







# Speed up cleaning of roads, colonies and houses with fire engines: Chandrababu

**TPN, Vijayawada:** Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu conducted a teleconference on Friday to review and expedite flood relief measures in the flood-hit areas of Vijayawada. The teleconference was attended by ministers and officials, who provided updates on the ongoing sanitation and relief efforts in affected areas. Chandrababu instructed officials to accelerate the cleaning of roads, colonies, and houses using fire engines to ensure quick sanitation in flood-affected regions. He emphasized the need to call technicians from other areas to repair damaged vehicles and electronic items in households.

The Chief Minister also urged the rapid completion of the Budameru Madhu Gandhi burial works to prevent further flooding. He reviewed the status of electricity restoration, telephone signal repairs, and the supply of drinking water through tankers. Ministers participating in the teleconference assured the Chief Minister of their continued efforts to restore normalcy in the flood-hit regions.



# New Twist in Hero Raj Tarun and Lavanya Case



Chargesheet Filed, Actor Named as Accused

**TPN, Hyderabad:** The ongoing case involving Tollywood actor Raj Tarun and Lavanya has taken a new turn as the police have filed a chargesheet, officially naming Raj Tarun as an accused. This development comes after an investigation was launched following a complaint filed by Lavanya.

According to Lavanya's allegations, she and Raj Tarun had been in a cohabiting relationship for the past ten years. The police investigation has corroborated Lavanya's claims, with evidence confirming that the two had lived together in the same house. The chargesheet, backed by crucial evidence collected from Lavanya's residence, supports her accusations.

Raj Tarun, who has been involved in the case, has already secured anticipatory bail as the investigation progresses. The case has garnered significant attention, and further legal proceedings are expected to unfold as the police move forward with the charges.

# We are also distributing 5 types of food items... essential kits in flood victims' packets: Minister Narayana



**TPN, Vijayawada:** Relief operations continue in full force in Vijayawada as the city recovers from severe flooding. Municipal Department Minister Narayana inspected the ongoing packing and distribution of relief packets for flood victims. The state government is providing essential food items and goods to support those affected by the disaster.

Minister Narayana revealed that each relief packet contains 6 apples, 6 biscuit packets, 2-liter milk packets, 3 noodles packets, and 2-liter water bottles. In addition to food items, essential kits containing necessary goods are also being distributed to the victims.

He further mentioned that the Indian Army has been deployed to assist in burying the third breach of the Budameru embankment. The Minister assured that the government is working diligently to complete sanitation efforts within the next 24 hours, helping the city return to normalcy.

# India Successfully Launches Agni 4 Ballistic Missile in Odisha Test Range

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nuclear-capable ballistic missile capabilities.

In addition to this successful launch, India had earlier tested the new generation ballistic missile, Agni-Prime, on April 4 this year. That test was also carried out in collaboration between the SFC and the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO).

India's Agni missile series has been a cornerstone of the country's strategic defence capabilities, playing a crucial role in maintaining a credible deterrent posture with its long-range nuclear strike capabilities.

# IG Ashok Kumar's Key Statement on Hidden Camera Allegations in Gudlavalleru



**TPN, Gudlavalleru:** In a significant development, Inspector General (IG) Ashok Kumar addressed the ongoing investigation into the hidden camera allegations at Gudlavalleru Engineering College Hostel, which had sparked widespread concern across Andhra Pradesh. The IG clarified that there is no truth in the rumors of

hidden cameras or videos of female students being shared from the hostel.

Speaking at a press meet held at Gudlavalleru Police Station, IG Ashok Kumar stated that no student had reported seeing cameras in the hostel, and no substantial evidence had been presented to support the allegations.

He emphasized that students and parents need not worry, as a thorough investigation had been conducted.

IG Ashok Kumar explained that 35 students, wardens, and staff were questioned, and with the directive of CM Chandrababu Naidu, the help of technology experts from CERT (Computers Emergency Response Team) in Delhi and C-DAC (Centre for Development of Advanced Computing) in Pune was enlisted. The mobile phones, laptops, and other electronic devices of the students in question were seized and examined over a three-day investigation. The investigation included checking the central server of the college, as well as inspecting the hostels and electronic devices. All findings have been sent to the forensic lab, and the results are expected within five

days. IG Ashok Kumar assured that the investigation will continue if anyone comes forward with concrete evidence.

The press meet was attended by Krishna District SP Gangadhar and several other officials. IG Ashok Kumar reiterated that while suspicions were raised by students, their parents, and student unions, no evidence had been found to support the claims of hidden cameras or video sharing.

This investigation was initiated following protests by students on August 29, claiming that hidden cameras were installed in the hostel and videos were being sold. CM Chandrababu Naidu, taking swift action, ordered the police to register a case and launch an immediate investigation into the matter.

# Rains Continue to Batter AP....

**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** Heavy rains in Andhra Pradesh continue to wreak havoc, with fresh downpours and floods causing significant loss of life and property. The Budameru region is once again facing increasing water flow, as the rains persist. The flow has intensified since this morning, prompting warnings to nearby villages, including those in the Lankan region, to prepare for evacuation if the water levels rise further.

The Meteorological Department has issued a new warning, forecasting

more rain in the coming days due to the formation of another low-pressure system in the Bay of Bengal. The department predicts that the current low-pressure system may intensify into a cyclone by September 9, impacting the northwest Bay of Bengal, Ganga basin in West Bengal, northern Odisha, and parts of the Bangladesh coast.

As a result, the coastal districts of Andhra Pradesh are likely to experience light to moderate rain or thundershowers over the next 24 hours. Officials have also issued

alerts for the Uttar Andhra region, where similar weather conditions are expected. Additionally, Rayalaseema is forecasted to receive light to moderate rainfall or thundershowers for the next three days.

Authorities are on high alert, particularly in flood-prone areas such as Budameru and Kolleru. They are closely monitoring the situation and are prepared to take necessary actions based on real-time developments to ensure the safety of residents.



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# Chandrababu Smartly Utilizes Jagan’s Ration Supply Project for Flood Relief



**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** In a clever move, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has repurposed a project initiated by former CM YS Jagan Mohan Reddy to aid in the ongoing flood relief efforts in Vijayawada. The project, which saw the procurement of over Rs 539 crore worth of supply vehicles under Jagan’s regime, was initially designed to deliver ration supplies to rural areas. However, it had remained largely underutilized in recent months due to the pilot program not yielding the expected results.

Rather than allowing the vehicles to sit idle, CM Chandrababu Naidu devised a plan to use them for the distribution of essential supplies to flood-affected areas in Vijayawada. These vehicles, originally purchased during Jagan’s tenure, are now

playing a crucial role in delivering rice, water, and other necessary items to those impacted by the floods.

In addition to these vehicles, the government has deployed numerous lorries and trucks to ensure that relief supplies reach the hardest-hit areas. This large-scale effort is part of a broader outreach initiative aimed at restoring normalcy in the flood-affected regions and providing much-needed support to the victims.

By smartly utilizing these resources, CM Chandrababu Naidu has ensured that the project launched by the previous government is not wasted, while also significantly enhancing the efficiency of the flood relief operations.

# Purandeshwari Criticizes YCP for Politicizing Flood Crisis

**TPN, Amaravati:** Andhra Pradesh BJP chief Purandeshwari has strongly criticized the YSR Congress Party (YCP) leaders for politicizing the ongoing flood crisis in the state. She condemned the YCP government for neglecting the necessary Budameru flood control works, which, she claims, could have prevented the disaster.



Purandeshwari remarked that it is inappropriate for YCP leaders to engage in politics when people are losing their lives. She pointed out that the previous TDP government had invested Rs. 400 crores to strengthen the Budameru embankments and prevent flooding. However, she accused the YCP government, which came to power in 2019, of failing to complete the project.

Budameru works, this disaster could have been avoided,” Purandeshwari stated, adding that the ruling party is now trying to shift the blame for their negligence. She assured that the central government would assess the damage caused by the heavy rains and provide the necessary assistance to support the flood-affected areas.

“If the YCP government had completed the

# Rammohan Naidu Slams Jagan for "Dirty Politics" on Flood Crisis

**TPN, Amaravati:** Union Minister and TDP leader Rammohan Naidu launched a scathing attack on YCP chief Jagan Mohan Reddy, accusing him of playing politics during the ongoing flood crisis in Vijayawada. Naidu criticized Jagan’s negative attitude and claimed that his five-year rule was rejected by the people because they saw him as a threat to the state.



Rammohan Naidu alleged that Jagan’s actions during the floods have only worsened the situation. He pointed out that the gates of Budameru were raised, contributing to the flooding of Amaravati, and ex-

pressed disappointment that Jagan was using the natural disaster as an opportunity to engage in politics.

Praising Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu’s innovative use of drones to provide relief in areas that were otherwise inaccessible, Rammohan Naidu emphasized that such actions demonstrate Chandrababu’s effectiveness in dealing with natural disasters. In contrast, he accused Jagan of engaging in “dirty politics” instead of focusing on the people’s welfare.

Rammohan Naidu further warned that action would be taken against individuals spreading false propaganda against the government on social media, stressing that the central government is providing the necessary assistance to the state in managing the crisis.

# Ongoing Resignations Shake YCP Leadership in Eluru

**TPN, Eluru:** The YSR Congress Party (YCP) in Eluru district of Andhra Pradesh is witnessing a steady stream of resignations, with key leaders exiting the party one after another. The most recent to leave are Joint District Zilla Parishad (ZP) Chairperson Ghanta Padma Shri and her husband, YCP BC Cell District President Ghanta Prasada Rao, who announced their resignation from the party on Thursday.

In a press conference, the couple stated that they are stepping down from their positions and plan to join the Jana Sena Party under the leadership of Pawan Kalyan. They have also sent their resignation letters to YCP chief YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, citing personal reasons for their decision. Padma Shri, who has been with YCP for 13 years, expressed her intention to continue serving the people through her association with Jana Sena.

This latest departure follows the resignations of several prominent YCP figures in Eluru, including former Deputy Chief Minister and district president Alla Nani, and Eluru Mayor Noorjah-

an and her husband Peda Babu. These exits have created a significant shift in the political landscape of the district.

In recent months, other major leaders from the Eluru constituency, such as former IDA Chairman Boddani Srinivas and former Eluru Market Committee Chairman Mancham Maibabu, also left the YCP. Additionally, 19 YCP corporators, including the mayor’s couple, switched allegiance to the Telugu Desam Party (TDP), solidifying TDP’s presence in the constituency.

The resignation of ZP Chairperson Padma Shri has added a new dimension to the political scenario in Eluru. With 46 of the 48 ZPTC members belonging to YCP, her resignation is seen as a significant development. The other two members, Uppalapati Suresh Babu from TDP and Gunda Jayaprakash Naidu from Jana Sena, may signal further political realignment. Reports suggest that discontent among some YCP ZPTC members is growing, adding further uncertainty to the party’s future in the district.

# YV Subbareddy Denies Rift Between Jagan and Balineni

**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** YV Subbareddy, a senior leader and Rajya Sabha MP from YSR Congress Party (YCP), criticized the coalition government in Andhra Pradesh for alleged attacks on YCP ranks after coming to power. He accused the government of filing false cases and arresting YCP leaders, claiming that these actions were intended to intimidate the party. Subbareddy specifically denounced the arrests of former MP Nandigam Suresh and YCP MLC Lella Appireddy, who were detained in connection with the attack on the TDP central office in Mangalagiri. He vowed that YCP would pursue legal action against these “illegal arrests.”



Subbareddy also alleged that the recent flooding of Budameru was caused by diverting water away from the residence of CM Chandrababu Naidu, which, according to him, led to significant suffer-

ing for the people of Vijayawada. He criticized the government’s response to the flood victims, accusing them of engaging in “diversionary politics” by targeting YCP leaders to cover up their failure in managing the disaster.

In response to rumors about differences between YCP chief Jagan Mohan Reddy and former minister Balineni Srinivasa Reddy, Subbareddy dismissed these claims, asserting that there were

no internal conflicts within the party. He emphasized that there was no truth to the speculation that Balineni was being sidelined. He also mentioned that YCP’s Prakasam district president would be appointed soon.

Subbareddy concluded by stating that Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu had requested an appointment to discuss public issues, though he did not provide further details.

# Perni Nani Reacts to the Arrest of YCP Leaders

**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** Former minister and YSRCP leader Perni Nani has voiced his strong opposition to the recent arrests of YCP leaders, including former MP Nandigam Suresh and Srinivasa Reddy, husband of Vijayawada’s Deputy Mayor, in connection with the attack on the TDP headquarters in Mangalagiri. Speaking about the situation, Perni Nani claimed that the arrests were part of an “illegal case” aimed at targeting politically active YCP leaders.

Perni Nani, who visited the arrested leaders in Vijayawada jail, alleged that the alliance government is attempting to demoralize the YCP by incarcerating its key leaders. He argued that YCP leaders are being falsely accused and jailed on fabricated charges, with the intent to weaken the party ahead of future political contests.

Nani criticized the use of CCTV footage as evidence in the case, claiming that the police have no proof

of the involvement of Nandigam Suresh and Srinivasa Reddy in the attack. He alleged that despite the lack of credible evidence, YCP members are being arrested based on “stolen evidence” from TDP workers.

The former minister expressed confidence that YCP, under Jagan Mohan Reddy’s leadership, would continue to operate with renewed vigor despite the arrests. He dismissed any notions that the YCP would be crippled by such tactics, asserting that party leaders would eventually secure bail and resume their work.

Perni Nani also sent a warning to the alliance government, suggesting that public dissatisfaction would ultimately result in electoral defeat for those responsible for the arrests. He stated that if the current government fails to deliver on its promises, it will face the consequences in the next election cycle.

# What Jagananna has brought is today saving the people from the flood woes

**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** Amid ongoing flood relief efforts, YSR Congress Party (YCP) leader and minister Roja lauded Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy for the initiatives that are helping the people of Vijayawada during the flood crisis. The Ministers initiated the door-to-door distribution of essential commodities in flood-affected areas, with ration vehicles playing a key role in the relief program.

Roja took to social media to credit Jagan’s governance for the flood relief operations. In her tweet, she highlighted several initiatives brought in by Jagan’s government,



stating, “Ration vehicles brought by Jagananna, the Secretariat system, Secretariat employees, the Volunteer system, the retaining wall built by Jagananna, 108 and 104 vehicles, Clean Andhra vehicles, and YSR Health Centers—all are now rescuing the people of Vijayawada from the flood problems today.”

Along with her tweet, Roja shared videos showing ration vehicles lined up on the roads of Vijayawada, showcasing the government’s efforts to support flood victims through timely and effective measures.



# CM Chandrababu Conducts Aerial Survey of Flood-Affected Areas



**TPN, Vijayawada:** Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu conducted an aerial survey today to assess the damage caused by the recent floods in various areas. Using a helicopter, CM Chandrababu inspected the flood-hit regions, focusing on the Budameru stream, which has been a major cause of the flooding.

During the survey, the Chief Minister examined the large pits that had formed along the Budameru and monitored the progress of the ongoing efforts to fill them. He also observed the path of Budameru, tracking its course as it meets Kolleru Lake, and assessed the condition of the sur-

rounding villages.

In addition, CM Chandrababu inspected areas where Budameru had breached embankments and noted the flow of the Krishna River below the Prakasam Barrage. The aerial survey also included observations of the confluence where the Krishna River meets the sea, as well as the villages located on the river's banks.

The aerial inspection provided CM Chandrababu with a comprehensive view of the affected areas, allowing him to evaluate the extent of the damage and ongoing relief efforts.

# AP Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan Thanks Actress Ananya Nagalla

**TPN, Vijayawada:** Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan expressed his heartfelt gratitude to Tollywood actress Ananya Nagalla for her generous donation towards flood relief efforts in the Telugu states. Ananya, one of the few film industry personalities to contribute, announced a donation of Rs. 2.5 lakhs each to the Andhra Pradesh and Telangana Chief Minister's Relief Funds, totaling Rs. 5 lakhs.



the AP Deputy CM's office, commending her for standing by the people during difficult times.

"Heartfelt thanks to budding actress Kumari Ananya Nagalla, who announced a donation of Rs 2.5 lakh to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund to help the flood victims in Andhra Pradesh. Your hand will strengthen the relief programs of the state government by standing by the people in difficult times," the statement read.

The young actress received widespread praise for her contribution, with many appreciating her heartfelt gesture. In response, Pawan Kalyan acknowledged Ananya's donation with a statement from

In response to Pawan Kalyan's appreciation, Ananya Nagalla tweeted, "Thank you so much, sir. You are always an inspiration to me."

# Measures to Ensure Food Distribution to Flood Victims

Vijayawada Municipal Commissioner Dhyanchandra

**TPN, Vijayawada:** Vijayawada Municipal Corporation Commissioner Dhyanchandra personally inspected the food distribution efforts aimed at reaching the flood-affected areas. On Friday morning, at the Indra Gandhi Municipal Stadium on MG Road, Commissioner Dhyanchandra monitored the dispatch of food, drinking water, milk, and biscuits, which are being distributed to those in need. The initiative ensures that essential supplies, worth lakhs of rupees, are provided daily to flood victims.



efficiently to the affected regions.

Following this, Dhyanchandra visited Siddhartha Arts and Science College in Mughalrajapuram, where staff and volunteers were seen packing bags of apples, biscuit packets, water bottles, and noodles for distribution in the flood-hit areas. The Commissioner oversaw the process and ensured that the relief materials were transported

In total, approximately 6 lakh apples, 6 lakh biscuit packets, 3 lakh water bottles, 3 lakh milk packets, and 4 lakh noodles packets have been packed by the staff and volunteers. These items were loaded onto vehicles and delivered to the victims in various flood-affected areas, ensuring that essential supplies reach all those in need.

# Akshaya Patra Feeds 10 Lakh People in Vijayawada Amid Flood Crisis



**TPN, Vijayawada:** In the wake of devastating floods caused by heavy rains, the city of Vijayawada has been severely impacted. Relief efforts are in full swing as people from across Andhra Pradesh, along with several film celebrities and politicians, step up to support the flood victims. The coalition government, led by Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, has been actively coordinating relief operations.

In a remarkable effort, Akshaya Patra, in collaboration with Divi's Laboratories and the Andhra Pradesh

government, has provided food to 10 lakh flood victims over the past five days. Vamsidasa Prabhu, President of Akshaya Patra Guntur and Vijayawada, announced that this large-scale food distribution was made possible through the cooperative efforts of the state government and private organizations.

Prabhu emphasized that feeding such a large number of people in a short span of time is a significant achievement in the history of Akshaya Patra. He noted that, while cooking such quantities of food is a challenge, delivering it to the affect-

ed people has been equally difficult. Akshaya Patra has committed to continue providing food for as long as needed, in coordination with the Andhra Pradesh government.

Acknowledging the immense support from Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, Vamsidasa Prabhu praised the government's prompt response and logistical assistance, which allowed them to reach so many people in need. He also expressed Akshaya Patra's unwavering dedication to ensuring no one goes hungry, and they are ready to provide food to flood victims for as long as necessary.

# Janasena MLA Wins Hearts with Philanthropic Efforts

**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** Amidst the ongoing flood relief activities in Andhra Pradesh, led by Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, Janasena MLA Battula Balarama Krishna has emerged as a beacon of hope and compassion. The Rajanagaram MLA has been actively involved in the relief efforts in Vijayawada for the past three to four days, displaying remarkable dedication to helping those affected by the floods.



In addition to his on-ground involvement, Battula has made a generous donation of Rs. 25 lakh to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund, contributing financially to the relief operations. His tireless efforts to assist flood victims have been met with widespread admiration from the public.

Known for his connection with the common people, Battula Balarama

Krishna has always maintained a positive image, staying accessible to his constituents regardless of the electoral outcome. His latest efforts during the floods have further solidified his reputation as a leader who

truly cares for the people. By both working on the ground and providing financial aid, the MLA has played a vital role in the ongoing flood relief operations, winning the hearts of many.

# Multiple Trains Cancelled in AP for Three Days

**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** Railway officials have announced the cancellation of several trains over the next three days in Andhra Pradesh due to technical work in the Vijayawada division. Passengers are advised to take note of these cancellations from today (Friday) until the 8th and 9th of September. A total of 44 trains will be impacted, and the railway authorities have released an official statement to this effect.

Some of the canceled trains include:

- 07575 Tenali to Vijayawada
- 07500 Vijayawada to Guduru
- 07896 Machilipatnam to Vijayawada
- 07769 Vijayawada to Machilipatnam
- 07871/07872 Machilipatnam to Gudivada
- 07898/07899 Machilipatnam to Vijayawada
- 07461 Vijayawada to Ongole
- 07576 Ongole to Vijayawada
- 07867 Machilipatnam to Vijayawada
- 07866 Vijayawada to Machilipatnam
- 07770 Machilipatnam to Vijayawada
- 07283 Vijayawada to Bhimavaram
- 07772 Bhimavaram to Nidadavolu
- 07459 Vijayawada to Kakinada Port



- 07868/07869 Machilipatnam to Vijayawada
- 07885/07886 Bhimavaram to Vijayawada
- 07281 Vijayawada to Narasapuram
- 07460 Rajahmundry to Vijayawada
- 07877 Vijayawada to Bhimavaram
- 07885/07886 Bhimavaram to Nidadavolu
- 17263 Bhimavaram to Narasapuram
- 07863 Narasapuram to Vijayawada
- 07767 Vijayawada to Rajahmundry
- 17258 Kakinada Port to Vijayawada

(Canceled from September 6 to 9)

Additionally, train number 07977/07978 from Vijayawada to Bitragunta and 07784/07785 Guntur-Repalle trains have been canceled from 6th to 9th September. Train 17269 Vijayawada to Narasapuram is canceled from September 7 to 9.

Passengers are requested to plan their travel accordingly and check for updates from railway authorities.



# AAP in 'Wait And Watch' Mode as Congress Debates Haryana Polls Alliance

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has adopted a 'wait and watch' stance following disagreements with Congress over seat-sharing for the upcoming Haryana Assembly election. Sources revealed that discussions are currently on hold, pending decisions from AAP leader Arvind Kejriwal and the Congress' Central Election Committee, which is expected to meet soon.

Kejriwal, who had previously announced that AAP would contest all 90 seats in Haryana independently, is reportedly considering the alliance. However, his limited communication, due to his detention in Delhi's Tihar Jail over the alleged liquor excise policy case, has delayed further decisions. The Supreme Court has reserved its verdict on his bail plea.

Both parties, part of the INDIA bloc that united to contest the 2024 general election, had reached an 'in-principle' agreement on Wednesday after Congress leader Rahul Gandhi urged his party to proceed with the alliance, recognizing the need for cooperation to defeat the BJP, which has held power in Haryana since 2014.

**Seat-Sharing Disagreements**  
AAP has requested 10 of Haryana's 90 Assembly seats, while Congress is only willing to offer seven, citing AAP's underperformance in the previous Lok Sabha election, where the party contested one seat and lost. In contrast, Congress won five of the nine seats it contested, preventing the BJP from achieving a clean sweep.

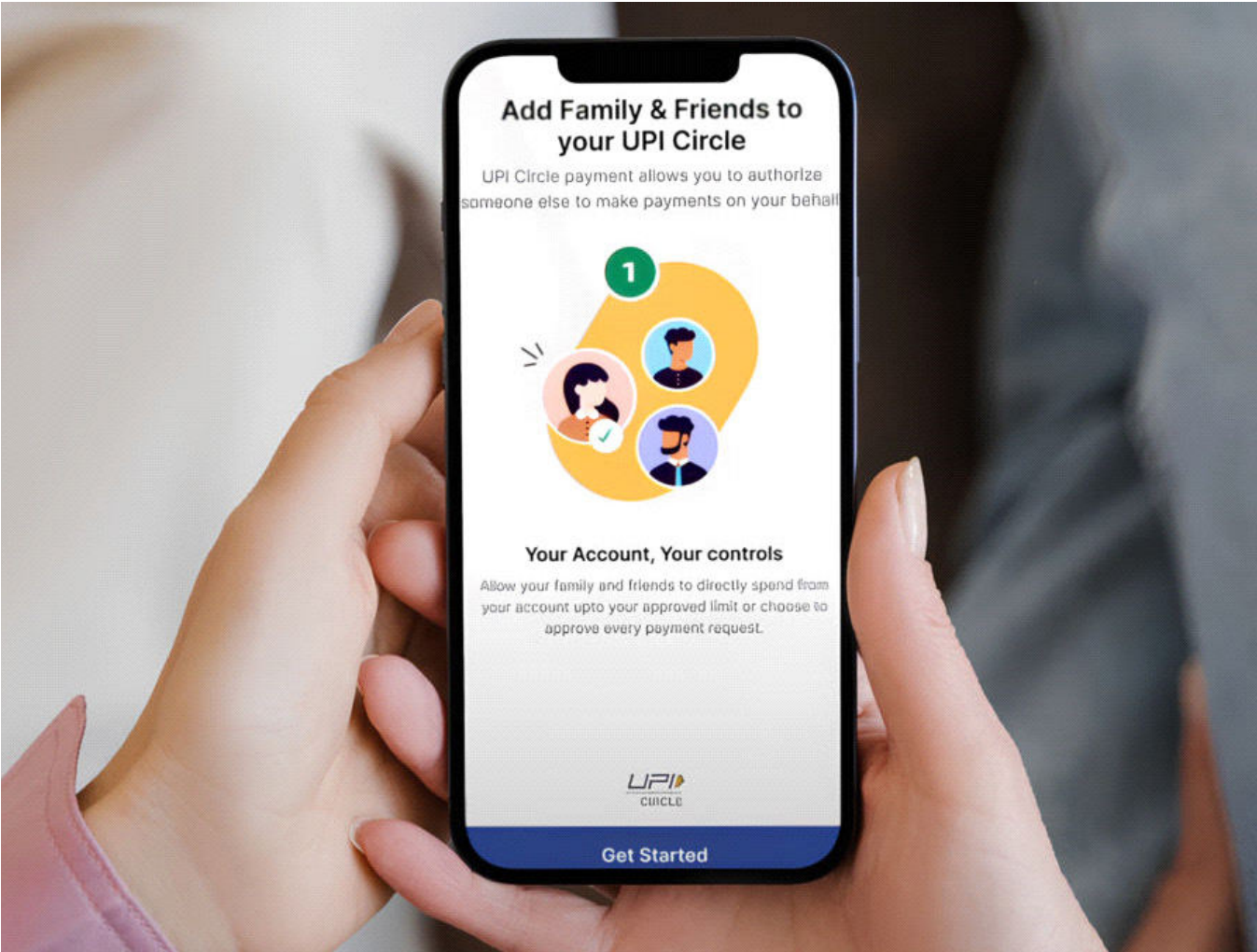
The seat-sharing discussions have been further complicated by the fact that AAP has requested seats within the constituency of former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda, who was expecting to allocate these to his loyalists. Hooda has stated that the alliance was not state-specific and that discussions with AAP's state leaders have been limited since the general election.

**Congress' Position Strengthened by Star Power**  
Congress' position in the seat-sharing talks may be bolstered by the addition of star athletes Vinesh Phogat and Bajrang Punia, who are expected to boost the party's appeal among Jat voters, a crucial demographic that accounts for 20 to 25 percent of Haryana's population.

**BJP Faces Internal Challenges**  
The BJP, facing internal turmoil after releasing its initial list of 67 candidates, saw two key members – Jails Minister Ranjit Chautala and MLA Lakshman Napa – quit after being denied tickets. Chautala, the son of former Chief Minister Devi Lal Chaudhary, has announced plans to run as an independent candidate, while Napa has indicated that he will join Congress.

The BJP's list also included Sunil Sangwan, a former prison official who controversially granted parole multiple times to convicted rapist and Dera Sacha Sauda chief Ram Rahim.

**Haryana Election Details**  
The Haryana Assembly election is scheduled for October 5, after being postponed from October 1 to accommodate the Bishnoi community's voting traditions. Results for the Haryana and Jammu and Kashmir elections will be announced on October 8. This will be the first election in Haryana since 2014, as political parties gear up for a fierce contest.



## UPI Circle Launched: What Is It, How Does It Work, and Other Details

The National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) has introduced a new feature called "UPI Circle" aimed at enhancing accessibility to digital payments through the Unified Payments Interface (UPI). UPI Circle allows primary users to share their UPI account with family members or friends, who can then make transactions within predefined limits using the primary user's bank account. This feature is particularly designed for users who might not have their own bank accounts or are hesitant about using digital payments, empowering them with access to UPI transactions.

### How UPI Circle Works

With UPI Circle, primary users can authorize secondary users, such as family members, friends, or employees, to make payments directly from their UPI account. The feature offers flexibility and control, as primary users can set transaction limits, monitor activity, and revoke access when needed.

### Key Features of UPI Circle

- 1. Delegated Payments:** The primary user can add up to five secondary users who can transact using the primary account. This feature is useful for scenarios like parents providing allowances to children, senior citizens wary of digital payments, or business owners managing petty cash for staff.
- 2. Spending Limits:** The primary user can set specific spending limits for each secondary user. For example, a user can set different transaction limits for different people, all under the maximum limit of ₹ 15,000 per month, with no single transaction exceeding ₹ 5,000.
- 3. Approval Options:**
  - **Spend With Limits:** Secondary users can make payments within the pre-set limits without needing approval for each transaction.
  - **Approve Every Payment:** The primary user must approve each transaction, providing greater control over spending.
- 4. Monitoring & Security:** Primary users can monitor the activities of the secondary users on

- their UPI app and revoke access at any time. For added security, secondary users will have a limit of ₹ 5,000 for the first 24 hours after being added.
- 5. Single Primary User:** Each secondary user can only be linked to one primary user, ensuring that their transactions are limited to one shared account.

### How to Set Up UPI Circle

- 1. Access UPI Circle Menu:** Open your UPI app and select the "Add Family or Friends" option under the UPI Circle menu.
- 2. Add Secondary User:** You can add a secondary user by entering their UPI ID, scanning their UPI QR code, or searching for them in your phone contacts.
- 3. Set Permissions:** Choose between "Spend With Limits" or "Approve Every Payment" based on how much control you want to exercise.
- 4. Notification and Acceptance:** The secondary user will receive a notification to accept the request. Once accepted, they can start making payments using the primary user's UPI account.

### Control and Flexibility

- **Add Up to Five Secondary Users:** Primary users can link up to five secondary users.
- **Revoke Access Anytime:** Primary users have full control and can revoke a secondary user's access at any time.
- **Monitor Activity:** Primary users can monitor transactions made by secondary users directly within the UPI app.

### Benefits of UPI Circle

According to NPCI, around 6% of UPI users frequently make transactions on behalf of others. UPI Circle addresses this by giving primary users control while offering convenience for delegated payments. This feature will benefit families, businesses, and individuals who need to manage payments for dependents or staff.

UPI Circle simplifies digital payments for individuals who may not be comfortable using UPI independently, all while ensuring security and control for the primary user.

## In A First In Three Decades, Woman Kashmiri Pandit To Contest J&K Assembly Polls

Jammu and Kashmir are set to witness a historic moment as a woman Kashmiri Pandit, Daisy Raina, prepares to contest the Assembly polls for the first time in three decades. Raina, a former private sector employee from Delhi and a sarpanch of Frisal village in Pulwama, is the lone candidate fielded by the Republican Party of India (Athawale), an ally of the BJP in the NDA alliance. She will contest from the Rajpora Assembly constituency in Pulwama, joining only nine other women in the electoral race.

Raina's decision to run for office stems from the encouragement she received from local youth, who wanted her to be their voice in the Jammu and Kashmir Assembly.

"The youth forced me to contest and asked me to ensure their voice reaches the Assembly," Raina told NDTV. She explained that the younger generation in Jammu and Kashmir, born in the 1990s, has been caught in the violence, only knowing a life of conflict and unrest.

Pulwama, a region known for its challenges, including the 2019 terror attack that killed 40 Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) personnel, has been a focal point of her campaign. However, Raina expressed that despite its troubled history, her work has continued successfully in the region. She highlighted the good relationships she has built with both the Hindu and Muslim communities during her tenure as



sarpanch, recalling how she had worked on projects benefiting both religious groups.

Having worked in New Delhi before being elected unopposed as a sarpanch in 2020, Raina is entering the election arena with a strong commitment to represent the underrepresented voices of the region, especially the youth.

The upcoming Jammu and Kashmir Assembly election will be its first in nearly a decade and its first since becoming a Union Territory following the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019. Voting will take place across 90 seats in three phases, from September 18 to October 1, with the results expected on October 8.



# PM Modi Launches 'Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari' Initiative, Stresses Water Conservation

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday emphasized the importance of water conservation, calling it an integral part of India's cultural consciousness. Speaking virtually at the launch of the 'Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari' initiative in Surat, the PM advocated for the "reduce, reuse, recharge, and recycle" mantra to tackle the country's water challenges. The initiative aims to strengthen community participation in water conservation efforts. "For water conservation, we must adopt the mantra of 'reduce, reuse, recharge, and recycle'. Innovative techniques and the latest technology should also be embraced to ensure efficient water management," PM Modi said. He highlighted that India possesses only four per cent of the world's freshwater resources, with many regions facing severe water crises. Reflecting on the recent unprecedented rainfall and flooding across parts of India, the Prime Minister underscored the urgent need for water conservation, not only to safeguard water resources but also to manage natural disasters better. He added that water and environmental preservation have always been integral to India's cultural values. The 'Jal Sanchay Jan Bhagidari' initiative is closely aligned with the ongoing "Jal Shakti Abhiyan: Catch the Rain" campaign, which focuses on rainwater harvesting and sustainable water management practices. The initiative strengthens Modi's vision of a collaborative approach to water conservation, involving community participation to



ensure long-term water security. The Prime Minister urged citizens to make water conservation a collective effort, underscoring that only through

active involvement can India achieve sustainable water management and overcome future challenges related to water scarcity.

## Omar Abdullah Defends Seat-Sharing, Criticizes BJP's Article 370 Narrative

Former Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah has acknowledged that his National Conference (NC) "surrendered" seats to forge an alliance with the Congress for the upcoming Assembly elections. In an interview, Abdullah emphasized that having an alliance was "too important" to let a disagreement over a few seats jeopardize it. Initially, NC had prepared to contest all seats independently before the seat-sharing agreement. Abdullah also criticized the BJP's narrative around the abrogation of Article 370, arguing that its portrayal as a move welcomed by Jammu's residents was misleading. He pointed to the BJP's reduced margins in Jammu in the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, compared to 2019, as evidence that support for Article 370's removal was not as widespread in the region as the BJP claimed. Additionally, Abdullah voiced concerns over the cancellation of the 149-year-old \*Darbar move\*, a tradition of shifting the government between Srinagar and Jammu. He argued that the move severely impacted Jammu's economy, which had benefited from government employees spending on local services during the winter months. As polling approaches, Abdullah avoided naming a chief ministerial candidate for the NC-Congress alliance, stating that his focus remains on winning as many seats as possible. The alliance will contest 83 of 90 seats, with NC taking 51 and Congress 32. Jammu and Kashmir's Assembly elections will be held in three phases, starting on September 18, with results to be declared on October 8.



## Amit Shah Rules Out Restoration of Article 370 in J&K, Unveils BJP's Poll Manifesto



Unveiling the BJP's manifesto for the upcoming Jammu and Kashmir Assembly elections, Home Minister Amit Shah ruled out the restoration of Article 370, which granted special status to the region. Shah emphasized that the provision, abrogated in 2019, has "become history" and will not return. This comes as the National Conference, in alliance with the Congress, promised the restoration of Article 370 in its manifesto. During his two-day visit to Jammu and Kashmir, Shah stressed that the region is crucial to the BJP's vision of national unity and development. He highlighted the transformation from a period of separatism and terrorism, stating that the period from 2014 to 2024 will be remembered as a golden decade for Jammu and Kashmir. Shah criticized past governments for appeasing separatists and organizations like the Hurriyat, which he linked to the provision of Article 370. He credited the 2019 abrogation with fostering development in Jammu and Kashmir and accused the Congress of silently supporting the National Conference's push for reinstating Article 370. "Article 370 led to youth being handed guns and stones. Now it is part of the past, and it will never return," Shah said. Regarding the upcoming elections, Shah said the BJP's manifesto focuses on creating a "peaceful, safe, developed, and prosperous" Jammu and Kashmir. The Assembly elections, the first since 2014, will be held in three phases from September 18 to October 1, with results declared on October 8.

## BJP Accuses Mamata Banerjee's Government of Cover-up in Kolkata Doctor's Murder Case

The BJP has accused West Bengal's ruling Trinamool Congress (TMC) of covering up details in the rape and murder of a doctor at Kolkata's RG Kar Hospital in August. BJP spokesperson Sambit Patra flagged claims from the victim's parents, including allegations that a state official attempted to bribe them to hush up the case and that they were forced to wait for hours before seeing their daughter's body. The parents also claimed that after being informed of their daughter's death, police asked them to sign a blank paper, which they refused. The BJP has criticized Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee and the Kolkata Police, suggesting mishandling of the investigation. In response, the TMC dismissed the claims, accusing the BJP of "vulture politics" and spreading conspiracy theories. A video has surfaced in which the parents initially deny any bribery attempt. However, a family relative alleged the video was filmed under pressure. The Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), which was tasked with probing the case, has nearly completed its investigation and ruled out gang rape. The CBI's findings align with Kolkata Police's earlier conclusion that Sanjay Roy, arrested last month, was the sole perpetrator. The TMC expressed satisfaction with the CBI's findings and demanded swift justice for the victim. The case has drawn intense scrutiny from the opposition, civil society, and the judiciary, with both the police and state government facing criticism for delays and alleged lapses.

## Tensions Emerge in Maharashtra's Mahayuti Over 'Ladki Bahin Yojana'

Fissures have surfaced within Maharashtra's ruling Mahayuti alliance over the 'Ladki Bahin Yojana,' with Shiv Sena Minister Shambhuraj Desai accusing ally NCP and its leader Ajit Pawar of sidelining Chief Minister Eknath Shinde in the scheme's promotional materials. Desai expressed displeasure over Pawar's public outreach campaign, accusing him of "hijacking" the state government's 'Mukhyamantri Majhi Ladki Bahin' scheme, which provides ₹1,500 monthly financial assistance to eligible women. Desai emphasized that omitting the "Chief Minister" title from the scheme's name during Pawar's campaign events was inappropriate and not according to protocol. He stressed that the scheme was a state government initiative and Pawar should have included all stakeholders. Ajit Pawar, who is also the Deputy Chief Minister and Finance Minister, launched the NCP's 'Jan Sanman Yatra' last month, focusing on promoting the benefits of various government schemes, including 'Ladki Bahin.' However, the NCP's advertisements referred to the scheme simply as 'Majhi Ladki Bahin,' excluding the full name. Videos released by the NCP show beneficiaries thanking Ajit Pawar, further escalating tensions within the Mahayuti. The 'Ladki Bahin' scheme, modeled after Madhya Pradesh's 'Ladli Behana' initiative, was launched last month. CM Shinde has pledged to double the financial assistance under the scheme to ₹3,000 if the alliance is re-elected in the upcoming state elections, expected in November.

## AAP-Congress Seat-Sharing Talks in Limbo Ahead of Haryana Election

The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has put its seat-sharing talks with the Congress on hold for the upcoming Haryana Assembly elections, sources revealed on Friday. The delay comes amid disagreements over the number of seats each party will contest, despite both being part of the INDIA alliance that performed well in recent general elections. AAP is waiting for a final decision from party chief Arvind Kejriwal, who is currently in judicial custody over the alleged liquor excise policy case. AAP is seeking to contest 10 of the 90 seats in Haryana, while Congress is reportedly offering only seven, citing AAP's poor performance in the Lok Sabha elections. The Congress, having onboarded prominent wrestlers Vinesh Phogat and Bajrang Punia, is using their appeal to strengthen its bargaining position, especially among the state's significant Jat population. Compounding the issues is AAP's desire to contest seats in regions dominated by former Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda, which he plans to allocate to his loyalists. With Congress leaders divided over conceding more seats to AAP, the seat-sharing agreement remains uncertain. Meanwhile, the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is also dealing with internal challenges after announcing its first list of 67 candidates. Notably, Jails Minister Ranjit Chautala resigned after being denied a ticket and plans to run as an independent. Haryana will vote on October 5, with results now scheduled for October 8, following a deferment by the Election Commission to accommodate the Bishnoi community's voting practices.

## Wrestlers Vinesh Phogat and Bajrang Punia a Resign from Railways, Join Congress Before Haryana Polls

Wrestlers Vinesh Phogat and Bajrang Punia resigned from their posts with Northern Railways on Friday before joining the Congress party. However, their resignations have not yet been accepted, sources from the railways confirmed. The sources emphasized that until their resignations are approved, the wrestlers are prohibited from joining any political party or contesting elections under service rules. Phogat, who served as an officer on special duty (OSD) in sports with Northern Railways, shared her resignation letter on social media, expressing gratitude for her time with the Indian Railways. Punia also submitted his resignation on the same day.

Despite Congress leader KC Venugopal's claim that Phogat received a show-cause notice after submitting her resignation, railway officials clarified that notices were issued earlier regarding the wrestlers' alleged political involvement, which violates service rules. Phogat, alongside Punia, played a central role in last year's protests against the former Wrestling Federation of India chief, Brij Bhushan Sharan Singh, over allegations of sexual misconduct. Speaking at the press conference after joining Congress, Phogat praised the party for supporting their cause during difficult times. Sources suggest that at least one of the wrestlers may contest the upcoming Haryana Assembly elections on October 5.



# India Becomes Key Player in Russia's Supply Chain Amid Western Sanctions



**India Emerging as Crucial Supply Source for Russia Amid Sanctions**

In a significant development, Russia is increasingly turning to India for sensitive goods and manufacturing capabilities as it grapples with extensive Western sanctions. According to the Financial Times, the Kremlin is not only seeking to source critical materials from India but is also exploring the possibility of relocating manufacturing operations there to ensure the stability of its supply chains.

The report highlights a dramatic rise in India's exports to Russia of dual-use technologies—items that can be used for both military and civilian purposes. Russia's Industry and Trade Ministry reportedly devised a plan in October 2022, aimed at investing over \$1 billion to secure these vital supplies through non-Western channels. This plan has prominently featured India as a key market for obtaining goods previously sourced from countries deemed "unfriendly."

India's growing role is underscored by its recent export surge to Russia, which saw a remarkable 40% increase in 2023, reaching \$4 billion. This boost has been driven largely by the export of electronic goods.

In addition to goods, Russia has leveraged the substantial reserves of Indian rupees accumulated from discounted fuel sales. The Financial Times also noted that an Indian firm, Innovio Ventures, supplied \$4.9 million worth of electronics, including drones, to Russia via Kyrgyzstan.

India's foreign minister, S. Jaishankar, defended the country's position on energy imports from Russia, attributing it to a strategic necessity rather than political maneuvering. He pointed out the tight global energy market and limited alternatives, emphasizing that India's oil strategy is driven by market dynamics rather than geopolitical considerations.

As Western sanctions continue to isolate Russia economically, India's growing role as a trading partner highlights shifting global economic alignments and the complex interplay of international trade politics.

## Expert's August Prediction of Hamas Attack Proved Accurate as Conflict Escalates

On October 7, 2023, the Palestinian militant group Hamas, with backing from Iran, launched a severe and deadly invasion into southern Israel, marking one of the most devastating attacks in the country's recent history. The assault resulted in nearly 1,200 deaths and over 250 abductions, shocking Israel and the global community alike.

Remarkably, a forecast made by Yigal Carmon, a leading counter-terrorism expert and founder of the Middle East Media Research Institute (MEMRI), had predicted this violent escalation a month prior. Carmon's article, titled "Signs of Possible War in September-October," published on August 31, 2023, was one of the few early warnings that accurately identified the specific timeframe of the assault.

In his August analysis, Carmon highlighted the rising tensions on Israel's borders and the growing territorial demands from Hezbollah, along with the potential for an uncontrollable escalation. He noted that the deteriorating situation and the introduction of new, deadly weapons could trigger a large-scale conflict. His prediction was based on the increasing volatility and the risk of new weapons being used by militant groups.

Carmon's article specifically pointed to the Jewish holidays in September and October as a potential flashpoint, given the historical tendency for increased visits to the Al-Aqsa compound during this period. He warned that these factors could lead to a broader regional conflict, a scenario that tragically came to fruition.

In response to the Hamas attack, Israel launched a series of intense counter-offensive operations into Gaza, leading to the deaths of over 40,000 people, predominantly civilians. The conflict has resulted in a humanitarian crisis and has drawn widespread international condemnation.

Efforts to broker a ceasefire through meetings in Qatar have thus far been unsuccessful, with no tangible resolution achieved. As the region continues to grapple with the consequences of this brutal conflict, the world watches closely for any signs of a potential de-escalation or resolution.



## Trump Announces Bold Plans for US Government Overhaul and Economic Reforms

In a recent address, former President Donald Trump outlined his ambitious plans for his potential second term in office, including the establishment of a task force led by Elon Musk. Speaking at the Economic Club of New York on September 5, Trump revealed his intentions to conduct a comprehensive financial and performance audit of the federal government.

Trump announced that the new task force, aimed at streamlining government operations and identifying areas for reform, will be headed by Elon Musk, CEO of SpaceX, Tesla, and X (formerly Twitter). According to Trump, Musk has agreed to lead this initiative, which he believes is crucial for enhancing government efficiency and cutting waste.

Trump praised Musk's expertise and endorsed his leadership in this significant role. The former president also detailed his broader economic agenda, which includes making the United States a global hub for cryptocurrency and bitcoin. He pledged to eliminate at least ten outdated regulations and introduce ten new ones to foster innovation. Additionally, Trump vowed to make his previous tax cuts permanent, with a specific focus on eliminating taxes on tips and social security benefits.

Addressing concerns over fraud and improper payments,



Trump claimed that such issues cost taxpayers hundreds of billions of dollars in 2022 alone. He promised that his proposed Government Efficiency Commission would devise an action plan to eradicate these problems within six months, potentially saving "trillions of dollars."

Further supporting American manufacturing, Trump proposed reducing the corporate tax rate from 21% to 15% for companies producing goods domestically. He also called for expanded research and development tax credits and increased bonus depreciation to stimulate domestic investment.

## Bangladesh Urges Resolution of Teesta Water Sharing Dispute, Emphasizes International Norms

In a recent interview with PTI at his official residence in Dhaka, Bangladesh's Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus underscored the urgency of resolving the long-standing Teesta water-sharing dispute with India. Yunus highlighted the need for adherence to international norms, emphasizing that lower riparian countries like Bangladesh have specific rights that must be respected.

"The delay in addressing this issue serves no purpose. Even if we are not entirely satisfied with the outcome, knowing our allocated share of water is crucial," Yunus said. He indicated that while the interim government is committed to pursuing a resolution, the process will involve collaborative discussions with India.

The Teesta water-sharing agreement, initially poised for signing during then-Prime Minister Manmohan Singh's visit to Dhaka in 2011, fell through due to opposition from West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, who cited water scarcity concerns in her state. Yunus noted that the issue has been a long-standing one, dating back to the era of Pakistan's rule, and stressed the need for a resolution.



## Global 5G Handset Shipments Surge 20% in First Half of 2024

Global 5G handset shipments saw a notable 20% year-on-year increase in the first half of 2024, according to Counterpoint Research. Apple emerged as the dominant player in the market, capturing over 25% of the global share, driven by strong sales of the iPhone 15 and 14 series.

In a significant shift, India has surpassed the United States to become the world's second-largest 5G handset market, trailing only behind China. This surge is attributed to robust shipments from budget-friendly brands such as Xiaomi, Vivo, and Samsung.

Samsung secured the second spot globally with over 21% of the market share, bolstered by its Galaxy A and S24 series. Both Apple and Samsung featured prominently in the top-10 list of 5G models, with Apple holding the top four positions.

The Asia-Pacific region led the growth, accounting for 63% of global net additions and holding a 58% share of 5G shipments. The European, Middle Eastern, and African markets also experienced double-digit growth in 5G handset shipments.

Research Director Tarun Pathak noted that as 5G handsets become more accessible and network coverage expands, this upward trend is expected to continue, further driving adoption in emerging markets and beyond.







## Market Crashes as Global Economic Fears Trigger Massive Sell-off: ₹5 Lakh Crore Wiped Out, PSU Banks and Oil Stocks Lead the Fall



The domestic stock markets trembled. Since morning, the sightings have been limited to the ground. International, European and Asian markets fell heavily due to US job data and expectations that the economy will be weak. This is the first time since August that the benchmark indices have crashed this badly. As BSE Sensex 1000 and NSE Nifty fell by 300 points, investors lost Rs.5 lakh crore of wealth. Especially PSU Bank shares fell. Oil and gas shares also saw selling pressure.

The BSE Sensex, which closed at 82,201 in the previous session, opened at 82,171 today. It touched an intraday low of 80,981. It touched an intraday high of 82,254. It eventually closed at 81,183, a loss of 1017 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 25,093 on Friday, touched a low of 24,801 and a high of 25,168. It finally closed down 292 points at 24,952. Bank Nifty fell 896 points to settle at 50,576.

In Nifty50, 8 companies gained while 42 lost. Shares of Bajaj Finance, Asian Paints, JSW Steel, LTI Mindtree and Nestle India were the top gainers. SBI, BPCL, ICICI Bank, NTPC and HCHL Tech were the biggest losers. Today, all the sector indices fell. PSU Bank, Oil and Gas, Private Bank, Media, IT, Auto and Finance in-

dices fell heavily.

Nifty support is at 24,900 and resistance is at 25,050.

Adani Enterprises has advanced the closing date of NCD issue. Brought from September 17 to 6. Synergy Green has received orders worth Rs 163 crore from Vestas Wind System. Sunsera Engineering entered into a long term agreement with Dynamic Tech. Godfrey Phillips will give a bonus of two shares for every share. September 20 has been announced as the date. Kazaria Ceramics joint venture started production at Nepal unit. Kanoria Chemicals Manufacturing Center started in Gujarat. Sun Pharma, Moebius Medical received US FDA Fast Track designation. KPI Green got permission to set up wind and solar hybrid power project. Mangalam Organics is locked in the upper circuit. Vodafone Idea shares crashed after Goldman Sachs gave 83% downside rating. HDFC Mutual Fund increased its stake in Ipka Labs to 2 percent. Shares of Bazaar Style Retail registered at Rs.389. Bajaj Finance shares rallied as Jefferies raised its target. SBI shares fall after Goldman Sachs gives Sell rating.



## India's Middle East Europe Economic Corridor to Enhance Maritime Security

Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal highlighted the India Middle East Europe Economic Corridor (IMEC) as a crucial initiative for improving maritime security and decreasing India's reliance on vulnerable routes. Speaking at the CII India Mediterranean Business Conclave 2024 on September 6, Goyal emphasized the corridor's role in bolstering security and diversifying trade routes, which is vital for maintaining robust maritime operations.



In his address, Goyal also championed tourism, suggesting the establishment of a working

group focused on tourism collaboration with Mediterranean countries. He humorously referenced Mediterranean culture, noting his thoughts of "food and the movie \*Mamma Mia\*" when considering the region's potential for tourism growth.

Goyal underscored that India's economic progress hinges on several key factors: Make-in-India initiatives, digital transformation, innovation, and tourism. He pointed out that India boasts a large, aspirational population with an average age of 28.4 years, driving the country's dynamic growth and development.

## India's Forex Reserves Hit New High of \$683.99 Billion

India's foreign exchange reserves reached a record high of \$683.99 billion for the week ending August 30, as reported by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Friday. This represents a significant increase of \$2.299 billion from the previous week.



In the week prior, India's forex reserves had surged by \$7.023 billion, reaching \$681.688 billion. The latest data indicates that foreign currency assets, a major component of the reserves, rose by \$1.485 billion to \$599.037 billion. These assets reflect the impact of currency fluctuations, including the appreciation or depreciation of non-US currencies such as the euro, pound, and yen.

Gold reserves also saw a notable increase, growing by \$862 mil-

lion to \$61.859 billion. Additionally, the Special Drawing Rights (SDRs) component of the reserves rose by \$9 million, reaching \$18.468 billion.

This boost in India's forex reserves highlights the country's strong financial position and provides a buffer against global economic uncertainties. The increase in reserves is a positive indicator for the Indian economy, enhancing its capacity to manage external shocks and maintain economic stability.

## Supreme Court to Fast-Track Appeal Against NCLAT Ruling on BYJU's Insolvency

The Supreme Court agreed on Friday, September 6, to fast-track the appeal of US-based creditor Glas Trust Company LLC, challenging a National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT) decision. The NCLAT had previously stayed insolvency proceedings against the ed-tech firm BYJU's and approved a Rs 158.9 crore settlement with the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI).



The bench, consisting of Chief Justice D.Y. Chandrachud, Justice J.B. Pardiwala, and Justice Manoj Misra, was urged by senior advocate N.K. Kaul, representing BYJU's, to expedite the case. Kaul argued that the appeal was fundamentally flawed and needed swift resolution.

Chief Justice Chandrachud, recently recovered from quarantine, assured that the case would be listed for an early hearing. Senior advocate Kapil Sibal, representing Glas Trust Company, also requested an expedited review.

On August 22, the bench had previously declined to issue an interim order preventing the formation of a committee of creditors (CoC) as part of the insolvency process. The case was scheduled for a final hearing on August 27.

Earlier, on August 14, the Supreme Court had

stayed the NCLAT's August 2 verdict that had lifted insolvency proceedings against BYJU's and approved the settlement with the BCCI. The court had deemed the NCLAT's decision "unconscionable" and issued notices to the involved parties.

The dispute originated from BYJU's default on a Rs 158.9 crore payment related to a sponsorship deal with the BCCI. Following the initiation of insolvency proceedings, BYJU's reached a settlement with the BCCI. The Supreme Court directed the BCCI to place the Rs 158 crore received from BYJU's into a separate escrow account pending further orders.

The NCLT had earlier admitted BYJU's parent company, Think and Learn, to insolvency on July 16 due to the default. The NCLT's decision led to the suspension of BYJU's board and the appointment of an interim resolution professional. The US-based creditors questioned whether the settlement funds were being diverted from their credit.

## Adani Group to Build Major Semiconductor Plant with Israeli Partner

The Adani Group, in collaboration with Israel's Tower Semiconductor Ltd, will establish a semiconductor fabrication plant aimed at enhancing India's chip-making capabilities. This development was reported by Bloomberg.



The plant, set to be constructed in Taloja, near Mumbai, will be a significant investment, amounting to ₹83,947 crore (approximately \$10 billion). Maharashtra's Deputy Chief Minister, Devendra Fadnavis, announced the project on social media platform X, highlighting its importance for the region.

According to Fadnavis, the plant will initially have a production capacity of 40,000 wafers per month, which will double to 80,000 wafers in the second phase. The facility is expected to create around 5,000 jobs, contributing to the local economy and advancing India's semicon-

ductor manufacturing sector.

The collaboration between Adani Group and Tower Semiconductor is seen as a major step in bolstering India's position in the global semiconductor industry. The new plant will not only help meet growing domestic demand for chips but also position India as a key player in the global supply chain for semiconductor components.

## IMF Projects 6.8% Growth for India's \$3.9 Trillion Economy in 2024

Sanlam Ltd., Africa's largest insurer by market value, is making a strategic move into India's rapidly growing asset and wealth management sector. The company plans to strengthen its partnership with Shriram Capital Group through the establishment of a 50-50 joint venture focusing on wealth and advisory services. This expansion builds on their initial 2005 investment, which has been successful in the credit and insurance domains.

Sanlam's Chief Executive Officer, Paul Hanratty, highlighted the shifting economic landscape in India. "Many people are emerging from poverty and are now looking to secure their financial futures," Hanratty noted in a recent interview. "India is at a pivotal moment where a significant portion of the population is ready to save and invest."

The International Monetary Fund forecasts a 6.8% growth rate for India's \$3.9



trillion economy this year, a stark contrast to South Africa's anticipated 0.9% growth. According to Boston Consulting Group, India is set to generate \$730 billion in wealth by 2028, attracting global financial giants like HSBC and Barclays to expand their presence in the region.

Sanlam's venture into India's asset management sector aligns with its broader strategy to tap into high-growth markets. The company's foray into wealth

and advisory services reflects a growing interest in India's financial sector, driven by the country's economic expansion and increasing wealth accumulation.

As Sanlam enhances its footprint in India, it aims to capitalize on the country's burgeoning market opportunities, leveraging its extensive experience in the financial services industry to drive growth and establish a significant presence in the Indian market.





# Ganesh Chaturthi 2024: Puja Timings, Visarjan Date, and Celebration Guide

Ganesh Chaturthi, one of India's most vibrant and widely celebrated festivals, is a joyous occasion that brings together millions of devotees to worship Lord Ganesha, the God of Wisdom, Prosperity, and New Beginnings. The festival, which spans ten days, is observed with immense devotion and grandeur, marking the birthday of Lord Ganesha. It begins on Bhadrapada Shukla Chaturthi and culminates on Anant Chaturdashi, the day of Ganesh Visarjan.

In 2024, Ganesh Chaturthi falls on **September 7**. As devotees prepare for this auspicious occasion, it's essential to be mindful of the puja timings, city-specific shubh muhurat, and the significance of bhog offerings to Lord Ganesha. Additionally, Ganesh Visarjan, the symbolic immersion of Ganesha idols in water bodies, will take place on **September 17**, marking the end of the festival.

## Ganesh Chaturthi 2024: City-wise Puja Timings

According to the Drik Panchang, the shubh muhurat for Ganesh Chaturthi 2024 is from **11:03 am to 1:34 pm** on September 7. However, the exact timings vary slightly depending on the city. Below are the city-specific puja timings for Ganesh Chaturthi:

<b>Pune</b> : 11:18 am to 01:47 pm
<b>Mumbai</b> : 11:22 am to 01:51 pm
<b>New Delhi</b> : 11:03 am to 01:34 pm
<b>Gurgaon</b> : 11:04 am to 01:35 pm
<b>Noida</b> : 11:03 am to 01:33 pm
<b>Chennai</b> : 10:53 am to 01:21 pm
<b>Jaipur</b> : 11:09 am to 01:40 pm
<b>Hyderabad</b> : 11:00 am to 01:28 pm
<b>Chandigarh</b> : 11:05 am to 01:36 pm
<b>Kolkata</b> : 10:20 am to 12:49 pm
<b>Bengaluru</b> : 11:04 am to 01:31 pm
<b>Ahmedabad</b> : 11:23 am to 01:52 pm

The Chaturthi Tithi will begin at **3:01 pm on September 6** and end at **5:37 pm on September 7**. It is during this period that devotees offer prayers, conduct rituals, and welcome Lord Ganesha into their homes or pandals, seeking his blessings.

## Ganesh Chaturthi 2024: Ganesh Visarjan Details

The ten-day Ganesh Utsav will culminate with the grand Ganesh Visarjan on **September 17, 2024**. The Visarjan ritual, which symbolizes bidding farewell to Lord Ganesha, is an emotional moment for devotees who immerse the Ganesha idol in water, symbolizing the cycle of creation and dissolution in nature.

## Here are the Muhurat timings for Ganesh Visarjan on September 17:

**Morning Muhurat** : 9:11 am to 1:47 pm  
**Afternoon Muhurat** : 3:19 pm to 4:51 pm  
**Evening Muhurat** : 7:51 pm to 9:19 pm  
**Night Muhurat** : 10:47 pm to 3:12 am, September 18

The **Chaturdashi Tithi** starts at **3:10 pm on September 16** and concludes at **11:44 am on September 17**, making it the perfect time for devotees to immerse the idol in water, praying for prosperity, wisdom, and the removal of obstacles.

## Ganesh Chaturthi 2024: Bhog Offerings for Lord Ganesha

Offering bhog to Lord Ganesha is a significant part of the festival. Devotees prepare a variety of sweets and delicacies to please Ganesha, who is believed to have a fondness for food. Among the offerings, **modak** is considered Ganesha's favorite and is a must-have for every Ganesh Chaturthi celebration.

## Some popular bhog items for Ganesh Chaturthi include:

**Modak** : Sweet dumplings made with rice flour, filled with coconut and jaggery.  
**Laddu** : Another favorite of Lord Ganesha, prepared with gram flour, sugar, and ghee.  
**Pooran Poli** : A traditional Maharashtrian sweet flatbread stuffed with jaggery and split chickpea filling.  
**Kheer** : A creamy rice pudding flavored with cardamom, saffron, and nuts.  
**Supari** : Betel nut is also commonly offered to Lord Ganesha during the puja.

These offerings are made with love and devotion, with the belief that Lord Ganesha will bless the devotees with wisdom, health, and happiness.

## Ganesh Chaturthi Messages and Wishes

During Ganesh Chaturthi, people exchange heartfelt wishes with friends and family, expressing hope, joy, and prosperity. Here are some messages you can share on WhatsApp, Facebook, or via SMS to spread the festive cheer:

**“Wishing you a joyful Ganesh Chaturthi! May Lord Ganesha bring happiness, prosperity, and success to your life.”**

**“Happy Ganesh Chaturthi! May the divine blessings of Lord Ganesha fill your home with joy and peace.”**

**“On this auspicious occasion of Ganesh Chaturthi, may Lord Ganesha remove all obstacles from your life and bless you with wisdom and strength.”**

**“May the Lord of wisdom and prosperity, Ganesha, bless you with a bright and successful future. Happy Ganesh Chaturthi!”**

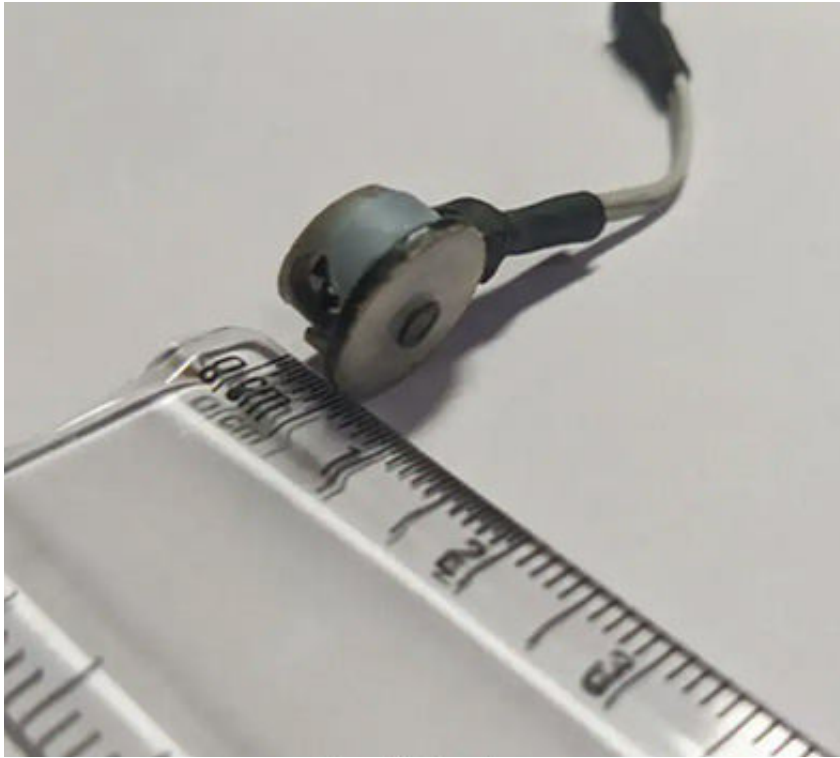
**“Wishing you a vibrant and joyful Ganesh Chaturthi! May Lord Ganesha guide you through all the challenges and lead you to success.”**

Ganesh Chaturthi 2024 promises to be a vibrant, joyful occasion filled with devotion and unity. As the ten-day celebration begins, devotees across the country will come together to honor Lord Ganesha, seeking his blessings for a prosperous year ahead. Whether through puja rituals, bhog offerings, or the grand Visarjan, the festival will continue to inspire faith, hope, and spiritual growth among millions.





# Indian Student Creates World’s Smallest Vacuum Cleaner



Tapala Nadamuni, an Indian college student, has set a new Guinness World Record for the world’s smallest vacuum cleaner. His innovative device, repurposed from a ballpoint pen, measures just 0.25 inches on its shortest axis.

Nadamuni invested approximately \$238 to transform the pen into a functional vacuum cleaner. The gadget employs a small revolving fan and a four-volt vibration motor to generate sufficient suction to pick up dust particles. This miniature marvel

showcases Nadamuni’s ingenuity and engineering skills.

This achievement marks Nadamuni’s return to the record books. In 2020, he previously held the record for the smallest vacuum cleaner with a device measuring 0.69 inches. However, his record was later surpassed by a competing gadget that was only 0.07 inches larger than his latest creation. Nadamuni’s persistent pursuit of innovation has now reclaimed his spot in the Guinness World Records.

# New Mexico Sues Snapchat Over Child Exploitation Claims



On Thursday, New Mexico filed a lawsuit against Snap Inc., the parent company of Snapchat, accusing the platform of facilitating the sharing of child sexual exploitation material through its policies and design features. The lawsuit, led by Attorney General Raul Torrez, claims that Snapchat has become a primary venue for sextortion—a form of exploitation where predators coerce minors into sharing explicit content and then threaten to distribute it unless further content or money is provided.

According to the lawsuit, a months-long investigation revealed that Snapchat’s features, which include disappearing messages, have been exploited by predators to create and trade a “virtual yearbook” of child sexual images. Torrez criticized Snap for misleading users into believing that the disappearing nature of messages ensures privacy, while in reality, predators are able to capture and permanently store these images.

A Snap spokesperson stated that the company is reviewing the complaint and will address it in court. The spokesperson emphasized Snap’s commitment to online safety, noting that the company has invested hundreds of millions of dollars into its trust and safety teams and collaborates with law enforcement and online safety experts.

Snapchat is particularly popular among teens and young users, which raises concerns about the platform’s role in these exploitation cases. As part of its investigation, New Mexico’s Department of Justice created a decoy Snapchat account for a 14-year-old named Heather. This account reportedly engaged with other accounts bearing explicit names, including “child.rape.” Additionally, investigators discovered over 10,000 records related to Snap and child sexual abuse content on dark web sites, finding Snapchat to be a significant source of these materials.

# OpenAI Surpasses 1 Million Paying Users

On Thursday, OpenAI announced a significant milestone, revealing it now has over 1 million paying users across its business products, including ChatGPT Enterprise, Team, and Edu. This marks a substantial increase from the 600,000 users reported in April, reflecting the success of CEO Sam Altman’s efforts to drive corporate adoption of ChatGPT.

The surge in paying users underscores the growing appeal of OpenAI’s advanced large language model, which continues to attract attention from businesses seeking sophisticated AI solutions.

In related news, The Information reported that OpenAI is considering higher-priced subscription options for its upcoming large language models, including “Strawberry,” which focuses on advanced reasoning capabilities, and a new flagship model named “Orion.” Internal discussions have explored subscription fees potentially reaching up to \$2,000 per month, according to sources familiar with the matter.



Currently, ChatGPT Plus is priced at \$20 per month, while the free tier is widely used by millions each month. OpenAI, supported by Microsoft, is also working on “Strawberry,” which aims to enhance AI models’ ability to conduct in-depth research through a specialized “post-training” process that refines the models’ performance beyond their initial training on generalized data.

The pricing discussions come amid reports that Apple and Nvidia are exploring investment opportunities in OpenAI, with a new fundraising round potentially valuing the company at over \$100 billion. This follows previous reports of significant interest from major tech players, further highlighting the rapid growth and high stakes in the AI sector.

# China Firm Launches AI "Life Assistant" That Can Order Food

Ant Group, the fintech firm supported by Chinese e-commerce giant Alibaba, has expanded its portfolio with the introduction of a new artificial intelligence-driven mobile app named Zhixiaobao. Unveiled in Shanghai on Thursday, Zhixiaobao is designed to enhance daily life by offering a range of services including meal orders, taxi hailing, ticket bookings, and local dining and entertainment recommendations. The app also integrates with Ant Group’s existing digital payment platform, Alipay.

The launch aligns with the broader trend among tech giants like Google, Meta, and Microsoft, who are increasingly investing in AI technologies and integrating chatbots into their offerings. Cyril Han, president of Ant Group, emphasized the company’s commitment to leveraging AI to enrich user experiences, stating, “Alipay is committed to harnessing AI’s potential to improve the user experience, ensuring that AI assistants like Zhixiaobao become valuable tools in everyday life for all.”

Ant Group has faced significant challenges since its initial public offering was halted by Chinese regulators in 2020. The company has since restructured its business model to comply



with new financial regulations. In 2022, Ant was fined 7.1 billion yuan (approximately US\$984 million) for regulatory violations, following the departure of its founder, Jack Ma, from the company’s leadership.

The company’s financial performance has also been impacted, with profits falling 10 percent in the January-March quarter, and its valuation plummeting by over 70 percent since the failed IPO.

Zhixiaobao, described by Ant as an

“AI-native application powered by Ant Group’s Bailing foundation model,” signifies a step forward in the firm’s AI initiatives. The Bailing model, a large language model developed by Ant, received regulatory approval last year, allowing the company to introduce AI-driven products.

In addition to the consumer app, Ant Group also unveiled new AI-powered solutions aimed at merchants, health-care providers, and insurance sectors.

# Mouldy Burger Sparks Outcry: Burger King and Zomato Respond

Food safety is a critical issue in India, as recent reports of contaminated and spoiled food highlight. A recent incident has further underscored this concern. Yaman Dev Sharma, a customer who ordered a Veg Whopper and fries from Burger King through Zomato, discovered mould on his burger. Frustrated, Sharma took to social media to express his disappointment and seek resolution.

In a video shared on X (formerly Twitter), Sharma showcased the mouldy burger, clearly visible on one side of the half-eaten bun. His post quickly gained traction online, drawing responses from both Burger King and Zomato.

Zomato was prompt in addressing the issue, stating, “This is very

shocking. We are sorry you had to experience this. We will investigate the matter. Meanwhile, a member of our team will definitely reach out to you. Please DM us your registered contact number.”

Burger King also responded, expressing regret over the incident. The company wrote, “Hi Yaman, we never intend to provide such an experience. Can you please DM us your Contact Number, Store Location, Order ID, and Email ID so that we can get in touch with you? Rest assured we will investigate this thoroughly.”

Both companies have promised to look into the matter and resolve the issue, highlighting the ongoing importance of food safety and customer satisfaction in the service industry.







## Tokyo Silver Medalist Praveen Kumar Breaks Asian Record, Wins Gold at Paris Paralympics

Tokyo silver medalist Praveen Kumar delivered an exceptional performance at the Paris Paralympics 2024, clinching the gold medal in the men's high jump T64 event. The 21-year-old para-athlete set a new Asian record with a season-best jump of 2.08 meters on Friday. Kumar's achievement not only secured him the top spot but also contributed to India's record-setting six gold medals in this edition of the Paralympics, surpassing their previous best of five golds from the Tokyo Paralympics.

Kumar, who began his competition at a height of

1.89 meters, successfully cleared seven jumps on his first attempt, establishing a strong lead. The bar was then raised to 2.10 meters, where both Kumar and USA's Derek Loccident competed fiercely for the top position but ultimately could not clear the new height.

This victory marked Kumar's personal best performance and showcased his exceptional skills in the T64 category, which includes athletes with moderate movement impairment in one lower leg or those missing one or both legs below the knee. Kumar's

impairment, which affects the bones connecting his hip to his left leg, is congenital.

Kumar's journey to becoming a para-athlete was fraught with challenges. As a child, he struggled with feelings of inadequacy compared to his peers. Initially drawn to volleyball to combat these insecurities, his perspective shifted dramatically after participating in a high jump event at an able-bodied athletics competition. This experience revealed the extensive opportunities available for athletes with disabilities, redirecting his path towards para-athletics.

## Neeraj Chopra Qualifies for Diamond League Finale

India's javelin throw sensation Neeraj Chopra has secured his place in the season finale of the Diamond League, thanks to a strong performance throughout the series. Chopra, a two-time Olympic medalist, finished fourth in the overall standings after 14 global meetings, earning him a spot in the finale scheduled for September 14-15 in Brussels.

Chopra accumulated 14 points from two second-place finishes in Doha and Lausanne. He opted to skip the final series event in Zurich on Thursday. The 26-year-old Indian athlete is just two points behind Czechia's Jakub Vadlech, with Grenada's Anderson Peters and German star Julian Weber leading the standings with 29 and 21 points, respectively. Peters clinched victory over Weber in the Zurich meet.

Chopra, who won gold at the Tokyo Olympics in 2021 and silver at the Paris Games last month, has been battling fitness issues this season. A persistent groin injury has hindered his performance and his pursuit



of a 90m throw. Despite these challenges, Chopra remains focused on recovery and improvement.

In Lausanne, Chopra finished second behind Peters, who achieved a throw of 90.61m. At the Paris Olympics, Pakistan's Arshad Nadeem won gold with a remarkable throw of 92.97m.

Chopra has set clear goals for himself, stating his intention to fully recover from his injury and enhance

his technical skills to achieve greater distances. Last year, he won the Lausanne Diamond League legs in both 2022 and 2023 and was the runner-up to Vadlech in the Eugene finale.

The Diamond League season finale not only awards the champion a prestigious "Diamond Trophy" and USD 30,000 in prize money but also a wild card entry for the World Athletics Championships. The Brussels event will conclude Chopra's season.

## Jessica Pegula Remarkable Comeback to Reach First Grand Slam Final



Jessica Pegula staged a stunning comeback from a set and a break down to defeat Karolina Muchova 1-6, 6-4, 6-2 and secure her place in her first Grand Slam final at the US Open on Thursday. The sixth-ranked American will face world number two and Australian Open champion Aryna Sabalenka in Saturday's championship match. Sabalenka reached her second consecutive US Open final by defeating Emma Navarro 6-3, 7-6 (7/2).

Pegula admitted after the match that she felt fortunate to still be in contention. "She made me look like a beginner; she was destroying me and I was about to burst into tears," Pegula said. "But it all came down to small moments. I don't know how I turned that around."

Pegula has been in exceptional form, winning 15 of her last 16 matches on the US summer hard court swing, including a title in Toronto and a final appearance in Cincinnati against Sabalenka. "It's a chance for revenge, but she'll be tough to beat," Pegula noted.



## Former India Coach Vikram Rathour Joins New Zealand Staff for Test Match

Vikram Rathour, the former India batting coach, has been appointed to New Zealand's coaching staff for their upcoming one-off Test against Afghanistan, set to begin on Monday at the Greater Noida Sports Complex. Rathour, who had a brief international playing career and served as a key figure in India's coaching setup, brings a wealth of experience to the New Zealand team.

Rathour played six Test matches for India in the late 1990s. After retiring from playing, he became a selector for the Indian national team in 2012. His most recent role was as the batting coach for India, where he worked under head

coach Rahul Dravid. During his tenure, Rathour played a significant role in shaping India's formidable batting line-up, contributing to their victory in the 2024 T20 World Cup.

His appointment to the New Zealand coaching staff comes as a notable addition, given his extensive experience and success in international cricket. Rathour's insights and expertise are expected to bolster the New Zealand team as they prepare for their Test match against Afghanistan. This move highlights the ongoing exchange of cricketing knowledge and expertise across international borders.

## Cristiano Ronaldo Scores 900th Career Goal in Portugal's Victory Over Croatia

Lisbon: Cristiano Ronaldo achieved a historic milestone by scoring his 900th career goal for both club and country during Portugal's 2-1 victory over Croatia in a UEFA Nations League group fixture. This remarkable feat underscores Ronaldo's prolific career and sets a record never before reached in football history.

In a post-match interview, Ronaldo reflected on the significance of his achievement, saying, "Scoring 900 goals might seem like just another milestone, but only I know the daily effort it takes to reach this point. It's a unique achievement in my career. I don't break records; they haunt me!" His goal, Portugal's second of the match, was his 131st for the national team and proved crucial in securing the win.



Ronaldo, who celebrated his milestone with an emotional fall to his knees after scoring from the edge of the six-yard box, expressed pride in achieving this record in his home country. Despite his continuing excellence on the field, Ronaldo indicated that his international future remains uncertain. He admitted that his decision

to retire from international football will be spontaneous and is no longer driven by the desire for additional trophies.

Reflecting on his career, Ronaldo stated, "Portugal winning the Euros is equivalent to winning a World Cup. I've already won two trophies for Portugal that I really wanted. I'm not motivated by that.

## England Joe Root's Chances of Breaking Sachin Tendulkar's Record



Joe Root, the England batter with the most Test centuries—34—recently surpassed Alastair Cook's record and is now eyeing the all-time run-scoring record held by Indian legend Sachin Tendulkar. Root, who has amassed over 12,000 runs in Test cricket, is

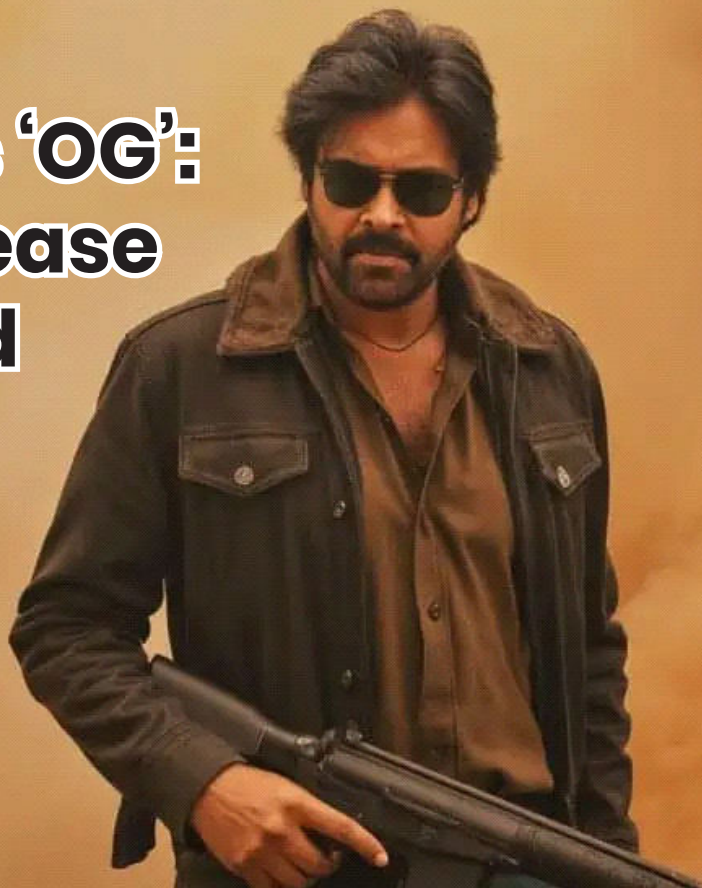
making headlines with his exceptional form, including two centuries in the second Test against Sri Lanka.

When asked about Root's potential to surpass Tendulkar's record of 15,921 runs, former England captain Michael Vaughan expressed confidence. Vaughan noted that Root, who is 33, trails Tendulkar by approximately 3,500 runs. "I think it's possible for him to achieve this. He has about three years left, provided he stays injury-free," Vaughan commented on the Club Prairie Fire podcast. "He's no longer captain and knows his game better than ever. I'd be surprised if he doesn't manage it given how well he's playing."

Vaughan also speculated on the reaction of the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) if an England player were to surpass Tendulkar.



# Pawan Kalyan’s ‘OG’: New Release Date and Exciting Details



Fans of Pawan Kalyan are eagerly anticipating his upcoming film, *\*OG\**, an action-packed gangster drama set in Mumbai. Directed by the talented Sujeeth, the film has generated considerable excitement, especially after the release of the *Hungry Cheetah* Glimpse, which left audiences craving more.

*OG* was initially scheduled for release on September 27. However, the release has been postponed due to a clash with NTR’s *\*Devara\** and Pawan Kalyan’s political commitments, which caused further delays. The revised release date is now expected to be March 27, 2025, although this has not been officially confirmed. Fans are hopeful for a grand release around that time, anticipating a major event.

One of the highlights of *\*OG\** is Pawan Kalyan’s return to action and martial arts, a treat for fans who have been eagerly

awaiting his action-packed performances. The film’s production faced delays due to Pawan Kalyan’s involvement in the elections, but shooting is expected to resume soon in Vijayawada, with only 15-20 days of filming remaining.

*OG* is set to be Pawan Kalyan’s most expensive film to date, with a substantial budget ranging between Rs 200 to Rs 250 crores. It will also mark his first pan-Indian release, making it accessible to audiences across multiple languages and regions in India.

The film features Bollywood star Emraan Hashmi and rising actress Priyanka Mohan in pivotal roles. Directed by Sujeeth, known for *\*Saaho\**, and produced by DVV Danayya under the DVV Entertainment banner, *\*OG\** promises to be a major cinematic event. The music for the film, composed by Thaman, is anticipated to add to the film’s energetic appeal.

## Nandamuri Mokshagnya’s Debut Film with Prasanth Varma Announced



Nandamuri Balakrishna has found the perfect project to launch his son, Nandamuri Mokshagnya, as a hero. After exploring several options, Balakrishna was captivated by a story narrated by director Prasanth Varma, known for his recent Pan India hit, *\*HanuMan\**.

Prasanth Varma, who has been teasing the project with the hashtag “Simba is coming,” officially announced the film on Mokshagnya’s birthday. Produced by Sudhakar Cherukuri of SLV Cinemas and presented by M Tejeswini Nandamuri under Legend Productions, the film marks a significant milestone for Mokshagnya.

A look test conducted by Prasanth Varma showcases Mokshagnya in a stylish and charismatic avatar. The birthday still released by the makers highlights Mokshagnya’s confident walking style and magnetic persona, hinting at a compelling on-screen presence.

The debut film is set within the Prasanth Varma Cinematic Universe (PVCU) and will be based on Indian Itihasas. This socio-fantasy film is poised to be an ideal debut for Mokshagnya, who has undergone rigorous training in preparation for this role.

Further details about Mokshagnya’s debut movie will be revealed in the coming weeks. With Prasanth Varma’s track record and Mokshagnya’s preparation, the film is highly anticipated and expected to make a significant impact.

## Aishwarya Lekshmi Cast as Lead in Sai Dharam Tej’s SDT18

Aishwarya Lekshmi has been cast as the female lead opposite Sai Dharam Tej in the highly anticipated Pan India film *\*SDT18\**. The film, directed by debutant Rohith KP and produced by K Niranjan Reddy and Chaitanya Reddy under the banner of Primeshow Entertainment, marks a significant project for both the actress and the actor.

The makers revealed Aishwarya Lekshmi’s character, named Vasantha, through a first-look poster released on her birthday. The poster features her in a strikingly somber setting, draped in a saree and presenting an intense expression against a desert-like backdrop. This visual introduction hints at the depth and emotional complexity of her role in the film.

*\*SDT18\** is an intense period action drama and is set to be the highest-budget film for Sai Dharam Tej to date. The movie is currently being filmed at RFC in Hyderabad, showcasing a high level of production value and ambition.

With Aishwarya Lekshmi and Sai Dharam Tej leading the cast, and the project’s significant budget and dramatic scope, *\*SDT18\** is shaping up to be a major release in the Indian film industry.



## Diljit Dosanjh joins Sunny Deol, Varun Dhawan for ‘Border 2’



The eagerly anticipated sequel *\*Border 2\** is gaining momentum with exciting new additions to its cast. After previously announcing Varun Dhawan’s involvement, Sunny Deol, the film’s lead actor, revealed that Diljit Dosanjh will also join the ensemble. Deol welcomed Dosanjh with a post on Instagram, stating, “Welcoming fauji Diljit Dosanjh to the Battalion of Border 2.”

Dosanjh, who is both a singer and actor, expressed his enthusiasm about the role by stating, “Pehli Goli

Dushman Chalaega aur Akhri Goli Hum. Honoured to stand with such a powerful team and walk in the footsteps of our soldiers.”

Varun Dhawan, thrilled about his role in the project, shared his connection to the original *\*Border\** film, which he saw as a child. In a heartfelt message, Dhawan recalled, “I was just a kid in class four when I went to Chandan cinema and saw Border. It made such a big impact. I still remember the sense of national pride we all felt in the hall.

## Devara Trailer Release Date Announced



With only three weeks to go until the release of Jr NTR’s highly anticipated film *\*Devara\**, directed by Koratala Siva, excitement is building among fans. Scheduled to hit theaters on September 27th, the film has generated considerable buzz, and fans have been eagerly inquiring about the trailer’s release on social media.

Sources reveal that the theatrical trailer for *\*Devara\** will be unveiled on September 10th, exclusively in theaters. Following its initial screening, the trailer will be made available on social media platforms. The trailer is expected to be approximately 2 minutes and 45 seconds long, offering fans around 160 seconds of captivating visuals.

The film has already created a stir with the release of three songs, which have received a positive response. Tracks like “Fear Song” and “Chuttamalle” have been topping the music charts, adding to the film’s growing popularity. If the trailer resonates well with audiences, it is likely to significantly boost the film’s anticipation.

*\*Devara\** stars Jr NTR in a dual role, with Janhvi Kapoor playing the female lead and Saif Ali Khan portraying the main antagonist. The film’s intriguing premise and star-studded cast have further fueled interest, making the upcoming trailer release a much-anticipated event for fans and movie enthusiasts alike.

## Alia Bhatt Unveils New ‘Jigra’ Posters and Teaser Date

Alia Bhatt is generating buzz for her upcoming film *\*Jigra\**, which is set to hit theaters on October 11. In a recent social media update, Alia revealed that the teaser trailer for the highly anticipated film will be released on September 8. Her announcement was accompanied by two striking new posters, shared on Instagram.

The first poster showcases Alia Bhatt against a dramatic backdrop featuring dragon motifs and Chinese lanterns. She sports a rugged look with an oversized pin-striped shirt, baggy black pants, and a short hairstyle, conveying an intense and fierce expression. The second poster features Alia directly facing the camera, adding a personal touch to the promotional material.

The text on the poster reads, “Dum hai...Satya mein dum hai! (There is strength... Truth has strength) JIGRA TEASER TRAILER OUT ON 8TH SEPTEMBER,” heightening anticipation for the film’s teaser release.

