering data that could enhance our understanding of the solar system's small but significant visitors.

# Vande Bharat: Chugging Through The Heart Of The Nation

On September 15, six new Vande Bharat (VB) trains were flagged off across India, expanding the reach of this semi-high-speed train network to new routes, including Nagpur-Secunderabad, Kolhapur-Pune, Agra Cantt-Banaras, Durg-Visakhapatnam, and Pune-Hubballi. Additionally, the first 20-coach Vande Bharat train will now operate between Varanasi and Delhi. With these additions, there are now 102 VB trains covering 100 routes across 284 districts in 24 states and Union territories, marking a significant achievement for Indian Railways since the Vande Bharat's inaugural run in 2019. Over 2 crore passengers have experienced travel on these indigenous marvels, which are transforming the face of India's railways.

The Vande Bharat Express is an all-stainless steel, energy-efficient train equipped with self-propulsion modules that eliminate the need for traditional locomotives. It has captured the attention of Indian travelers who, until recently, preferred air travel due to the outdated and uncomfortable experience of older trains. However, VB has emerged as a game-changer by offering speed, comfort, and modern amenities that rival air travel, pulling many high-end travelers back to the railways.

### A Shift Away From Air Travel

The VB trains not only offer higher speeds but also deliver a customer experience that appeals to frequent flyers. The hassle-free boarding process, city-center station locations, and absence of long airport security and check-in times have given the VB an edge. Passengers avoid the time-consuming commutes to airports, and once at their destination, there are no lengthy waits for luggage, making the overall journey shorter than most air travel routes.

Moreover, the Indian Railways is planning to introduce VB sleeper trains equipped with advanced amenities like Wi-Fi, automatic doors, sensor-based water taps, and roller blinds at affordable prices, making it an even more attractive option for long-distance travelers.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi also recently launched the Namo Bharat Rapid Rail (NMRR), designed to provide a faster, cheaper alternative for short-distance travel. Covering 359 kilometers between Bhuj and Ahmedabad, the NMRR offers modern safety systems and promises to connect cities efficiently, much like VB has done for longer distances.

### Why Trains Matter

Trains, particularly electrified ones like VB, are

not only environmentally friendly but also more efficient than highways, which require significant land for expansion. As India's urban mobility systems, including metro networks, continue to grow, high-speed trains will play a critical role in interconnecting cities and towns.

However, for the VB trains to remain successful, Indian Railways must ensure their continued viability. Cleanliness, punctuality, and comfort are essential for maintaining the appeal of these trains. With the high standards set by the Vande Bharat trains, it is crucial that they continue to deliver on these promises consistently.

Challenges also arise from the public nature of rail travel in India. Unlike the controlled environments of airports, railway stations are often crowded and difficult to manage. Maintaining cleanliness and security is an ongoing concern, especially as reports of stone-pelting incidents targeting these trains have surfaced.

### Ensuring Long-Term Viability

One of the concerns about VB trains is their occupancy rates. While Indian Railways claims that the overall utilisation of VB trains exceeds 92%, some sectors report only 50% occupancy, whereas others face waiting lists. For VB trains to be profitable and sustainable, maintaining high occupancy rates across all routes is critical.

It is also surprising that Indian Railways has not kept separate records of revenue generation from VB trains, given the significant investments made. Monitoring profitability or losses will ultimately determine whether these trains can continue operating at the high standards currently set.

Additionally, the focus on VB trains has led to the neglect of general trains. Many passengers still experience poor conditions in non-VB trains, particularly in general compartments. Despite promises to add more AC coaches at lower fares, this has not materialized due to cost constraints, leaving budget-conscious travelers with limited options.

### Future of Indian Railways

The Indian Railways' current financial struggles are the result of long-term mismanagement, making it a largely unprofitable venture. Exploring private financing options for high-speed trains like Vande Bharat could be a way forward, potentially reducing the burden on government resources and ensuring that these services remain available to the public at affordable prices.



# RTM Card Returns to IPL Auction After Six Years



In preparation for the 2025 IPL Mega Auction, the IPL Governing Council has introduced new retention rules, allowing franchises to retain up to six players. This can be done through two methods: direct retention or by using the Right to Match (RTM) card, which has returned to the auction after a six-year hiatus. The reintroduction of this rule has sparked interest among cricket fans eager to understand its impact on team dynamics.

### What is an RTM Card?

RTM stands for "Right to Match", a special provision that allows franchises to re-acquire players they did not retain ahead of the auction. If a player who was part of a franchise enters the auction, and other teams bid for him, the former franchise can use the RTM card to match the highest bid and bring the player back into their squad.

For example, if a player's final auction bid reaches ₹16 crores, the former franchise can exercise the RTM card to buy him at that price, regardless of which team placed the highest bid. The RTM card allows a franchise to retain key players who may not have been retained initially, giving teams

more flexibility in maintaining their core squads. However, this process can also cause player prices to fluctuate significantly.

The RTM card was last seen in the 2018 IPL Mega Auction but was removed ahead of the 2022 IPL season. Its reintroduction for the 2025 Mega Auction has stirred curiosity as teams will once again have a powerful tool to retain valuable players.

### Strict Rules for Foreign Players

Alongside the return of the RTM card, the IPL Governing Council has also implemented stricter rules for foreign players who withdraw from the tournament after registering for the auction. Players who withdraw after being included in the auction will be disqualified from registering for the following year. Additionally, those who declare their unavailability before the season starts will be banned from participating in the auction for two seasons.

These new rules aim to ensure greater commitment and consistency from international players, adding another layer of accountability for those participating in the IPL.



# PM Modi Celebrates 10 Years of 'Make in India' Initiative

On the 10th anniversary of the 'Make in India' initiative, Prime Minister Narendra Modi hailed the program's success in transforming India into a manufacturing powerhouse. In his monthly 'Mann Ki Baat' radio broadcast, he credited the country's youth for drawing global attention to India's manufacturing capabilities.

Reflecting on the initiative's impact, Modi highlighted its benefits for various socio-economic groups, stating, "Today, it gives me immense joy to see that the poor, the middle class, and MSMEs are reaping the rewards." He emphasized that the campaign has enabled individuals from all backgrounds to showcase their talents and skills.

Modi pointed to the significant rise in exports across multiple sectors, including automo-



biles, textiles, aviation, electronics, and defense. He also noted the increasing foreign direct investment (FDI) as a testament to the initiative's success.

Two key focuses moving for-

ward, according to Modi, are "Quality" and "Vocal for Local." He stressed the importance of producing goods that meet global standards while also promoting local products. An example of this is the Bhandara Tussar Silk Handloom in

Maharashtra, where numerous self-help groups, particularly involving women, are preserving the region's textile traditions.

In a festive appeal, the Prime Minister urged citizens to prioritize purchasing and gifting products that are 'Made in India,' reinforcing that promoting local craftsmanship is integral to the 'Vocal for Local' campaign. He remarked, "Any product made with the sweat of an Indian artisan is our pride."

In a LinkedIn blog post, Modi acknowledged the contributions of everyone involved in making the initiative a success, calling them pioneers and innovators who have positioned India as a focal point of global interest. He concluded with an optimistic vision for the future, declaring that "Bharat is unstoppable."

## Won't Die Till PM Modi "Removed" From Power: M Kharage

Congress chief Mallikarjun Kharge fell ill while addressing a rally in Jammu and Kashmir's Kathua district, but he reaffirmed his commitment to political action, stating he would not die until Prime Minister Narendra Modi is "removed" from power. During the rally, which was the final campaign event for the upcoming Assembly elections, Kharge experienced dizziness and was assisted by party leaders, who led him to a chair for rest.

Medical professionals who examined him noted that his blood pressure was fluctuating. Despite this setback, Kharge returned to the stage to address the crowd, emphasizing the importance of restoring statehood to Jammu and Kashmir. "I am 83 years old. I am not going to die so early. I will stay alive until Prime Minister Narendra Modi is removed from power," he declared passionately.

Kharge acknowledged his earlier discomfort, apologizing to the audience for needing to sit down. According to sources, his blood pressure had dropped significantly, but he was feeling better after receiving medical attention. Doctors advised him to take some rest, leaving uncertainty about his attendance at a subsequent rally in Udhampur later that evening.

The rally in Jasrota was part of the Congress campaign to support party candidates in the Assembly elections, which are critical for shaping the political landscape in the region. With the last day of campaigning coinciding with the final phase of polling set for October 1, all eyes are on the upcoming election, which will cover around 40 assembly seats, including constituencies in Jammu, Kathua, Samba, and Udhampur districts, as well as regions in the Kashmir Valley.

## Agniveers will be given a pensionable job: Amit Shah

Union Home Minister Amit Shah addressed a rally in Gurgaon on Sunday, emphasizing that Agniveers will receive pensionable jobs as part of the government's commitment to the scheme. Speaking at the 'Jan Aashirwaad Rally' in support of BJP candidate Rao Narbir Singh, Shah encouraged families to send their sons to join the Army, stating, "Every Agniveer will get pension benefits. The Agniveer scheme was meant to make the Army young."

Shah took aim at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, labeling him a "lying machine" for claiming the Agniveer initiative was a means to avoid offering pensionable positions. He criticized the previous Congress government in Haryana for its corruption, asserting that during the Hooda administration, only one district and one caste benefited, whereas the BJP has worked to develop the entire state equally.

The Home Minister highlight-



ed the significant financial support the BJP government has provided to Haryana, claiming that the UPA government allocated ₹41,000 crores, while the Modi administration has contributed ₹292,000 crores over the last decade. "PM Modi loves Haryana the most among all the states," he asserted.

Shah also addressed concerns about national security, accus-

ing Congress of appeasement and failing to uphold promises made in Himachal Pradesh and Karnataka. He insisted that the Modi government will maintain the Indian flag in Kashmir, countering any suggestions to restore Article 370.

In a sharp critique of the Congress party's governance, he pointed out the prevalence of brokers and favoritism during the previous administration, questioning how common citizens could find jobs if opportunities were reserved for political supporters.

Amit Shah concluded by reinforcing the BJP's commitment to veterans, citing the implementation of the One Rank One Pension policy under Modi, which had been neglected by past administrations. The rally served as a platform for Shah to rally support ahead of upcoming elections while reinforcing the BJP's narrative of progress and accountability in governance.

## Arvind Kejriwal claims Torture In Tihar, projects himself as 'son of Haryana'

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) chief Arvind Kejriwal addressed a public gathering in Rewari, Haryana, where he made allegations of "torture" during his imprisonment in Tihar Jail. Speaking ahead of the Haryana Assembly elections, Kejriwal claimed that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)-led central government attempted to "break" him mentally and physically while he was incarcerated.

"I am a diabetic patient and require four insulin injections daily, but my medications were withheld. They wanted to break me, but they don't know that I am from Haryana, and you can't break a person from Haryana," Kejriwal asserted, drawing applause from the crowd.

Released on September 13 after five months in jail due to a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) case related to an alleged excise policy scam, Kejriwal used his speech to target Prime Minister Narendra Modi. He accused the



BJP of attempting to undermine his political successes in Delhi and Punjab and expressed confidence that the AAP would play a crucial role in forming the next government in Haryana. "No government can be formed in Haryana without the support of the AAP," he declared.

Kejriwal highlighted his achievements in Delhi, emphasizing the establishment of 500 mohalla clinics, and urged Modi to focus on expanding healthcare rather than stifling his initiatives. "Instead of trying to shut down my clinics, you should be building 5,000 more,"

he challenged.

Reminding the audience of his roots, Kejriwal shared that he was born in Siwani village and educated in Hisar, emphasizing his connection to Haryana. "Your son has made Haryana proud across the world. Give me a chance to serve," he urged voters.

With the Haryana elections scheduled for October 5 and results to be announced on October 8, Kejriwal's remarks set the stage for a heated political contest, as AAP seeks to solidify its influence in the state.



## Udhayanidhi Stalin Sworn Tamil Nadu's Deputy Chief Minister

Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) MLA Udhayanidhi Stalin was officially sworn in as Tamil Nadu's deputy chief minister on September 29, marking a significant cabinet reshuffle within the state government. The son of Chief Minister MK Stalin, Udhayanidhi will oversee crucial portfolios, including youth welfare, sports development, rural indebtedness, special program implementation, and poverty alleviation.

His promotion comes as the DMK prepares for the 2026 Assembly elections, with party members advocating for Udhayanidhi's rise to strengthen the party's position and appeal to younger voters. At 46, he represents a new generation of leadership, and the party is keen to capitalize on this momentum to secure victory in the upcoming polls.

The reshuffle also saw the return of Senthil Balaji to the cabinet after his recent release from jail. His reinstatement had been widely anticipated following his exit from incarceration on Thursday. Chief Minister Stalin hinted at a reshuffle in previous days, underscoring the strategic changes within the government.

In addition to Udhayanidhi and Balaji, several other ministers have been appointed or reassigned. Dr. Govi Chezhiaan, R. Rajendran, and S. M. Nasar have joined the cabinet. Notably, Nasar returns after being removed from his previous position as Minister for Milk and Dairy Development.

Changes to existing portfolios included Minister for Higher Education Dr. K. Ponmudy, who now takes on the role of Minister for Forests. Environment Minister Siva V. Meyyanathan has shifted to oversee Backward Classes, while Dr. M. Mathiventhan, formerly responsible for Forests, will now handle Adi Dravidar Welfare. Finance Minister Thangam Thennarasu has been assigned the additional responsibility of Environment and Climate Change, and R. S. Rajakannappan will now manage the Milk and Dairy Development and Khadi portfolios.

## Prashant Kishor To Launch New Political Party In Bihar

Prashant Kishor, head of the Jan Suraj campaign, held a press conference on Sunday to announce the formation of a new political party, with details—including its name and leadership—set to be revealed on October 2. Emphasizing a collective leadership approach, Kishor stated, "I was never its leader and I never aspire to become one. It is time for people to take leadership roles."



This announcement coincides with the completion of the first stage of the Jan Suraj initiative, which Kishor launched on October 2, 2022. He outlined three core objectives of the initiative: educating villagers to improve their living standards, empowering citizens to vote freely without coercion from misguided leaders, and striving for Bihar's development by creating strategies for 8,500 panchayats focusing on education, agriculture, and employment.

Kishor explained, "With these three motives, we started our journey from Gandhi Ashram in West Champaran, and there is no fixed timeline. The goal is to reach every corner of Bihar." He noted that the journey has already covered 60 percent of the state and intends to continue over the next one or two years.

While conducting outreach in areas like Supaul and Araria, Kishor affirmed that the formation of the new party will not interrupt his ongoing efforts. "On October 2, you will see the new party, Jan Suraj, along with the leadership announcement," he reiterated, clarifying, "I am not the leader; I was never the leader of this party being formed on October 2."

Additionally, Kishor mentioned that plans for the second stage of the initiative, which will address Bihar's challenges, are expected to be presented in February or March 2025.



## Market Watch: Key Global Signals and Top Stock Picks for the Week

The domestic stock market may experience mixed trends this week as key indices hover near all-time highs, prompting potential profit-taking by investors. Economic updates from global markets, including China's stimulus measures and economic data from the US, Europe, and Japan, are expected to guide market sentiment. While benchmark indices remain bullish, mid-cap and small-cap stocks have shown signs of correction. Experts suggest that this could be a good opportunity for investors to buy stocks with solid fundamentals at attractive prices.

Last week, sectors such as metals, automobiles, public sector enterprises (PSE), oil and gas, commodities, and energy saw a downturn, making it crucial for investors to navigate the market carefully. Below are some key stock recommendations for the week:

### Stock Recommendations:

#### 1. Tata Motors:

After reaching a lifetime high in August, Tata Motors shares saw a sharp correction due to profit booking and negative news. The stock has since stabilized, finding crucial support around the Rs.935 mark. With increasing strength, investors are advised to take positions at Rs.990/970, targeting a price of Rs.1150/1200. The stock closed at Rs.993 on Friday. A stop-loss should be set at Rs.950.



#### 2. Tata Steel:

Tata Steel also experienced a pullback after reaching a lifetime high, with its shares declining by 22%. Following consolidation at the Rs.150 level, the stock has rebounded on the back of strong trading and delivery volumes. Investors are recommended to take positions in the range of Rs.165/160, aiming for a target price of Rs.195/210. The stock closed at Rs.166 on Friday. A stop-loss should be maintained at Rs.155.



#### 3. NMDC:

NMDC shares fell by 30% after hitting resistance at Rs.286, but signs of recovery have emerged since mid-September, with increasing volume and strength. Investors can consider entering at Rs.230, aiming for a target of Rs.255/280. The stock closed at Rs.235 on Friday, with a stop-loss set at Rs.225.



#### 4. Grasim Industries:

Grasim Industries' shares have corrected by 13% after hitting a lifetime high in July. However, the stock is showing signs of consolidation and has risen by 8% over the past three sessions, indicating strong investor interest. Investors should consider buying around Rs.2750, with a target price of Rs.2850/2900. The stock closed at Rs.2783 on Friday, and a stop-loss of Rs.2720 is recommended.

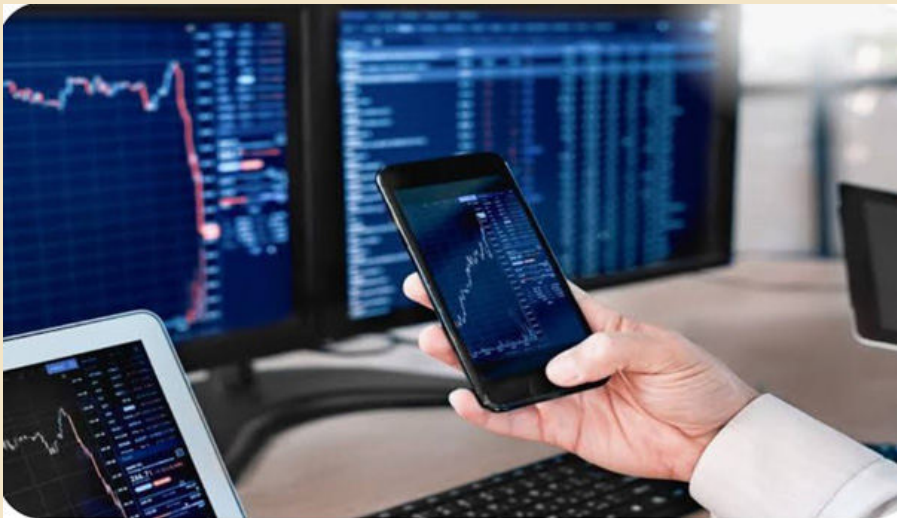


#### 5. HDFC Life:

HDFC Life shares are hovering near lifetime highs, sustaining key support levels for almost two and a half years. Institutional buying could potentially drive the stock to new highs. Investors are advised to take positions in the range of Rs.730/720, with a target price of Rs.775/825. The stock closed at Rs.730 on Friday, with a recommended stop-loss at Rs.700.



With mixed signals from global markets and the domestic indices nearing their peak, investors should remain cautious and focus on stocks with strong fundamentals while keeping an eye on global economic developments.



## PLI Scheme Expected to Create Over 12 Lakh Jobs, Says Piyush Goyal

Union Minister Piyush Goyal recently highlighted the significant impact of the Production-Linked Incentive (PLI) scheme, estimating that it could create upwards of 12 lakh jobs in India. Initially projected to generate around 8.5 lakh jobs, Goyal expressed optimism about surpassing this figure, citing positive trends in domestic and export production.

According to Goyal, the PLI scheme is anticipated to drive additional production valued at approximately ₹11 lakh crore. However, he indicated that current projections suggest even higher output. "Hearing some of the numbers today, my own sense is that the production will be much more than we had expected," he remarked.

The PLI scheme, which was launched in 2021 with an allocation of ₹1.97 lakh crore across 14 sectors—including electronics, pharmaceuticals, and drones—aims to boost domestic manufacturing and attract foreign investments. As demand increases, Goyal noted that many manufacturing units are now positioned to invest without further governmental support for component manufacturing.

During a recent meeting with industry stakeholders, Goyal acknowledged the challenges faced by first-time manufacturers, particularly those producing innovative products that lack prior experience. "If they are making it for the first time in India, or there is an innovation occurring for the first time, it is difficult to have prior experience," he stated. He urged companies in these sectors to provide

feedback so that technical expertise could be utilized to facilitate their participation in government procurement processes.

Goyal also mentioned the need for a roadmap for sectors that require time to develop their ecosystems, indicating that policies will be adjusted to support their transition to higher tiers of supply capability. Suggestions from industry representatives regarding amendments in government procurement were welcomed, indicating a collaborative approach to overcoming manufacturing challenges.

As India continues to navigate its manufacturing landscape, the success of the PLI scheme will be closely monitored, with expectations for substantial job creation and enhanced production capabilities across multiple sectors.



## Raghuram Rajan Calls for Focus on Job Creation Amidst Economic Growth

Former Reserve Bank of India (RBI) governor Raghuram Rajan expressed concerns regarding India's job creation despite the country achieving a notable 7% economic growth rate. In comments made to PTI, Rajan highlighted that while growth figures are encouraging, they do not translate into sufficient employment opportunities, particularly in capital-intensive sectors like manufacturing.

Rajan noted that this trend is concerning, as the expected job creation has not materialized. "You would think with 7% growth, we would be creating a lot of jobs," he said, emphasizing the need for a shift towards more labor-intensive industries to stimulate employment.

The former governor pointed out that while some segments of society are enjoying high incomes, the consumption levels among the lower half of the population have yet to recover to pre-pandemic standards. He remarked, "It is not going well at the lower level. The desperate need is for jobs," and cited the overwhelming number of applications for government jobs as evidence of widespread unemployment.

Rajan also forecasted that India's economy will likely continue to grow at a rate of 6% to 7% in the medium term, which underscores the urgency for policies aimed at enhancing job creation. He welcomed the apprenticeship schemes introduced in the recent Union Budget, suggesting that monitoring and expanding successful initiatives will be vital for generating employment.

Citing successful models from countries like Vietnam and Bangladesh, Rajan stressed the importance of focusing on labor-intensive sectors. He cautioned that India cannot afford to overlook this opportunity, especially given its demographic dividend, which presents a unique chance to harness its youthful workforce over the next 15 years.

Addressing broader economic policies, Rajan commented on the need for a reassessment of the Goods and Services Tax (GST) rates, advocating for an expert committee to review their effectiveness. He also discussed the dynamics of inter-state economic relationships, advocating for equitable growth that addresses disparities between richer and poorer states.

In conclusion, Rajan's insights underscore the critical need for India to align its economic growth with substantial job creation, particularly in sectors that can absorb a larger workforce, ensuring that the benefits of growth are felt across all levels of society.



## Floods Surge Vegetable Prices in West Bengal Ahead of Durga Puja

The recent flooding in West Bengal has caused a significant spike in vegetable prices in Kolkata's retail markets, just as the festive season, particularly Durga Puja, approaches. The prices have soared, creating concern among consumers and vendors alike.

Green chili, an essential ingredient in Bengali cuisine, has seen the most drastic increase, reaching around ₹200 per kilogram in many retail outlets. Beans have similarly hit the double-century mark, making them less accessible for families preparing for the upcoming festivities.

Capsicum is another vegetable affected by the price surge, now costing approximately ₹150 per kilogram, while tomatoes are selling at about ₹100 per kilogram. Brinjal prices have also



soared, touching ₹100, further straining household budgets.

Even staples such as Parval (pointed gourd) are feeling the impact, priced around ₹80 per kilogram. Other common vegetables, including ladyfinger, ridge gourd, and cucumber, are now priced similarly. Carrots have seen a slight increase, selling for about ₹70 per kilogram, while the price of potatoes, a dietary staple, ranges between ₹35 and ₹40 per kilogram.

A member of the state government's task force aimed at monitoring essential commodity prices noted that typically, vegetable prices rise before major festivals. However, this year's situation is exacerbated by the floods affecting vegetable-producing areas, leading to diminished supply and consequently higher prices.

As West Bengal gears up for Durga Puja, a time marked by family gatherings and celebrations, the soaring prices of essential vegetables are causing worry among consumers, who may need to adjust their festive menus. The state government is being urged to implement measures to stabilize prices and ensure that essential commodities remain affordable for all families during this critical time.

## Government Considers Regulatory Framework for Foreign Investment Oversight

The Indian government is exploring the establishment of a foreign investment regulatory mechanism to facilitate post-investment review and monitoring, according to sources. Currently, discussions are in preliminary stages, focusing on creating an oversight system similar to those employed by other nations regarding foreign direct investment (FDI).

One source emphasized the need for such a mechanism, stating, "It's a kind of oversight on money coming into the country as FDI." This initiative aims to ensure that foreign investments are

beneficial to the Indian economy and originate from legitimate sources.

India has become a prime destination for FDI, attracting investors due to its vast market of 1.4 billion people, stable policies, demographic advantages, and skilled workforce. To enhance its appeal, the government has implemented measures to simplify procedures, reduce compliance burdens, and ease FDI norms in various sectors, including space, e-commerce, pharmaceuticals, civil aviation, and defense. The introduction of the production-linked incentive (PLI) scheme for 14 sectors, including



electronics, has further bolstered this effort.

The "Make in India" initiative, launched in 2014, aims to transform the coun-

try into a global manufacturing hub by promoting investment and innovation. Over the past decade, FDI inflows have surged by 119%, totaling USD 667 billion from 2014 to 2024, compared to USD 304 billion in the previous decade. In the first quarter of the current fiscal year, FDI rose by 47.8% to USD 16.17 billion, driven by strong investments in services, computer software, telecommunications, and pharmaceuticals.

Experts suggest that a dedicated law addressing national security risks from FDI could enhance India's regulatory framework. Saurav Kumar, a partner at

IndusLaw, noted that such legislation would provide a clear legal basis for rejecting investments on national security grounds, thereby reducing the risk of international challenges.

Rudra Kumar Pandey from Shardul Amarchand Mangaldas & Co echoed this sentiment, advocating for a specific law with transparent guidelines for processing foreign investment applications. This would include criteria for assessing national security risks, establishing a nodal officer for communication, and clearly outlining grounds for rejection to ensure a transparent approval process.





# A Lot at Stake for Rahul Gandhi and Congress in Haryana

The upcoming elections in Haryana have reached a critical phase, with both major parties making strategic moves. After Prime Minister Narendra Modi's rally in Sonipat, Rahul Gandhi launched his campaign from two locations in the state. All eyes were on him, particularly to see if Kumari Selja, a key Congress leader, would join him. The sight of Selja and Bhupinder Singh Hooda standing together with Rahul Gandhi relieved many Congress supporters, but whether this unity will last and lead to victory remains to be seen.

## A Crucial Test for Rahul Gandhi



The Haryana election is not just a test for Congress but also for Rahul Gandhi's leadership. After a significant improvement in the party's seat tally in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, where Congress rose from 52 to 99 seats, much of the credit went to Rahul. His position as the party's most important leader, which had been questioned since the 2019 elections, is now firmly established. Furthermore, Rahul is informally seen as the leader of the opposition. A win in Haryana would solidify his standing as a strong challenger to Modi and strengthen his image as a mass leader in Indian politics.



The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which saw a drop in its vote share in Haryana during the recent Lok Sabha elections, is struggling. In 2019, the BJP had a commanding lead with a 30% vote share difference, but that gap has shrunk. The BJP's second term in the state has been marked by disappointment, with the replacement of Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar by Nayab Singh Saini, who has been largely ineffective. BJP faces an uphill battle in this election, and it would take a miracle for them to regain momentum by counting day.

## Haryana's Unique Importance



More than Jammu and Kashmir, Haryana holds singular importance for Rahul Gandhi. In Jammu and Kashmir, Congress is a junior partner in an alliance with the National Conference, contesting only 32 seats. The BJP is also not a major player in the Valley. While Jammu and Kashmir's election carries significant prestige for the Modi government due to its post-Article 370 abrogation context, Haryana is different.

Haryana has been a battleground for political turmoil, especially during the farmers' protests. The state was deeply affected by the year-long farmer agitation, where PM Modi was forced to withdraw the three controversial farm laws. Many rural voters, particularly farmers, are still bitter about how they were labeled as "Khalistanis" by some BJP leaders. Rahul Gandhi has directly blamed Modi for this and has promised legal guarantees for Minimum Support Price (MSP) if Congress comes to power, a key demand of the farmers. This has resonated with the state's rural population, where the BJP is reportedly struggling to connect with voters.

## The Wrestlers' Protest



Another significant issue in Haryana is the treatment of women wrestlers who accused BJP MP Brij Bhushan Singh of sexual harassment. The wrestlers were so disappointed with the government's inaction that they threatened to throw their medals into the Ganga. The BJP only acted after intervention by the Supreme Court, and Singh was denied a party ticket. However, his son contested in his place, causing further resentment, especially among the Jat community. Many believe that the BJP protected Singh to avoid alienating the Rajput vote in Uttar Pradesh, a critical electoral base.

Rahul Gandhi has supported the wrestlers' cause from the beginning, which has helped him gain support within the Jat community. A win in Haryana would enhance his standing with this crucial voting bloc, while a loss could harm his efforts to consolidate their support.

## The Stakes for Congress



Since his Bharat Jodo Yatra, Rahul Gandhi has emerged as a serious challenger to Modi's brand of politics. He has raised critical issues like social justice and a caste census, positioning himself against the BJP's narrative of Hindutva and nationalism. His political strategies, which have already gained traction in South India, are also beginning to resonate in North India, including in Haryana.

If Congress wins with a big margin, it will validate Rahul's approach to secularism and social justice. However, a loss could confuse the party's rank and file, undermining the momentum built since the Lok Sabha elections.

The truce between Kumari Selja and Bhupinder Singh Hooda is crucial for Congress's chances. This unity could be the key to a Congress victory in Haryana, a win that would not only strengthen Rahul Gandhi's leadership but also reshape the political landscape in the state.

In the end, a lot is at stake for both Rahul Gandhi and Congress in Haryana. The outcome of this election could set the tone for the party's future as well as its chances in upcoming national elections.



# protect yourself from recruitment scammers on WhatsApp



Meta’s WhatsApp has become an essential tool for daily communication, allowing users to connect with friends, family, colleagues, and businesses seamlessly. From casual greetings to updates on online orders, the platform has transformed how we interact. Recently, it has also become a common avenue for job offers, particularly from known contacts. However, when receiving offers from unfamiliar sources or businesses, caution is warranted, as these could very well be scams.

In recent years, recruitment scams on WhatsApp have surged, exploiting the app’s vast user base and ease of access. Scammers find it simpler to reach strangers through this platform compared to more traditional channels. Despite Meta’s ongoing efforts to improve privacy and security measures, the risks associated with job-related communications on WhatsApp continue to grow.

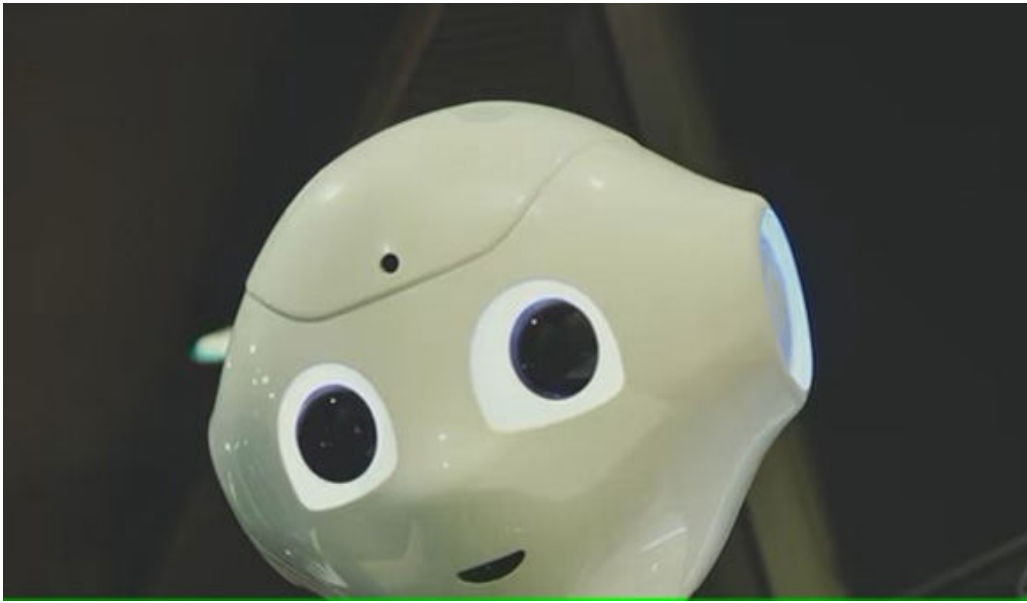
Many scammers create fake profiles or impersonate legitimate companies,

enticing users with attractive job offers. These offers often involve vague job descriptions, unrealistic salaries, or require potential candidates to pay fees for training materials or background checks. Unsuspecting users may be drawn in by the promise of easy employment, only to find themselves victims of fraud.

To protect yourself, it’s crucial to verify the authenticity of job offers received via WhatsApp. Research the company thoroughly, and if the offer seems too good to be true, it probably is. Look for official communication channels, such as company email addresses or verified social media profiles, to confirm the legitimacy of the job opportunity.

If you suspect a scam, report it to WhatsApp and avoid engaging with the scammers. Staying informed and vigilant can help users navigate the complexities of job hunting on platforms like WhatsApp, ensuring a safer experience in an increasingly digital job market.

# Global Robot Installations Surpass Half a Million for Third Year



In 2023, annual robot installations in factories worldwide exceeded half a million for the third consecutive year, reaching a total of 4.3 million, according to the International Federation of Robotics. The latest World Robotics Report highlights a significant trend: over 70% of newly deployed robots were located in Asia, with Europe and the Americas accounting for 17% and 10%, respectively, primarily driven by the United States.

Despite this impressive growth, some leading nations in automation experienced a slowdown last year after a robust post-pandemic recovery. Notably, China, which remains the largest market for industrial robots, installed 5% fewer robots in 2022 compared to the previous year. However, it still led in global installations.

In the United States, efforts to reshore production have led to a slight uptick in robot installations over recent years, although numbers for 2023 showed a minor decline, mirroring trends in Japan and South Korea. Germany was the exception among the top five automa-

tion countries, reporting an increase in installations compared to 2022, while Italy and France saw declines.

Factors such as the war in Ukraine, stringent monetary policies, and a relatively weak European automotive industry compared to China have dampened investment in robotics across Europe, according to the report.

Interestingly, countries with abundant labor are also turning to automation. India, for example, saw a remarkable 59% increase in robot installations last year, reaching a record 8,510 units, largely driven by the automotive sector. Marina Bill, president of the International Federation of Robotics, noted that India’s stock of robots has nearly doubled since 2018, positioning the country as one of the fastest-growing economies among Asian emerging markets.

As global industries continue to embrace automation, the landscape of manufacturing is set for further transformation, driven by technological advancements and changing economic dynamics.

# Air India Apologizes After Passenger Finds Cockroach in Meal

Air India has issued an apology following a distressing incident where a passenger discovered a cockroach in her meal while flying from Delhi to New York. The situation unfolded when Suyesha Savant, traveling with her two-year-old son, was shocked to find the insect in the omelette served to them. She shared her experience on X (formerly Twitter), posting images of the contaminated meal that quickly went viral, sparking outrage among users.

In her post, Suyesha recounted the horrifying moment: “Found a cockroach in the omelette served to me on the Air India flight from Delhi to New York. My 2-year-old finished more than half of it with me when we found this. Suffered from food poisoning as a result.” This alarming revelation has raised serious concerns regarding the quality and safety of in-flight meals.

Complaints about in-flight food have been on the rise, and this incident highlights the need for airlines to prioritize food hygiene and quality. Many passengers have voiced their dissatisfaction with the meals served on flights, leading to a grow-



ing discourse on social media regarding the standards maintained by airlines.

In response to the incident, Air India has acknowledged the complaint and is investigating the matter to ensure that similar situations do not occur in the future. The airline emphasized its commitment to maintaining high food safety standards and the well-being of its passengers.

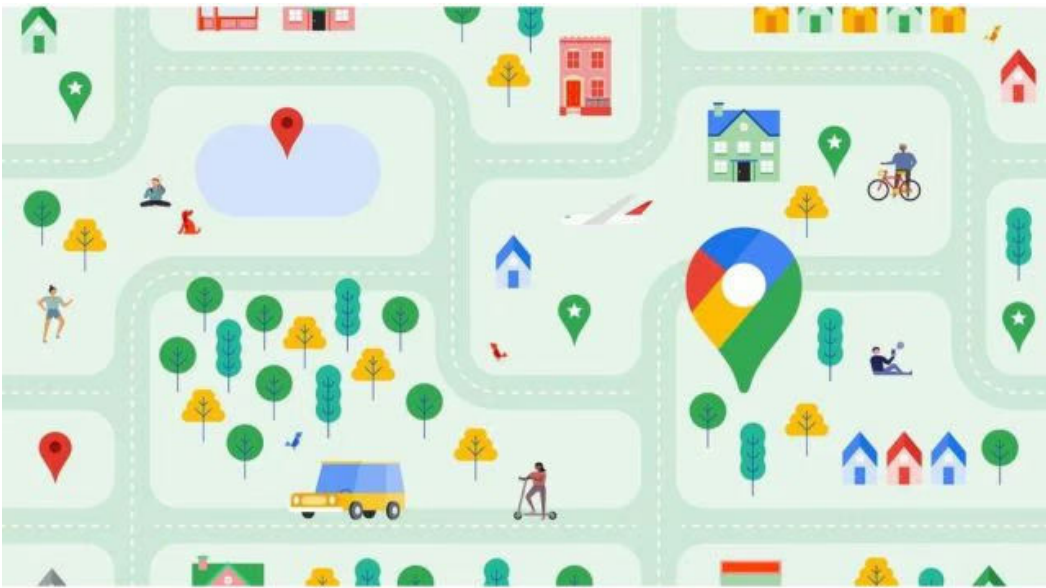
As the story continues to circulate

# Google Maps Introduces Time Travel Feature

Google Maps, one of the world’s leading navigation services, has just unveiled exciting updates that enhance user experience. In a recent blog post, the tech giant announced a groundbreaking feature that allows users to “travel back in time” and explore historical imagery of their neighborhoods. This innovative addition provides a unique glimpse into how areas have evolved over the decades.

According to Google, some of the aerial and satellite images available through this feature date back as far as 80 years. Users can now view their surroundings at various points in history, enabling them to see changes in infrastructure, landscapes, and community development over time. This feature not only serves as a nostalgic journey for residents but also provides valuable context for those interested in urban planning, environmental changes, or local history.

To access this new feature, users simply need to navigate to their desired location on Google Maps and



select the “timeline” option. This will bring up a slider that allows them to adjust the date and see corresponding images from that period. The ability to visualize changes over time makes it easier for individuals to appreciate their neighborhoods’ histories and transformations.

This update reflects Google’s commitment to continuously improving its services and providing users with more engaging and informative tools. By incorporating histori-

cal data, Google Maps is not only a navigation aid but also a resource for storytelling and education about the past.

With this new feature, users can uncover forgotten histories, celebrate local heritage, and foster a deeper connection to their communities. As technology continues to advance, Google Maps proves that it can adapt and evolve, offering users more than just directions but also a rich exploration of the places they inhabit.

# UK man makes authentic Dal Pakwan in viral video. Internet loves it

Jake Dryan, a chef from the UK, is making waves on social media with his passionate exploration of Indian cuisine. His recent foray into cooking has garnered significant attention, especially on Instagram, where food enthusiasts are eagerly following his culinary adventures.

One of his standout videos features a homestyle preparation of Dal Pakwan, which has taken the internet by storm, racking up nearly 800,000 views within just five days. In the video, Dryan shares his enthusiasm for the dish, stating, “Dal Pakwan for a preparation with no tadka—this is absolutely delicious! Go try it!” His approach to cooking is characterized by its authenticity and simplicity, making it relatable for viewers.

Dal Pakwan, a beloved Indian snack, consists of crispy puris served with spiced lentils, and Dryan’s rendition highlights the dish’s essence. He prepares the puris from scratch, showcasing his dedication to preserving the traditional methods of Indian cooking. His focus on homestyle dishes reflects a desire to connect with the roots of Indian cuisine, resonating with those who appreciate both the flavors and the culture behind the food.



Dryan’s enthusiasm doesn’t stop at Dal Pakwan; he is on a mission to explore and share a wide range of Indian delicacies. His videos have not only entertained but have also sparked curiosity among his followers, inspiring many to try their hand at these delicious recipes.

With each new dish he shares, Jake Dryan continues to bridge cultural gaps through food, inviting viewers to experience the rich and diverse flavors of Indian cuisine. His infectious passion and commitment to authenticity are winning hearts and taste buds alike, making him a notable figure in the culinary world. As he continues to share his journey, fans eagerly anticipate what delicious dish he will unveil next.



# BCCI inaugurates new National Cricket Academy in Bengaluru

The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) officially inaugurated the new National Cricket Academy (NCA) in Bengaluru, now rebranded as the BCCI Centre of Excellence (CoE). This cutting-edge facility, located on 40 acres near Kempegowda International Airport, marks a significant upgrade from its previous location at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium, operational since 2000.

The BCCI CoE features three world-class cricket grounds and 86 pitches, designed to provide comprehensive training and practice options. The main ground, Ground A, boasts an 85-yard boundary, equipped with 13 meticulously maintained pitches made from Mumbai red soil. It also includes advanced floodlighting and broadcasting capabilities, allowing for matches to be hosted and telecast under lights.

Grounds B and C serve as dedicated practice fields, featuring 75-yard boundaries with pitches made from Mandya and Kalahandi black cotton soil. An innovative subsurface drainage system ensures quick recovery from rain, minimizing disruptions.

Additionally, the CoE offers 45 outdoor net pitches arranged in nine clusters, along with a dedicated fielding practice area and six outdoor running tracks. The indoor facility houses



es eight premium turf pitches and an 80-meter common run-up area, all bathed in natural light thanks to large glass panels.

The Sports Science & Medicine (SSM) Block includes a 16,000 square-foot gym with top-tier equipment, physiotherapy rehab facilities, and various recovery areas. The CoE also features an 80-seater meeting room and a 25x12-meter swimming pool.

Designed to support leading Indian Olympians, the facility aims to elevate sports training in India. With a Hall of Fame honoring cricketing legends, the BCCI CoE represents a commitment to nurturing the next generation of athletes and enhancing India's global sports standing. The initiative, spearheaded by Secretary Jay Shah, is set to revolutionize sports training in the country.



## Harry Kane Injured as Bayern Munich Draws with Bayer Leverkusen

Bayern Munich was held to a 1-1 draw at home against Bayer Leverkusen in the Bundesliga on Saturday, a match that saw Harry Kane leave the field with a foot injury late in the game. The England captain, who had been relatively quiet throughout the match, hobbled off after a collision with Leverkusen's Amine Adli with just four minutes remaining.

Leverkusen took the lead in the 31st minute when Robert Andrich scored following a corner, capitalizing on a mistake by Bayern's Aleksandar Pavlovic. However, Bayern quickly equalized eight minutes later with an incredible long-range shot from Pavlovic, making up for his earlier error.

Despite dominating possession and creating multiple chances, including two shots that hit the woodwork from Serge Gnabry in the second half, Bayern couldn't find a winner. After the match, Bayern captain Manuel Neuer expressed frustration, stating, "We were clearly the better team and had the better chances. The goal we conceded was frustrating."

Coach Vincent Kompany commented on Kane's injury, saying it was "too early" to assess its severity but remained hopeful that Kane would be fit for their upcoming Champions League clash against Aston Villa. Bayern sporting director Max Eberl also noted, "When Harry leaves the field it means something because he's pretty tough," expressing hope that Kane would recover quickly.

Leverkusen's coach, Xabi Alonso, praised his team's discipline and sacrifice, acknowledging that they needed to play seriously against a strong Bayern side. This draw keeps Bayern at the top of the Bundesliga table, two points ahead of RB Leipzig and three points ahead of Leverkusen.

In other Bundesliga action, RB Leipzig secured a commanding 4-0 win over Augsburg, while Stuttgart managed a late 2-2 draw against Wolfsburg. Meanwhile, St. Pauli celebrated their first top-division win since February 2011 with a 3-0 victory against Freiburg.

## Mohammad Yousuf Resigns from Pakistan Selection Committee

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) announced today that Mohammad Yousuf has voluntarily stepped down from his position on the national selection committee. This decision allows him to concentrate on other important responsibilities within the cricket board.

In a statement, the PCB expressed its heartfelt appreciation for Yousuf's invaluable contributions during his time on the selection committee. His insights and expertise have significantly influenced the team's direction and player selections. Despite stepping down from this role, Yousuf will continue to be an integral part of the PCB, serving as the batting coach at the High Performance Centre. His extensive knowledge and experience in cricket will be instrumental in nurturing the next generation of



players.

Yousuf also recently led the Pakistan U19 team as head coach, guiding them to a commendable third-place finish in the ICC U19 Men's Cricket World Cup 2024 held in South Africa. This achievement reflects his capability and dedication to developing young

talent in Pakistan cricket.

As Yousuf transitions to focusing on his coaching duties, the PCB looks forward to benefiting from his expertise in developing batting techniques and strategies. His role at the High Performance Centre is expected to play a crucial part in enhancing the skills of emerging players, ensuring that Pakistan continues to produce top-level talent.

The PCB's decision to retain Yousuf in a coaching capacity underscores their commitment to leveraging the skills of experienced former players in the development of the sport within the country. With Yousuf's guidance, the future of Pakistan cricket looks promising as they work towards maintaining competitiveness on the international stage.

## Day 3 of India vs Bangladesh Test Abandoned Due to Wet Outfield

Play on Day 3 of the second Test between India and Bangladesh at Green Park Stadium in Kanpur has been called off without a ball being bowled due to persistent wet outfield conditions. The decision followed an overnight drizzle that left the field soggy, forcing officials to abandon play after multiple inspections.

Sunday's match was also impacted by the weather, as rain caused the game to be called off before any action could take place. Although it had stopped raining by the morning and all covers were removed by 9:30 AM, problematic wet patches, particularly near the bowlers' run-up, prevented the outfield from drying adequately.

Match referee Jeff Crowe conducted a series of inspections throughout the day, checking conditions at 10 AM, noon, and finally at 2 PM. Despite efforts to assess the ground, he remained unsatisfied with the soggy patches, especially in the deep mid-wicket area near Pavilion C. The dampness in the 30-yard circle also raised concerns, leading Crowe to collaborate with reserve umpire Virender Sharma and TV umpire Rod Tucker in making the decision to call off the day's play rather than prolong the wait.

The previous day's play had been completely washed out as well, with heavy rain contributing to a wet outfield that made it impossible for the match to proceed. On Day 1, Bangladesh ended the day at 107 for 3 in 35 overs, with Mominul Haque remaining unbeaten on 40 and Mushfiqur Rahim yet to score.

As the teams wait for improved weather conditions, fans will be eager for the match to resume. Current scores reflect Bangladesh at 107 for 3, with Akash Deep taking 2 wickets for 34 runs and Ravichandran Ashwin claiming 1 for 22.



## Sri Lanka Clinches Series with Dominant Win Over New Zealand

Sri Lanka achieved a resounding innings and 154-run victory over New Zealand in the second Test at Galle, completing a 2-0 series sweep and enhancing their position in the ICC World Test Championship standings on Sunday. This impressive performance not only showcased Sri Lanka's strength but also marked their fifth win in nine matches during the 2023-25 WTC cycle.

With this victory, Sri Lanka improved their points percentage (PCT) from 50 to 55.55%, solidifying their standing in the tournament. The win reflects their growing competitiveness in Test cricket and underscores their ability to capitalize on home conditions effectively.

Conversely, the defeat has significantly impacted New Zealand's standings, causing them to drop from fourth place to seventh. They now find themselves behind England, Bangladesh, and South Africa in the rankings, highlighting a challenging phase for the Kiwis. Currently, Pakistan and the West Indies occupy the last two positions in the standings.

The match itself saw Sri Lanka's bowlers deliver a masterclass, dismantling New Zealand's batting lineup with precision and control. Their all-round performance was complemented by strong contributions from the batting order, setting a formidable target that the visitors failed to chase down.

As the series concludes, Sri Lanka's success against New Zealand will serve as a confidence booster as they look ahead to future challenges in the World Test Championship. The series sweep not only elevates their status but also emphasizes the importance of building momentum in a competitive international landscape.

For New Zealand, this defeat serves as a wake-up call, prompting a reassessment of their strategies as they aim to regain form in upcoming matches. As the WTC continues, both teams will be keen to improve their standings and make their mark in the world of Test cricket.





## Vicky Kaushal shares emotional post after hosting IIFA 2024 with Shah Rukh Khan

Vicky Kaushal experienced a dream come true as he shared the stage with Bollywood superstar Shah Rukh Khan at the IIFA 2024 awards gala. This moment was not just a career highlight for Vicky but also a cherished memory that he will hold close for the rest of his life.

Taking to social media, Vicky expressed his gratitude and admiration for Shah Rukh, who has long been a source of inspiration for him. In a heartfelt note, he reflected on his journey, stating, “From growing up watching him create magic with his hosting and performances on stage... to last night, sharing the stage and being part of the same magic... I lived many dreams!” His words resonate with fans and fellow actors alike, showcasing the respect and awe that the younger generation holds for the veteran actor.

Accompanying his emotional message were candid moments captured during the gala, illustrating the chemistry and camaraderie between the two stars. Vicky shared glimpses of their fun interactions, including playful banter and shared laughter that lit up the stage. The event highlighted Shah Rukh's iconic charisma as he performed memorable dance moves from his films, reminding everyone why he is dubbed the “King of Bollywood.”

Vicky's note concluded with a touching sentiment: “Thank you @iamsrk Sir. There's no one like you, there never will be.” This encapsulates the essence of his admiration for Shah Rukh, who has not only shaped the industry but has also inspired countless actors, including Vicky.

As Vicky continues to carve out his own niche in Bollywood, moments like these serve as a reminder of the dreams that drive him. The IIFA 2024 gala will undoubtedly remain a significant milestone in his career, marking the beginning of new aspirations and collaborations in the vibrant world of Indian cinema.



## Ram Charan's Grand Entry in 'Game Changer' Features 1,000 Folk Dancer

Ram Charan's upcoming film, ‘Game Changer’, is all set to deliver a larger-than-life cinematic experience, starting with the actor's grand entry song, ‘Raa Macha Macha’ (titled ‘Dam Tu Dikha Jaa’ in Hindi). The song will feature an impressive 1,000 folk dancers performing various traditional dance forms from across India, choreographed by renowned choreographer Ganesh Acharya.

This highly anticipated track serves as a tribute to India's rich and diverse cultural heritage. The song will showcase visually stunning and unique art forms like Gussadi from Adilabad, Chaau from West Bengal, Ghumra from Odisha's Matilkala, and Goravara Kunitha from Karnataka, among others. The vibrant cultural display is further enhanced by the vocals of Nakash Aziz, who has lent his voice to the Telugu, Tamil, and Hindi versions of the song, with lyrics penned by Anantha Sriram.

Speaking about the song, director S. Shankar shared his excitement, noting, “One whole sequence was filmed in a single shot, with Ram Charan dancing alongside 1,000 dancers. It's a blend of so many states and cultures, and it has

turned out beautifully. This song will be a visual treat for Ram Charan's fans.”

Music composer Thaman S added, “This is something never seen before. Our goal was to incorporate elements from various Indian cultures and make it one of the most visually expansive songs in recent times. Featuring 1,000 dancers alongside Ram Charan creates an epic visual spectacle.”

The filmmakers have also announced the official launch of the song today, September 30, at 2:00 PM, at St. Martin's Engineering College, Kompally, Hyderabad. Additionally, producer Dil Raju revealed that the teaser of ‘Game Changer’ will be released during Dussehra, followed by the release of the third single during Diwali.

Directed by S. Shankar and produced by Dil Raju under Sri Venkateswara Creations, ‘Game Changer’ promises to be a cinematic extravaganza with a massive budget of Rs. 240 crore. Ram Charan will be seen in a triple role, adding to the anticipation surrounding the film. Fans can expect a visual feast, with this song being one of the major highlights of the film.



## Alia Bhatt's Jigra Set for Telugu Release on October 11

Alia Bhatt is poised to make a significant mark in the Telugu film industry following her acclaimed performance in the blockbuster ‘RRR’, directed by SS Rajamouli. Riding on her newfound popularity in the Telugu states, she is bringing her next film, ‘Jigra’, to local audiences, with a grand release scheduled for October 11. The film will be available in both Telugu and Hindi, catering to a diverse fan-base.

To ensure that the film resonates well with Telugu audiences, the production team has secured Asian Suresh Entertainments to handle the dubbing and distribution rights. This company recently garnered attention for dubbing ‘Satyam Sundaram’ in Telugu, further enhancing their credibility in delivering quality content.

The ‘Jigra’ team officially confirmed the film's release in Telugu and is set to unveil the Telugu trailer on Sunday. The Hindi trailer has already generated excitement by highlighting the film's core themes, promising a content-driven narrative that aims to engage viewers.

Directed by Vasan Bala, ‘Jigra’ features a compelling cast, including Alia Bhatt and Vednag Raina in lead roles, alongside notable actors such as Aditya Nanda, Sobhita Dhulipalla, Manoj Pahwa, and Rahul Ravindran in pivotal parts. Alia Bhatt is not only starring in the film but also serves as one of the producers, collaborating with Karan Johar, Apoorva Mehta, Shaheen Bhatt, and Soumen Mishra under the banners of Dharma Productions and Eternal Sunshine Productions.

With a focus on quality storytelling and strong performances, ‘Jigra’ is poised to captivate audiences across both languages. As the release date approaches, anticipation continues to build, and fans are eager to see how Alia Bhatt's multifaceted talents will shine in this exciting new venture.

## Joker set to make its international theatrical debut on October 2

The sequel sees Joaquin Phoenix reprising his iconic role as the Joker, diving deeper into the character's psychological complexities while introducing a significant musical element.

In a recent interview, Phoenix revealed that the filmmakers aimed to explore music in a way that expands upon the foundation laid in the first film. “They were kind of talking about this musical element, which, of course, was such a big part of the first film, but not quite like this,” he explained to Reuters. He described the new musical direction as a “natural extension” yet distinctly innovative, hinting at a fresh take on the Joker's narrative. The film's commitment to music has already garnered accolades, winning the best soundtrack award at the Venice Film Festival.

Directed by Todd Phillips, who helmed the critically acclaimed original, ‘Joker: Folie à Deux’ picks up two years after the events of the first film. Phillips' 2019 iteration of the Joker earned 11 Oscar nomi-



nations and secured two wins, including Best Actor for Phoenix, solidifying the film's status as a cultural touchstone. The anticipation surrounding the sequel is palpable, with fans eager to see how the story unfolds.

In this new chapter, Phoenix's character, Arthur Fleck, continues his descent into madness, while Lady Gaga joins the cast as Harleen Lee Quinzel, better known as Harley Quinn.

## Amal Neerad's Bougainvillea: New Poster and Release Date Unveiled

Director Amal Neerad's upcoming film ‘Bougainvillea’ has been creating a buzz in the film industry, thanks to its star-studded cast and visually captivating promotional materials. Featuring prominent actors like Kunchacko Boban, Fahadh Faasil, Jyothirmayi, Sharaf U Dheen, Veena Nandakumar, and Srinda, the film promises to deliver an engaging narrative that resonates with audiences.

The recently released posters have particularly caught the eye, characterized by their striking blood-red tones and the intense expressions of the cast. This bold visual approach has set a high expectation for the film, and now the excitement has reached new heights with the announcement of the movie's official release date.

‘Bougainvillea’ is co-written by Lajo Jose and Amal Neerad, ensuring a compelling story that blends Neerad's unique directorial style with rich character development. The film is produced by



Jyothirmayi and Kunchacko Boban under the banners of Amal Neerad Productions and Udaya Pictures, indicating strong backing and collaborative efforts in bringing this project to life.

As the release date approaches, the anticipation surrounding ‘Bougainvillea’ continues to build, with fans eager to see how the film's innovative visuals and powerful performances come together.