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Tensions Flare Between Congress and BRS in Khammam



Puvvada Ajay's Car Vandalized

BRS leaders visited flood victims in Khammam.

The police intervened and controlled the situation on both sides.

TPN, Khammam: A violent clash erupted between Congress and BRS supporters in Khammam's Bokkalagadda area...

their respective leaders, escalating the situation into a full-blown clash. Stones were thrown, resulting in damage to property and injuries.

In the midst of the chaos, former minister and BRS leader Puvvada Ajay Kumar's car was vandalized, with stones shattering the windows and causing significant damage.

The police quickly intervened, bringing the situation under control

and dispersing the crowds from both sides. However, the incident has further fueled the political rivalry in the region.

KTR's Response:

Reacting to the incident, BRS Working President KTR expressed his anger and condemned the attack on the BRS leaders. He described the vandalism as a "proof of Congress intolerance" and criticized the Congress party for allegedly orchestrating the violence against BRS leaders who were simply trying to help the flood victims.

KTR questioned the Congress's motives, asking, "If the government neglects the victims, is it our fault to stand by?" He criticized the attack as shameful, especially against leaders who were attempting to provide aid during a time of crisis.

He also demanded accountability from the Congress government, including the Chief Minister, for the incident. KTR warned that the BRS would not be deterred by such attacks and that the people of Telangana would soon respond to what he termed as "Dadamma's rule" by Congress.

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Encroachments caused floods in Khammam: CM Revanth Reddy



TPN, Khammam: Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has attributed the recent floods in the Munneru Rivulet of Khammam town to rampant encroachments. During his visit to the flood-affected Khammam district for the second consecutive day, the Chief Minister emphasized the role of illegal constructions in exacerbating the flood situation.

contributed significantly to the flooding. He announced plans to address the issue by discussing the possibility of raising the height of the retaining wall of the rivulet. Additionally, he pledged to identify and remove all encroachments using data from the Survey of India map.

Revanth Reddy also leveled serious allegations against former minister and BRS leader Puvvada Ajay Kumar, accusing him of constructing a hospital on encroached land. He

called on BRS leader Harish Rao to take responsibility and lead by example in addressing these illegal encroachments.

The Chief Minister highlighted the severity of the situation, noting that Khammam received an unprecedented 42 centimeters of rainfall, the highest recorded in 75 years. Despite the magnitude of the disaster, he claimed that the precautionary measures implemented by the state government helped minimize the loss of lives.

In addition to his visit to Khammam, CM Revanth Reddy also toured the flood-affected Mahabubabad district. He informed the media that the state government has written to the Centre, seeking Rs. 2,000 crore in immediate financial assistance to address the damage, which has been initially estimated at Rs. 5,438 crore. A letter has also been sent to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, urging him to declare the floods in Telangana a national calamity.

The Chief Minister reiterated the state's commitment to supporting the affected families, announcing a compensation of Rs. 5 lakh for each family of the deceased.

Govt Issues Ordinance Merging 51 Villages into Municipalities Around ORR

TPN, Hyderabad: In a significant administrative move, the Telangana government has issued an ordinance to merge 51 villages located along the Hyderabad Outer Ring Road (ORR) into various municipalities. This merger affects villages across the districts of Rangareddy, Medchal-Malkajgiri, and Sangareddy, integrating them into their respective urban municipalities.

The ordinance includes the merger of varying numbers of villages into each municipality:

- + Pedda Amberpet Municipality: 4 villages have been merged. + Shamshabad Municipality: 6 villages have been merged. + Narsingi Municipality: 1 village has been merged. + Tukuguda Municipality: 1 village has been merged. + Medchal Municipality: 2 villages have been merged. + Dammaiguda Municipality: 6 villages have been merged. + Nagaram Municipality: 5 villages have been merged. + Pocharam Municipality: 5 villages have been merged. + Ghatkesar Municipality: 6 villages have been merged. + Gundlupochampally Municipality: 2 villages have been merged. + Tumkuntha Municipality: 3 villages have been merged.

This ordinance is part of the state's broader efforts to streamline governance and enhance infrastructure development around the rapidly urbanizing areas of Hyderabad. The merger is expected to facilitate better delivery of municipal services and promote coordinated urban planning in these regions.

The inclusion of these villages into the municipalities is likely to bring changes in local administration, development projects, and civic amenities, potentially transforming these areas to keep pace with the expanding metropolis of Hyderabad.





Telangana Suffers Rs. 5,438 Crore Loss Due to Heavy Rains

TPN, Telangana: Telangana has been severely impacted by relentless heavy rains, with the state experiencing widespread devastation, particularly in the combined districts of Warangal, Khammam, and Nalgonda. The rains have caused significant damage to infrastructure, agriculture, and public utilities, leaving the state grappling with a massive estimated loss of Rs. 5,438 crores.



Farmers have borne the brunt of this natural calamity, with vast acres of crops destroyed. In many areas, sand dunes have overtaken fertile fields, and the flooding of the left canal of Nagarjunasagar has submerged large swathes of farmland. The damage to crops alone is estimated at Rs. 415 crores, and officials warn that this figure could rise as assessments continue.

The Roads and Buildings Department reported severe damage to infrastructure, with roads and bridges across the state being compromised. The estimated loss in this sector alone is Rs. 2,362 crores. The damage extends to the power sector, where broken pillars and cut power lines

have resulted in a loss of Rs. 175 crores. Other sectors have also faced substantial damage: the Irrigation Department has reported losses of Rs. 629 crores, Panchayati Raj & Rural Development losses of Rs. 170 crores, the Medical and Health Department has incurred Rs. 12 crores in damages, the Animal Husbandry Department has reported Rs. 25 crores in losses, and the Municipal Administration has faced a significant hit with an estimated loss of Rs. 1,150 crores.

across multiple districts, have caused extensive damage, estimated by the state government to be around ₹5,000 crore. In response, the state has urgently requested ₹2,000 crore in immediate financial aid from the central government to aid in recovery and relief efforts.

In Khammam, the situation is particularly severe. The Munneru River has overflowed, submerging at least 15 residential colonies and affecting over 100 villages. The towns of Bokkalagadda, Moti Nagar, and Damsalapuram have been especially hard hit, with residents grappling with floodwaters that have inundated their homes. Efforts to salvage belongings are underway, but many areas are still without power and access to clean drinking water, compounding the challenges faced by the affected residents.

Death Toll Rises to 16; State Seeks ₹2,000 Crore Assistance

The severe flooding in Telangana has led to a rising death toll, now at 16, with several individuals still missing as search and rescue operations continue. The catastrophic floods, which have severely disrupted normal life

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Responding to BJP MP Eatala Rajender's demand for a Rs. 50 lakh compensation, Revanth Reddy stated that if the Centre is willing to contribute Rs. 25 lakh, the state government would cover the remaining amount.

During his visit to Mahabubabad, CM Revanth Reddy inspected the Akeru Vagu (stream), where a bridge was washed away by the floods, and met with the affected residents at Sitaram Naik Thanda. He also mentioned that the state is working on forming a special disaster response force by training young police personnel to better handle such emergencies in the future.

Government Orders Formation of State Education Commission

TPN, Telangana: In a significant move aimed at overhauling the state's education system, the Telangana Government has announced the formation of a State Education Commission. The commission will be tasked with developing a comprehensive policy framework covering all levels of education, from pre-primary to higher education.

The government has issued orders to establish the commission, which will consist of a chairman and three members. These key appointments are expected to be made soon, and the commission will play a crucial role in shaping the future of education in Telangana.

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has consistently emphasized the need for reforms in the education sector to better meet the needs of students and society. The formation of this Education Commission is seen as a step towards implementing those changes and ensuring that the state's education system is aligned with current and future challenges.

The commission's mandate will include reviewing existing educational policies, identifying areas for improvement, and recommending strategic initiatives to enhance the quality of education across all levels in Telangana. This move underscores the government's commitment to fostering an education system that is equitable, inclusive, and capable of preparing students for a rapidly changing world.

Telangana Government Employees Donate ₹132 Crores for Flood Relief

TPN, Telangana: Telangana government employees have pledged a generous donation of ₹132 crores to aid flood victims across the state. This announcement comes in response to the severe impact of recent heavy rains, which have led to widespread flooding, particularly in the combined Khammam district. The deluge has left many residents without access to food and clean water, trapping them in dire conditions.

On Tuesday morning, the Joint Action Committee (JAC) of Telangana Government Employees announced that its members will contribute one day's basic pay to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund. This substantial contribution reflects the collective commitment of various categories of employees, including gazetted officers, teachers, laborers, contract workers, outsourcing staff, and pensioners.



JAC Chairman V. Lacchi Reddy released a statement confirming the donation and emphasized the scale of the disaster, describing it as one of the most significant crises since the formation of the new government.

The JAC's initiative has been widely praised by the public, with many people and celebrities from different fields acknowledging the employees' generosity. The Chief Minister, Revanth Reddy, who has been actively touring the flood-affected areas in Khammam, has ordered immediate relief measures, including a direct financial assistance of ₹10,000 to the affected families.

The JAC has also emphasized that, in addition to financial assistance, many government employees are actively participating in the relief measures being carried out across the flood-stricken regions. The decision to donate their wages was made in recognition of the severe losses suffered by the state, both in terms of lives lost and the extensive damage to infrastructure and homes.

Health Minister Reviews Medicare Service Act, Focuses on Hospital Security



TPN, Telangana: Telangana Health Minister Damodar Raja Narasimha conducted a review of the Telangana Medicare Service Act, 2008, on September 2, emphasizing the need for enhanced security in government hospitals across the state. The review was aimed at ensuring better protection for healthcare staff, particularly women doctors and nurses.

During the meeting, the minister stressed the importance of adhering to the Supreme Court's directive to appoint hospital safety committees. He directed the health department to review and report on all cases registered under Section 11 of the Telangana Medicare Service Act. Additionally, he proposed the establishment of fast-track courts in the state's 10 joint districts to expedite the resolution of these cases, ensuring swift justice.

Minister Raja Narasimha also instructed officials to tighten security measures in government hospitals, with a particular focus on protecting women staff members. He called for the creation of police outposts across all teaching hospitals in Telangana and confirmed that space has already been allocated for such outposts in the Telangana Institute of Medical Sciences (TIMS) hospitals.

Furthermore, he emphasized that private security agencies working in hospitals must be accredited under the PSAR (Private Security Agency - Regulations) Act, 2015. The minister urged the coordination of efforts between the health and police departments, including the installation of CCTV cameras connected to local police stations, to strengthen hospital security from Primary Health Centers (PHC) to area hospitals.

IMD Issues Warning

Telangana Faces Another Cyclone Threat

TPN, Telangana: The state of Telangana is bracing for yet another potential disaster as the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued a warning about the formation of a new low-pressure system in the Bay of Bengal. Expected to form on the 5th of this month, this system poses a significant threat to the Telugu states, with the IMD predicting heavy rains and possible flooding.

According to IMD officials, the low-pressure area is developing near North Andaman and is likely to intensify into a cyclone. The storm is projected to make landfall between North Andhra and South Odisha, potentially bringing severe weather conditions to Telangana.

Telangana is already reeling from recent floods that have inundated several districts, including Khammam, Adilabad, Suryapet, and Nalgonda. Many villages remain waterlogged, with residents being relocated to rehabilitation centers as the state government provides necessary aid.

The IMD has forecasted that the impact of this weather system will be felt over the next two to three days, with rains expected to lash several districts across Telangana. Adilabad, Asifabad, Nirmal, Nizamabad, Sangareddy, Medak, Kamareddy, Jagityala, and parts of Malkajgiri and Siddipet are among the districts likely to experience heavy rainfall.

With 11 districts across the state predicted to receive above-average rainfall, the situation remains critical. Authorities are on standby, ready to implement further precautionary measures to protect lives and property as Telangana faces this looming threat.

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CM Revanth Reddy Announces district-wise Hydra System

TPN, Mahabubabad: Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy made a series of impactful announcements during his visit to flood-affected areas, signaling a robust response to the recent natural calamity. Speaking at a meeting held at the District Collectorate of Mahabubabad, CM Revanth Reddy emphasized the urgent need for support from the central government and outlined his administration's plans to prevent future disasters.



As the state continues to grapple with the aftermath of severe flooding, CM Revanth Reddy urged the central government to immediately release ₹2,000 crores in relief funds. He acknowledged that while state officials and ministers had been vigilant, the scale of the damage was significant. "Despite our efforts, the floods have caused substantial damage to both government and private properties," he noted, praising the prompt actions of revenue and police officials that minimized the loss of life.

The Chief Minister also called for the flood disaster in Telangana to be declared a national calamity, highlighting the extensive agricultural damage with an estimated 30,000 acres of crops destroyed across the state. He further mentioned that he has invited the Prime Minister to personally assess the flood damage in Telangana.

In a key part of his address, CM Revanth Reddy spoke about the Hydra system—a mechanism designed to prevent the encroachment of ponds and other water bodies, which he attributed as a factor contributing to the recent flooding. He reassured the public that, despite challenges and pressures, the Hydra system would continue to advance, ensuring that such natural calamities are mitigated in the future.

The Chief Minister announced plans to extend the Hydra system to districts across the state, reinforcing the government's commitment to safeguarding public assets and cracking down on illegal land encroachments. "Those who have occupied pond lands will not be spared," he warned, underlining the government's determination to take stringent action against violators.

Key Statement of Minister Tummala on Farm Loan Waiver

TPN, Telangana: The Telangana government had previously announced a substantial loan waiver scheme, stating that Rs. 31,000 crores would be allocated to ease the financial burdens on farmers. However, only Rs. 18,000 crores have been disbursed so far, leaving many farmers without the promised relief. This has led to growing unrest, with farmers warning that the government's failure to fulfill its promises could have political repercussions.



Agriculture Minister Tummala Nagewara Rao recently made a key statement in response to these concerns. He insisted that the government has honored its commitment made during the assembly elections, claiming that loans for 22 lakh farmers have been waived, with the funds deposited directly into their accounts. However, he acknowledged that some eligible farmers have not yet received the waiver, and assured

that they will be addressed soon.

This assurance from the minister comes amid criticism from opposition parties like the BJP and BRS, who argue that the number of farmers still waiting for loan waivers is in the lakhs, not just a few. The Congress party has also joined the fray, accusing the government of selectively implementing the loan waiver scheme.

BRS Should stop playing politics in difficult situations

TPN, Hyderabad: AICC Secretary and MLA Sampath Kumar has issued a strong appeal to avoid politicizing the ongoing crisis caused by heavy rains and floods in Telangana. He criticized BRS leaders KTR and Harish Rao for allegedly using the difficult situation for political gain, warning that such actions could lead to public backlash.

Speaking at a media conference at Hyderabad's Gandhi Bhavan, Sampath Kumar emphasized that the focus should be on relief efforts rather than political posturing. He pointed out that both the state

government and Congress workers are working diligently to ensure that the people of Telangana do not suffer during this calamity. He expressed disappointment that some BRS leaders are using the situation for photo opportunities and political rhetoric.

Sampath Kumar reminded the public that Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy had already taken proactive steps by writing to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, urging the central government to release funds to support the state's relief efforts. He called on the central government to

respond generously to the state's needs during this challenging time.

Additionally, Sampath Kumar criticized Prime Minister Modi for what he described as actions contrary to India's founding principles during his 11 years in office. He mentioned that the Congress party is engaged in deep discussions on how to counter Modi's "dictatorial" actions and strengthen the party's organizational structure. He also revealed that Rahul Gandhi is committed to conducting a review of state politics every six months as part of these efforts.

Attack on BRS Leaders: Jagadish Reddy Alleges Pre-Planned Assault

TPN, Telangana: Former minister Jagadish Reddy has claimed that the attack on BRS leaders in Khammam was premeditated, orchestrated by Congress supporters. The attack occurred during a visit by BRS leaders, including Puvwada Ajay Kumar, to flood-affected areas in the district. Stones were thrown at Ajay Kumar's vehicle, and several BRS leaders were injured. Speaking at the Khammam BRS office on Tuesday, Jagadish Reddy condemned the violence and criticized the state government for its failure to respond to the flood crisis effectively.

Reddy argued that the attack was planned in advance, with Congress supporters acting before the police arrived. He demanded swift action against the attackers, accusing the Congress party of engaging in "petty politics" to cover up their governance failures. He added that despite the floods, ministers remained inactive, waking only when prompted by the people. Reddy reiterated the need for compensation for the flood victims and accused the government of deceiving the public.

"We, as the opposition, are here to help the people. But will they attack us for doing so?" Reddy asked, vowing that such tactics would not intimidate the BRS. He urged the police to take action against the attackers and called on BRS workers to ignore such provocations.

Puvwada Ajay Kumar and Harish Rao's Response

Former minister Puvwada Ajay Kumar, whose vehicle was attacked, stated that the BRS was in Khammam to assist flood victims, as part of their duty as an opposition party. He accused Congress leaders of



neglecting their responsibilities and resorting to violence to cover up their shortcomings. Kumar vowed to file a complaint with the Commissioner of Police (CP) and demand action against those responsible for the attack.

Harish Rao also condemned the attack, stating that it would be brought to the attention of the Director General of Police (DGP). He criticized Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for his inability to secure central aid for flood relief, implying that his ties with the BJP were hindering his actions. Rao questioned why the state government had not sought more help from the central government during such a disaster.

Homeless people should be given double bedroom houses: Etala Rajender

TPN, Telangana: BJP MP Etala Rajender has urged the Telangana state government to provide double bedroom houses to those who have lost their homes due to the recent floods. Speaking about the devastating impact of the floods, Rajender emphasized the need for swift and substantial assistance to the affected families.

Rajender announced that central teams would soon visit the flood-affected areas in Telangana to assess the damage. He called on the state government to provide accurate and detailed reports on the flood damage to ensure that

the central government can allocate appropriate support. He demanded that the state government offer Rs. 50 lakh in financial assistance to the families who have lost loved ones in the disaster.

Highlighting the urgent need for infrastructure repairs, Rajender suggested that the eroded ponds should be repaired immediately to prevent further damage. He also advocated for compensation not only for crops that were washed away but also for those that were soaked and damaged due to the flooding. "Farmers who have lost their crops should be helped im-

mediately," he stressed.

Rajender's call for providing double bedroom houses to the homeless underscores his commitment to ensuring long-term recovery for the victims. He assured that after a thorough assessment of the damage, the central government would step in to offer necessary support.

In addition, Etala Rajender appealed to the BJP ranks to actively participate in the relief programs, demonstrating solidarity with the flood victims and reinforcing the party's commitment to aiding those in need.

Balakrishna Donates Rs. 1 Crore to Telugu States'

TPN, Telangana: In the wake of the severe floods that have devastated both Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, the Telugu film industry has rallied to support the victims. Among those stepping forward is veteran actor and politician Nandamuri Balakrishna, who has announced a significant donation to aid the relief efforts.



Balakrishna has pledged a total of Rs. 1 crore, with Rs. 50 lakhs being donated to the Andhra Pradesh

Chief Minister's Relief Fund and another Rs. 50 lakhs to the Telangana Chief Minister's Relief Fund. The actor, known for his philanthropic efforts, expressed deep

concern over the current situation, stating that he is offering this assistance with a heavy heart.

Balakrishna also shared his hopes and prayers for a swift return to normalcy in both states, emphasizing the importance of coming together during such challenging times. His contribution has been widely praised, adding to the collective efforts of the film industry in supporting those affected by the floods.

Revanth Reddy and Nara Lokesh Thanked to Jr NTR

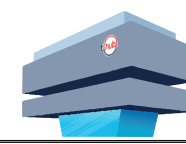
TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Telugu states of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana have been severely impacted by heavy rains, prompting an outpouring of support from various quarters, including the film industry. Tollywood star Junior NTR, popularly known as "Young Tiger," has stepped forward with a generous donation of Rs. 50 lakhs to aid the flood relief efforts in both states. The actor announced that this contribution would be split between the Chief Minister's

Relief Funds of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.

In response to this act of generosity, Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and Andhra Pradesh Minister Nara Lokesh publicly expressed their gratitude to Junior NTR, acknowledging his support for the flood victims. Both leaders commended Tarak, as Junior NTR is affectionately known, for his timely assistance and solidarity with the people during this chal-

lenging time.

Revanth Reddy and Nara Lokesh also extended their thanks to actor Vishwak Sen, who similarly donated to support the relief efforts. The contributions from these film celebrities have been widely appreciated, as they play a significant role in bolstering the ongoing efforts to provide relief and rehabilitation to those affected by the devastating rains in the Telugu states.



Set up health camps, repair damaged roads: GHMC commissioner

TPN, Hyderabad: Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) Commissioner Amrapali Kata has issued directives for immediate action to address the flooding and canal maintenance issues plaguing the city. During a teleconference on Tuesday morning, September 3, the Commissioner stressed the need for swift measures to clear floating debris from canals and stormwater drain culverts during dry periods to ensure proper drainage and prevent water stagnation.

Commissioner Kata emphasized the importance of special initiatives during the rainy season to manage water accumulation and prevent flooding in vulnerable areas. The Additional Commissioner of Health has been tasked with identifying flood-affected colonies for the implementation of anti-larvae operations and fogging to curb the spread of seasonal diseases. Additionally, health camps are to be set up in collaboration with district medical officers in the Rangareddy, Hyderabad, and Medchal districts.



Addressing the infrastructure damage caused by the rains, the Commissioner ordered the immediate repair of roads damaged by the floods. She also directed the installation of warning boards or barricades around particularly hazardous areas to prevent accidents.

Following the teleconference, Commissioner Kata conducted a surprise inspection in the Kukatpally zone, including flood-affected areas like Maisamma Pond, IDL Pond, and Safdar Nagar. During her inspection, she stressed the urgency of completing canal

works to prevent further disruptions from flooding and advised on the provision of safe drinking water to affected residents.

This comes as Telangana has suffered significant losses due to recent heavy rains and floods, with an estimated total damage of Rs. 5,438 crore, according to a report released by the Telangana CMO. The report details extensive damage across multiple sectors, including roads, buildings, energy, irrigation, and public properties. In response, 110 relief camps have been organized, safely relocating over 4,000 people.

The situation remains critical, particularly in areas like Khammam's Prakash Nagar, where the water level of the Munneru River has risen due to continuous rainfall. The GHMC's ongoing efforts aim to mitigate the impact of the floods and ensure the safety and well-being of Hyderabad's residents.

Telangana Health Minister Makes Surprise Visit to Gandhi Hospital



TPN, Secunderabad: Telangana Health Minister Damodar Raja Narasimha conducted an unannounced visit to Gandhi Hospital in Secunderabad on the morning of September 3, catching both officials and visitors off guard. The minister's visit was aimed at inspecting the hospital's preparedness in combating the surge of seasonal diseases, including dengue, chikungunya, norovirus, and malaria.

During his visit, Minister Raja Narasimha met with the hospital superintendent, Dr. Rajkumari, to review the current status of the hospital's operations. He inquired about the duty reports of nursing staff and duty doctors, as well as the diagnostic data maintained by the hospital.

The surprise visit prompted immediate attention from other senior health officials, including the State Medical Health Secretary, Dr. Christina, and the Special Officer of State Medical Education, Dr. N. Vani, who joined the minister to assist in the inspection.

Telangana, particularly Hyderabad, is experiencing a worrying increase in seasonal diseases, with 163 dengue cases reported out of 5,294 samples tested across the state on August 31 alone. The state has also seen a rise in chikungunya cases, with 152 more cases reported this year compared to previous years. Experts have raised concerns about the decreasing effectiveness of fogging in controlling mosquito breeding.

In response to the surge in cases, the government is intensifying its prevention efforts. Special beds, IV fluids, and essential medicines are being provided at public health facilities, while ORS sachets are being distributed through ANMs, ASHAs, and Anganwadi workers to manage potential emergencies.

The minister's surprise visit underscores the government's commitment to ensuring that public health facilities are fully equipped to handle the ongoing health challenges posed by the seasonal disease outbreak.

DCA raids medical store in Tarnaka, seizes expired drugs



TPN, Secunderabad: On Monday, September 2, officials from the Drugs Control Administration (DCA) conducted a raid on Kandar Medicals, located within the Kandar Diabetic Centre in Tarnaka, Secunderabad. Acting on credible information, the DCA team uncovered a

range of illegal activities, including the sale of expired drugs and physician's samples that were not meant for commercial distribution.

During the raid, the DCA officials seized nine varieties of physician's samples, six varieties of expired drugs, and one institutional supply drug, with a total value of Rs. 55,000. Physician's samples are typically manufactured by pharmaceutical companies to be distributed to doctors, who in turn provide them to patients for free. These samples are not intended for sale, making their presence in a retail outlet illegal.

V B Kamalasan Reddy, Director General of the Drug Control Administration, emphasized that stocking physician's samples and expired

drugs for sale is a serious violation of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act. The act stipulates penalties that can include imprisonment for up to two years.

The raid was carried out by a team of DCA officials, including D. Saritha, Assistant Director (Secunderabad), B. Govind Singh, Drugs Inspector (Secunderabad), G. Anil, Drugs Inspector (Malakpet), P. Renuka, Drugs Inspector (Musheerabad), and M. Surendranath, Drugs Inspector (Begumpet).

Further investigation is underway, and legal action will be pursued against all individuals involved in the illegal activities at Kandar Medicals, as per the provisions of the law.

Telangana HC Orders Ban on PoP Ganesh Idol Immersion

TPN, Hyderabad: The Telangana High Court has issued a crucial directive to the state government, mandating a ban on the immersion of Ganesh idols made from Plaster of Paris (PoP) in natural water bodies. This ruling comes ahead of the grand immersion procession set to conclude the 10-day Ganesh Chaturthi festivities on September 28.

The court has specifically ordered that PoP idols should only be immersed in artificial ponds created by the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC). Immersion in Hussain Sagar Lake or any other natural water bodies in Hyderabad is now prohibited. This directive aims to address environmental

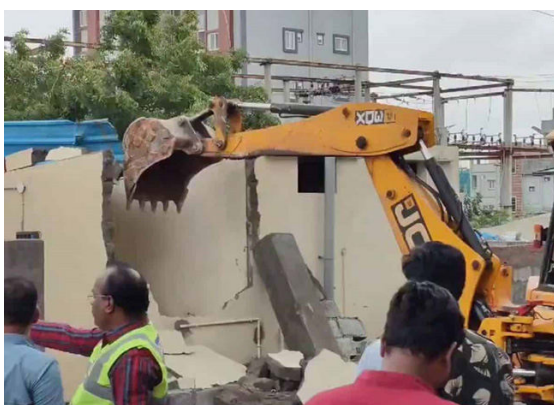
concerns associated with the immersion of PoP idols, which can harm water quality and aquatic life. The court's decision follows a plea from advocate M. Venu Madhav, who raised concerns about the state government's adherence to previous court directives issued in 2021. Madhav alleged that the authorities had neglected these earlier orders, which also sought to restrict PoP idol immersion to protect water bodies.

The bench, led by Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice J. Sreenivas Rao, emphasized that previous judgments on this matter must be enforced. However, the court expressed dissatisfaction with Madhav's timing,

criticizing the late filing of the contempt petition. The bench noted that interim orders issued earlier remain in effect and suggested that Madhav could file a contempt petition if the court's orders are breached.

The Additional Advocate General requested additional time to respond to the court's directive. Consequently, the hearing has been rescheduled for September 9. The court's ruling puts additional pressure on the authorities to ensure compliance during the upcoming Ganesh Chaturthi celebrations, aiming to balance festive traditions with environmental protection.

HYDRA Demolishes 10 Illegal Buildings in Ameenpur



TPN, Ameenpur: The Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRA) continued its crackdown on illegal constructions on Tuesday, September 3, demolishing 10 buildings in Ameenpur. The structures, located in survey number 462, were found to be built on encroached land within the full tank level (FTL) and buffer zones around local lakes.

Among the demolished buildings were several linked to the local municipal commissioner, Tummala Panduranga Reddy. Despite his attempts to halt the demolition, including a

verbal confrontation with HYDRA authorities and the use of lorries to block their path, the buildings were flattened after being identified as illegal encroachments.

HYDRA's actions are part of an ongoing effort to clear illegal structures that pose environmental and safety risks in and around the city's water bodies. The demolitions in Ameenpur involved clearing structures spread across over 20 guntas of land.

Tahsildar Radha confirmed that prior notices were issued to the landowners before the demolition began, ensuring that the legal process was followed. The demolitions have sparked significant attention, particularly given the involvement of a high-ranking local official in the encroachments.

The HYDRA operation underscores the government's commitment to enforcing land use regulations and protecting the city's natural resources from unauthorized development.

HC Orders Government to Submit Osmansagar Records Amid Property Dispute

TPN, Hyderabad: In a recent development in a property dispute involving the Osmansagar reservoir, Justice T. Vinod Kumar of the Telangana High Court has ordered the state government to submit all records related to the Osmansagar reservoir. This directive follows petitions challenging the legality of demolition notices issued to properties in Khanapur, Rajendranagar mandal, Rangareddy district.

The case was brought to court by petitioners Gavva Vidhyadhar Reddy and Sreeramaneni Anupama, who are contesting the notices and partial demolition of their properties by municipal authorities. The notices, issued by Narsingi municipal officials on August 9, 2024, claimed that the properties were situated within the Full Tank Level (FTL) of the Osmansagar lake. The petitioners were asked to provide documentation to justify why their buildings should not be demolished.

The petitioners submitted the required documents on August 13, 2024, but despite this, the municipal authorities proceeded with partial demolitions of

the properties on August 18, 2024, without further notice or communication.

The petitioners argue that the demolition was both illegal and arbitrary, citing previous court orders that favored their position. They referenced a similar issue from May 2015, when they had received similar notices claiming their properties were within the FTL or buffer zone of Osmansagar lake. At that time, a joint inspection by the Irrigation and Command Area Development authorities, along with revenue officials, confirmed that their properties were outside the FTL contour, set at 1,790 feet. This finding was documented in a September 7, 2015 report, which contradicted the current claims made by municipal officials.

Considering the petitioners' arguments and the previous inspection report supporting their claims, Justice T. Vinod Kumar directed the state government to provide all relevant Osmansagar reservoir records within three weeks. The case is scheduled for its next hearing on September 23, 2024.





India And China May Finally Be Warming Up To Each Other

In recent months, there have been subtle but significant developments in the relationship between India and China, particularly in the context of ongoing border tensions and economic engagement. While it's too early to declare a full thaw in relations, the diplomatic exchanges and policy shifts suggest a cautious warming trend.

Diplomatic Engagements: A Softening Tone?

July witnessed a renewed diplomatic dialogue between India and China, marked by two meetings between Indian External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar and China's top diplomat, Wang Yi. Notably, the first of these meetings signaled a softer tone from Beijing, with Wang Yi refraining from his usual remarks about putting the border issue in the "appropriate position." Instead, he emphasized the importance of "properly handling and controlling the situation in the border areas, while actively resuming normal exchanges."

The second meeting reinforced this shift, with the Chinese statement highlighting the need to "work for new progress in consultations on border affairs." This led to two meetings of the Working Mechanism for Consultation & Coordination on India-China Border Affairs within a month, the most recent of which took place last week.

The Chinese readout following these discussions was notably positive. It stated that both sides had "agreed to work together to turn over a new leaf in the border situation at an early date," indicating a narrowing of differences and an expansion of consensus. In contrast, the Indian readout was more restrained, focusing on the "frank, constructive and forward-looking exchange of views" aimed at narrowing differences and finding an early resolution to the outstanding issues along the Line of Actual Control (LAC). The effectiveness of these discussions in resolving the disputes in Depsang and Demchok remains to be seen.

Reconsidering Economic Engagement with China

Simultaneously, India is witnessing a renewed debate on economic engagement with China. The Economic Survey released ahead of the new NDA government's budget in July hinted at a possible reopening of doors to Chinese investments. This marks a significant shift from the stringent scrutiny that Chinese investments have faced since the issuance of Press Note 3 in April 2020,

which was seen as an effort to direct Chinese capital into desirable sectors. The situation further deteriorated following the Galwan Valley clashes in June 2020, which effectively froze any appetite for Chinese investments in India.

However, recent reports suggest a gradual easing of these restrictions. Since April 2020, the Indian government has approved 124 investment proposals from bordering countries, many of which are from China, while rejecting 201. A significant number of proposals remain pending. This cautious reopening is exemplified by the March 2024 joint venture between MG Motor India and JSW Group, where Chinese auto giant SAIC Motor divested a 51% stake. Moreover, in July, the government notified electronics and automobile manufacturers about plans to establish an inter-ministerial panel to accelerate the approval process for Chinese investments.

Balancing Pragmatism with Caution

India's approach to Chinese capital is marked by pragmatism, recognizing the importance of Chinese investments in boosting India's manufacturing sector and integrating with global value chains. Yet, this pragmatism is tempered by caution. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar recently emphasized the need for scrutiny of Chinese investments, given the geopolitical challenges and security concerns. He called for a structured investment review mechanism with clear guidelines, conditions, and timelines to ensure predictability and democratic oversight.

However, working with Chinese entities remains fraught with risks. The volatility in India-China relations, deeply rooted in structural fault lines, means that political and security considerations will always take precedence. As a result, the risks for Indian industry in engaging with Chinese capital are likely to remain high.

Charting a Clear Path Forward

As India navigates this complex relationship, it is crucial for its political and strategic communities to deliberate on the desired contours of its relationship with China. While many have called for a new *modus vivendi*, there is a need for deeper reflection on what this new state of affairs should look like and how India can achieve it. Only through purposeful and pragmatic policy can India hope to manage its delicate relationship with China effectively.

How PMJDY Sparked a Ripple Effect Across India's Economy

The Pradhan Mantri Jan Dhan Yojana (PMJDY), launched on August 28, 2014, stands as a transformative initiative in India's journey towards financial inclusion. Much like the Marshall Plan of 1948 that revitalized post-war Europe, PMJDY has created a significant ripple effect across India's economy by bringing millions of people into the formal banking system. This inclusion has not only enhanced economic participation but also contributed to poverty reduction and social stability.

A Catalyst for Financial Inclusion

The PMJDY aimed to integrate 7.5 crore unbanked households into the formal financial system through the JAM (Jan Dhan, Aadhar, Mobile) trinity. By August 2024, more than 80% of Indian adults had formal financial accounts, a significant increase from around 50% in 2011. Public sector banks, which manage 78% of PMJDY accounts, have opened approximately 53 crore accounts with total balances amounting to ₹2.31 lakh crore. Notably, 55.6% of these accounts belong to women, and 66.6% are in rural and semi-urban areas, underscoring the scheme's broad reach and social impact.

The increase in average account balances from ₹1,065 in March 2015 to ₹4,352 in August 2024 indicates a growing trust and reliance on formal banking channels. The program has also been linked to social benefits, including reductions in thefts and decreased consumption of intoxicants in states with higher account penetration.

Economic Empowerment and Growth

One of the most compelling aspects of financial inclusion is its ability to drive economic growth and reduce poverty. According to studies, financial inclusion contributes to economic growth by mobilizing savings, fostering capital accumulation, and improving resource allocation. PMJDY has played a critical role in this by providing millions with access to credit, savings, insurance, and payment systems. This access has empowered individuals to invest in education, health, and businesses, leading to improved economic outcomes.

The PMJDY, coupled with the Pradhan Mantri Mudra Yojana (PMMY), has significantly impacted India's micro and small enterprises. Since its inception in 2015, the PMMY has provided over ₹27.75 lakh crore in loans to 47 crore entrepreneurs, with 69% of these loans going to women and 51% to SC/ST and OBC entrepreneurs. This has promoted financial inclusion and social equity while supporting job creation, particularly in rural and semi-urban areas.

The Digital Revolution and Fintech Innovation

The rise of fintech has added a new dimension to financial inclusion, introducing innovative products and services that reach previously underserved populations. The deployment of the India Stack—a set of APIs that enable seamless, paperless, and cashless service delivery—has been instrumental in extending financial services to millions.

The Unified Payments Interface (UPI), a key component of the India Stack, has revolutionized digital payments in India. By allowing instant money transfers between bank accounts via mobile phones, UPI has drastically reduced transaction costs and eliminated the need for physical banking infrastructure. As a result, millions who were previously excluded from the formal financial system now have access to efficient and convenient financial services.

A Keystone for an Inclusive Economy

The ripple effect of PMJDY across India's economy is undeniable. By fostering financial inclusion, PMJDY has driven economic

growth, reduced poverty, and promoted social equity. The program's success underscores the importance of targeted interventions in achieving broad-based economic development. As India continues to innovate and expand its digital financial infrastructure, the potential for even greater financial inclusion remains within reach, paving the way for a more inclusive and prosperous future.

UP Government Extends Deadline for Employee Property Declarations

The Uttar Pradesh government has extended the deadline for its employees to submit their property details by one month. This extension applies to the mandatory requirement for all officers and employees of the state government to register their immovable and movable assets for the 2023-2024 financial year on the departmental evaluation portal, Manav Sampada.

The original deadline for submitting these details was August 31. However, with only 74% of the state's 1.78 million government employees having complied by that date, the government decided to provide an additional month for the remaining employees to fulfill this obligation. The decision was announced by Shishir, the Director of the Department of Information and Public Relations.

The Manav Sampada portal is an integrated human resource management system developed to streamline and digitize various HR processes within government departments. This platform plays a critical role in managing tasks such as recruitment, postings, promotions, and transfers, ensuring a more efficient and transparent administrative process.

For the current financial year, the state government has made it compulsory for all its employees to disclose their property holdings on this portal. This move is part of



broader efforts to enhance transparency and accountability within the public service.

It's important for employees to note that failing to register their property details on the Manav Sampada portal could have serious consequences. According to the directives, any employee who does not submit their asset information within the extended deadline will be marked as absent. As a result, they will not receive their monthly salary, adding significant urgency to comply with this requirement.

The extension of the deadline provides a crucial window for the remaining 26% of employees who have yet to submit their property details. It also underscores the state government's commitment to ensuring complete compliance with this mandate, while also providing some leniency in the face of the significant number of pending submissions.

As the new deadline approaches, it is expected that all government employees will take the necessary steps to complete their registrations on the Manav Sampada portal, thereby avoiding any disruptions in their salary disbursements and ensuring adherence to state regulations.

Congress and AAP Reach Agreement for Haryana Assembly Election Alliance

The Congress and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) have reached an "in-principal understanding" to jointly contest the upcoming Haryana Assembly elections, sources revealed on Tuesday. This alliance, which aims to consolidate opposition votes against the ruling BJP, has entered a critical phase of seat-sharing negotiations.

The AAP has reportedly requested 10 out of the 90 seats, but Congress is inclined to offer only five to seven, while also considering one seat for the Samajwadi Party. Key figures like AAP's Rajya Sabha MP Raghav Chadha and Congress General Secretary KC Venugopal are expected to meet soon to finalize the arrangement, with the nomination deadline set for October 4 and voting on October 5.

The alliance reflects a broader strategy within the INDIA bloc, led by Congress, to avoid vote splitting in the 2024 general elections. In the 2024 Haryana Lok Sabha election, Congress and AAP contested on



a 9:1 seat-sharing ratio, with Congress winning five seats and AAP losing its sole contest in Kurukshetra. This collaboration is seen as crucial for maintaining the

momentum from the bloc's strong performance in recent elections and challenging the BJP's dominance in Haryana.

BJP's Rajib Bhattacharjee Wins Tripura's Lone Rajya Sabha Seat



Rajib Bhattacharjee, the state president of the BJP in Tripura, secured the state's lone Rajya Sabha seat on Tuesday, defeating CPI(M) candidate Sudhan Das by a margin of 37 votes. Bhattacharjee received support from 47 MLAs, while Das garnered 10 votes. The Congress, which holds three seats in the 60-member assembly, abstained from voting.

Deputy Speaker Ramprasad Paul confirmed Bhattacharjee's victory, noting that all members of the ruling alliance backed the BJP nominee. Expressing his gratitude, Bhattacharjee thanked the legislators who supported him, as well as Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, and BJP national president J.P. Nadda for their trust in him.

"I am thankful to all those MLAs who have supported me in the election and also extend special thanks to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, and BJP national president for keeping faith in me," Bhattacharjee said. Bhattacharjee, who had previously contested and lost in last year's assembly elections, vowed to focus on the development of Tripura and its people as a member of the Rajya Sabha. His victory solidifies the BJP's influence in the state, where it has maintained a stronghold in recent years.

This win comes at a crucial time as the BJP continues to strengthen its position across the northeastern states, ahead of the 2024 general elections. Bhattacharjee's commitment to the state's development is expected to play a significant role in furthering the party's agenda in the region.

Gadkari Advocates 51% Foreign Stake in Tunnel Projects for Improved Quality

Union Road Transport and Highways Minister Nitin Gadkari on Tuesday advocated for a 51 percent stake to be given to foreign partners in joint ventures for building tunnels and preparing Detailed Project Reports (DPRs) in India. This, he believes, is essential to ensure that only serious and technically qualified companies bid for such critical infrastructure projects, thereby improving the quality of work.

Speaking at an event, Gadkari emphasized the importance of allowing foreign firms to take the lead in joint ventures to prevent substandard practices. In a light-hearted remark, he noted that in some tunnel projects, European companies have partnered with Indian firms that have no experience in construction, such as those providing catering services or running beauty parlours. "I seriously feel that foreign partners must have 51 percent stake, leaving 49 percent for the Indian companies in JV for building DPR and construction of tunnels, to ensure that work is done properly," Gadkari said, stressing the need for technical competence in such projects.

Known for his straightforward views, Gadkari also criticized the current state of DPRs, referring to their creators as "culpits" for poor oversight, which he says has contributed to the increasing



incidence of landslides in India, particularly in Uttarakhand and other Himalayan regions. He called for a permanent solution to address these issues, which have become more frequent.

Gadkari also highlighted the economic implications of reducing logistics costs, suggesting that if India could lower its logistics costs to 9 percent, it could boost exports by 1.5 times. Current estimates by the National Council of Applied Economic Research indicate that logistics costs in India ranged from 7.8 percent to 8.9 percent of GDP in 2021-22.

CM Yogi Adityanath Slams Samajwadi Party for Corruption and Anarchy in Mainpuri Address

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath launched a scathing attack on the Samajwadi Party (SP) during an address in Mainpuri on Tuesday, accusing the party of fostering corruption, anarchy, and hooliganism during its tenure. Adityanath claimed that these issues are "ingrained in the DNA" of the SP, led by Akhilesh Yadav. Highlighting Mainpuri's lag in development, Adityanath questioned why the district, once considered VVIP, faced an identity crisis. He attributed this to the "deeds" of the SP, referencing a case in Kannauj where former SP leader Nawab Singh Yadav was arrested for raping a teenager. Adityanath used this incident to criticize the SP's governance, stating, "Their model is not of development but of loot."

The Chief Minister further alleged that under the SP's rule, jobs were auctioned off, with Akhilesh Yadav and his uncle Shivpal Singh Yadav—whom Adityanath referred to as "Chacha-Bhatija"—engaging in extortion. He accused them of being more concerned about personal gain than the welfare of Mainpuri and Etawah.

Adityanath also accused the SP of banning Janmashtami celebrations in the past, contrasting this with his government's promotion of the festival in all police stations and prisons across the state. He emphasized his commitment to respecting Hindu faith, citing the construction of the Kashi Vishwanath Dham and a grand temple of Ramlalla in Ayodhya. Concluding his address, Adityanath announced new projects worth Rs 375 crore for the people of the Karhal assembly constituency, reaffirming his government's focus on development.

Ex-Principal of RG Kar Medical College Arrested by CBI, Sent to 8-Day Custody

Sandip Ghosh, the former principal of RG Kar Medical College, has been sent to eight days of police custody following his arrest by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) on charges of financial irregularities. Ghosh, who is also under scrutiny for his role in the investigation of a 31-year-old doctor's rape and murder at the college on August 9, was arrested alongside three others.

The CBI, which had sought 10 days of custody, made the arrest in connection with alleged financial mismanagement during Ghosh's tenure as principal. The other arrested individuals include vendors Biplav Singha and Suman Hazara, who supplied medicine to the hospital, and Afsar Ali, a security guard.

Ghosh's role in the aftermath of the woman doctor's death has been widely criticized. The Supreme Court questioned why, as head of the institution, he did not immediately file a First Information Report (FIR).

His hasty transfer to another hospital following his resignation under public pressure also drew significant scrutiny, leading the Calcutta High Court to suggest he take a leave of absence instead.

Kolkata: Junior Doctors End 24-Hour Standoff, Demand Police Chief's Resignation

A 24-hour standoff between junior doctors and the Kolkata Police concluded this afternoon as police succumbed to public pressure, removing barricades that had blocked a protest march to the police headquarters in Lalbazar. The protest was sparked by the mishandling of the case involving the rape and murder of a woman doctor at a local hospital last month.

The protesters, carrying a symbolic spinal cord, demanded the resignation of the police chief, whom they accused of negligence. The medics had placed the spine replica on the barricades to underscore the police's duty to protect citizens. "Our agitation will continue until we meet the Commissioner of Police," a doctor told the Press Trust of India.

The protest began yesterday after the arrest of Sandip Ghosh, the former principal of the hospital where the crime occurred. The junior doctors, who had been blocked from reaching Lalbazar, staged a sit-down protest a kilometer away from the police headquarters. The demonstration gained momentum as civil society members joined in, leading to the eventual removal of the barricades. The doctors accused the police of negligence and even suggested a cover-up, pointing to the misinformation given to the victim's parents. Initially, the parents were told their daughter was unwell, and later, that she had committed suicide—a claim made by the hospital's assistant superintendent.

The partially clothed body of the young woman was discovered in the hospital's seminar room on August 9, causing public outrage. The delay in filing an FIR and the insensitive comments by Sandip Ghosh further fueled the protests. Multiple protest marches are now taking place across the city.





PM Modi Arrives in Brunei for Landmark Visit to Strengthen Bilateral Ties

Bandar Seri Begawan: Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived at the Bandar Seri Begawan Airport this afternoon, marking the beginning of his two-day visit to Brunei Darussalam—the first-ever bilateral visit by an Indian Prime Minister to the Southeast Asian nation. The visit, at the invitation of Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkihah, comes as India and Brunei celebrate 40 years of diplomatic relations.

Expressing his enthusiasm, PM Modi stated, "As we celebrate the 40 years of our diplomatic relations, I look forward to my meetings with His Majesty Sultan Haji Hassanal Bolkihah and other esteemed members of the Royal family to

advance our historical relationship to new heights."

During his stay, PM Modi will engage in extensive bilateral discussions focusing on areas like defense, trade and investment, energy, space technology, health, culture, and people-to-people exchanges. This visit follows External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar's recent meeting with Brunei's Foreign Minister Erywan Pehin Yusof, where they launched a logo commemorating four decades of diplomatic ties. PM Modi and the Sultan first met in 2014 during the ASEAN Summit and later during the 2017 East Asia Summit in Manila.

Brunei, an important partner in India's Act East Policy, has played a significant role in strengthening India-ASEAN relations. Indian defense companies have also begun participating in Brunei's Defense Industry Expositions, marking deeper defense collaboration.

Following his visit to Brunei, PM Modi will travel to Singapore, where he will discuss furthering strategic partnerships in digitalization, advanced manufacturing, and sustainable development with Singapore's leaders. The visit is expected to bolster India's relations with Brunei, Singapore, and the broader ASEAN region.

Australia Deploys Combat Aircraft for India's 'Tarang Shakti' Exercise

The Royal Australian Air Force (RAAF) has made its debut deployment of combat aircraft in India for the ongoing exercise 'Tarang Shakti 24', marking a significant milestone in the bilateral defense relations between the two nations. The exercise, which is being held at Air Force Station Jodhpur from August 30 to September 13, features participation from several countries including Greece, Sri Lanka, UAE, Japan, Singapore, and the United States.

Australia has sent three EA-18G Growler aircraft from No 6 Squadron along with up to 120 personnel to take part in this major multilateral air exercise. This deployment is notable as it represents the first time Australia has participated in Exercise Tarang Shakti, which involves

11 participating nations and 18 observer nations.

Air Marshal Stephen Chappell, Chief of the Air Force, highlighted that Australia's involvement demonstrates a commitment to supporting regional partners and enhancing international cooperation to address shared security challenges. "India is a top-tier security partner for Australia," Chappell said. "Through the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership, we are prioritizing practical and tangible cooperation that contributes to Indo-Pacific stability."

He emphasized that the exercise provides Australian aviators with the opportunity to develop interoperability with foreign militaries, fostering mutual understanding of tactical operations and

strengthening international relations. "Participation in international exercises like Tarang Shakti 24 showcases our advanced capabilities and ensures rapid response to emerging threats in the Indo-Pacific region," Chappell added.

Australia and India have recently bolstered their air defense cooperation, with previous joint exercises including the Indian Air Force Flankers at Exercise Pitch Black in 2018, 2022, and 2024. Additionally, the Australian Defence Department has engaged in training activities with Indian Navy P-8I Neptune surveillance aircraft. The first phase of Exercise Tarang Shakti, which concluded in Tamil Nadu in August, saw the participation of air forces from Germany, France, Spain, and the UK.

Russian Missile Strike in Poltava Kills 41, Injures Over 180 in Ukraine

Poltava, Ukraine: A devastating Russian missile strike in Ukraine's Poltava region has left at least 41 people dead and more than 180 injured. The attack, which occurred today, targeted a military education facility, a hospital, and an educational institution. According to Ukraine's Ministry of Defence, two Russian ballistic missiles hit the area, partially destroying one of the institute's buildings.

"The time interval between the alarm and the arrival of the deadly missiles was so short that it caught people in the middle of evacuating to the bomb shelter," the Ministry of Defence stated.

President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, in a social media post, confirmed the attack, noting that many people remain trapped under the debris. He expressed deep condolences to the victims' families and praised the efforts of rescue teams who have been working tirelessly to save lives.

The Ukrainian President has ordered a full-scale investigation into the circumstances surrounding the attack and reiterated his call for international support. "We continue to urge everyone in the world who has the power to stop this terror: Ukraine needs air defense systems and missiles now, not sitting in storage. Long-range strikes that can protect us from Russian terror are needed now, not later," Zelenskyy wrote.

Describing the incident as a "terror attack," Zelenskyy vowed that Russia will "surely pay for this strike." Rescue operations are ongoing as the nation mourns the tragic loss of life.

Elon Musk Supports Trump's Plan to Audit US Agencies, Citing Waste and Regulation

Tesla CEO Elon Musk has confirmed his eagerness to collaborate with former President Donald Trump on an initiative to audit US government agencies and identify programs for potential cuts. Musk responded to a report by The Washington Post on X, stating, "I can't wait. There is a lot of waste and needless regulation in government that needs to go."

Trump, the Republican nominee for the 2024 Presidential election, is preparing to establish a commission dedicated to evaluating federal agencies and pinpointing areas for cost reduction. The proposed commission is expected to include prominent business leaders such as Fred Smith, former CEO of FedEx, and Robert Nardelli, former CEO of Home Depot, according to The Washington Post.

Musk's interest in government efficiency is not new. Last month, he posted an AI-generated image of himself at a "Department of Government Efficiency" lectern, indicating his enthusiasm for contributing to such efforts.

While Trump has recognized Musk's potential value as a consultant, some ethics experts are wary of potential conflicts of interest between Musk's business ventures and the commission's goals.

Inspired by past initiatives led by Ronald Reagan and Tom Coburn, Trump's advisers are aiming to recruit high-profile business figures to address federal waste. Musk's increasing political involvement, including hiring a Republican strategist and conducting a recent live interview with Trump on his platform X, underscores his growing influence. Trump has praised Musk, describing him as "fantastic" and "brilliant."

Netanyahu Criticizes UK's "Shameful" Suspension of Arms Export Licenses

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu strongly criticized the British government on Tuesday, labeling its decision to suspend certain arms export licenses to Israel as "shameful." The UK suspended 30 out of 350 licenses over concerns that the equipment could potentially be used in violations of international humanitarian law.

The suspension was announced by British Foreign Minister David Lammy on Monday, a day after Israeli forces recovered the bodies of six hostages from a tunnel in Gaza. The decision has sparked backlash among Israeli ministers.

In response, Netanyahu took to social media to express his disapproval, stating, "This shameful decision will not change Israel's determination to defeat Hamas, a genocidal terrorist organization that savagely murdered 1,200 people on October 7, including 14 British citizens." He emphasized that Hamas still holds over 100 hostages, including five British nationals, and argued that the UK's move

would only embolden the militant group.

"With or without British arms, Israel will win this war and secure our common future," Netanyahu declared, underscoring Israel's resolve.

Lammy, following the Labour Party's election victory in July, had initiated a review of arms sales to Israel to ensure compliance with international law. He clarified that British arms exports to Israel constitute less than 1% of Israel's total arms imports and that the suspension would not materially impact Israel's security. Lammy reiterated that the UK supports Israel's right to self-defense.

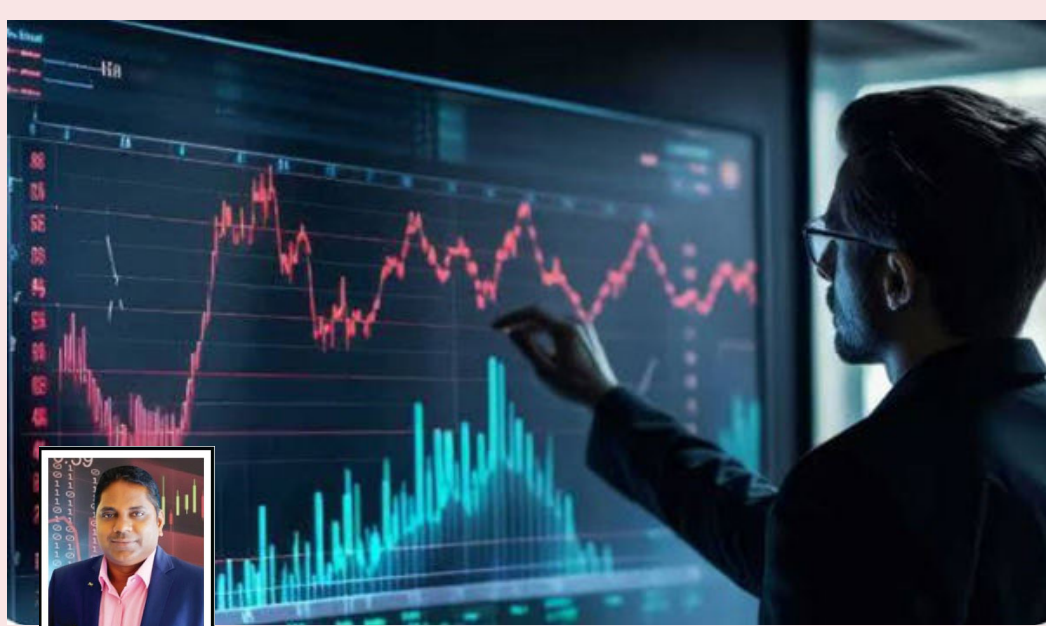
The ongoing conflict, which began after Hamas' October 7 attacks that killed 1,200 people in southern Israel, has led to more than 40,700 Palestinian deaths in Gaza, according to Palestinian health authorities. Both Israeli and Palestinian leaders are currently under investigation for alleged war crimes in connection with the conflict.





Markets Pause After 13-Day Rally Amid Lackluster Global Cues: Sectoral Rotation Observed

The streak of gains in the domestic stock market ended as the 13-session rally came to a pause. On Tuesday, the indices closed flat due to a lack of cues from international markets, leading to cautious investor sentiment. Nifty inched up by just one point, while Sensex dipped by 4 points, reflecting a rangebound market with low trading volumes. Private banks and insurance companies provided some positive momentum. The market breadth was balanced, with 2,011 stocks advancing and 1,925 declining. The rupee weakened by 5 paise, closing at 83.97 against the dollar.



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The BSE Sensex, which previously closed at 82,559, opened at 82,652 and fluctuated between an intraday low of 82,400 and a high of 82,675, eventually closing at 82,555. The NSE Nifty opened at 25,313, hitting a low of 25,235 and a high of 25,321 before closing at 25,279, up by just 1 point. Nifty Bank gained 249 points to settle at 51,689.

Among the Nifty50, 21 companies advanced while 29 declined. SBI Life, Bajaj Finserv, ICICI Bank, HDFC Life, and Hero MotoCorp were the top gainers, while Bajaj Finance, ONGC, Infosys, Adani Ports, and HCL Tech led the losers. Sector-wise, auto, FMCG, IT, media, metal, PSU banks, realty, and oil and gas indices ended in the red, while consumer durables, pharma, finance, and bank indices showed gains.

Notable corporate updates included LIC resuming operations in Bangladesh and various buy ratings for FIEM, SEAT, and GMMAR Power. Defense stocks surged on potential new projects, while Raymond and Godrej Industries hit significant highs.

1. ICICI Bank



ICICI Bank continues to demonstrate strong fundamentals, with robust loan growth, improving asset quality, and solid profitability. The bank has been benefiting from its digital initiatives and increased focus on retail lending. The private banking sector has been a positive contributor to the indices, and ICICI Bank remains a leader in this space. The recent performance suggests sustained investor interest due to its strong financials and strategic initiatives.

2. Power Finance Corporation (PFC)



PFC has been performing steadily, driven by its focus on financing power sector projects. The company's earnings have been supported by stable interest income and improved asset quality. As a key player in power financing, PFC benefits from the ongoing

government push for infrastructure development. However, any delays in power projects or regulatory changes could pose risks. PFC is a stable investment, particularly for those looking for exposure to the power sector.

3. Rural Electrification Corporation (REC)



REC, similar to PFC, plays a critical role in financing rural electrification projects. The company has shown steady growth in its loan book, and its financials remain strong. REC has benefited from government initiatives aimed at improving rural infrastructure. Its focus on sustainable financing could provide additional growth opportunities. Given REC's strong positioning and government support, it is a good buy, particularly for those interested in long-term investments in the infrastructure sector.

4. Raymond



Raymond has been undergoing a transformation with its demerger of the lifestyle business, which has positively impacted its stock price. The company is focusing on expanding its textile and real estate segments. The stock has hit a one-month high, driven by positive sentiment around its restructuring and growth in its real estate business. However, volatility remains a concern due to the cyclical nature of the textile industry.

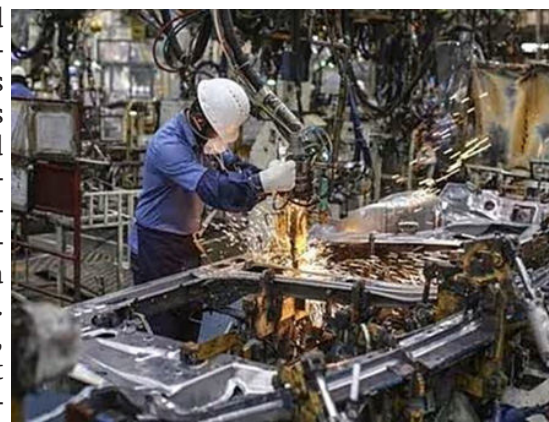
5. Zomato



Zomato has been volatile, reflecting the broader challenges in the food delivery sector, including intense competition and profitability concerns. However, the company's recent focus on cost control and expansion into new markets could drive future growth. Zomato's stock has been influenced by market sentiment around tech and e-commerce stocks. While it has faced pressure due to profitability concerns, long-term growth prospects remain positive. Zomato is suitable for investors with a higher risk appetite who are looking for long-term growth in the tech sector.

World Bank Upgrades India's GDP Growth Forecast to 7% for FY25

The World Bank has revised India's GDP growth forecast to 7% for FY25, up from its earlier estimate of 6.6%. This upward revision is attributed to increased infrastructure investments and a rise in household investments in real estate. The bank also projects a growth rate of 6.7% for FY26. Despite this positive outlook, the report highlights persistent challenges, including high urban youth unemployment at 17% and a loss of market share in labor-intensive sectors like apparel and footwear.



India's economic growth reached 8.2% last fiscal year. However, industrial growth is expected to decelerate to 7.3% in FY26 from 7.6% in FY25, following a robust 9.5% recovery in FY24. The World Bank also anticipates a slowdown in Gross Fixed Capital Formation (GFCF), with growth projected to decrease to 7.8% in FY25 from 9.0% in FY24.

Service sector growth is projected to decline to 7.4% in FY25 and 7.1% in FY26, down from 7.6% in FY24. Conversely, agricultural growth is expected to surge to 4.1% in FY25 from 1.4% in FY24.

On the trade front, global protectionism and increased trade barriers are noted. Despite these challenges, India is enhancing its competitiveness through initiatives like the National Logistics Policy (NLP). Export growth is forecasted at 7.2% in FY25 and FY26, with a rise to 7.9% by FY27. Import growth is expected to slow to 4.1% in FY25 but will increase in subsequent years.

The World Bank report emphasizes opportunities for India to diversify its export portfolio beyond IT, business services, and pharmaceuticals. It also notes that India can improve its position in global value chains and boost trade-related job creation to counter the current account deficit, which is projected to widen in the coming years.

Sebi Highlights Concerns Over SME IPO Practices

Amid rising concerns about potential manipulations in initial public offerings (IPOs) for small and medium enterprises (SMEs), Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) Whole Time Member Ashwani Bhatia addressed the issue on Monday. Bhatia suggested that there may be a lack of adequate due diligence by stock exchanges and merchant bankers involved in these IPOs.



Bhatia's statement underscores the need for improved scrutiny and regulatory oversight to ensure that the process for SME IPOs is transparent and fair. The unusually high demand for these IPOs suggests potential market distortions or speculative activities that could undermine investor confidence and market stability.

His comments come in the wake of a trend where SME listings on the National Stock Exchange (NSE) and Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) have shown excessive enthusiasm, with some IPOs being oversubscribed by staggering amounts—500 to 700 times. This level of oversubscription has raised questions about the underlying reasons and the integrity of the IPO process for SMEs.

As the SME sector continues to grow and attract investor interest, ensuring robust due diligence and adherence to regulatory standards becomes crucial. The concerns highlighted by Sebi's Ashwani Bhatia point to the necessity for tighter controls and more rigorous assessments by both stock exchanges and merchant bankers to maintain the integrity of the IPO process and protect investor interests.

Oil Prices Drop 2% Amid Demand Concerns and Production Disruptions

Oil prices fell by 2% on Tuesday as weaker economic growth in China, the world's largest crude importer, heightened demand worries. Brent crude futures dropped \$1.65, or 2.1%, to \$75.87 a barrel by 1004 GMT. Meanwhile, West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures, which had not settled on Monday due to the U.S. Labor Day holiday, decreased by \$1.06, or 1.4%, to \$72.49.

Charalampos Pissouros, a senior investment analyst at XM, attributed the decline to disappointing Chinese manufacturing data. "The weaker-than-expected Chinese manufacturing PMI over the weekend likely exacerbated concerns about China's economic performance," Pissouros said. He noted that while disruptions in Libya and the Middle East are providing some support to prices, they are not enough to counterbalance the demand concerns.

China's economic data showed new export orders fell for the first time in eight months in July, and the pace of new home price increases in August slowed to its weakest of the year.

In Libya, oil exports were halted on Monday, and production was curtailed due to a political standoff over central bank control and oil revenues. The National Oil Corp (NOC) declared force majeure on its El Feel oilfield starting



September 2. Libya's production plummeted to around 591,000 barrels per day (bpd) as of August 28 from nearly 959,000 bpd on August 26. Production was about 1.28 million bpd on July 20.

Despite these supply disruptions, limited upside support is expected due to uncertainty over the duration of outages. OPEC+ plans to increase output by 180,000 bpd in October, which could affect price trends. "It remains to be seen how low prices can go before OPEC+ reacts," said Panmure Liberum analyst Ashley Kelty.

Additionally, ongoing disruptions in the Middle East, including minor attacks on oil tankers in the Red Sea, are also influencing the market.

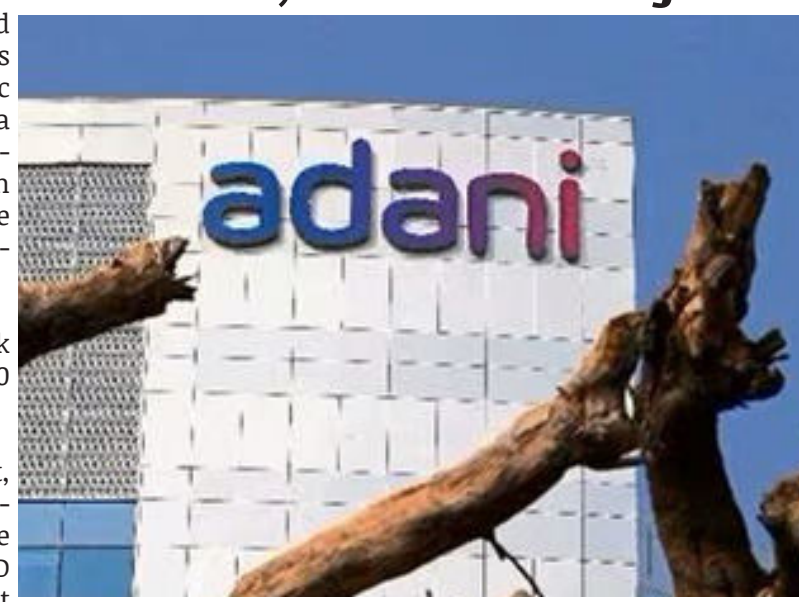
Adani Green Energy and TotalEnergies Launch Solar JV for 1,150 MW Projects

Adani Green Energy Limited (AGEL) and TotalEnergies have announced a strategic joint venture (JV) to manage a portfolio of solar projects totaling 1,150 MW, located within the world's largest renewable energy plant in Khavda, Gujarat.

On September 3, AGEL's stock traded down 1.95% at ₹1,907.20 on the BSE.

Under the new agreement, AGEL will contribute its existing assets to the JV, while TotalEnergies will invest USD 444 million to expedite project development. This partnership aims to accelerate India's transition to clean energy, leveraging AGEL's expertise in large-scale green energy projects. The electricity generated from these solar projects will be sold through Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) with the Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) and on the wholesale market.

AGEL is already leading the development of the Khavda renewable energy plant, which spans 538 square kilometers—five times larger than Paris. The site has thus far operationalized 2,250 MW of solar and wind energy capacity. Once completed, the plant is projected to provide clean energy to over 16 million homes, create more than 15,200 green jobs, and cut



CO2 emissions by around 58 million tons annually.

The JV's completion depends on regulatory approvals and other customary closing conditions.

In a related development, Adani Energy Solutions Ltd. (AESL) announced on September 2 that it has finalized the acquisition of the special purpose vehicle (SPV) for the Khavda Phase IV Part-A transmission project. This project, established by REC Power Development and Consultancy (RECPDCL), includes a transmission line to connect Khavda with Lakadia and Bhuj in Gujarat, featuring a transformation capacity of 4,500 MVA.



Weaponised Drones Escalate Crisis in Manipur Amid Ongoing Ethnic Violence



For the first time, the conflict-ridden state of Manipur witnessed the use of weaponised drones to drop bombs, marking a significant escalation in the ongoing ethnic violence between the Meitei community and the Kuki tribes. Until recently, drones were primarily used for personal purposes, such as capturing videos for social media. However, since the clashes began in May 2023, their role has dramatically shifted.

On Sunday, the Manipur Police reported that suspected Kuki insurgents employed high-tech drones to fire rocket-propelled grenades (RPGs) and drop explosives on security forces and civilians. This development has raised alarm among the authorities, as the use of drones for such purposes represents a new and dangerous dimension in the conflict.

The use of these drones became evident during an attack on Koutruk village, where a 31-year-old woman from the Meitei community was killed, and her 12-year-old daughter was among ten others injured. Most of the victims sustained shrapnel wounds from explosives dropped by the drones, according to sources. The police's claim that drones were used to fire RPGs has been met with skepticism, as experts suggest that while drones can be modified to drop bombs, firing RPGs would require a much larger, military-grade drone.

Of RPGs, Bombs, and Drones



The police's assertion that RPGs were fired from drones has sparked debate among defense experts. While drones can be adapted to drop explosives, such as mortar rounds, they would need to fly at a significant altitude to ensure that the bombs hit hard ground for the fuse to ignite. If dropped from a lower altitude or onto soft ground, the bombs may fail to explode. Moreover, firing rockets from a drone is a far more complex task that would require a military-grade drone equipped with a weapon-aiming sight—a capability unlikely to be possessed by the drones seen in Manipur.

From Hobby to Warfare



Before the ethnic violence erupted in May 2023, drones were commonly used by residents of Manipur for recreational purposes, including capturing videos for social media. Both the Meitei and Kuki communities had vloggers with substantial followings on platforms like YouTube and Instagram. However, as tensions escalated, the use of drones shifted from a hobbyist tool to a weapon of war.

Since the clashes began, drones have frequently been spotted over villages near the foothills, where they have been used by both sides to monitor enemy positions and plan attacks or defenses. The appearance of drones over these areas signaled a shift in their usage, as they became tools for reconnaissance and tactical planning rather than social media content creation.

Open Display on Social Media

The growing use of drones in the conflict has also been reflected on social media, where both communities have

openly flaunted their drones. Licypriya Kangujam, a child climate activist from Manipur, faced allegations from the Kuki tribes of purchasing high-end thermal drones and donating them to the Meitei volunteer defense group, Arambai Tenggol. This accusation highlights the extent to which drones have become a symbol of power and influence in the ongoing conflict.

In June, Assam's Special Task Force (STF) arrested a man accused of sourcing drone parts for a terror group in Manipur's valley areas. The STF seized a significant stock of drone parts, marking what they called a "major breakthrough" in understanding the extent of drone usage in the region. Another arrest in the same month involved a man attempting to smuggle 10 high-end drone batteries into Manipur for a terror group. Despite claims that these batteries were intended for a filmmaker's association, the incident underscores the growing militarization of drone technology in the state.

Drones in the Regional Context



The use of weaponised drones in Manipur is not an isolated incident in the region. Just across the border in Myanmar, Chin insurgents have used drones to bomb targets belonging to the junta's army in Chin State. The ethnic ties between the Kuki tribes in Manipur and the Chin insurgents in Myanmar have led to allegations that the latter may be assisting the Kukis in their conflict with the Meitei community, although no concrete evidence has been provided by security forces.

The conflict in Manipur, which has claimed over 220 lives and displaced nearly 50,000 people, is rooted in deep-seated ethnic tensions. The general category Meiteis seek inclusion under the Scheduled Tribes category, while the Kuki tribes, who share ethnic ties with people in Myanmar's Chin State and Mizoram, demand a separate administration citing discrimination and unequal distribution of resources.

As the violence in Manipur continues to escalate, the introduction of weaponised drones into the conflict represents a dangerous turning point. The use of such technology not only intensifies the violence but also raises serious concerns about the future trajectory of the conflict and the potential for further escalation.





Elon Musk Unveils X TV Beta Version: Key Features and Usage Tips

Elon Musk, CEO of Tesla Motors and owner of SpaceX, has taken another significant step in transforming the social media platform X (formerly known as Twitter) into a comprehensive multimedia platform. The beta version of X TV, which was recently unveiled on social media, allows users to watch films and live content directly within the X app, reducing reliance on external media players.



Although still in beta, X TV is already being tested by early users, whose feedback will play a crucial role in shaping future updates and improvements. The beta version is currently available on Android TVs, with plans to expand to LG, Amazon Fire TV, and Google TV soon.

According to reports from Digit, X TV's key features include:

1. Replay TV: This feature allows users to store up to 72 hours of shows in the cloud, enabling them to replay recent broadcasts at their convenience.

2. Startover TV: Viewers can start any live show from the

beginning, even if they tune in late, ensuring they don't miss any part of the content.

3. Free Cloud DVR: Users can record up to 100 hours of content at no additional cost, providing the flexibility to watch their favorite shows and movies whenever they want.

This launch represents an exciting phase for X TV as it progresses toward a full release, potentially revolutionizing how users consume multimedia content on the platform. With more integrations and features expected in the future, X TV is set to become a central hub for entertainment within the X ecosystem.

Indian Billionaire MA Yusuff Ali Surprises Fan With a ₹2 Lakh Rado

Lulu Group chairman MA Yusuff Ali recently made headlines with a heartwarming gesture that has captured the internet's attention. The billionaire surprised one of his fans, YouTuber Effin M, with an extravagant gift—a luxurious Rado watch worth up to ₹2 lakh. The touching moment was shared in a viral video posted by Effin M on social media.

The video begins with Effin M visiting the Lulu Group headquarters, where he was warmly welcomed by Yusuff Ali. The two exchanged greetings and engaged in a friendly conversation. To Effin's surprise, Yusuff Ali presented him with the high-end Rado watch as a token of appreciation. Effin shared the video on Instagram with the caption, "Surprise from Yusuff Ali Sir," highlighting the special moment.

Viewers of the video were quick to express their admiration and joy for Effin M, with one user commenting, "Uff you deserve it bro," while another added, "Life circle moment. Congrats bro."

Interestingly, this generous act comes after Effin M had earlier surprised Yusuff Ali in July 2024 with a deeply personal gift—a customized watch featuring a photograph of Yusuff Ali's late mother. The gesture was inspired by a video where Yusuff Ali spoke lovingly about his mother. Effin's thoughtful gift was met with humility by Yusuff



Ali, who responded, "Who doesn't love their mother?"

MA Yusuff Ali, the chairman and managing director of Lulu Group, oversees a retail empire that includes 256 hypermarkets and malls across the Gulf and India. With a net worth exceeding \$8.9 billion, according to Forbes, Yusuff Ali is a prominent figure in both the business and social sectors. Despite his success, his life has not been without hardship, including the tragic loss of both his parents in a car accident in 2001.

The video of this generous exchange has resonated with many, showcasing Yusuff Ali's down-to-earth nature and his willingness to connect with and appreciate his fans.

Viral Video Shows Pilot Cleaning Windscreen, Sparks Online Debate

A recent viral video has garnered significant attention after it captured a Serene Air pilot cleaning the windscreen of his Airbus A330-200 just before takeoff. The footage, which has been widely shared on social media, shows the pilot leaning out of the aircraft's side window to clear the view ahead.



The incident, reported to have occurred on a flight between Pakistan and Jeddah, Saudi Arabia, has sparked a mix of reactions online. Some viewers have expressed surprise and amusement,

not satisfied by windscreen cleaning." Another added, "Pilots clean all the time."

questioning the unusual sight. One comment read, "Pilot h ya bus conductor (Is he a pilot or a bus conductor)?", while another noted, "Pakistan being Pakistan."

Others have defended the practice, suggesting it is not entirely out of the ordinary. A user commented, "Frankly, pilots do this. Not everyone, sometimes those who are

The video has raised questions about airline safety protocols and the roles of ground staff, highlighting a potential gap in standard procedures. However, the incident also serves as a reminder of the diverse practices that can occur in aviation operations around the world.

In the broader context, Pakistan has been navigating severe economic challenges, including high inflation and substantial public debt. Despite recent support from friendly nations and the IMF, the country's financial situation remains precarious. The new three-year deal with the IMF aims to stabilize the economy and foster more resilient growth, pending approval from the IMF Executive Board.

YouTuber's ₹84 Lakh Robot Dog Shoots Flames During Livestream, Shocking Fans

Popular American YouTuber and online streamer IShowSpeed, known for his daring stunts and entertaining content, recently left his fans in shock during a livestream when his \$100,000 (approximately ₹84 lakh) robot dog unexpectedly shot flames at him. The viral video, which has since garnered over 45 million views on Instagram, captured the intense moment as viewers watched in disbelief.

The clip begins innocuously enough, with IShowSpeed by a swimming pool, instructing the robot dog to sit and extend its paws. After performing a backflip, he commands the machine to follow him. However, things take a startling turn when he asks the robot to bark, and instead, it starts shooting flames at him. In a dramatic conclusion, IShowSpeed leaps into the pool, shouting "Stop!" as the flames continue.

The video, titled "\$100,000 ROBOT DOG," was also shared on his YouTube channel, quickly going viral and attracting a wide range of reac-

tions from viewers. Comments flooded in, with one user remarking, "I'm AMAZED that your 100k bot wants to set you ABLAZE." Another user noted, "This is actually crazy," while others initially mistook the flames for special effects.

The incident has sparked a mix of amusement and concern among fans, with some questioning the safety of such high-tech gadgets. The robot dog, which reportedly can be purchased for a much lower price in Germany, has now become a point of fascination for many.

This isn't the first time IShowSpeed has made headlines for his daring antics. Last month, he posted videos of himself jumping over two luxury cars speeding down a road, showcasing his athleticism and penchant for adrenaline-pumping stunts.

As the video continues to circulate, it serves as a reminder of the unpredictable nature of technology and the risks involved in live demonstrations.



Starbucks Employee's Heartfelt Post for Zomato Delivery Agent Goes Viral

A touching incident at a Starbucks outlet in Khan Market, New Delhi, has captured the hearts of many, highlighting the resilience and dedication of a Zomato delivery worker named Sonu. As a single parent, Sonu's struggle to balance his job while caring for his two-year-old daughter has inspired both the staff and customers at the coffee shop.

Sonu's story became widely known after Devendra Mehra, the store's manager, shared it on LinkedIn. Mehra recounted how Sonu arrived at the store with his daughter in tow to pick up an order. Despite the challenges he faces at home, Sonu continues to work hard, ensuring his daughter's well-being as he juggles the demands of his job.

"Today, a Zomato delivery boy came to our store, Starbucks Khan Market, New Delhi, to pick up an order, and he touched our hearts. Despite his challenges at home, he continues to work hard while caring for his little 2-year-old daughter who was with him during work. He is a single parent raising his daughter. Seeing his dedication and love for his child was truly inspiring," Mehra wrote.

The Starbucks team was moved by Sonu's dedication and offered his daughter a babyccino—a warm, milk-based drink designed for children—as a small gesture of kindness. Mehra added, "It reminded us of the strength and resilience of the human

spirit, even in difficult times. We wish him and his daughter all the best and are grateful for the small moments that remind us of the kindness and empathy that connect us all."

The post quickly went viral, with many LinkedIn users expressing admiration and support for Sonu. One user suggested organizing a fundraiser for Sonu's daughter's education, expressing a desire to contribute. Another user, a café owner, praised Sonu's commitment to his work and role as a father, calling his story a testament to the resilience of the human spirit.

The story of Sonu and his daughter serves as a powerful reminder of the lengths parents go to provide for their children and the importance of empathy and kindness in our everyday interactions.





'If Rohit Sharma Comes In Auction...': Punjab Kings Official Hints at Potential IPL Move

Indian cricket team captain Rohit Sharma has recently become the subject of intense speculation regarding his future in the Indian Premier League (IPL). After a decade-long tenure as the captain of Mumbai Indians (MI), Rohit was replaced by all-rounder Hardik Pandya in 2024, a move that sparked mixed reactions from fans, especially as MI endured a disastrous season, finishing last on the points table. The transition was marked by controversy, with Hardik even facing boos at the Wankhede Stadium.

As the 2025 IPL auction approaches, rumors are swirling that Rohit Sharma might decide to join a new team, which would likely ignite a fierce bidding war among the franchises. In a recent interaction, Punjab Kings (PBKS) Head of Cricket Development, Sanjay Bangar, hinted at the possibility of PBKS going all out to acquire Rohit, depending on their financial position.

"It all depends on whether we have the money in our pockets. If Rohit comes in the auction, I certainly believe, he is going to go for a high price," Bangar stated during the RAO Podcast. His comments underscore the high regard in which Rohit is held across the IPL franchises, despite his recent challenges.

Meanwhile, off the field, Rohit Sharma paid tribute to his long-time opening partner, Shikhar Dhawan, who recently announced his retirement from international and domestic cricket. Rohit, reflecting on their close bond, shared a heartfelt message on social media, calling Dhawan "The Ultimate Jatt" and reminiscing about their shared experiences on and off the field.

"From sharing rooms to sharing lifetime memories on the field. You always made my job easier from the other end. THE ULTIMATE JATT," Rohit captioned a series of pictures on Instagram, celebrating their enduring partnership.

As Rohit's future in the IPL remains uncertain, his potential availability in the auction could lead to one of the most exciting bidding wars in recent memory, with teams eager to secure the services of one of the format's greatest players.



Raw Emotions as Sheetal Devi Clinches Her First Paralympics Medal



Sheetal Devi made history by becoming the first Indian woman to win an archery medal at the Paralympics, as she and her teammate Rakesh Kumar secured a bronze in the mixed team compound archery competition. Their remarkable victory, with a nail-biting score of 156-155 over Italy's Eleonora Sarti and Matteo Bonacina, marked only the second time India has won a Paralympic medal in archery. Harvinder Singh had previously achieved this feat with an individual bronze at the Tokyo Games.

The Indian duo staged a stunning comeback after a heartbreaking loss in the semifinals. In a dramatic turn of events during the final end, Sheetal's shot was upgraded from 9 to 10 following a judge's review, sealing the victory for India. The Indians had shot 10, 9, 10, 10 to reach 155, while the Italian pair responded with 9, 9, 10, 10, tying the score at 155-155. The judge's decision to upgrade Sheetal's shot ultimately made the difference. This victory was especially poignant for the 17-year-old Sheetal, who displayed exceptional composure under pressure. Her coach, Kuldeep Vedhwan, was seen rejoicing in the stands, overwhelmed with pride as India celebrated this historic achievement.

KL Rahul Opens Up About Social Media Abuse and Trolling

Indian cricketer KL Rahul has candidly shared his experiences of dealing with online trolling and social media abuse, revealing how it has affected him over the years. Despite being a star player, Rahul has often found himself at the receiving end of criticism, not just for his on-field performances but also for his scoring rates.

In a recent conversation on entrepreneur Nikhil Kamath's YouTube channel, Rahul discussed how he initially managed to handle the trolling well but found it increasingly challenging as the abuse escalated, even when he was not playing. "I used to be good with (handling) trolling. I did not care, but I feel I was much younger back then. And then, a couple of years back, I was exposed to a lot of trolling. If I sat, I got trolled, if I stood, I got trolled," Rahul shared.

Rahul's last international appearance was during the ODI series against Sri Lanka, where he managed to score 31 runs in two innings. Despite a commendable performance in the ICC Cricket World Cup the previous year, where he amassed 452 runs in 10 innings at an average of 75.33, including a century and two fifties, Rahul faced criticism for his knock of 66 off 107 balls in the final against Australia. India's failure to defend 241 runs in that match led to a six-wicket loss, and Rahul's performance became a focal point of the backlash.

In the 2024 Indian Premier League (IPL), Rahul again attracted criticism for his strike rate, despite finishing among the top 10 run-getters with 520 runs in 14 matches at an average of 37.14. His strike rate of 136.12, though respectable, was scrutinized in comparison to other prominent players like Rohit Sharma, Virat Kohli, and younger stars such as Rituraj Gaikwad and Sanju Samson.



Rahul also reflected on a difficult moment in his career back in 2019 when he and Hardik Pandya were suspended and fined for comments made during an appearance on the talk show "Koffee With Karan." Although the suspension was short-lived, it left a lasting impact on Rahul, who admitted that it was the first time he had ever faced such disciplinary action, even during his school days.

KL Rahul's openness about the mental toll of online abuse highlights the challenges faced by athletes in the age of social media, where the pressure to perform is compounded by constant scrutiny and criticism from the public.



Bangladesh Stuns Pakistan with Historic 2-0 Test Series Sweep

Bangladesh achieved a historic milestone by securing a 2-0 Test series sweep against Pakistan on their home turf, marking the first time an Asian team has accomplished such a feat in Pakistan. This remarkable achievement not only underscores Bangladesh's growing prowess in Test cricket but also delivers a significant blow to Pakistan, who were looking to bounce back after their earlier defeat in the series.

In the second Test, Pakistan appeared to have set a competitive target with a first-innings score of 274/10, thanks to half-centuries from Saim Ayyub, Shan Masood, and Agha Salman. However, their other key players, including Babar Azam, Abdullah Shafique, and Mohammad Rizwan, failed to make a substantial impact.

Bangladesh's response started disastrously, losing 6 wickets for just 26 runs. However, a brilliant counter-attacking century from Litton Das turned the tide, helping Bangladesh reach 262 before being bowled out. In Pakistan's second innings, they were bundled out for 172, with Bangladesh's Hasan Mahmud claiming a crucial 5-wicket haul. Chasing a target of 185 runs, Bangladesh overcame a few hiccups to secure the win with 6 wickets in hand, sealing the series in dramatic fashion. Litton Das, who played a pivotal role in Bangladesh's victory, was named Player of the Match. Reflecting on the win, Das credited his self-belief and the team's collective effort, acknowledging the challenges posed by Pakistan's bowling and the intense heat.

Sumit Antil Wins Gold in Javelin Throw, Becomes First Indian Man to Defend Paralympics Title

Star javelin thrower Sumit Antil made history on Monday by becoming the first Indian man to defend his title at the Paralympics, winning gold in the F64 category with a record-breaking throw of 70.59 meters at the Paris Games. The 26-year-old from Sonipat, Haryana, not only secured the gold but also set a new Paralympic record, surpassing his previous best of 68.55 meters, which he achieved while winning gold at the Tokyo Paralympics three years ago. Antil, who holds the world record with a throw of 73.29 meters, is the reigning world champion and has now joined an exclusive club of Indian Paralympians who have won two gold medals. He is the second Indian overall, after shooter Avani Lekhara, to defend a Paralympics title. Avani had previously defended her gold in the women's 10m air rifle standing SH1 event at the Paris Games, following her victory in the same event at the Tokyo Games.





Varun Tej's *Matka* Secures Strong Business Ahead of Release



Varun Tej's upcoming Pan India project, *Matka*, directed by Karuna Kumar, is already making waves in the industry even before its release. The film, which marks Varun Tej's most expensive project to date, features him alongside two leading ladies, Meenakshi Chaudhary and Nora Fatehi.

Matka has garnered significant attention for its music, with the audio rights being sold for a record-breaking amount. Aditya Music has acquired the rights for Rs. 3.6 crores, making it the highest deal for Varun Tej so far. This substantial sale is a promising indicator of the film's commercial potential and sets the stage for more lucrative deals in the future.

The music for *Matka* is composed by GV Prakash Kumar, whose involvement is expected to infuse the film with a unique and nostalgic sound, enhancing its appeal to a wide audience.

The narrative of *Matka* is epic in scope, covering a span of 24 years and showcasing Varun Tej in four distinct get-ups. This ambitious storyline highlights the actor's versatility, as he transitions through various phases of his character's life, promising a compelling and transformative performance.

Produced on a grand scale by Vyra Entertainments and SRT Entertainments, *Matka* is poised to be a major cinematic event, with its strong pre-release business underscoring the high expectations surrounding the film.

Premam* star Nivin Pauly has strongly condemned recent reports accusing him of involvement in a sexual assault case, following the release of the Justice Hema Committee report, which has sparked a wave of accusations in the Malayalam film industry.

According to the reports, a female actor filed a complaint against Nivin Pauly and five others with the Ernakulam Rural SP. The case was reportedly forwarded to the Oonnukal Police District, where Nivin Pauly was named as the sixth accused. The complaint alleges that a woman named Shreya invited the female actor to Dubai for a movie discussion, during which she claims to have been sexually assaulted. Producer AK Sunil has been named as the second accused in the case.

Nivin Pauly swiftly responded to these allegations on social media, categorically denying the accusations. In a tweet, he wrote, "I have come across a false news report accusing me of abusing a girl. Please know that this is entirely untrue. I'm determined to go to any extent to prove these allegations are baseless and will take all necessary steps to bring those responsible to light. Thank you for your concern. The rest will be handled legally."

The actor's statement underscores his resolve to clear his name and take legal action against those spreading false accusations. The situation has drawn significant attention, and Nivin Pauly's response highlights his commitment to addressing the matter through legal channels.



Ram Charan Sends Bouquets to "Kalki 2898 AD" Producers in Appreciation

The recently released film *Kalki 2898 AD*, starring Prabhas and set in a futuristic world, has taken the global box office by storm, grossing over Rs. 1000 crore worldwide. Directed by Nag Ashwin and produced by Vyjayanthi Movies, the film has not only captivated audiences in theaters but has also become a blockbuster on streaming platforms across multiple languages.

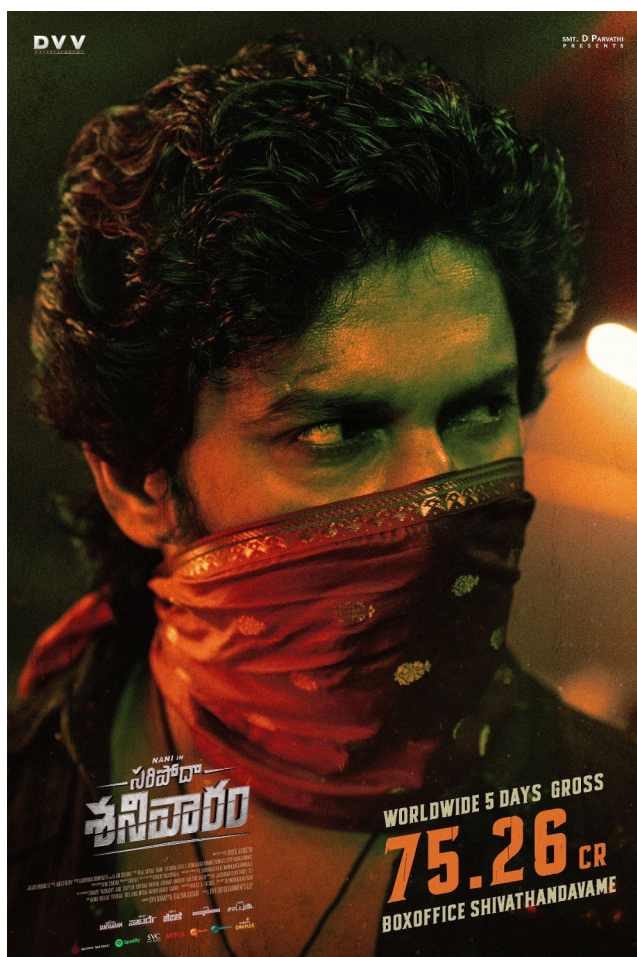
Ram Charan, one of Tollywood's leading stars, recently watched *Kalki 2898 AD* and was deeply impressed by the film's storyline, stellar performances, and the high production values. In a gesture of admiration and respect, Ram Charan sent bouquets to the producers of the film, Vyjayanthi Movies, acknowledging the exceptional cinematic experience they delivered.

This act of appreciation from Ram Charan highlights his recognition of the film's impact and the effort put into creating such a grand visual spectacle.



Fans are now eagerly awaiting news about a potential sequel, spurred on

by the film's success and the buzz it continues to generate globally.



Nani's *Saripodhaa Sanivaaram* Breaks Records

Natural Star Nani's latest film, *Saripodhaa Sanivaaram*, is proving to be a box office sensation both in the Telugu states and overseas. The movie, directed by Vivek Athreya, has not only garnered strong ticket sales domestically but has also achieved remarkable success in the United States.

On Monday, the film reached a significant milestone by surpassing 1 million ticket sales on BookMyShow, showcasing its widespread appeal. Additionally, *Saripodhaa Sanivaaram* crossed the \$2 million mark in the US, making it Nani's fastest film to achieve this feat. This marks Nani's second entry into the \$2 million club, surpassing his previous film *Dasara*, which grossed \$2.05 million. *Saripodhaa Sanivaaram* has now become Nani's highest-grossing film in the US.

The film's blend of high-octane action and heartfelt emotions has resonated with audiences, drawing large crowds despite challenging weather conditions in some areas of the Telugu states. The movie's success highlights Nani's growing popularity and the strong impact of *Saripodhaa Sanivaaram* on both domestic and international box offices.

Nivin Pauly Condemns Rape Accusation Reports, Vows Legal Action

Tamannah Bhatia, often referred to as the "Milky Beauty" of Indian cinema, has once again dazzled her fans with her latest cover shoot for *Grazia* magazine. In this visually stunning feature, Tamannah seamlessly blends traditional attire with modern fashion, donning elegant palazzos paired with colorful, festive ensembles. Her graceful poses and radiant charm have made the shoot a feast for the eyes, capturing the essence of both tradition and trendiness.

Beyond her modeling success, Tamannah is gearing up for her next big screen venture, *Odela 2*, which has her fans eagerly waiting. Known for her versatile acting skills and memorable performances, Tamannah is expected to bring something special to her new role in this highly anticipated sequel. As she continues to balance her work between fashion and film, her latest magazine shoot adds another layer to her already impressive portfolio, showcasing her ability to adapt and shine in any setting.

Tamannah Bhatia: A Perfect Blend of Tradition and Trend

