

Weather Forecast for Hyderabad, Vijayawada, and Tirupathi. Hyderabad: H 27°C, L 23°C. Vijayawada: H 29°C, L 26°C. Tirupathi: H 35°C, L 26°C.

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Governor directs Mamata Banerjee to call cabinet meeting and replace Kolkata police chief after rape-murder of trainee doctor.

A case has been filed against Virendra Pal, an Akhilesh Yadav party leader, for allegedly raping a woman for a year.

The parents of the Kolkata doctor accused the police of trying to destroy evidence and not cooperating from the start.

Vinesh Phogat vowed to prove Brij Bhushan wrong after he claimed her sexual harassment allegations were politically motivated by Congress.

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Holiday Declared for Edu Institutions in Uttarandhra Districts Due to Heavy Rains



Schools and colleges in Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, and Alluri districts will remain closed due to the rain forecast.

The IMD warned of a potential severe cyclone in the Bay of Bengal within the next 24 hours.

CM Chandrababu Naidu held a teleconference with Uttarandhra district collectors, urging vigilance over potential rainfall effects.

CM Chandrababu instructed officials to monitor the Eleru project, ensure clear waterways, and prepare for evacuations.

The public is advised to relocate from low-lying areas and will receive real-time flood alerts via phone messages.

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: In response to the forecast of heavy rainfall by the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) for Andhra Pradesh, the state government has announced a holiday for educational institutions in the Uttarandhra districts.

conducted a teleconference with the collectors of the Uttarandhra districts, urging them to stay vigilant about the potential rainfall and its effects today and tomorrow.

CM Chandrababu instructed officials to monitor the status of the Eleru project continuously, ensure canals and ponds remain unclogged, and prepare for possible evacuations.

The CM also warned about a potential increase in the flood flow of the Nagavali and Vamsadhara rivers. In Visakhapatnam, a control room has been established, and residents can contact the toll-free numbers 0891-2590102 and 0891-2590100 for assistance and updates.

As a precaution, schools and colleges in Srikakulam, Vizianagaram, and Alluri districts will remain closed tomorrow. Srikakulam District Collector Swapnil Dinakar confirmed the decision, citing ongoing rainfall in the region.

The IMD further warned that the cyclone in the Bay of Bengal is likely to intensify into a severe cyclone within the next 24 hours. In light of this, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu



Those three boats belong to nephew of YCP MLC Talashila Raghuram



TPN, Vijayawada: Tensions have escalated as the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) has made serious allegations regarding the recent damage to the Prakasam Barrage gates caused by boats during the Krishna River floods.

conspiracy" orchestrated by YSRCP leader Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy to demolish the Prakasam Barrage and cause devastation in Vijayawada.

According to TDP's claims, the three boats, allegedly tied together, were deliberately sent towards the barrage at the peak of the flood, when 12 lakh cusecs of water were flowing.

As the investigation progressed, it was revealed that Komati Rammohan has gone absconding, raising further suspicions. The police are continuing their inquiry into the ownership of the boats and the circumstances surrounding the incident.

Criticizing of the govnt while relaxing in your palace?

TPN, Vijayawada: Minister Nara Lokesh has expressed strong disapproval of former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy's criticism of the current government's flood relief efforts, accusing him of engaging in "mud politics" while comfortably relaxing in his residence.

The minister went on to accuse Jagan of halting critical infrastructure projects that could have mitigated the current flood damage. He specifically mentioned the Budameru modernization project, which Chandrababu Naidu had allocated Rs. 464 crores for.

Lokesh questioned Jagan's qualifications to demand opposition status in the assembly, arguing that Jagan has failed to contribute meaningfully to relief efforts. "If there was no passport issue, Jagan would have flown to London by now," Lokesh remarked.

He further criticized Jagan for neglecting stormwater drain works in Vijayawada, claiming that these failures contributed to the collapse of Budameru and worsened the flood situation. Lokesh described the crisis as a "man-made disaster" caused by Jagan's administration.







## CM Chandrababu toured in Jakkampudi colony flood affected area on JCB

**TPN, Vijayawada:** Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu toured flood-affected areas of Vijayawada amid heavy rain, personally overseeing relief efforts. Naidu, joining a JCB in the floodwaters, visited several severely flooded neighborhoods, including Old RR Peta, New RR Peta, Nandamuri Nagar, and Bhavanipuram, where he interacted with locals to understand their difficulties.

Flood victims expressed their grievances to the Chief Minister, explaining that despite receiving food, water, and essential supplies, they have been struggling for six days due to the floodwaters. Many residents, particularly women, pleaded for government assistance, citing damage to household belongings and vehicles caused by the flood. CM Naidu reassured them, promising that the floodwater would be cleared by Monday morning and that the government would offer full support to help them recover.

Addressing the media outside the Vijayawada Collectorate office on Saturday night, CM Naidu pointed fingers at the opposition YSRCP for the flooding crisis, stating, "The sins committed by YCP over the past five

years have become a curse for the people of Vijayawada." He accused YCP leaders of mismanaging the Budameru canal, which exacerbated the flood situation, and vowed to find a permanent solution to the issue.

Naidu also criticized the previous YCP government for neglecting essential infrastructure, such as the Pulichintala and Gundlakamma gates, leading to the current problems faced by residents. He mentioned that in some areas, floodwaters have reached up to four feet.

With more rain predicted for Sunday and rising water levels at Prakasam Barrage, the Chief Minister urged the public to demand immediate help from government officials if food, water, or essential supplies are lacking. Naidu also revealed that he has requested Rs. 6,880 crore in relief funds from the central government to assist flood victims in Andhra Pradesh.

As the rains continue, the state government remains focused on providing immediate relief and addressing long-term infrastructure issues to prevent future flooding.

## Union Minister Rammohan Naidu Reviews Rajahmundry Airport Expansion Plans

**TPN, Rajahmundry:** Union Aviation Minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu conducted a thorough review of the ongoing expansion work at Rajahmundry Airport, alongside local MLAs Battula Balaramakrishna and Adireddy Srinivasu. During his visit, the Minister inspected the construction of the new terminal and participated in a sapling plantation program on the airport premises.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Rammohan Naidu expressed his commitment to elevating Rajahmundry Airport to the standards of major airports across the country. "We are moving forward with a vision to make Rajahmundry Airport comparable to the biggest airports in India. Currently, more than a thousand passengers are flying from here to other states, and we plan to significantly expand the airport's capacity," he stated.

The Minister also announced the construction of an additional terminal and set a deadline for its completion by August 2025. "We have issued strict instructions to the contractor to complete the terminal by the given deadline. All necessary steps are being taken at the central level to ensure that there are no delays in the construction process," Rammohan Naidu affirmed.

Highlighting the contributions of local farmers who sacrificed their land for the airport's expansion, the Minister reassured that they would be adequately compensated. He also addressed



concerns regarding floodwater management, stating, "We will divert the floodwater from the airport to Thorrigadda to prevent any inconvenience to the farmers."

Rajahmundry's unique location in the Godavari catchment area was emphasized as a significant factor for the airport's growth. The Minister also reviewed plans to enhance airline connectivity from Rajahmundry to key destinations such as Delhi, Kashi, Tirupati, and Shirdi, all renowned spiritual hubs. "We are working towards increasing the current 10 services from Rajahmundry to ensure better connectivity across the country," he added.

The expansion efforts have the backing of key political leaders, including Chandrababu Naidu and Pawan Kalyan, as well as the central government, all of whom are keen on transforming Rajahmundry Airport into a key transportation hub for the region.

## CM Chandrababu Meets Governor Abdul Nazir, Discusses Flood Relief Efforts

**TPN, Vijayawada:** Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu met with Governor Abdul Nazir at Raj Bhavan this evening for a courtesy meeting. During their discussion, CM Chandrababu briefed the governor on the flood situation across the state and outlined the extensive relief measures undertaken by the government to assist the victims.

CM Chandrababu highlighted the relentless efforts of the state government machinery, which worked tirelessly day and night to provide relief and rehabilitation to those affected by the floods. He emphasized the large-scale operations conducted to help those impacted.

In response, Governor Abdul Nazir praised CM Chandrababu for personally overseeing the relief and rehabilitation measures. The governor commended the government's efforts to ensure the well-being of the flood victims, appreciating the CM's direct involvement in the operations.

## Keshineni Chinni Elected as President of Andhra Cricket Association

**TPN, Vijayawada:** A new committee has been formed for the Andhra Cricket Association (ACA), with Vijayawada TDP MP Keshineni Chinni (Shivanath) unanimously elected as its president. The announcement was made by returning officer Nimmagadda Ramesh, who also revealed the results of other key positions in the association.

P. Venkataramana Prashanth was elected as the vice president, while Sana Satish Babu took on the role of secretary. BJP MLA P. Vishnukumar Raju was named joint secretary, and Dandamudi Srinivas was appointed treasurer.

The election comes amid ongoing criticism of ACA's activities over the past five years, particularly regarding the controversy surrounding star player Hanuma Vihari's removal from the captaincy of the Andhra team. With the newly elected leadership, there is growing speculation that Vihari might once again assume the captaincy in domestic cricket, a promise that was reportedly made to him by some of the association's leaders.

This new leadership is expected to bring about significant changes to the ACA's direction and its cricketing strategies.

## Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan to Review Flood Situation in Kakinada, Visit Rajahmundry Today



**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** Deputy Chief Minister Konidela Pawan Kalyan is set to visit Kakinada district today to assess the flood situation and review the Eleru project. According to the schedule, the Deputy CM will begin his journey from his residence in Madhapur, Hyderabad, at 8:30 AM.

From there, Pawan Kalyan will depart for Rajahmundry from Begumpet Airport at 9:00 AM via a special flight and is expected to arrive in Rajahmundry by 9:45 AM. Upon landing, he will travel by road to Kakinada and is scheduled to reach the Kakinada Collectorate at 9:50 AM.

At 11:20 AM, Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan will conduct a detailed review meeting with district officials on the recent heavy rains and the Eleru project at the Kakinada Collectorate. The meeting will address the impacts of the floods in the region and explore possible solutions and relief measures to mitigate the damage caused by the heavy downpours.

Pawan Kalyan's visit is crucial, given the ongoing challenges in East Godavari due to the relentless rains and flooding that have severely affected many areas. His review of the situation aims to expedite relief efforts and ensure that necessary steps are taken to support those affected by the floods.

Further details about the review and subsequent actions are expected to be revealed after the meeting.

## AP Government Announces Flood Damage

**TPN, Amaravati:** The Andhra Pradesh government has officially announced the extent of damage caused by the heavy rains and floods that have ravaged the state in recent days. According to the state's report, 45 people have tragically lost their lives due to the floods, with NTR district being the worst affected, accounting for 35 fatalities. Additionally, seven people died in Guntur district, two in Eluru, and one in Palnadu district.

The floods have affected a total of 6.44 lakh people across the state, with 49,000 flood victims currently taking shelter in 246 resettlement camps set up by the government. The extensive damage includes the destruction of 3,913 kilometers of roads and the loss of 1.81 lakh hectares of agricultural crops in 20 districts. In addition, 19,000 hectares of horticultural crops have been damaged in 12 districts.

The state government is continuing to assess the full extent of the damage and provide relief to the affected regions. The focus remains on ensuring the safety and rehabilitation of those impacted by the disaster.



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## Jagan did not give even one Pulihora packet with his own money



TPN, Vijayawada: State Home Minister Vangalapati Anita held a press conference today, addressing the ongoing flood situation in Vijayawada and detailing the government's relief efforts. Anita praised Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu for his hands-on approach, highlighting that despite the challenges, he has stayed in the Vijayawada Collectorate, personally overseeing the relief operations without taking time off, even for the Vinayachavithi festival.

Anita emphasized that Chandrababu has been tirelessly working on the ground, ensuring that flood-affected areas are being attended to. "CM Chandrababu has not even gone home, staying focused on the victims' relief efforts. He is continuously visiting flood-affected areas and directly supervising the relief measures," she said.

Irrigation Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu was also commended for his role, as he stayed for three days at Budameru, working without rest to oversee the digging of ditches and flood control measures.

In contrast, Anita sharply criticized YSRCP leader Jagan Mohan Reddy, ac-

cusating him of sitting comfortably in Bangalore while offering no practical support to the flood victims. "Jagan is sitting in Bangalore and talking nonsense. He hasn't even provided a single Pulihora packet with his own money," she said, lambasting his inaction during this critical time.

Home Minister Anita further explained that the government has been providing essential food, water, and supplies to flood victims. Over 170 water tanks are circulating in the flooded colonies of Vijayawada, making hundreds of trips daily. Additionally, drones have been deployed to deliver more than one lakh food packets to the affected people, while fire brigade teams have successfully cleared mud from over 27,000 houses.

She also addressed concerns regarding Vinayaka Chavithi, stating that no challans were levied on festival mandapams and criticized the alleged money collection system brought in by the previous government under Jagan's leadership. Anita clarified that CM Chandrababu has instructed officials not to collect any money from the public during the festival.

## Murali Mohan Responds to Hydra Notices, Promises to Remove Shed

TPN, Hyderabad: Senior actor and businessman Murali Mohan has addressed the Hydra notices received by Jayabheri's organization, confirming the validity of the notices. The issue revolves around a temporary shed in the buffer zone of Rangalalkunta pond in Gachibowli. Murali Mohan clarified that Jayabheri has never committed any encroachments and that the shed had unintentionally extended three feet into the buffer zone.

Responding to complaints from local residents, Hydra



officials inspected the site and found the violation. Although Hydra gave Jayabheri 15 days to remove the shed, warning that they would take action if the organization did not comply, Murali Mohan assured that the shed would be removed by Tuesday evening.

Murali Mohan emphasized that there was no need for Hydra to intervene, as Jayabheri would handle the demolition on its own. He reiterated that in his 33 years in the real estate sector, he has never been involved in any illegal activities.

## MLC Duvvada Srinivasa Rao's House Dispute: Madhuri Alleges Attempted Occupation by Wife

TPN, Uthara Andhra: In a media conference held at MLC Duvvada Srinivasa Rao's new house in Tekkali, Srikakulam district, Divvala Madhuri made several serious allegations regarding an ongoing property dispute. Madhuri, a close associate of Srinivasa Rao, claimed that ever since Rao was allegedly forced out of his home by his wife Duvvada Vani two years ago, she has been supporting him in a friendly manner. However, she revealed that Rao is now facing trouble again.

Madhuri stated that Duvvada Vani's daughters had attempted to leave the house at midnight, claiming complete rights over the property. She also accused Vani of bringing around 100 people to intimidate and occupy the house, creating a climate of fear and starting a physical altercation.

During the press meet, Madhuri contacted MLC Duvvada Srinivasa Rao, who clarified his financial situation, admitting that he owed Madhuri ₹2 crore, which he had



borrowed for house construction, political needs, and other expenses. He also stated that he owed ₹60 lakh to Chintada Parvatheesam of Tekkali. Srinivasa Rao said his businesses had suffered following the formation of the coalition government, and to settle his debts, he has decided to register his property in Madhuri's name.

Madhuri emphasized that no one has the right to enter the property without her permission, further accusing Vani of attempting to forcibly occupy the house. The property dispute between the couple has been ongoing, with Madhuri claiming that Vani also planned a voice recording incident to frame Rao.

## Budameru Floodwaters Contained: AP Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu Announces Success

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: In a significant development for flood-affected Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh Human Resources Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu announced that the floodwaters of Budameru have been successfully contained. The announcement comes after a period of severe flooding that had overwhelmed the city and deprived residents of Anagaram of restful sleep.

Minister Ramanaidu reported that three dams along Budameru were filled due to heavy rains, which had led to the inundation of the city. The embankments were raised and reinforced to handle the intense flood flow, a task carried out under the guidance of Minister Nara Lokesh. After six days of continuous efforts, the embankments were secured, leading to the cessation of floodwaters in Vijayawada.

The Minister highlighted that the filling of three tunnels in Budameru had halted the flow of floodwaters into the city. He also noted that while the



immediate danger had passed, there remained a risk of increased flow from catchment areas, potentially up to 8,000 cusecs.

Minister Ramanaidu assured that measures are being taken to direct stagnant water to Singh Nagar, Jakkampudi, and Nidamanur. The objective is to clear the remaining water within a day or two. He extended his

gratitude to the personnel, officers, and army members from Madras who worked diligently to manage the crisis.

Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, and Minister Nara Lokesh praised Ramanaidu for his dedication and successful management of the Budameru flood crisis.

## HYDRA Demolishes Farmhouse Linked to YCP Leader?

TPN, Telangana: The Hyderabad Disaster Response and Assets Protection Agency (HYDRA) continues its stringent actions against illegal constructions in the city's ponds and buffer zones, targeting high-profile individuals including movie stars, celebrities, political leaders, and businessmen. Recently, HYDRA issued demolition notices to Tollywood producer Murali Mohan for his illegal structures, and now, YSRCP leaders from neighboring Andhra Pradesh are also feeling the heat.

In a major development, HYDRA officials demolished the farmhouse allegedly belonging to senior YSRCP MLA Katasani Rambhupal Reddy in Swarnapuri, Hyderabad. The farmhouse, located in the Full Tank Level (FTL) and buffer zone of Amirpur in Sangareddy district, was brought



down under heavy security. The demolition has sent shockwaves among political circles, particularly YCP leaders residing in Hyderabad, who are now reportedly anxious about further actions.

However, Katasani Rambhupal Reddy has denied ownership of the demolished farmhouse, asserting that it does not belong to him. Despite his denial, the HYDRA crackdown has intensified, with officials continuing their efforts to remove illegal constructions regardless of the individuals involved.

HYDRA's ongoing campaign underscores the government's commitment to restoring and preserving water bodies in Hyderabad, with no exceptions made for influential figures.

## BJP Leader Madhavilatha Criticizes TDP Home Minister Over Challans on Ganesh Mandapams



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: In Andhra Pradesh, tensions have risen within the coalition government, just four months after it came to power. The alliance, which has mostly functioned smoothly, faced a setback after a recent decision regarding Ganesh mandapams angered the BJP leadership. BJP leader and Tollywood actress Madhavilatha openly criticized TDP Home Minister Vangalapati Anita, creating a stir.

The issue revolves around the coalition government's decision to impose various challans on Ganesh mandapams across the state. The ruling has sparked dissatisfaction among BJP leaders, who, despite their coalition status, have remained largely silent. However, Madhavilatha broke the silence, voicing strong opposition to the decision.

Madhavilatha specifically criticized the challans, which include a ₹100 fee for mic permissions and a ₹350 charge for installing Ganesh idols. She expressed frustration that Hin-

du festivals were being targeted and questioned why similar rules were not applied to other religious groups, including Muslims and Christians.

"Even though we are part of this alliance, we will not hesitate to speak out against wrongdoing," Madhavilatha stated, emphasizing that such fees should not be imposed during Hindu festivals. She demanded that the Home Minister apply the same rules universally if they are to be implemented.

Currently, there has been no official response from either the TDP leadership or Home Minister Vangalapati Anita regarding the criticism. However, the incident has become a topic of discussion, hinting at underlying tensions within the coalition.

With no clear resolution yet, this issue highlights the complexities and challenges faced by the ruling alliance as it navigates governance and coalition dynamics in Andhra Pradesh.





## Municipal Minister Narayana Visits Flood-Affected Areas, Assures Swift Recovery Efforts



**TPN, VIJAYAWADA :** Municipal Minister Narayana visited Old Rajarajeshwari Peta on Sunday to assess the damage caused by recent flooding. Accompanied by Municipal Department Director Hari Narayanan and VMC Commissioner Dhyana Chandra, Minister Narayana personally inspected the extent of water ingress into homes and spoke directly with affected residents to understand their challenges.

During his visit, Minister Narayana observed several houses that had been submerged for approximately two hours. He assured residents that the government is committed to addressing their needs and

improving the situation.

"We are actively supplying food, drinking water, and other essential supplies to those affected by the floods," Minister Narayana said. "There is still some standing water in parts of Old Rajarajeshwari Peta, but we expect it to be cleared by tomorrow evening." The minister also highlighted ongoing efforts to remove water from affected areas using pumps and to carry out sanitation work to ensure a swift recovery. The government is working "on a war footing" to restore normalcy and mitigate the impact of the flooding.

## Minister Kollu Ravindra Assures Compensation for Farmers Affected by Heavy Rains

**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** State Mines & Excise Minister Kollu Ravindra has assured that compensation will be provided to all farmers who have suffered crop losses due to the recent heavy rains and floods in the region, irrespective of their registration in the e-crop system.

During his visit to the flood-affected villages of Rudravaram, Chinnapuram, and Nelakurru in Bandaru Mandal, the minister inspected the submerged crop fields and met with farmers who had lost their crops. He provided them with words of encouragement, emphasizing that the government stands with them during this challenging time.

Minister Ravindra highlighted the severe impact that the heavy rains and floods have had on the farmers in the joint Krishna district, with many fields completely submerged. He stated that officials have already been instructed to prepare estimates of crop losses and that damage assessments will be conducted in all affected



areas, regardless of the e-crop system. Additionally, the minister mentioned that ration distribution has already commenced in the flood-affected regions to support those in need. The government is taking all necessary steps to ensure that relief reaches the affected farmers as quickly as possible.

## Flood Damage Assessment Underway in Vijayawada and Surrounding Areas

**TPN, Vijayawada:** The Andhra Pradesh government has commenced a three-day damage assessment exercise following the extensive floods that have affected large parts of the region. RP Sisodia, Special Chief Secretary (Revenue, Disaster Management, Land Administration, Stamps and Registrations), announced that the damage calculation in flood-affected areas will be carried out in full scale starting Monday. The assessment is crucial to ensure complete justice for all the victims of the devastating floods, as per the orders of Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu.

The damage calculation is being conducted in over two lakh residences across 149 secretariats in 32 wards of Vijayawada city. In addition, five villages in Vijayawada rural mandal were also severely affected. A total of 1,400 people have been trained for the task, with one-day training sessions conducted on Sunday at Tummalapalli Kala Kshetra in Vijayawada. The assessment teams include Deputy Tehsildars, ward secretariat employees, and other officials. ANMs and women policemen have been exempted from these responsibilities to focus on their primary duties.

Each ward will be headed by a district-level officer, and an IAS officer will oversee the progress in every two wards. A total of 200 teams have been assigned to assess the damages to commercial establishments. The government has designed a special app to record and store the collected data in real-time, in the presence of the victims. The data will be used to ensure an accurate cal-

ulation of damages.

The initial estimates place the total flood-related loss at Rs 6,882 crore, but this number may increase as the assessment progresses. The highest reported losses are Rs 2,165 crore for the Roads and Buildings Department, Rs 1,569 crore for the Irrigation Department, and Rs 1,160 crore for Urban Development and Panchayat Raj. In addition, the Animal Husbandry Department reported losses of Rs 12 crore, Fisheries Rs 158 crore, Agriculture Rs 301 crore, and Energy Rs 481 crore.

RP Sisodia emphasized that no distinction would be made between rural and urban areas during the damage estimation, with maximum value being recorded for all affected properties. The Chief Minister has called on residents to cooperate fully with the assessment teams, urging them to remain at home during the enumeration process and keep their Aadhaar cards handy for identification purposes.

The enumeration process will conclude in three days, under the coordination of Additional Chief Commissioner of Land Administration (CCLA) Prabhakar Reddy. This large-scale effort aims to ensure that all flood victims receive adequate support and rehabilitation, with Rs 750 crore already earmarked for rehabilitation efforts. The state government, led by Chief Minister Naidu, is determined to ensure swift and complete relief to all affected, prioritizing transparency and efficiency in the damage calculation and compensation processes.

## Man Drowns After Ignoring Flood Warnings in Vijayawada

**TPN, VIJAYAWADA :** Kalidivi Phanikumar, a resident of Machilipatnam working in Hyderabad, tragically lost his life after driving into a flooded area despite local warnings. Phanikumar had traveled to Gannavaram for the Vinayaka Chaviti festival and attempted to return to Machilipatnam via the Kesarpalli-Uppaluru-Kankipadu route on Saturday evening.

Local residents had advised against this route due to severe flooding in the Budameru river, suggesting he instead travel via Vijayawada. Ignoring these warnings, Phanikumar proceeded through the affected area and became stranded in the rising floodwaters of Budameru.

Efforts by locals to rescue Phanikumar were unsuccessful, and the police were alerted. Due to the darkness and the dangerous



conditions, immediate rescue operations were challenging. The National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) was dispatched, but by then, Phanikumar's vehicle had already been swept away by the floodwaters. His family has been anxiously awaiting news as search operations continue.

The floods have severely impacted Vijayawada, with heavy rains causing the Budameru river to

overflow and inundate many areas. Authorities have managed to control the floodwaters to some extent, but Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has called for continued vigilance as heavy rains persist.

Phanikumar's tragic death underscores the risks of disregarding safety warnings during severe weather conditions.

## Jewellery Thieves Arrested in Ponnur

**TPN, Ponnur:** In a swift action, Ponnur police foiled a major robbery attempt at a jewelry shop and arrested five individuals involved in the crime. On the night of September 4th, a gang of thieves targeted a gold shop near the Gandhi Toy Center in Ponnur. Around midnight, the thieves broke into the shop and made off with 30 kg of silver.

The culprits, using a Scorpio vehicle for their getaway, were intercepted by some vigilant locals who grew suspicious of their movements. Acting on the locals' tip-off, the police were able to detain one of the thieves, which led to a larger investigation into the gang's activities.

Upon interrogation, the police discovered that a total of seven individuals from Rajasthan were involved in the robbery. The gang specialized in targeting gold and jewelry shops, and their activities had been captured on the store's CCTV cameras. Using the footage and information provided by the detained suspect, police identified all members of the gang.

While five members of the inter-state robbery gang have been apprehended, two remain absconding. The police have launched a manhunt to locate the



remaining suspects. In addition to the arrests, the Ponnur police seized 30 kg of stolen silver, a Scorpio vehicle, and six cell phones from the gang members.

This successful operation by the Ponnur police highlights their commitment to maintaining law and order and preventing crimes targeting businesses in the region.

## 1,700 Teams Mobilized to Assess Flood Damage in 2,32,000 Houses and Businesses

**TPN, VIJAYAWADA :** In response to the recent devastating floods, District Collector Dr. G. Srijana announced that 1,700 enumeration teams have been formed to assess the damage caused to residential and commercial properties across the district. This effort aims to ensure a thorough and accurate evaluation of losses incurred due to the heavy rains and flooding. The damage assessment will cover approximately 2,32,000 houses and commercial enterprises. The detailed data will be recorded using a specialized app developed for this purpose. Dr. Srijana emphasized the need for a realistic and gap-free assessment, as instructed by the Chief Minister.

On Sunday, Special Principal Secretary RP Sisodia led a training program for the enumeration teams at Tummalapalli Kshet-



raiah Kalakshetra. Following the training, Dr. Srijana explained that the teams, comprising staff from the Revenue Department and local Secretariats, will conduct field visits over the next three to four days to document the damage.

Each enumeration team will be led by a Deputy Tahsildar and include a revenue inspector, ward

secretary, volunteer, and police personnel. An IAS officer and a district officer will oversee the damage assessment process in each ward. The aim is to provide a fair evaluation and facilitate appropriate relief measures for all affected individuals.

Residents and business owners are urged to be present during the enumeration visits to assist in the damage assessment. Those who have relocated due to the floods should return to their homes to facilitate the process. If necessary, the teams will revisit properties to ensure comprehensive reporting.

The assessment is prioritized in areas that have recently emerged from the floodwaters, with a focus on accurate documentation to support effective relief and recovery efforts.

## Key Announcement by NTR District Collector on Reopening of Schools

**TPN, Vijayawada:** With flood conditions in Vijayawada easing slightly after days of heavy rains, schools in the NTR district are set to reopen. NTR District Collector Srijana made a key announcement stating that all government and private schools in the district will resume functioning from Monday, September 9. However, schools in flood-affected areas will remain closed until conditions improve. The decision comes after a week of continuous holidays due to the Budameru flood, which heavily impacted Vijayawada. There has been growing concern over the potential



disruption to the academic schedule, with many fearing delays in syllabus completion. To mitigate these issues, Collector Srijana has instructed schools in areas where the floodwaters have receded to reopen immediately.

District Education Officer (DEO) UP Subbarao also issued a statement clarifying that schools still submerged in water or being used as rehabilitation centers will remain closed. The DEO further instructed that appropriate arrangements be made for the mid-day meal program to ensure students are accommodated during the transition back to regular schooling.

This move aims to balance the need for educational continuity while ensuring the safety of students in flood-affected regions. The administration remains vigilant and is closely monitoring conditions in the remaining flood-hit areas to provide timely updates.



## Kolkata On Another Massive Protest, "Reclaim The Night"

*City of Joy Turns Into a City of Rage, Demanding Justice for Victim*



Kolkata, the City of Joy, has transformed into a city of protest and anguish as thousands take to the streets, demanding justice for a young doctor whose brutal rape and murder have left the city reeling. Almost a month after the horrific incident, the outrage continues to grow, with various groups uniting in solidarity, demanding swift justice for the victim and condemning the perceived inadequacies in the handling of the case by the authorities.

The most notable demonstration today was led by 58 alumni associations from various prestigious schools in South Kolkata. The streets of this usually posh area were thronged with protesters, a stark reminder of the ongoing discontent. Meanwhile, artists from across the city, including musicians, painters, and sculptors, joined the protest, each expressing their solidarity in unique ways.

At the heart of the protests is the rape-murder of a 31-year-old second-year postgraduate doctor from R G Kar Medical College, an incident that has triggered nationwide shock and outrage. The young doctor's body was discovered in a seminar room at the hospital on August 9, an event that has since sparked relentless protests, especially among the city's medical community.

Despite the Supreme Court's directions for doctors to return to work, junior doctors from R G Kar hospital have continued their protests, forming a powerful human chain at 5 pm today, holding the national flag and singing the national anthem in unison. These doctors, alongside hundreds of other demonstrators, are demanding accountability and transparency in the investigation, which they believe has been mishandled from the start.

Among the protesters was the victim's mother, a figure of both grief and strength. "Whenever I think about the torment, the pain my daughter experienced that night, I shudder," she said, tears streaming down her face. "She had dreams to serve society, but now those dreams are gone. These protesters, they are now all my children," she added, expressing her gratitude for the solidarity shown by the people of Kolkata and beyond.

The demonstrations were not confined to the medical community. The city's vibrant art scene also showed its support. In Tollygunge, Kolkata's famous film district, actors and filmmakers held their own rally, while students from art colleges created poignant graffiti at key intersections across the city, visually depicting the community's shared grief and anger. Sculptors from the historic Kumartuli area, busy preparing for the upcoming Durga Puja, took time out to organize their own protest, calling for justice for their "Durga"—a reference to the slain doctor, revered as a symbol of strength and courage.

Even Kolkata's rickshaw pullers joined the movement, adding a layer of grassroots solidarity to the protests. Their rally, though smaller in scale, was powerful in its message: no one in the city is untouched by the tragedy that has unfolded.

As the protests gained momentum, political leaders, civil society, and international voices began to join the chorus. Indian communities in 13 countries worldwide have expressed their intent to hold protests in solidarity with those

in Kolkata, underscoring the global resonance of this tragic case.

### Bengal Government Faces Scrutiny

At the core of the anger is the way the Bengal government has handled the case, with accusations of incompetence and neglect surfacing from multiple quarters. The victim's parents have accused the police of a hasty cremation of their daughter's body and have alleged that they were offered money to remain silent about the case. These claims, along with concerns over the police investigation, have fueled public outrage and cast a shadow over the state's response to the crime.

The involvement of Sanjoy Roy, a civic volunteer with Kolkata Police, who has been arrested in connection with the crime, has only intensified the anger. Roy, who was stationed at the hospital's police outpost and had access to all departments, is accused of committing the heinous crime. The victim's body was found in a seminar room, a space within the hospital that Roy had access to. While Roy has been taken into custody, questions have been raised about the systemic lapses that allowed such an atrocity to occur within the hospital premises.

Adding to the controversy are allegations of financial irregularities against the hospital's former principal, Sandip Ghosh, who has been implicated in a separate scandal. These allegations have further muddied the waters, leading many to question the integrity of the hospital's administration and its ability to provide justice for the victim.

### "Reclaim The Night" Protest to Follow

In a powerful demonstration of defiance and solidarity, women across Kolkata are set to stage a "Reclaim the Night" protest later tonight, beginning at 11 pm. This demonstration is expected to draw participants from various fields, including musicians, artists, and actors, all rallying under the common cause of seeking justice for the victim. The protest is symbolic of the city's broader demand for women's safety and autonomy in public spaces, a message that resonates deeply in the wake of this brutal crime.

The protest is expected to spread beyond the city center, with rallies planned in suburban areas such as Barrackpore, Barasat, Budgebudge, Belgharia, Agarpara, Dumdum, and Baguiati. Each of these regions has been actively involved in the movement, organizing protests that highlight the widespread anger across the state.

### Central Bureau of Investigation Steps In

The case has now been handed over to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) following an order from the Calcutta High Court, which intervened amid growing concerns over the local police's ability to conduct a fair and transparent investigation. The CBI's involvement has been welcomed by many, who hope that it will bring much-needed clarity and justice to the case.

The city of Kolkata remains on edge, with protests continuing to mount as the public demands accountability. The memory of the young doctor, a woman whose life was brutally cut short, has become a rallying point for a city that refuses to be silent in the face of injustice.

## India's Rising Global Role as PM Modi Sends Ajit Doval With Russia-Ukraine Peace Plan

India's independent foreign policy has positioned it uniquely as a potential peacemaker in the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict. While Europe and its western allies find themselves locked in a stalemate with Russia, which has been backed by China, India is emerging as a key player that opens a third axis in a largely bipolar geopolitical world.

In recent developments, National Security Adviser (NSA) Ajit Doval is set to travel to Moscow this week to hold crucial discussions related to a peace plan for the Russia-Ukraine war. His visit comes shortly after Prime Minister Narendra Modi's historic trip to Ukraine and follows a series of diplomatic engagements with Russian President Vladimir Putin.

### India's Independent Stance and Global Influence

India's foreign policy, marked by non-alignment and independence, has allowed it to maintain friendly ties with both Russia and Ukraine throughout the conflict. This diplomatic flexibility has created an opportunity for India to potentially broker peace between the two warring nations.

"We (India) are not neutral. From the very beginning, we have taken sides. And we have chosen the side of peace. We come from the land of Buddha, where there is no place for war," PM Modi said during his recent visit to Ukraine, emphasizing India's consistent message of peace.

In both Moscow and Kyiv, PM Modi was warmly received by President Putin and President Volodymyr Zelenskyy. During his talks with Zelenskyy, PM Modi reiterated India's willingness to play an "active role" in efforts to restore peace in Ukraine. He expressed a personal commitment to contribute to resolving the conflict.

### Diplomatic Momentum and Ajit Doval's Mission

PM Modi's diplomatic efforts culminated in a phone call with President Putin on August 27, following his visit to Ukraine. Modi shared insights from his trip and reiterated India's firm commitment to supporting an early, peaceful resolution to the conflict. "Spoke with President Putin today," Modi wrote on social media, adding that they had "exchanged perspectives on the Russia-Ukraine conflict."

As part of these ongoing efforts, NSA Ajit Doval will now visit Moscow to deliver PM Modi's peace plan and engage in discussions with top Kremlin officials. The details of Doval's visit remain confidential, but sources indicate that his mission signifies Russia's openness to peace talks. Russia's willingness to engage in discussions, as highlighted in President Putin's earlier statements, suggests that a breakthrough could be on the horizon. Putin has stated that Russia is open to negotiations based on agreed documents, rather than fleeting demands from Ukraine.

This move follows a string of high-level communications, with the Russian Embassy confirming that Putin had shared his assessment of the "destructive policies" of Kyiv and its Western patrons during his call with Modi. Doval's mission will be crucial in advancing the discussions and possibly

charting a path towards peace.

### Global Reactions to India's Peacemaking Efforts

India's rising influence in global diplomacy has been widely recognized. Former United Nations Security Council chief and ex-Singapore diplomat Kishore Mahbubani recently remarked on India's significant role. In an interview, he noted, "How many leaders in the world can comfortably visit both Russia and Ukraine and be received warmly by both countries? Very few countries in the world. And the fact that Prime Minister Modi can do that is a sign of how India has arrived as a major geopolitical actor."

The international community has also taken note of India's efforts. The White House has described PM Modi's visits to Russia and Ukraine as "potentially helpful" in facilitating peace. U.S. President Joe Biden commended Modi for his ongoing humanitarian support for Ukraine, following Modi's visit to Poland and Ukraine. Italian Prime Minister Georgia Meloni also voiced her belief that India could play a key role in resolving the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

### India's Balancing Act Between Global Powers

India's balancing act between Russia and Ukraine has been a delicate one. On one hand, India shares a long-standing relationship with Russia, including defense and energy cooperation. On the other hand, India has maintained a principled stance on upholding international law and the UN Charter, aligning it with the broader global community's concerns regarding the conflict.

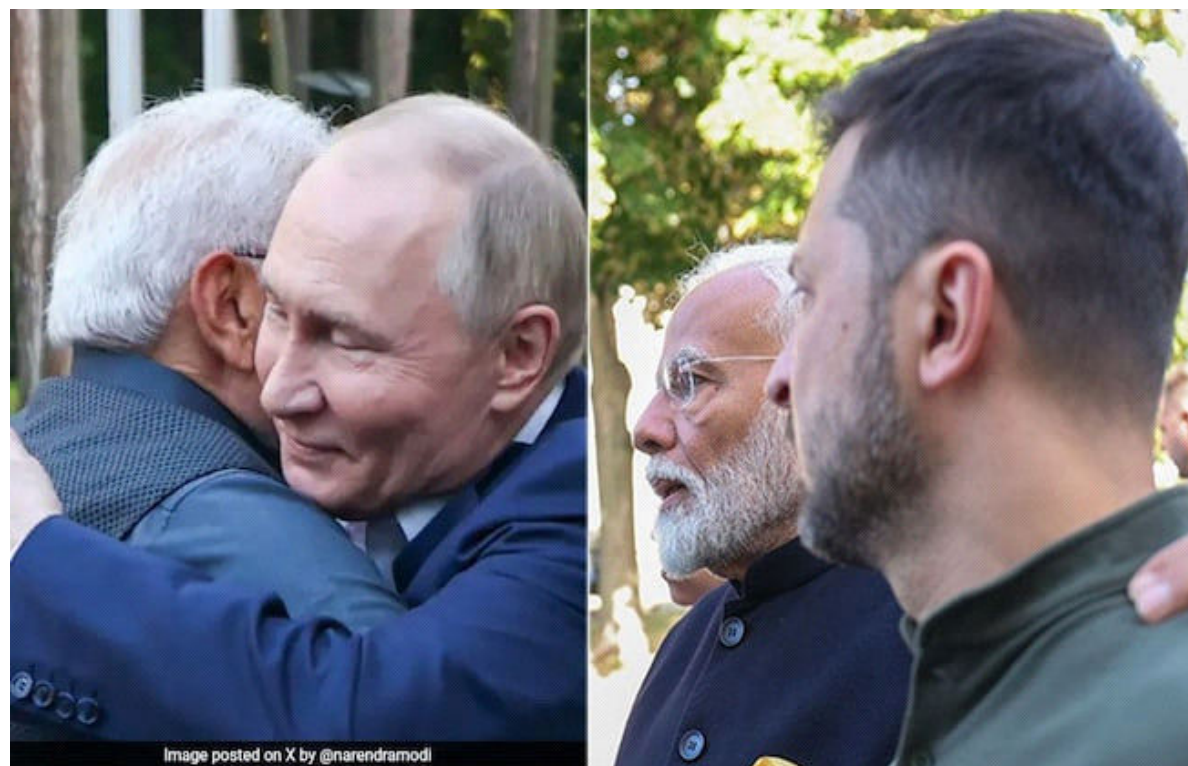
India's ability to navigate this complex diplomatic terrain has positioned it as a neutral mediator, capable of influencing both Moscow and Kyiv. While many Western nations have taken a firm stance against Russia's actions in Ukraine, India has kept its lines of communication open with both parties, enabling it to offer a third path toward peace.

### The Road Ahead

The ongoing Russia-Ukraine war, which began on February 24, 2022, has devastated both nations, resulting in tens of thousands of deaths, widespread destruction, and millions of refugees. Efforts to broker peace have been hindered by entrenched positions on both sides, with Western nations, including NATO allies, supporting Ukraine, and Russia backed by China.

India's emerging role as a peace broker could change the dynamics of the conflict. PM Modi's recent engagements, along with NSA Ajit Doval's upcoming visit to Moscow, signal India's growing influence on the world stage. With its independent foreign policy, diplomatic ties with both Russia and Ukraine, and an unwavering commitment to peace, India is uniquely positioned to mediate a solution.

As India steps up its efforts, the world watches closely. If successful, India's intervention could mark a turning point in the conflict, demonstrating the country's growing role as a major geopolitical player capable of fostering peace in a divided world.





## Assam Implements Stricter Aadhaar Card Regulations to Curb Illegal Immigration

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma announced that new Aadhaar card applicants in the state will be required to submit their National Register of Citizens (NRC) Application Receipt Number (ARN) starting October 1. This new procedure aims to prevent illegal immigrants from obtaining Aadhaar cards, the CM stated in a press conference.

Sarma revealed that Aadhaar applications in Assam have exceeded the population in several districts, raising concerns about "doubtful citizens." In response, the government will only issue Aadhaar cards to new applicants after a thorough vetting process, including a no-objection certificate from the district commissioner.

Exemptions from this requirement will be granted to those whose biometrics were locked during the NRC process and individuals from tea garden areas. The government aims to block illegal foreigners by strengthening border patrols and intelligence efforts. Additionally, local residents in border areas will be encouraged to report suspicious activities, aiding in early detection of illegal migrants.

Since January 2024, 54 illegal immigrants have been detected in Assam, with 45 being repatriated and nine arrested. Sarma emphasized the importance of intensified efforts to identify and document illegal immigrants, urging collaboration with local authorities and law enforcement.

This move underscores Assam's commitment to addressing



the issue of illegal immigration while tightening security and ensuring transparency in Aadhaar card issuance.

## Rahul Gandhi Receives Warm Welcome from Indian Diaspora in Dallas During US Visit



On Sunday, September 8, Rahul Gandhi, Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, expressed his gratitude to the Indian Diaspora and members of the Indian Overseas Congress for the warm reception he received in Dallas, Texas. In a Facebook post, Gandhi shared, "I am truly delighted by the warm welcome I've received in Dallas, Texas, USA, from the Indian Diaspora and members of the Indian Overseas Congress."

The post, accompanied by seven photos of him being greeted with bouquets, quickly garnered over 39,000 likes. Gandhi mentioned that he looks forward to engaging in meaningful discussions to strengthen the bond between India and the U.S. during his visit. Rahul Gandhi's U.S. visit began on Friday, marking his first international tour since the June Lok Sabha elections. His schedule includes meetings with business and academic leaders. In Dallas, he met with the Indian Diaspora at the Toyota Music Factory. On Monday, September 9, Gandhi is scheduled to address another gathering of the Indian Diaspora in Washington DC at the Hilton Washington Dulles hotel. According to Congress national media panellist Surendra Rajput, Gandhi will discuss "the India of his dreams" and outline the Congress party's vision for the future.

## TMC MP Jawhar Sircar Resigns Over RG Kar Hospital Rape-Murder Case and Corruption

Trinamool Congress (TMC) MP and former IAS officer Jawhar Sircar resigned from his Rajya Sabha seat on September 8, citing disillusionment with politics and corruption at Kolkata's RG Kar Medical College and Hospital. Sircar's resignation comes in the wake of public outrage over the alleged rape and murder of a trainee doctor at the hospital.

In his resignation letter to TMC Chairperson Mamata Banerjee, Sircar stated that his decision was driven by the unchecked corruption at RG Kar Hospital and the government's delayed response to the incident. He expressed disappointment with the lack of direct intervention from Banerjee, adding that punitive actions came "too little, too late."

Sircar joined politics to fight communalism and the BJP's authoritarianism but said the situation in West Bengal has become untenable. He emphasized that the protests against the hospital incident were spontaneous and apolitical, driven by the youth and public demanding justice, not political gain. Sircar also criticized the growing corruption within TMC, admitting he was "shocked" by the behavior of some leaders.



## Ajit Pawar Admits 'Mistake', Urges Minister's Daughter Not to Oppose Father



Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar, in a public address at Gadchiroli, admitted once again that splitting his party and family was a mistake. His comments came in light of Bhagyashree Atram, daughter of state minister Dharmarao Baba Atram, considering joining the Sharad Pawar faction and contesting against her father in Aheri.

Ajit Pawar urged Bhagyashree not to challenge her father, stating, "Stay with your father. No one can love his daughter as much as a father does. By doing this, you will create a rift in your own house."

Reflecting on his own political decisions, Pawar Junior, who split from his uncle Sharad Pawar's Nationalist Congress Party to join the BJP and Eknath Shinde's Shiv Sena last year, acknowledged his mistake. "We have also gained experience in this context, and I have now understood my mistake and I accept it."

Pawar's comments echo his previous admissions about fielding his wife, Sunetra Pawar, against his cousin, Supriya Sule, in Baramati during the last Lok Sabha election, where his faction performed poorly.

## Manipur Government Seeks Control Over Unified Command Amid Escalating Violence



Amid rising violence in Manipur, Chief Minister N Biren Singh and 18 MLAs met Governor L Acharya, demanding control over the Unified Command, which currently oversees security operations in the state. The Manipur government has called on the central government to hand over the Home Ministry-run command and terminate the Suspension of Operations agreement with Kuki insurgent groups.

The demand for control comes after Kuki militants launched long-range rocket attacks in Bishnupur, killing a 78-year-old man and injuring six others. With violence escalating, reports suggest a possible leadership crisis within the ruling BJP in Manipur.

An all-party meeting in January had previously called for the suspension agreement to be scrapped, allowing security forces to conduct full-scale operations against insurgents. The Unified Command, presently managed by Union Home Ministry officials, the state security adviser, and the Army, plays a key role in coordinating security efforts in the violence-hit state.

BJP MLA Rajkumar Imo Singh, son-in-law of CM Biren Singh, had also criticized the presence of 60,000 central forces, claiming they have failed to restore peace in Manipur.

Opposition leader Keisham Meghachandra Singh expressed concerns over the central government's handling of the situation, likening it to an enforcement of Article 355, which restricts state powers in crisis situations. He questioned why the violence continues unabated, echoing the sentiment across the state.

## Rajnath Singh: India Ready for Talks if Pakistan Stops Sponsoring Terrorism



Defence Minister Rajnath Singh stated today that India is open to dialogue with Pakistan, but only if the neighboring country halts its support for terrorism in Jammu and Kashmir. Singh made the remarks during an election rally in Banihal, Ramban district, where the BJP has fielded Mohd Saleem Bhat.

Speaking at the rally, Singh emphasized India's desire for improved relations with Pakistan, but underscored that the cessation of terrorism is a prerequisite. "You can change a friend, but not your neighbor," Singh said, stressing that the normalization of ties depends on Pakistan's actions.

He also pointed out that 85% of those killed in terrorist incidents in Kashmir were Muslims, highlighting the widespread impact of terrorism. Singh, a former Home Minister, reiterated that terror activities in the region have disproportionately harmed the local population. Singh's comments come in the context of India's long-standing concerns about Pakistan's support for terror outfits like Lashkar-e-Taiba. Terror attacks in Jammu and Kashmir had declined when Pakistan was placed on the Financial Action Task Force's (FATF) grey list, but Singh emphasized that despite Pakistan's removal from the list, the scrutiny continues.

The rally was held in support of BJP candidate Mohd Saleem Bhat, who is contesting against Congress's Vikar Rasool Wani in the upcoming Jammu and Kashmir elections. Voting will be held in three phases, with results expected on October 8.

## Former RG Kar Hospital Principal Arrested for Alleged Criminal Nexus and Financial Irregularities



Former RG Kar Medical College principal Sandip Ghosh has been arrested by the CBI for allegedly running a criminal nexus aimed at securing financial gains through personal connections. The arrest follows an investigation into contracts awarded during his tenure, which reportedly caused significant losses to the government. Along with Ghosh, two vendors and his security guard were also apprehended last month.

The CBI's investigation revealed that Ghosh had close ties with the two vendors since his posting at Murshidabad Medical College from 2016 to 2018. After assuming the principal position at RG Kar, Ghosh allegedly favored these vendors by awarding them contracts for material supplies to the hospital, bypassing due process.

The probe also implicated Ghosh's security guard, who was reportedly involved in selling the hospital's biomedical waste. Further accusations include irregularities in the appointment of house staff, where committee signatures were missing from documents in 2022 and 2023, indicating arbitrary selection processes.

Additionally, the CBI found that Ghosh had awarded a café contract inside the hospital to an organization connected to his security guard's wife.



# S Jaishankar's Key Gulf Meet In Saudi Arabia



India is making significant strides in enhancing its international relationships with a series of high-profile diplomatic engagements. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar has embarked on a pivotal diplomatic journey starting with his participation in the First India-Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Saudi Arabia. The meeting will provide a platform to review and deepen India's multifaceted ties with the GCC member countries, which include Saudi Arabia, the UAE, Bahrain, Qatar, Kuwait, and Oman. The GCC region, a major trading partner for India, is also home to approximately 8.9 million Indian expatriates.

Following the GCC engagement, Jaishankar will head to Berlin, Germany, for a two-day visit from September 10 to 11. This visit marks his third as External Affairs Minister and underscores the strong strategic partnership between India and Germany. Germany remains one of India's key trading partners and a significant source of Foreign Direct Investment. Jaishankar's European tour will continue with a visit to Geneva, Switzerland, from September 12 to 13, where he will engage with heads and representatives of international organizations actively involved with India. In parallel developments, the Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi, Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed

bin Zayed Al Nahyan, is set to visit India from September 9 to 10. During this two-day visit, he will meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi to discuss and enhance bilateral cooperation. In a recent address at the CII India Mediterranean Business Conclave, Jaishankar emphasized the importance of revitalizing connections with the Mediterranean region. He highlighted the need for stronger security and defense cooperation amid global economic uncertainties and stressed the region's potential in green hydrogen and green ammonia. Jaishankar's remarks reflect a broader commitment to building resilient and collaborative international partnerships.



## India Engages in Peace Efforts as NSA Doval Prepares for Moscow Talks

In a significant diplomatic development, Russian President Vladimir Putin has identified India as one of the key countries engaged in dialogue regarding the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict. National Security Advisor Ajit Doval is scheduled to travel to Moscow this week to participate in discussions aimed at resolving the conflict, sources have confirmed. This initiative follows recent high-profile visits by Prime Minister Narendra Modi to both Russia and Ukraine. During these visits, Modi met with Russian President Vladimir Putin and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky. After his visit to Ukraine, Modi spoke with Putin on August 27, where he emphasized India's commitment to resolving the conflict through political and diplomatic means. The call led to the decision for NSA Doval to head to Moscow for further peace talks. The Russian Embassy in New Delhi stated that during the phone call, President Putin outlined Russia's perspectives on the conflict and highlighted the destructive policies of the Kiev authorities and their Western supporters. The Prime Minister's Office noted that Modi and Putin exchanged views on the conflict, with Modi stressing the importance of

dialogue and sincere engagement for a peaceful resolution. In his recent communications, Prime Minister Modi reiterated India's dedication to achieving an "early, abiding and peaceful resolution" of the conflict. The Prime Minister's statements align with his earlier remarks made during his visit to Ukraine, where he underscored India's stance on peace, asserting that the country has "always been on the side of peace." The international community has recognized India's potential role in peace efforts. Russian President Putin listed India, along with China and Brazil, as key partners in addressing the conflict. Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni also highlighted India's role in the resolution process, stressing that the conflict cannot be resolved by abandoning Ukraine. Prime Minister Modi's recent engagements have sparked diverse reactions. While his visit to Russia in July drew criticism from Ukraine due to a missile strike on the same day, his recent visit to Ukraine included a meaningful embrace with President Zelensky, honoring victims of the conflict and underscoring the shared pursuit of peace.

## Bangladesh Seeks Extradition of Former PM Sheikh Hasina from India

In the wake of massive anti-government protests that culminated on August 5, former Bangladeshi Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina resigned and fled to India. Bangladesh's newly-appointed Chief Prosecutor for the International Crimes Tribunal (ICT), Md Tajul Islam, announced on Sunday that efforts will be made to extradite Hasina from India to face charges of mass killings linked to the student-led protests. Islam stated that an application will be filed with the ICT to issue arrest warrants for Hasina and others accused of crimes against humanity. The tribunal plans to review and amend its existing legislation to accommodate these new cases. The interim government has reported over 1,000 deaths and hundreds of injuries during the protests against Hasina's administration. The ICT had recently initiated an investigation into these allegations. The tribunal's team will be reconstituted following the transition to the interim government led by Nobel laureate Muhammad Yunus.

## Italian PM Meloni Highlights Role of India and China in Ukraine Conflict Resolution

Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni emphasized the potential roles of China and India in resolving the Ukraine conflict during the Ambrosetti Forum in Cernobbio on Saturday. Her comments followed a meeting with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky, where they discussed Ukraine's urgent needs and the latest developments on the ground. Meloni highlighted that economic globalization and adherence to international law are incompatible with ongoing crises, suggesting that major global players like China and India must actively contribute to resolving the conflict. This perspective aligns with recent remarks by Russian President Vladimir Putin, who also acknowledged India's potential role in providing a "helping hand." Zelensky's office reported that the Ukrainian president expressed gratitude for international military and technical assistance and stressed the urgency of transferring relevant weapons. Discussions also covered the implementation of the G7 decision to provide nearly USD 50 billion from frozen Russian assets for Ukraine's recovery and reconstruction, including its energy infrastructure.

## Police Foil Attempted Arms Loot in Manipur; Unverified UFO Sighting Reported



In a tense incident late Friday evening, security forces successfully thwarted an attempt by miscreants to loot arms from the 7th and 2nd Manipur Rifles battalions in Imphal East district. According to Manipur Police, the attempted theft occurred at the armouries of the two battalions. The combined security forces responded by deploying teargas shells and blank rounds, effectively dispersing the mob. A senior police officer reported that during the operation to disperse the mob, some vehicles belonging to the miscreants were damaged. Additionally, as the reinforcement party was returning from the 7th Battalion in Khabeisoi, they came under fire from the miscreants, resulting in injuries to two policemen. Senior officers quickly arrived on the scene to restore control. The Manipur Police have urged the public to refrain from taking the law into their own hands, warning that those involved in such activities will face severe legal consequences. The ongoing ethnic violence in Manipur, which began in May last year, has led to the looting of over 4,000 sophisticated arms and large quantities of ammunition from police and security posts. However, security forces have since recovered a significant portion of the looted arms and ammunition.

## Indian Foreign Minister S Jaishankar to Visit Germany and Switzerland

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar is set to travel to Germany and Switzerland this week following his participation in the First India-Gulf Cooperation Council (GCC) Foreign Ministers' Meeting in Riyadh. Jaishankar will arrive in Berlin on Tuesday for a two-day visit, his third as Foreign Minister. During his stay, he will meet German Federal Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock and other German officials to review and strengthen bilateral relations. Germany remains a key trading partner and major investor for India. Following his visit to Germany, Jaishankar will proceed to Geneva from September 12 to 13. There, he will engage with Swiss Foreign Minister and representatives of international organizations based in the city, including the WHO and UNHCR. The discussions will focus on enhancing the bilateral relationship and reviewing ongoing partnerships. India continues to pursue a permanent seat on the United Nations Security Council, with support from several key nations, though China remains a notable obstacle.

## Crown Prince of Abu Dhabi Begins Historic Visit to India

Crown Prince Sheikh Khaled bin Mohamed bin Zayed Al Nahyan of Abu Dhabi arrived in New Delhi on Sunday for his first official visit to India in his current role. Accompanied by UAE government ministers and a business delegation, the Crown Prince was warmly welcomed at the airport by Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal. During his visit, Sheikh Khaled will meet with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on September 9 to discuss a broad range of bilateral cooperation areas. He is also scheduled to meet President Droupadi Murmu and visit Rajghat to pay tribute to Mahatma Gandhi. On September 10, the Crown Prince will head to Mumbai to participate in a business

forum involving leaders from both countries. The visit aims to strengthen the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership between India and the UAE, which has expanded to cover political, trade, investment, energy, technology, and cultural sectors. The two nations' trade reached USD 85 billion in 2022, making the UAE India's third-largest trading partner and second-largest export destination. This visit follows UAE President Mohammed bin Zayed Al Nahyan's trip to India in January and Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to the UAE in July. The India-UAE relationship was formally upgraded to a Comprehensive Strategic Partnership in 2017.







## Key International Developments Impact Indian Stock Market

The NSE Nifty, which recently enjoyed a 13-session rally, saw a sharp decline of 300 points on Friday, while the BSE Sensex dropped by 1,100 points. Concerns over the weakening US economy and disappointing job data have been the main drivers behind this downturn. The stock market is expected to remain volatile this week, with signals from international markets playing a crucial role. For Nifty, support is noted at 24,900, with resistance at 25,050. While the Pharma and IT sectors remain bullish, bank shares, which have suffered significant losses, are expected to stabilize and potentially recover. Investors are advised to approach with caution.



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### Stock Recommendations

#### Tata Technology:

These shares, which have been in a downtrend since their listing in the stock market, are currently out of supply. A good base was formed at the Rs.1000 level, and strength is visible



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from the beginning of August. At present, critical resistance has been reached. Investors can buy at the Rs.1100 level with a target price of Rs.1225/1255 on this counter, which closed at Rs.1112 with a gain of 3.51% on Friday. A stoploss should be set at Rs.1070.

#### PI Industries:

The shares rallied after releasing better results in the last quarter and are moving at maximum levels. Relative strength is increasing. A position can be taken with a target price of Rs.4750 in the range of Rs.4600/4580 on this counter, which closed at Rs.4613 with a gain of 2.29% on Friday. A stoploss should be set

#### Max Health:

This counter saw a slight correction after hitting a lifetime high in June. Consolidation is currently taking place at the Rs.850 level. The demand for these shares increased due to the formation of a good base and seasonality. On this counter, which closed at Rs.898 on Friday, investors can take a position at the Rs.890/880 level with a target price of Rs.960/990. A stoploss is mandatory at Rs.865.



#### Ajanta Pharma:

This counter, which has been in an uptrend for seven weeks, is once again ready for a breakout. Currently, the pharma sector is booming.



Supported by strong fundamentals and technicals, the counter closed at Rs.3350 on Friday. Momentum investors can take a position at the Rs.3300/3250 level with a target price of Rs.3450. A stoploss should be kept at Rs.3150.

#### Torrent Power:

These shares have seen a pullback after hitting lifetime highs in August. Consolidation is currently underway. Due to the low volume, it can be said that the supply is not high. There is a possibility that the demand will increase soon and the shares will recover. Investors can take a position in the Rs.1675/1670 range with a target price of Rs.1775 on this counter, which closed at Rs.1694 with a gain of 1.28% on Friday. A stoploss should be set at Rs.1600.



## India's Equity Markets Decline Ends Streak of Gains

India's equity markets experienced a significant decline last week, breaking a three-week streak of gains. The Nifty index fell by 1.52% and the Sensex by 1.43% from September 2 to September 6.

The drop in benchmark indices was influenced by weaker global economic indicators. "One major factor contributing to this decline is the recent weak job data from the USA, which has heightened concerns about a possible global economic slowdown," analysts noted. Furthermore, India's weight in the MSCI Emerging Markets index has surpassed that of China, reaching a record high. This could lead to a strategic reduction in weight allocation due to India's relatively high valuations.

The market outlook for the coming week will be influenced by both global and domestic factors. Globally, attention is focused on the upcoming US Federal Reserve meeting in mid-September, with many anticipating a potential cut in interest rates.

Domestically, key developments include the release of August's inflation figures by the Indian government on September 12. Investors will also monitor the Rupee's performance against the dollar, fluctua-



tions in crude oil prices, and the investment patterns of foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) and domestic institutional investors (DIIs).

Pravesh Gour, Senior Technical Analyst at Swastika Investmart Ltd, highlighted that "last week, signs of weakness appeared in the Nifty index. The main index closed just above 24,850, a crucial support level. If it falls below this, it could drop to 24,000. The support range for Nifty is between 24,600 and 24,450, while resistance is seen between 25,000 and 25,200."

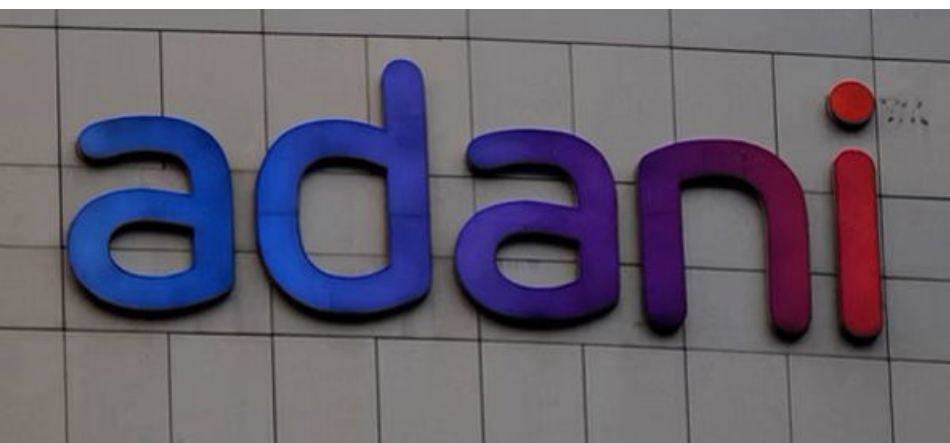
Palka Arora Chopra, Director at Master Capital Services Ltd, added that "Nifty Bank closed below 50,800 last week. Currently, 50,500 is an important support level; if breached, the index might test 49,800. Key resistance levels for Nifty Bank are 51,200 and 51,800."

## Adani Group Expands Global Reach with New Subsidiary in Shanghai, China

Adani Group has announced the establishment of a new subsidiary in China, as detailed in a recent regulatory filing. The subsidiary, named Adani Energy Resources (Shanghai) Co. (AER-CL), will focus on providing supply chain solutions and project management services. The move reflects the group's ongoing expansion into global markets.

According to the filing, Adani Enterprises, the flagship company of the Adani Group, reported that the new subsidiary was incorporated on September 2, 2024. This entity, based in Shanghai, China, was created through a Singapore-based step-down subsidiary of the group.

This strategic expansion into the Chinese market aims to bolster Adani's international footprint and enhance its capabilities in managing supply chains and projects across the region. The establishment of AERCL aligns with the Adani Group's broader global strategy, seeking to leverage emerging market opportunities and strengthen its operational presence in key international markets.



The move underscores Adani Group's commitment to global growth and diversification, following its previous successes in various sectors within India and abroad. The Shanghai-based subsidiary is expected to play a crucial role in facilitating the group's supply chain and project management operations in China, one of the world's largest and most dynamic markets.

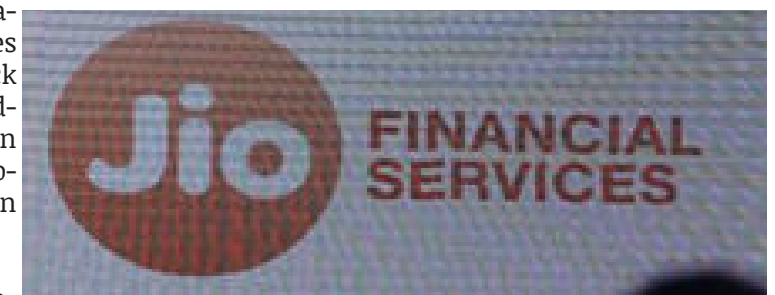
Adani Enterprises' entry into the Chinese market is part of a broader trend among multinational companies looking to capitalize on opportunities in China. The company's strategic focus on expanding its international operations reflects its ambition to become a leading player on the global stage.

## Jio Financial Services and BlackRock Form Joint Venture for Investment Advisory

On September 6, BlackRock Advisors Singapore Pte. Ltd. and Jio Financial Services launched a joint venture named Jio BlackRock Investment Advisers Private Limited, according to a Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) filing on September 8. The new company aims to provide primary investment advisory services in India, pending regulatory approvals.

Jio Financial Services, the non-banking financial services arm of Mukesh Ambani's conglomerate, will initially invest ₹3 crore for the subscription of 30 lakh shares, each with a face value of ₹10. The investment is part of the company's commitment to establishing the joint venture.

Following the announcement, Jio Financial Services' shares closed at ₹336.90 on Friday, marking a 2.45% decline from the previous day's close of ₹345.35. The



joint venture's incorporation was officially recognized with a Certificate of Incorporation from the Ministry of Corporate Affairs (MCA) on September 7.

The formation of Jio BlackRock Investment Advisers Private Limited represents a significant move by Jio Financial Services to expand its footprint in the investment advisory sector, leveraging BlackRock's global expertise.

## Delhi Finance Minister to Challenge GST on Research Grants and Small Online Transactions

Delhi Finance Minister Atishi has announced plans to raise concerns at the 54th GST Council meeting regarding the imposition of GST on research grants and small online transactions. Addressing a press conference, Atishi criticized the central government's 18% GST on research grants received by educational institutions from private entities. She argued that this tax is unjustified, particularly given that such grants are not taxed in countries like the US and the UK.



Atishi also expressed opposition to a new proposal for imposing GST on online transactions under

Rs 2,000, which was previously exempt from such taxes. She emphasized that the government's recent move to apply GST to these smaller transactions would be contested.

The GST Council meeting, scheduled for Monday, will be a platform for Atishi to argue against these measures, aiming to protect educational institutions and small online transactions from additional tax burdens.

## GST Council Led by Nirmala Sitharaman to Review Taxation on Life Insurance Premiums

The GST Council is set to meet on Monday to address several key issues, including the potential reduction of GST on life insurance premiums and a status report on online gaming. The meeting, chaired by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, will include discussions on various taxation matters.

Sources indicate that the fitment committee, composed of central and state tax officials, will present a report on GST rates applied to life, health, and reinsurance premiums. This report will include an analysis of the revenue implications of potential changes in these rates.

One major topic of discussion will be whether to lower the GST rate on health insurance premiums from the current 18% or to consider exemptions for specific groups, such as senior citizens. The decision could



significantly impact the cost of health insurance for these individuals.

Additionally, the council will review recommendations from the Group of Ministers (GoM) on rate rationalization and consider a status report on online gaming taxation. The outcomes of these discussions could lead to substantial changes in how various services and sectors are taxed under the GST framework.





# Everything to Know About Taliban's New "Vice and Virtue" Law in Afghanistan



The Taliban government in Afghanistan has introduced a new law to "promote virtue and prevent vice," codifying strict rules for Afghan society based on their interpretation of Islam. Evidence of the law's enforcement by the Taliban morality police and Afghans self-policing has emerged in recent days. However, while some elements are being enforced, others remain pending. The Taliban has been clamping down on behaviors they deem un-Islamic since they returned to power three years ago.

## Key Aspects of the New Law



The new "Vice and Virtue" law comprises 35 articles, some of which have sparked controversy. Among the most criticized rules is a mandate that a woman's voice should not be raised outside the home, and that women should not sing or recite poetry aloud. The law forbids unrelated men and women from looking at each other, and women must fully cover themselves in front of non-Muslim women.

### Other provisions include:

- Men must grow beards longer than a fist, wear loose-fitting clothing, and not reveal their bodies from the navel to the knee.
- Sodomy is banned, even between spouses.
- The media is prohibited from mocking or humiliating Islam.
- Transport companies must alter schedules to align with prayer times.
- Muslims are instructed not to befriend or assist non-Muslims.

The law also bans certain traditional games and the taking or viewing of photos of living beings on computers or smartphones. Disobedience to parents has also been criminalized.

## Social Impact and Enforcement



Since the law's announcement on August 21, enforcement has been ramped up by morality police from the Ministry for the Propagation of Virtue and the Prevention of Vice. Patrols in Kabul have warned women traveling without a male "mahram" (chaperone) and those with hair or hands showing. In Mazar-e-Sharif, taxi drivers have been warned not to transport women without a mahram or those not fully covered.

Men have also faced increased scrutiny. A young man in Kabul shared that he was stopped three times and questioned about not having a beard, while staff in a Kabul bank swapped their Western attire for traditional dress in response to the new law.

Despite this, there are still reports of women's voices being heard on TV and radio, suggesting that some aspects of the law have not been fully enforced yet.

## Previous Restrictions

Since the Taliban's return to power in 2021, they have implemented several social restrictions, many of which overlap with the new law. Girls have long been banned from secondary schools, and women are prohibited from attending universities. Women traveling must already be chaperoned and fully covered in public.

Other long-standing bans include public music, gambling, adultery, homosexuality, and drug addiction. The new law builds on these existing restrictions and provides a more comprehensive framework, including graduated punishments for violations ranging from verbal warnings to fines and detentions.

## Ambiguities in the Law

Despite the strict rules, the law leaves several grey areas and unanswered questions. For instance, it states that women should only leave home for an "urgent need" but does not specify what qualifies as urgent. It also bans friendship and assistance to non-Muslims, raising concerns about whether Afghans are allowed to work with international organizations, which are crucial for Afghanistan's struggling economy.

Additionally, the law's media restrictions are vague, and it remains unclear how authorities will regulate content on phones and television.

A United Nations report from July noted "ambiguities and inconsistencies" around morality measures before this new law was introduced. It remains to be seen how uniformly and strictly the Taliban will enforce the new rules, particularly given the opaque nature of their government.

## Conclusion



The Taliban's new "Vice and Virtue" law codifies their vision for Afghan society with stringent controls over personal behavior. While some elements of the law are already being enforced, many questions remain about its full impact, especially concerning women's rights and interactions with international organizations. How these laws will be uniformly applied, and the Taliban's ability to enforce them, will likely shape the future of Afghan society under their rule.





## Amazon Teases Upcoming Great Indian Festival Sale



Amazon has officially teased its much-anticipated Great Indian Festival sale, marking it as its biggest sale event of the year. This announcement comes shortly after Flipkart revealed details about its Big Billion Days sale, which is set to kick off on September 29.

While Amazon has yet to disclose specific details about the Great Indian Festival sale, the official banner hints at a wide range of offers and discounts. Shoppers can expect significant deals across various categories including smartphones, electronics, computer accessories, large appliances, home and kitchen appliances, furniture, and more.

The Great Indian Festival is expected to feature numerous promotions, making it an excellent opportunity for customers to shop for a variety of products at discounted prices. The event is likely to include limited-time offers, special deals on popular brands, and exclusive discounts for Amazon Prime members.

As anticipation builds, consumers are advised to keep an eye on Amazon's official channels for further updates and details on the sale's start date and specific offers. With the festive season approaching, the Great Indian Festival is poised to be a major shopping event, offering a wide array of products at attractive prices.

## Mystery Unveiled: White Shark Café Revealed as Vital Ocean Habitat

The White Shark Café, a remote Pacific Ocean region between Baja California and Hawaii, has long intrigued scientists as a gathering spot for great white sharks during winter and spring. Once considered an oceanic desert, this area's significance remained a mystery until recent studies shed light on its importance.

In the late 1990s, Barbara Block, a marine sciences professor at Stanford University's Hopkins Marine Station, named the Café while tracking shark migrations with electronic tags. Her research uncovered that four out of six tagged sharks ventured southwest to this elusive area, exploring depths of up to 1,500 feet. This behavior puzzled scientists, as it was unclear why these sharks would leave their rich hunting grounds off California for what was thought to be a barren expanse.

In 2018, Block and her team set out to investigate further. They tagged 20 sharks

and analyzed data from 10, discovering that the White Shark Café was far from desolate. Contrary to previous beliefs, the region teemed with life, including deep-sea fish, squids, and microscopic algae, which may serve as a crucial food source for the sharks.

Yet, despite these findings, the Café's true significance remains elusive. The study suggested that the area might not offer more food than California's waters, leading to speculation that it could play a role in mating behaviors. Observations indicated that male sharks increased their deep dives in April, potentially linked to mating practices, but why males dive more than females is still uncertain.

As scientists continue to probe the mysteries of the White Shark Café, its role in the great white shark's lifecycle and migration remains a topic of active research.



## Apple to Unveil New iPhone with A18 Chip at Upcoming Event



Apple is set to reveal its latest iPhone, featuring the new A18 chip, at its fall event on September 9, 2024. The event will take place at Apple's headquarters in Cupertino, California, where the company is expected to showcase not only the new iPhone but also updates to other devices and apps.

According to a report by the Financial Times, the A18 chip has been developed using Arm's latest V9 chip design. Arm, which is owned by SoftBank, has a significant role in the global smartphone market, with its V9 architecture accounting for 50% of smartphone revenue as of July 2024.

Apple's collaboration with Arm dates back to 1990, when Apple was one of the founding partners of the company. The partnership has been crucial for Apple, as it uses Arm's technology to

design its custom chips for iPhones, iPads, and Macs. The new A18 chip is expected to leverage the advanced capabilities of Arm's V9 design, promising enhanced performance and efficiency for Apple's devices.

In September last year, Apple signed a deal with Arm extending their partnership beyond 2040, underscoring their commitment to integrating Arm's technology into future products. This long-term agreement is a boost for Arm, reinforcing its position as a key player in chip technology for smartphones and other devices.

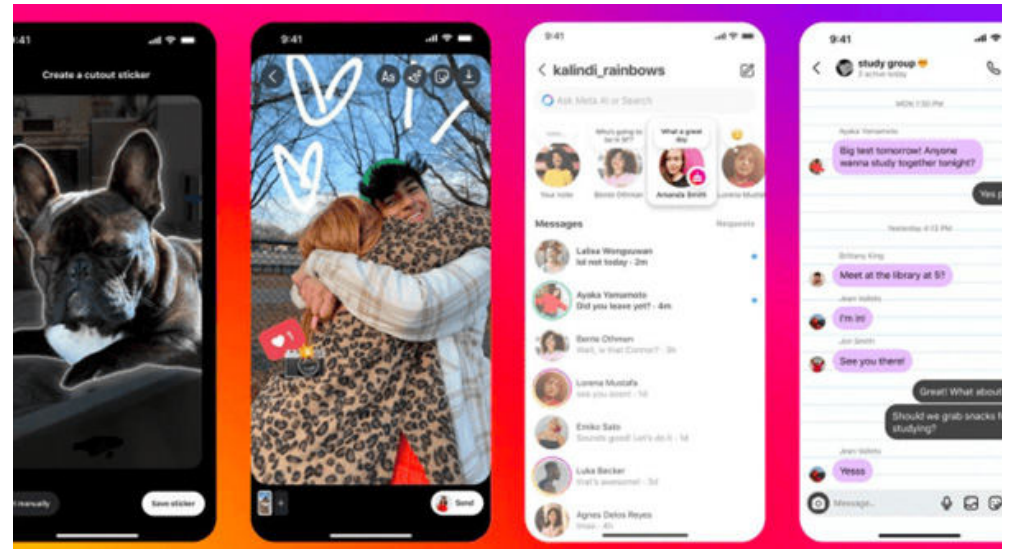
As anticipation builds for Apple's upcoming event, tech enthusiasts and industry analysts are eager to see the new innovations and features that the A18 chip will bring to the latest iPhone model.

## Instagram Enhances Direct Messages with New Features

Meta-owned Instagram is rolling out exciting updates to its direct messaging (DM) interface, aiming to improve user experience by making advanced features more accessible without leaving the messaging screen. According to a recent report by The Verge, these enhancements include a notable addition that brings sticker creation directly into the DM interface.

Users will now have the ability to access the sticker maker tool from within their direct messages. This new feature allows them to use photos from their library and create custom reaction stickers by cutting out objects from these images. This functionality is similar to a feature WhatsApp introduced earlier this year, streamlining the process of personalizing interactions within chats.

By integrating the sticker maker into the DM interface, Instagram is making it easier for users to engage creatively without interrupting their conversation flow. This addition is expected to enhance the overall messaging experience by allowing users to express themselves more dynamically and interactively.



These updates reflect Instagram's ongoing efforts to refine and expand its messaging capabilities, keeping pace with user expectations for more integrated and versatile communication tools. The platform continues to build on its messaging features, following its recent updates to enhance user interaction and engagement.

As Instagram rolls out these new features, users can look forward to a more seamless and enriched direct messaging experience. The integration of tools like the sticker maker directly within DMs highlights Instagram's commitment to evolving its messaging platform to meet the needs of its diverse user base.

## British YouTuber Of Indian Origin Builds World's Largest iPhone, Sets Guinness World Record

Run Rupesh Maini, popularly known as Mrwhosetheboss, has achieved a remarkable milestone by setting a new Guinness World Record for the largest smartphone replica. His oversized iPhone 15 Pro Max measures an impressive 6.74 feet in height, surpassing previous records for scale and size.

Maini, renowned for his comprehensive tech reviews and inventive content, embarked on this ambitious project to create a life-sized version of Apple's flagship device. He collaborated with DIYPerks, whose real name is Matthew Perks, a specialist in gadget-building and creative DIY projects. Together, they crafted a functioning replica of the iPhone 15 Pro Max that not only broke the existing record but also garnered significant attention from the tech community and beyond.

The giant replica, towering over two



meters, is a testament to Maini's commitment to pushing the boundaries of technology content creation. The project involved intricate design and engineering to ensure that the replica was both accurate and functional, showcasing Maini's dedication to his craft and his collaboration with Perks.

This new world record further ce-

ments Maini's status as a leading figure in the tech content space on YouTube. His innovative approach to tech reviews and his ability to blend creativity with technical expertise have captivated audiences worldwide. The achievement highlights Maini's role as a trailblazer in the tech community, continually exploring new ways to engage and entertain his viewers.





## Pakistan Confident Champions Trophy 2025 Will Be Held Locally Despite Tensions

The future of the Champions Trophy 2025 remains a topic of discussion amid ongoing political tensions between India and Pakistan. Despite these issues, Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) chairman Mohsin Naqvi expressed optimism that the tournament will take place in Pakistan. During a recent media interaction, Naqvi confirmed that he is in regular contact with BCCI Secretary and the boards of the participating teams.

"The Champions Trophy will be held in Pakistan," Naqvi assured, emphasizing ongoing communication with the BCCI Secretary and other boards involved in the tournament. This reassurance comes despite the historical precedent of India not traveling to Pakistan for the 2023 Asia Cup, which led to a hybrid model where the tournament was co-hosted by Pakistan and Sri Lanka.

Naqvi's statements reflect a hopeful stance that the political climate will not impact the scheduling and location of the Champions Trophy, underscoring efforts to facilitate international cricket events despite geopolitical challenges.

## India Ends Paris Paralympics 2024 with 29 Medals



India concluded the Paris Paralympics 2024 with a remarkable tally of 29 medals: seven gold, nine silver, and 13 bronze. This performance marks the country's most successful Paralympic campaign to date, securing 18th place overall. The final event for India saw Pooja Ojha not advance to the women's kayak 200m final, capping off the competition.

In contrast, Pakistan finished joint-last at 79th place, with only a single bronze medal. Traditional Paralympic powerhouses such as China, Great Britain, the USA, and Italy continued to excel, dominating the top spots in the medal standings.

India's standout achievements included Navdeep Singh's gold in the men's javelin throw F41 classification. Singh's initial silver was upgraded after Iranian athlete Sadeh Beit Sayah was disqualified for displaying an objectionable flag. Sayah, who had set a new Paralympic record with a 47.64m throw, was stripped of his medal due to unsporting conduct. This left China's Sun Pengxiang with the silver after a throw of 44.72m.



## Japan's Tokito Oda Celebrates Wheelchair Tennis Gold with a Spin

In a memorable final at the Paralympics, Japan's Tokito Oda, at just 18 years old, claimed the gold medal in men's wheelchair singles tennis. Oda, the youngest ever Paralympic men's wheelchair singles champion, triumphed over Great Britain's Alfie Hewett with a scoreline of 2-6, 6-4, 5-7 in a thrilling match that lasted over two and a half hours.

The final took place before a nearly full crowd on the

Philippe-Chatrier court at Roland Garros. A crucial moment came when Hewett, having a match point at 5-3 on Oda's serve, was unable to convert, allowing Oda to come back and win the next two games to secure the gold medal.

Oda's celebration, however, became the highlight of the event. After his victory, he spun in his wheelchair in jubilation, but the force of the spin caused the wheels to come off. In a

touching moment, Oda, overwhelmed with emotion, lay on the ground in his chair after removing its wheels and playfully threw them around.

Hewett, displaying sportsmanship, came over to help retrieve the wheels and embraced Oda, whispering words of encouragement. Despite the dramatic end to the match, Hewett's graciousness added to the heartfelt celebration of Oda's historic win.

## Aryna Sabalenka Dominates Jessica Pegula's Second Serve in US Open Final

In a gripping US Open final on Sunday, Aryna Sabalenka's ability to capitalize on Jessica Pegula's second serve proved crucial to her victory. Sabalenka won 22 of the 28 points she faced on Pegula's second serve, a statistic that highlighted the difference in an otherwise tightly contested match.

Despite the straight-sets scoreline, this statistic underscored the narrow margin that defined the match. The contest was intensely competitive, with the second serve points becoming a decisive factor in Sabalenka's triumph. Her exceptional performance in this area was instrumental in securing the win and was a key element in the final outcome.

Sabalenka's strategic advantage on Pegula's second serve showcased her ability to



seize critical opportunities and execute under pressure. This performance not only marked a significant achievement for Sabalenka but also demonstrated her skill in exploiting key moments in high-stakes matches.



## India Dominates China 3-0 in Asian Champions Trophy Opener

In their opening match of the Asian Champions Trophy, the Indian men's hockey team delivered a decisive 3-0 victory over host China in Hulunbuir on Sunday. Sukhjeet Singh, Uttam Singh, and Abhishek were the scorers for India, while China failed to score.

Sukhjeet Singh opened the scoring for India in the 14th minute, setting the tone for the game. Uttam Singh extended the lead with a goal just before halftime, making it 2-0. After the break, Abhishek added a spectacular third goal with a reverse hit in the 32nd minute, sealing the win. India, fresh from securing a second consecutive bronze medal at the Olympics, showcased their strength both offensively and defensively. Their performance underlined their title-winning potential in this tournament, where they are the defending champions.

In other pool matches, Malaysia and Pakistan drew 2-2 in an intense game, while Japan and Korea played to a thrilling 5-5 draw. India will face Japan in their next match on Monday.

## India vs Syria: Winner Takes All in Intercontinental Cup Final



India and Syria will clash in a decisive final of the Intercontinental Cup on Monday, with the trophy at stake. India, aiming for their second consecutive and third overall Intercontinental Cup title, started the tournament with a goalless draw against Mauritius. Syria, having secured a 2-0 victory over Mauritius, holds a slight edge as they only need a draw to win the cup. The Eagles of Qasioun have previously struggled in Indian tournaments, losing Nehru Cup finals in 2007 and 2009 and finishing fourth in 2012.

Syria last visited India in 2019, where they ended in third place. To prevent Syria from claiming their first title on Indian soil, the Blue Tigers need to overcome a winless streak that dates back to November last year. India head coach Manolo Márquez, celebrating his 56th birthday, emphasized the importance of playing well over merely winning. "It's crucial to play good football; results will follow," Márquez stated. He aims for his team to understand and execute their style of play, which he believes will lead to success. Márquez also acknowledged the team's need for improved fitness due to the early season.



# Ram Charan's 'Gamechanger' Gains Buzz with New Poster

Mega Powerstar Ram Charan's upcoming film *\*Gamechanger\**, directed by Shankar, is generating significant excitement as it progresses through production. Despite being in the works for some time, the film is showing promising results. To celebrate Ganesh Chaturthi, the team unveiled a new poster featuring Ram Charan, which quickly became a trending topic on social media.

Fans have been eagerly awaiting updates, though the production house is releasing them on their own schedule. *\*Gamechanger\** is highly anticipated, partly due to the inclusion of SJ Suryah, whose recent success with *\*Saripodha Sanivaram\** has increased interest in the film. His role is a key factor in the film's growing attention.

Producer Dil Raju has been actively promoting *\*Gamechanger\**, describing it as a commercial film with a classic hero-villain dynamic. He has highlighted the confrontation scenes between Ram Charan and SJ Suryah as potential standout moments. Although the film's business dealings are still in progress, trade sources suggest that Dil Raju aims for a significant impact with its wide release, targeting broader markets.

Music director Thaman has also hinted that the film is shaping up well, urging fans to remain patient. Recent interviews and SJ Suryah's rising fame have rekindled interest in the project, building momentum.

With the promotional buzz intensifying, *\*Gamechanger\** is poised to become a major blockbuster, reflecting the high hopes of everyone involved in the production.



## Mathu Vadalara 2 Trailer : Rebel Star Prabhas Launches New Sequel

The promotional campaign for *\*Mathu Vadalara 2\** has quickly gained traction with its engaging efforts, including a teaser, a promotional song, and now, a highly anticipated trailer. Rebel Star Prabhas recently launched the trailer, heightening excitement for the film's upcoming release.

The sequel follows a group of delivery boys who, frustrated with their low earnings, turn to robbery. Their situation spirals out of control when they become entangled in a murder, prompting the HE team they work for to pursue them.

The trailer offers a comedic whirlwind, featuring Sri Simha Koduri and Satya as special agents chasing the robbers. Ritesh Rana's creative

influence is apparent with the inclusion of TV serial-style episodes that add a unique flavor to the narrative. Supporting roles played by Faria Abdullah, Sunil, and Vennela Kishore further enhance the film's humor.

On a technical front, the film impresses with exceptional camera work by Suresh Sarangam and a distinctive musical score by Kaala Bhairava that blends quirkiness with originality. Produced by Clap Entertainment and Mythri Movie Makers, the production design stands out for its high quality.

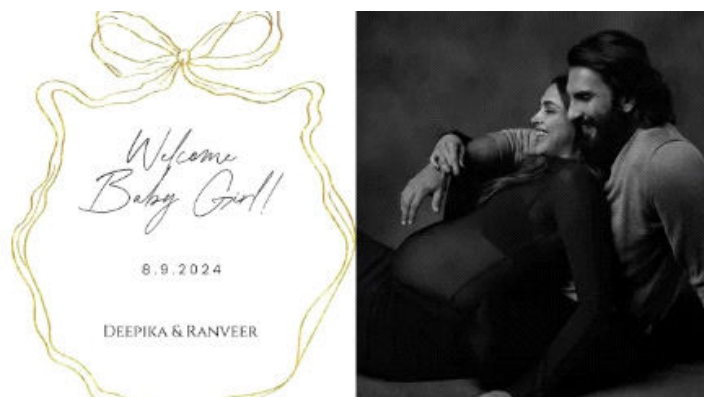
With the trailer setting a high standard, *\*Mathu Vadalara 2\** is set to hit theaters on September 13th, promising an entertaining experience.

# Deepika Padukone and Ranveer Singh Welcome Baby Girl

Bollywood's beloved couple, Deepika Padukone and Ranveer Singh, have embraced a new chapter in their lives as they welcome their first child, a baby girl. Deepika gave birth at Mumbai's renowned HN Reliance Hospital today. While an official announcement from the couple is still awaited, national media reports confirm the arrival of their baby daughter.

Deepika and Ranveer, who tied the knot in 2018, have now become parents after nearly six years of marriage. The couple had previously shared their excitement about becoming parents in February this year, and today their joy has been realized with the birth of their daughter.

In addition to this milestone, Deepika and Ranveer are expected to celebrate this new phase of their lives in their newly acquired luxurious apartment in Bandra. The opulent residence spans floors 16 to 19 in a high-end



building that is a stone's throw away from Shah Rukh Khan's iconic Mannat.

Gulte.com extends heartfelt congratulations to Deepika, Ranveer, and their newborn daughter, wishing them a future filled with love, happiness, and togetherness.

# New 'Kubera' Poster Unveiled Featuring Dhanush and Nagarjuna



Exciting news for fans of Dhanush and Nagarjuna, celebrating Ganesh Chaturthi, the makers of the highly anticipated film *\*Kubera\** unveiled a new poster. Shared on X (formerly Twitter), the poster showcases both actors in striking new looks. Nagarjuna appears intense in a black shirt and glasses, while Dhanush is seen in a fresh avatar with a long beard and disheveled hair.

The poster features the message, "Happy Vinayaka Chavithi," and is accompanied by a note from the team: "Wishing everyone a joyous Vinayaka Chavithi from the #SekharKammulasKubera team! Get ready to witness the ultimate powerhouse duo—Dhanush sir's fierce energy and Nagarjuna garu's commanding presence." The release of this poster has generated excitement among fans, setting high expectations for the film.

Legendary actor Mammooty is celebrating his 73rd birthday today, and to mark the occasion, he has revealed the first-look poster of his upcoming film, *\*Dominic and The Ladies' Purse\**. The poster was shared on social media platform X (formerly Twitter), featuring Mammooty in a bathrobe and flip-flops.

In the intriguing poster, a carrom board is prominently displayed as an evidence board on the wall, adorned with photographs and sticky notes, hinting at a criminal investigation plot. Additionally,

## First Look of 'Dominic and The Ladies' Purse'

the scene includes a cat and a ladies' handbag on the floor, further adding to the film's mysterious vibe.

The text accompanying the poster reads, "Presenting the First Look Poster of *\*Dominic and The Ladies' Purse\**, Directed by Gautham Vasudev Menon and Produced by Mammooty Kampany," offering fans a glimpse into the film's premise and setting. The release of the poster has garnered significant attention and excitement from fans and the film industry alike.



# Alia Bhatt Takes on New Role as Producer with Action Thriller Jigra



Alia Bhatt, widely acclaimed for her stellar performances in Indian cinema, is proving her mettle behind the scenes as well. After the success of her critically acclaimed Netflix dark comedy *\*Darlings\**, Alia is stepping back into the producer's role with her upcoming film, *\*Jigra\**. Directed by Vasan Bala, the film promises to be a gripping action-packed drama centered around a high-stakes prison break.

*\*Jigra\** stars Alia alongside Vedang Raina in a plot that revolves around a determined sister's quest to rescue her brother. The teaser, recently released, sets a dramatic tone with Alia's intense portrayal. It opens with her character reflecting on the stark reality of having no one in her life but her brother, who is trapped in a desperate race against time.

The film's storyline delves into themes of loyalty and resilience, showcasing the lengths to which a loving sibling will go to save their family. The teaser highlights the emotional and physical challenges faced by the characters, hinting at a gripping narrative filled with suspense and action.

As a producer, Alia Bhatt continues to make impactful choices, bringing engaging and diverse stories to the forefront. *\*Jigra\** not only underscores her growing influence in the film industry but also her ability to select and nurture projects with strong, compelling content.

The film, which has generated significant buzz, is expected to add another feather to Alia's cap, reinforcing her position as a versatile talent both in front of and behind the camera. Fans and critics alike are eagerly anticipating *\*Jigra\** for its unique blend of action and emotional depth.