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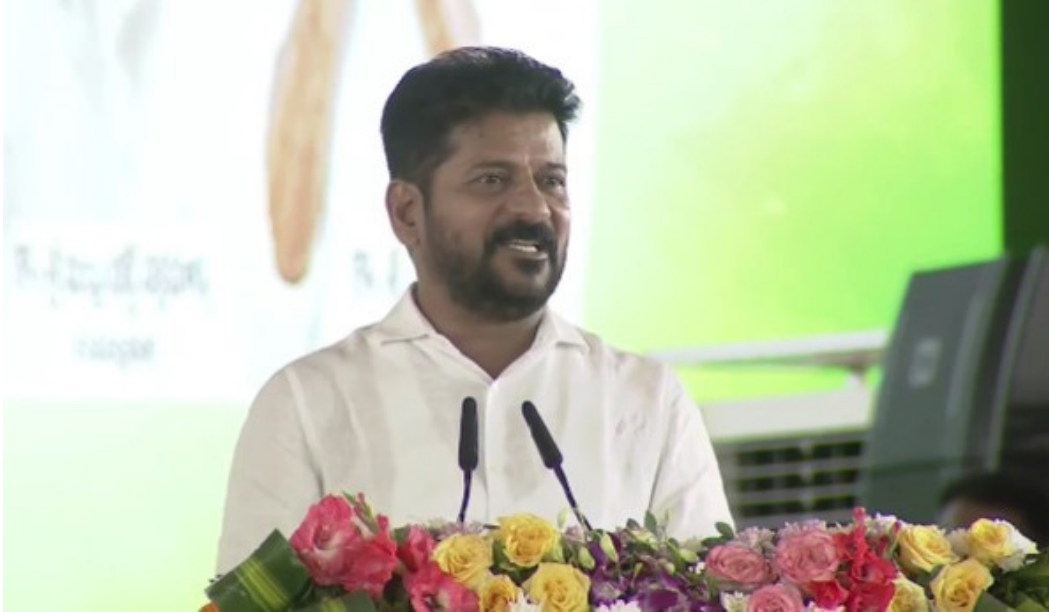
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We gave our word that day... we kept that word - CM Revanth Reddy

CM Revanth Reddy Distributes Teacher Recruitment Documents at DSC-2024 Event
We said that you will get jobs only if KCR and KTR lose their jobs.
As per the promise, we have taken up job placements today



TPN , Hyderabad : Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, on Wednesday, presided over the DSC-2024 Teacher Recruitment Document Distribution Program at LB Stadium, a significant step in the state's efforts to address unemployment. During the event, Reddy highlighted the swift action taken by his government, contrasting it with the previous administration's delayed handling of job notifications and appointments.

"It feels like Dussehra has come three days early, seeing the joy on your faces," remarked the Chief Minister. He took aim at the previous leadership, accusing them of failing to address unemployment over the past decade. "In 2017, the DSC notification, which should have been issued right after Telangana's formation, was delayed by three years. We promised that job opportunities would arise only if the father-son duo lost

power, and today, we have kept that promise." Within just 90 days of coming to power, the government has issued appointment documents to 30,000 individuals, including 10,006 teachers, within 65 days of the DSC notification. Reddy emphasized the critical role government schools play in Telangana's development and noted his administration's efforts to improve the education system by transferring 34,000 teachers and promoting 21,000 more. Despite challenges and conspiracies to derail the recruitment drive, the Chief Minister assured the gathering that his government remained committed to providing employment. "Some forces tried to prevent you from getting these jobs, but we are giving you appointment letters against all odds," he stated.

Reddy also announced plans for further educational infrastructure, including the establishment of Young India Residential Schools and the launch of a Young India Skills University to provide training and employment for the state's youth. "You are the future makers of Telangana. Do your best for the reconstruction of the state," he concluded.



Governor Jishnu Dev Varma Leads Bathukamma Celebrations at Raj Bhavan

TPN , Hyderabad: The Hon'ble Governor of Telangana, Shri Jishnu Dev Varma, along with his wife, Smt. Sudha Dev Varma, took part in the colorful Bathukamma celebrations at the historic Raj Bhavan on October 9, 2024. The couple joined the Raj Bhavan Pariwar in celebrating Telangana's iconic floral festival, which honors the state's rich cultural heritage.

Smt. Sudha Dev Varma carried the traditional Bathukamma to the main lawns and actively participated in the festivities, emphasizing the festival's significance. She joined the women of Raj Bha-



van Pariwar in singing traditional Bathukamma songs and circled the beautifully decorated floral arrangement, embracing the spirit of the celebration.

The Governor and Smt. Sudha Dev Varma extended their warm wishes to the women of Telangana, both within the state and abroad. The event concluded with the immersion of the Bathukamma in a designated pond on the Raj Bhavan premises, following festival customs. Prominent attendees included Minister for Environment, Forests, and Endowments, Smt. Konda Surekha; Minister for Panchayat Raj, Rural Development, Women & Child Welfare, Smt. Dr. D. Anasuya Seethakka; Chief Secretary, Smt. A. Santhi Kumari, IAS; Principal Secretary to the Governor, Sri B. Venkatesham, IAS, and other senior officials and staff members.

KTR Slams Revanth Reddy Over Musi River Beautification Claims



TPN , Telangana Bhavan: K. T. Rama Rao (KTR), the working president of the Bhar at Rashtira Samithi (BRS), made scathing remarks against Congress leader Revanth Reddy, accusing him of using the beautification of the Musi River as a pretext for personal gain. KTR alleged that Revanth Reddy, along with Rahul Gandhi and Robert Vadra, is involved in corrupt practices, sharing money under the guise of the Musi project.

KTR criticized Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's call for district collectors to discuss loan waivers, labeling it as a devious act. He emphasized that the public did not vote for collectors; they voted for Congress candidates. He highlighted the ongoing issue in Revanth's own constituency, Kodangal, where farmers' lands are reportedly being acquired by the government.

The BRS leader condemned the arrest of Patnam Narendar Reddy, who was peacefully protesting for farmers' rights, stating that Revanth should first address his own issues before attempting to lead others. KTR urged Revanth to convince the people of Kodangal through public consensus regarding land acquisition.

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Revanth Reddy Pushes for Quick SC Classification and BC Caste Census

Order to appoint a single-member judicial commission headed by a former High Court judge
Commission should make necessary arrangements within 24 hours
The CM should complete the comprehensive study within 60 days
BC should start the process of social, economic and caste survey immediately

TPN , Hyderabad : Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has instructed officials to take immediate steps to implement the Supreme Court's verdict on Scheduled Caste (SC) classification and expedite the Backward Classes (BC) caste census in Telangana. He emphasized that a thorough study should be completed within 60 days by a single-member judicial commission to avoid any complications in implementing SC classification.

During a high-level review meeting, which included senior leaders such as Uttam Kumar Reddy, Damodara Rajanar-simha, Duddilla Sridhar Babu, Ponnamp Prabhakar, and Dhanasari Anasuya Sitakka, along with government advisors and officials, the Chief Minister outlined a clear plan. He directed the immediate appointment of a single-member judicial commission, led by a former high court judge, to handle SC classification. The commission has been tasked with sub-



mitting its report within two months. With the population census not conducted since 2011, CM Reddy instructed that the study for SC classification should be based on the 2011 census data. The commission will also visit districts to gather field-level appeals and complaints from citizens to ensure the process is transparent and inclusive.

Further, the Chief Minister stated that no new job notifications should be issued until the commission completes its

report. He also called for the immediate launch of a comprehensive BC social, economic, and caste survey, urging that the BC Commission be provided with all necessary resources. The survey is expected to be completed within 60 days, with the report due by December 9. Once this process is complete, local body elections will be held without delay.

This move marks a significant step towards addressing key social justice concerns in the state.

Deputy CM Bhatti Calls for Comprehensive Development of Musi

Just as we fix a dirty roof... we will fix the people of the closed watershed
Let's close the people like the previous BRS government
Constructive suggestions will be accepted - Bhatti Vikramarka's call

TPN , Telangana : Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka has called for the swift rehabilitation of residents living in Musi River's closed catchment areas while emphasizing the state's commitment to providing them with better living standards. In a review meeting held at the State Secretariat, Bhatti Vikramarka outlined the government's plans to rejuvenate the Musi River, improve the quality of life in surrounding areas, and ensure the city's future development.



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TGPSC Group 1 Exams

Hall Tickets Available from October 14

TPN , Hyderabad: Candidates eligible for the Telangana Public Service Commission (TGPSC) Group-1 Services Mains examination (Notification No. 02/2024, dated 19/02/2024) can download their hall tickets from October 14 to October 21 from the TGPSC official website.

The Mains examinations, which are of a Conventional/ Descriptive type, will be conducted in Hyderabad from October 21 to 27, between 2 pm and 5 pm. According to the TGPSC notification, candidates will be allowed to enter the exam centers starting at 12:30 pm, and the gates will be closed by 1:30 pm. No candidates will be permitted to enter after the gates close.

Candidates are required to download and preserve their hall tickets for all seven exams scheduled between October 21 and 27, as no duplicate hall tickets will be issued. Additionally, candidates are instructed to keep their hall tickets and question papers until the entire selection process is completed.

In case of any technical issues, candidates can contact the TGPSC technical support at 040-23542185 or 040-23542187 during government working hours, or they can email helpdesk@tspsc.gov.in for assistance.



KTR Slams Revanth Reddy Over Musi River Beautification Claims

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KTR also called for Congress MPs and MLAs to be held accountable for their promises, particularly the claim of providing 200,000 jobs within a year, which he termed a deceit by Rahul Gandhi. He criticized Congress for failing to deliver on welfare schemes during its rule, contrasting it with the BRS government's support for festivals like Dussehra and Bathukamma.

In closing, KTR asserted that the BRS stands ready to fight for the people's rights and welfare amid the political maneuvering of the opposition.

Deputy CM Bhatti Calls for Comprehensive Development of Musi

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Addressing officials from the Municipal Department and district collectors from Hyderabad, Rangareddy, and Medchal, the Deputy CM highlighted the poor living conditions faced by the residents due to pollution, mosquitoes, and stagnant water. He criticized previous governments for neglecting the area and stated that the current administration, under Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, is committed to turning the Musi River into an asset for Hyderabad, much like the Thames River in London.

Bhatti Vikramarka emphasized that the government will support the relocation of those living in the catchment area by providing new housing on government lands. He also announced the establishment of integrated residential schools with international standards for the displaced children and interest-free loans for women in self-help groups to support their economic upliftment.

In a direct appeal to the opposition, Bhatti urged political parties to refrain from spreading misinformation for political gain and instead contribute constructive suggestions to the government's development plans. He assured that the government is open to feedback and is ready to work with community leaders and experts to ensure that the city's future is secure.

The Deputy CM reaffirmed that the state government's focus is on long-term progress for Hyderabad and its people, with no personal or political agenda behind the Musi River revitalization project. The meeting was attended by several key officials, including Municipal Secretary Dana Kishore and GHMC Commissioner Amrapali.

Rythu Bandhu Scam in Huzurnagar: Tehsildar Arrested

TPN , Telangana : Suryapet In a major development, Tehsildar Jayashree, formerly serving as the Tehsildar of Huzurnagar, has been arrested in connection with a Rythu Bandhu scam. She has been remanded for 14 days. The scam involves fraudulent transactions related to 36.23 acres of land in Huzurnagar and Burugadda revenue areas, where passbooks were issued through the Dharani portal to wrong beneficiaries, allowing them to receive Rythu Bandhu funds.

Jayashree, currently serving as the Tehsildar of Anumula in Nalgonda district, allegedly collaborated with Dharani operator Jagadish to issue 2019 matriculation passbooks in the names of Jagadish's relatives. The duo fraudulently obtained Rs. 14.63 lakh in Rythu Bandhu funds, which they reportedly shared on a 50-50 basis with the original landholders (Pattadars).

Both Jayashree and Jagadish have been remanded in custody, and a case has been registered against them under IPC Sections 420, 406, 409, 120(b), 468, and 467, which deal with cheating, criminal breach of trust, forgery, and criminal conspiracy.

Authorities are continuing to investigate the matter, and further arrests are expected as the investigation progresses.

Minister Ponnam Prabhakar Interacts with People at Gandhi Bhavan, Extends Festive Wishes



TPN , Hyderabad: In a face-to-face interaction program held at Gandhi Bhavan, Minister Ponnam Prabhakar participated to address public grievances. Extending festive wishes to the women of Telangana on the occasion of Bathu-

kamma and Dussehra, he assured that the government is committed to fulfilling all promises.

Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President Mahesh Kumar Goud had earlier directed

ministers to visit Gandhi Bhavan regularly to listen to public complaints and address their issues. As part of this initiative, Minister Ponnam Prabhakar visited Gandhi Bhavan today to understand the problems faced by the people and find suitable solutions.

"We have already implemented several promises, and the remaining will be fulfilled soon," the minister stated. He addressed critics by saying, "Some people have been spreading rumors that this government won't last long. I request them to change their ways. Despite the satire and criticism, we will continue to make job appointments."

He emphasized that Telangana was formed for "water, funds, and

jobs" and reaffirmed the government's commitment to providing employment without causing difficulties to the unemployed youth. Responding to the remarks made by Jagadish Reddy, Ponnam questioned if Reddy was willing to engage in a debate on the achievements of the Congress government in the last ten months compared to the previous decade of BRS rule.

The minister also encouraged those living on the Musi River bed to celebrate the Dussehra festival in the double-bedroom houses being provided by the government. He assured that the government is sincere in its efforts to provide rehabilitation, education admissions, and employment opportunities for the displaced families.

Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy Launches First Grain Procurement Center in Nalgonda

TPN , Nalgonda: Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy inaugurated the first grain procurement center in the state at Arjalabavi, Nalgonda town, as a Dussehra gift to farmers. During the inspection, he expressed his happiness in starting this center, which aims to enhance the procurement process for local farmers.

The minister issued directives to expedite grain collection starting tomorrow, instructing the center's management to purchase half of the available grain if necessary. He assured farmers that payments for the grain collected

would be processed within three days.

In the district, the agricultural landscape includes 53% fine varieties and 47% doddu types of grain. Additionally, Minister Reddy announced a bonus of Rs. 500 for Sannas, further supporting local farmers.

This initiative reflects the government's commitment to improve agricultural practices and provide timely support to farmers in Nalgonda, ensuring a smooth and efficient grain procurement process during the harvest season.



Telangana Floods: L&T Donates Rs 5.5 Crore to CM Relief Fund

TPN , Hyderabad: Larsen & Toubro (L&T) has donated Rs 5.5 crore to the Chief Minister's Relief Fund in Telangana to aid flood victims. The cheque was presented to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka by SN Subrahmanyam, Chairman and Managing Director of L&T, during a meeting at the state secretariat.

The recent flooding in Telangana has caused widespread devastation, claiming at least 29 lives and affecting nearly all districts. Heavy rainfall, which began on August 30 and continued into early September, was intensified by a depres-

sion over the Bay of Bengal. This weather system led to relentless downpours, with some areas receiving over 52 centimeters of rain, resulting in severe flash floods across multiple districts, including Khammam, Mahabubabad, and Suryapet.

The impact has been catastrophic, particularly in Khammam district, where over 110 villages were submerged, leaving many residents stranded. Emergency services have been mobilized, with National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) teams deployed for rescue operations. Thousands have been evacuated to relief camps as roads and



railways suffered significant damage due to waterlogging and overflowing rivers. The Krishna River

and its tributaries have also experienced dangerously high water levels from continuous rainfall.

Judgment Reserved on Johnny Master's Bail Petition



TPN , Hyderabad: The Rangareddy District Special Status Court has reserved judgment on the bail petition of choreographer Sheikh Jani Bhasha, commonly known as Jani Master, who was arrested in a sexual harassment case involving an assistant female choreographer. The court concluded the arguments on the bail petition and announced that the verdict will be delivered on October 14. Until then, Jani Master will remain in remand at Guda Central Jail.

On October 6, Jani Master had filed a petition seeking interim bail from the 6th to the 10th of this month, citing an award he was set to receive as the best choreographer in Delhi. The court grant-

ed interim bail from October 6 to 9 after considering his request. However, upon learning that the award ceremony was canceled, he informed the court that he would not utilize the granted non-alcoholic bail.

Following this development, Jani Master withdrew his non-liquor bail petition and instead filed for regular bail. The court conducted the inquiry on the matter today but decided to postpone the verdict to October 14, keeping Jani Master in custody until the judgment is announced. The case continues to draw public attention, highlighting issues of harassment within the entertainment industry.



Concerns Raised Over BC Students' Foreign Education Opportunities

TPN, Telangan: K.T. Rama Rao, the working president of BRS, has voiced serious concerns about the lack of foreign education opportunities for BC (Backward Class) students in Telangana. He stated that what was once achievable under Chief Minister KCR now appears impossible, criticizing the government for its neglect of poor students.

Rao accused the Congress party of undermining the Jyotirao Phule Foreign Education Scheme, which aims to assist underprivileged students in accessing education abroad. He pointed out the urgency of the situation, noting that many courses are ending while parents struggle to support their children's education.

Despite applying for the scheme a year ago, students and their families are frustrated by the government's inaction. "Why such a lack of responsiveness?" Rao questioned, highlighting that thousands of students' futures are at risk due to the current administration's inefficiency.

He urged the government to promptly release the updated list of beneficiaries and disburse the promised financial assistance. Rao's remarks underscore a critical gap in support for BC students, raising concerns about the effectiveness of current policies aimed at empowering marginalized communities in Telangana.

Mandakrishna Madiga Arrested Amid Protest in Hyderabad

TPN, Hyderabad: Mandakrishna Madiga, founding president of the Madiga Reservation Porata Samithi (MRPS), was arrested by police during a protest at Indira Park on Wednesday. The demonstration aimed to oppose the filling of teacher posts by the District Selection Committee (DSC) without implementing the Scheduled Castes (SC) classification.

The protest escalated into an altercation between MMRPS leaders and police, leading to scuffles and heightened tension. Despite the group's intention to march from Indira Park Dharna Chowk to the Dr. B.R. Ambedkar statue at Lower Tank Bund, police intervened, halting the demonstration. Several MMRPS leaders, alongside Madiga, were detained and taken to various police stations across the city.

During the protest, Madiga demanded that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy issue appointment documents only after ensuring job opportunities for the Madiga community through the DSC. He expressed concerns about the risk of unfair treatment regarding early delivery of appointment documents. Madiga questioned the justification for arresting peaceful demonstrators advocating for reservations in new job appointments in Telangana, calling the arrests "atrocious." He emphasized that the promises made by the government had yet to be fulfilled.

Farmers' March Against Pharma Village in Vikarabad Foiled

TPN, Hyderabad: Police on Wednesday foiled the Maha Padayatra organized by farmers protesting the proposed Pharma Village in Vikarabad district, Telangana. The farmers, who have been protesting for 27 days in Hakimpet, fear that the Pharma Village will lead to severe environmental pollution in the area. The protest march was planned from Polepally to the Mandal Revenue Officer (MRO) office in Dudyal Mandal, part of the Kodangal Assembly constituency, which is represented by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. However, police intervened and stopped the protesters near Hakimpet, where the Pharma Village is set to be established. The opposition Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) supported the farmers' march, and several BRS lead-



ers, including Patnam Narender Reddy, were arrested during the protest. Despite police action, farmers remain adamant in their resistance to the government's plan, arguing that the project threatens their livelihoods by potentially contaminating farmland.

The State government has plans to acquire 1,274.25 acres of government and patta land from the villages of Hakimpet, Polepalli, and Lakacharla in Dudyal Mandal. Farmers argue that nearly 3,000 acres of agricultural land are at risk of being taken from them. There are also allegations from farmers that the Chief Minister's brother, Tirupathi Reddy, has been pressuring them to give up their land. They claim this is part of a larger conspiracy to acquire land worth crores of rupees. The issue follows the earlier proposal by the previous BRS government to set up Hyderabad Pharma City in Rangareddy district. BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao has accused the Congress government of a major land scam involving the cancellation of the Pharma City project.

Former Minister Malla Reddy Invites CM Revanth Reddy to Granddaughter's Wedding

TPN , Hyderabad: Former Minister and BRS MLA Malla Reddy, along with his son-in-law MLA Marri Rajasekhara Reddy, met Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to personally invite him to his granddaughter's wedding.

During the meeting, Malla Reddy extended the wedding invitation and requested the Chief Minister to attend the ceremony with his family.

Earlier, two days ago, Malla Reddy, Marri Rajasekhara Reddy, and Teegala Krishna Reddy had met Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu to invite him to the wedding as well. They handed over the wedding invitation card of Marri Rajasekhara Reddy's daughter to the AP CM, requesting his presence at the occasion. Both meetings underline the ongoing efforts by Malla Reddy and his family to personally invite key political figures to this important family event.



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Gutta Sukhender Reddy's Remarks on Various Political and Administrative Issues

TPN, Hyderabad: Telangana Legislative Council Chairman, Gutta Sukhender Reddy, addressed several key political and administrative matters during an informal chat. He spoke on the job notifications and recruitment process, emphasizing that if jobs had been filled as per notifications, many issues would have been resolved by now. He pointed out that TDP MLA Talasani became a minister in the BRS government, highlighting political shifts.

On the Musi River issue, Gutta stressed that after providing houses to the poor, encroachments should be cleared. He also mentioned the importance of self-reflection among political leaders before making public statements.

He acknowledged the Congress government's efforts in waiving loans despite financial constraints and urged leaders to avoid harsh language. Gutta also discussed the relocation of people from slums to better living conditions, calling it a positive development.

Regarding the Sunkisala project, he stated that contractors should take responsibility for ongoing works. He urged political parties to question government irregularities but avoid personal attacks on individuals.

"Kamareddy MLA Venkataramana Reddy Invites KCR and Revanth Reddy to Debate on Construction Permits"

TPN , Kamareddy : Kamareddy MLA Venkataramana Reddy has publicly challenged K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR), CM Revanth Reddy, and KTR to an open debate regarding construction permissions in Telangana. He stated he possesses substantial data on projects undertaken by 30 companies in the state and is prepared to provide evidence to support his claims.

Reddy criticized the government for its handling of construction permits, highlighting that it currently takes up to 90 years to mark Full Tank Levels (FTL) and buffer zones of ponds. He expressed concern over flooding due to blocked canals and pointed out that only small ponds were mentioned in a recent presentation on Batti Vikramarka, ignoring larger ponds. He questioned how the government issued final notifications for 95 ponds in just one month when it previously took 14 years to



mark 229 ponds. Reddy accused the government of targeting the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) while disregarding past Congress administrations' responsibilities.

Reddy also raised alarms about several construction projects, including luxury villas on pond land, and demanded accountability for builders and officials involved in granting permits. He stated that if his claims are proven false, he is willing to re-

sign from his MLA position.

He concluded by urging all political representatives to contribute their salaries to assist the poor in building homes and challenged Revanth Reddy to join him in this commitment. Reddy criticized the government's actions, asserting that demolishing homes built by the underprivileged while allowing large constructions by wealthy companies constitutes a double standard.

Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka Seeks Innovative Revenue Solutions

TPN, Telangana: In a recent review meeting at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu urged officials from various departments to develop strategies to increase state revenue without raising prices. The meeting aimed to address the need for actionable plans to enhance the state treasury.

Mallu directed officials to report on the progress of past initiatives focused on revenue growth and announced a special session with the

Commercial Tax Commissioner, Joint Commissioner, and relevant department heads to curb revenue leakages. He emphasized the need for stricter enforcement, particularly regarding liquor shops selling above the Maximum Retail Price (MRP).

The Deputy CM called for enhanced coordination among departments, suggesting joint meetings to promote collaborative efforts in revenue generation. He instructed officials from the Commercial Tax, Roads, and Build-

ings departments to prepare reports on preventing illegal sand transport and tax evasion.

Additionally, Mallu stressed the importance of promptly addressing the pending sales of houses under the Rajiv Swagriha and Home Construction Department upon their completion. Senior officials, including Special Chief Secretary Ramakrishna Rao and Principal Secretary Vikas Raj, participated in the meeting to devise effective revenue-maximizing strategies.



Traffic Restrictions Announced for Saddula Bathukamma Celebrations in Hyderabad



TPN , Hyderabad: The Hyderabad Traffic Police have announced traffic restrictions across the city on Thursday in connection with the Saddula Bathukamma celebrations. These restrictions will be enforced from Mar-tyrs' Memorial Stupa to Bathukamma Ghat (Rotary Children's Park) in Upper Tank Bund, starting from 4 PM and lasting until 11 PM.

Motorists are advised to seek alternative routes to avoid congestion in the affected areas. The following diversions will be implemented:

- Vehicles traveling from Iqbal Minar towards Upper Tank Bund will be redirected to Telugu Mother Flyover.
- Motorists heading to PVNR Marg (Necklace Road) from Raniganj will be diverted to Minister Road at Nallagutta Cross Road.
- Those approaching PVNR Marg from Minis-

- ter Road will be redirected to Raniganj at Nal-lagutta Cross Road.
- Traffic from Liberty towards Upper Tank Bund will be diverted to Iqbal Minar at the Old Ambedkar Statue.
- Vehicles coming towards Upper Tank Bund from Secunderabad will be redirected to Bible House at Karbala Maidan.
- Those traveling from Dhobi Ghat towards Children's Park/Upper Tank Bund will be di-rected to Kavadiguda Cross Road at DBR Mills.
- Motorists from DBR Mills will be diverted to Jabbar Complex and CGO Towers at Kavadigu-da Cross Road.

RTC Bus Diversions

All inter-district RTC buses from Secunder-abad via Tank Bund towards MGBS will be diverted at the Sweekar - Upakar junction, following the route through YWCA - Sangeet

- Mettuguda - Tarnaka - Nallakunta - Fever Hospital Cross Road - Barkatpura - Tourist Ho-tel - Nimboli Adda - Chadarghat. City buses heading towards Tank Bund will also be redi-rected to Bible House at Karbala Maidan.

Commuters are encouraged to avoid areas such as Old Ambedkar Statue, Kavadigu-da Crossroads, Katta Maisamma, Karbala Maidan, Raniganj, Nallagutta, and Khairata-bad flyover junctions due to expected traffic congestion.

Parking Arrangements

Officials have arranged parking for attendees at various locations, including NTR Stadium, Race Course Road on NTR Marg, and Lower Tank Bund Road. The city traffic police request cooperation from motorists and commuters to ensure smooth celebrations on Thursday.

Hyderabad Records 2,731 Dengue Cases Amid Surge in Telangana



TPN , Hyderabad: Amid a sharp rise in dengue cases across Telangana, Hyderabad has recorded 2,731 cases since January 2024, making it the district with the high-est number of reported cases. The state has registered a total of 9,254 dengue cases this year, surpassing last year's figure of 8,016 by early October.

In addition to dengue, Telangana is also witnessing an increase in chikungunya and malaria cases. Bhad rad ri-Kothagudem district has seen a notable rise in these vector-borne diseases, with the state health department reporting 379 cases of chikungunya so far in 2024.

Doctors attribute the rise in infections to recent heavy rains, waterlogging, and a subsequent increase in tem-peratures, which have created ideal breeding conditions for mosquitoes. Health Minister Damodara Rajanarsim-ha has urged authorities to implement strict measures to control the spread of these diseases. He also encour-aged the public to adopt preventive measures like elimi-nating stagnant water and maintaining hygiene.

While Hyderabad saw a decline in dengue cases in early October compared to the same period in 2023, the overall surge in cases across the state highlights the severity of the current outbreak. Health officials remain vigilant in addressing the situation.

Husband of Ex-Manikonda DEE Accuses Wife of Corruption, Posts Evidence

TPN , Hyderabad: In a shocking turn of events, Suvarna Sreepad, the husband of Divya Jyoti, the former Deputy Executive Engineer (DEE) of the Manikonda municipal-ity, has accused her of engaging in corrupt practices. He has even shared videos allegedly showing vaults of bribe money stored in their home.

Sreepad claimed that Divya brought home bribe money daily, hiding amounts between ₹20 to ₹30 lakh in var-ious places throughout their residence. He alleged that she received commissions from contractors and build-ers in exchange for approving projects in Manikonda.

Despite his attempts to persuade her to abandon her corrupt activities, Sreepad stated that Divya refused to change her ways. He further implicated her brother, Sarath Kumar, alleging that he plays a significant role in her corrupt dealings, exerting pressure on her to ac-cept bribes.

These allegations have surfaced following reports of corruption, leading to Divya Jyoti's transfer to the Great-er Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC). The sit-uation raises serious concerns about integrity within municipal governance, and further investigations are expected.

Bathukamma Festival: A Symbol of Telangana's Pride and Cultural Heritage, Says Minister Konda Surekha

TPN , Hyderabad : Telangana's Bathukamma festival, which cel-ebbrates the power of women and nature, stands as a symbol of the state's self-esteem, existence, and rich cultural heritage, said Ms. Konda Surekha, Minister for Forestry, Environment, and Devadaya Charities. On the eve of Bathukamma (October 10), the Minister extended her heartfelt greetings to the women and peo-ple of Telangana.

Minister Surekha emphasized the significance of the festival, noting that Bathukamma, which begins from Ashvayuja Masa

Suddha Padyami, brings new energy and artistic expression to the entire state. Historical-ly associated with the goddess Brihadamma (Goddess Parva-ti), Bathukamma celebrates the connection between humanity, nature, and water resources. The festival is marked by the creation of floral arrangements, symbol-izing nature's beauty and the role of women in society.

Minister Surekha highlighted that the Congress-led govern-ment under Chief Minister Re-vanth Reddy is promoting the festival as part of its broader



effort to preserve and promote Telangana's cultural traditions. She remarked that the Congress Party, which played a key role in liberating Telangana from dicta-

torial rule, is working to ensure that the people of the state live with dignity and pride, reflect-ing the spirit of the Bathukamma festival.

Poonam Kaur's Shocking Allegation: Director Impregnated Actress, Ruined Her Career

TPN , Hyderabad : Actress Poonam Kaur has made a sensational claim on social media, ac-cusing a film director of impregnating a wom-an and destroying her career. Poonam, who has been away from films for some time now, took to her social media to share this shocking information, sparking widespread discussion.

In her post, Poonam alleged that a director was responsible for a woman's downfall, as she be-came pregnant due to his actions. According to Poonam, the woman's career was completely ruined as a result. However, she mentioned that some assistance came her way through "Maa" (potentially referring to a support orga-nization or individual).

Poonam also hinted that the director in ques-tion is not an actor who later transitioned into a political leader. Additionally, she expressed



frustration that an actor had unnecessarily dragged her name into the issue, though she did not provide further clarification on this point. While her post has created quite a stir, Poonam has not yet revealed the identities of those involved, leaving her followers and the public speculating about the true details be-hind the allegations.

Four Arrested for Rs 5 Crore Extortion in Hyderabad While Posing as Naxalites

TPN , Hyderabad: The Osmania University po-lice have arrested four individuals for alleged-ly extorting Rs 5 crore from a contractor while posing as members of the banned CPI(ML) Naxalite group.

The accused, identified as Salonka Prasad (36), Rathlavath Ravi Naik (29), Kammari Sheshap-pa (37), and Mandagula Sathaiiah (37), threat-ened the contractor, G. Suresh, a resident of Tarnaka, via WhatsApp on September 26. In their message, they claimed to be Naxalite members and demanded the ransom, threat-ening to harm Suresh's relatives if he failed

to comply. When Suresh attempted to ignore their demands, the gang sent another mes-sage with details about his uncle, escalating the threats.

In response, Suresh reported the incident to the Osmania University police, who registered a case and formed a special team to investi-gate. The police later apprehended the four suspects. According to the Assistant Commis-sioner of Police (ACP) Jagan, Prasad was facing financial difficulties and orchestrated the ex-tortion scheme to earn money from local busi-nessmen and contractors.

Three Arrested for 'Rice Pulling' Scam; Rs 25 Lakh Cash Seized

TPN , Hyderabad: The Commissioner's Task Force North Zone, in coordination with Ma-hankali Police, arrested three individuals on October 8 for their involvement in a 'rice pulling' scam and seized cash worth Rs 25 lakh from them. This scam involves deceiv-ing people into believing that certain copper vessels possess magical properties that can attract rice or generate wealth. The accused have been identified as Pagidimarry Shiva Santhosh Kumar (44) from Old Alwal, Secun-

derabad; Gulluru Manjunath Reddy (38), a na-tive of Chittoor, Andhra Pradesh; and Pratap (44) from Bangalore. They devised a plan to defraud individuals by claiming that a copper vessel in their possession could double mon-ey.

Operating under a company named "Appreh-es and Research," the accused introduced Shi-va to a complainant at a restaurant, present-ing himself as an employee. They claimed the

vessel's quality could only be verified using a special 'Scanner' available at DRDO, demand-ing Rs 25 lakh for the verification process. Af-ter the complainant paid the amount on Oc-tober 6, the accused began making excuses, later demanding an additional Rs 23 lakh to initiate the business.Following a complaint, police launched an investigation and arrest-ed the suspects, who have been charged un-der various sections of the Bharatiya Nyay Sanhita.

Telangana Government Announces Rs 5 Lakh Ex-Gratia for Families of Deceased Gulf Workers

TPN , Hyderabad: The Telangana gov-ernment has issued guidelines to pro-vide Rs 5 lakh as ex-gratia compensa-tion to the families of migrant workers who die while working in Gulf coun-tries. This initiative, outlined in Gov-ernment Order 216 on October 7, fulfills a poll promise regarding the welfare of Gulf workers. The eligibility for this compensation applies to families of migrants who died on or after Decem-ber 7, 2023, in countries including Iraq, Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, Saudi Arabia, and the UAE. However, organi-zations representing Gulf workers have urged the government to extend this support to include families of workers in all countries requiring an Emigration Clearance Required (ECR) document.

To claim the ex-gratia, family mem-bers must submit the deceased's death certificate, cancelled passport, proof of employment, and valid bank account details. The district collector will verify the documents, and once approved, the amount will be transferred directly to the family's bank account.

Migrants' rights activist Mandha Bheem Reddy has requested Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to expand the initiative to include workers who died in other countries and urged support for fami-lies of deceased workers from previous governments.



Minister Sitakka Criticizes Harish Rao's Claims on Loan Waivers

TPN Telangana: Minister Sitakka has responded sharply to Harish Rao's remarks during the Guruvinda Neeti event, where he touted the Telangana government's achievements in agricultural loan waivers. Sitakka countered, stating, "We have accomplished what your BRS could not in ten years—in just one crop season, we have waived loans for over 150,000 more farmers than you."

She expressed frustration over Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao's unfulfilled promise of bonuses to farmers, particularly mentioning Sannavadla during the Palakurti Sabha. Sitakka noted the irony in Rao's current inquiries about bonuses in the Thorur Sabha, questioning his commitment to farmers.

Furthermore, Minister Sitakka criticized Harish Rao, saying, "Didn't you listen to the students' concerns when you were in power? Your love for fee reimbursement is hypocritical." Her comments reflect the ongoing tensions between the ruling and opposition parties in Telangana as both sides prepare for future electoral contests. The political discourse continues to intensify as leaders seek to establish their positions on key issues affecting farmers and students in the state.



Justice Devaraju Nagarjun Appointed New TGERC Chairman

TPN, Hyderabad: The Telangana state government has decided to appoint former Madras High Court judge Justice Devaraju Nagarjun as the new Chairman of the Telangana State Electricity Regulatory Commission (TGERC). Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has approved the appointment, with the current chairman, T. Sriranga Rao, set to complete his term on October 29. Justice Nagarjun is expected to take over the position on the same day.

Born in Wanaparthy, Justice Nagarjun completed his graduation at RLD College in Wanaparthy and earned his LLB from SSL Law College in Nanded. He later pursued an LLM at Osmania University and received a scholarship for research in International Conflict Resolution at the University of California, Berkeley. He obtained a Ph.D. from NALSAR University of Law in 2013.

Nagarjun began his legal career in 1986, practicing in civil, criminal, and revenue courts. He has held various positions, including Junior Civil Judge, Senior Civil Judge, and District Judge, and served as the Registrar General of the High Court. He was elevated to the Telangana High Court in 2022 before being transferred to the Madras High Court.

Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka Addresses Grain Procurement with Rice Millers

TPN, Hyderabad: In a recent cabinet sub-committee meeting held at the State Civil Supply Bhawan, Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka emphasized the critical role of rice millers in ensuring a smooth grain procurement process during the Kharif season.

Addressing the rice millers, Deputy CM Vikramarka urged them to collaborate effectively with the government to facilitate the collection of paddy without causing difficulties for farmers. He reiterated the importance of adhering to government regulations when purchasing grain from farmers. "The rice millers should buy grain from farmers following government regulations to ensure a fair and efficient procurement process," he stated.

Furthermore, Vikramarka stressed the necessity for the rice millers to convert the grain allotted to them during the Kharif season into rice within the stipulated time frame and supply it to the government. He assured the millers that their concerns would be addressed in the upcoming cabinet sub-committee meetings. "We will discuss the problems of rice millers to identify the root issues and work



towards effective solutions," he added.

The Deputy CM acknowledged the rising prices and changing needs within the agricultural sector, promising that the government would respond positively to the millers' challenges. He highlighted that Minister Uttamkumar Reddy has already brought the issues faced by the rice millers to the at-

tention of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, ensuring that their voices are heard at the highest levels of government.

This proactive approach aims to strengthen the relationship between the government and rice millers, ultimately benefiting farmers and enhancing the grain procurement process during the critical Kharif season.

TG Govt Releases Compensation Funds for Flood Damage



TPN, Telangana: The Telangana government has announced the release of compensation funds to assist farmers affected by recent floods. A total of ₹79.57 crore has been allocated to compensate for crop losses across 79,574 acres, impacting 79,216 farmers.

The compensation aims to alleviate the financial burden faced by farmers whose livelihoods were severely affected by the adverse weather conditions. The government will directly deposit these funds into the respective bank accounts of the farmers, ensuring a swift and effi-

cient distribution process.

This initiative reflects the government's commitment to supporting the agricultural community during challenging times. Officials have urged farmers to keep their bank details updated to facilitate the timely transfer of funds.

The state government continues to monitor the situation and is taking measures to provide additional support as needed, emphasizing its dedication to restoring the livelihoods of those impacted by the floods.

Agriculture Varsity Scientists Assess Paddy Fields in Karimnagar

TPN, Karimnagar: A team of scientists from Prof. Jayashankar Telangana State Agriculture University visited fine variety paddy fields in Karimnagar rural mandal on Wednesday. This inspection followed complaints from farmers about the Jai Shri Ram gold variety paddy seed, supplied by the Mumbai-based Yashodha Hybrid Seeds Private Limited, which reportedly failed to germinate.

The team, comprising Dr. D. Sri-latha, Dr. P. Madhukar, and D. M. Rajendraprasad, examined the fields of several farmers, including Manda Thirupathi of Bommakal, Anumula Mallaiah of Gopalpur, Gujjula Devender Reddy, Kantham Satish Reddy, and Gujjula Maruthi Reddy of Cherlabuthkur, Busarapu Bhumaiah of Erukulla, Perumandla Srinivas of Chamanpalli, Damarapalli Ramanjaneyulu, Kasturi Malla Red-

dy, and Bonkuri Sudhakar Reddy of Nagunur.

The scientists gathered detailed information from the farmers about the issues they were facing with the crop. They informed the farmers that a comprehensive report would be submitted to the agriculture department within two to three days, incorporating the farmers' feedback and taking into account the prevailing climate conditions.

Mandal Agriculture Officer Satyam, along with Agriculture Extension Officers Paidithalli, Swarnalatha, Sucharitha, and Uday, accompanied the scientists during their field inspections. The farmers also participated in the visit, eager to share their experiences and concerns regarding the seed's performance, highlighting the need for effective solutions to ensure successful paddy cultivation.

Hyderabad: Tea Powder Adulteration Uncovered During Task Force Raid



TPN, Hyderabad: In a significant crackdown on food adulteration, the Task Force team raided the premises of Konark Tea in Fatehnagar on October 8, uncovering extensive adulteration of tea powder.

The inspection revealed that loose tea powder was being mixed with harmful substances before being packaged and distributed to various tea stalls across Hyderabad. Authorities seized a substantial quantity of adulterants, including:

- 300 kg of loose tea powder
- 200 kg of coconut shell powder
- 5 kg each of non-food-grade red and orange colors
- Artificial flavors such as chocolate, cardamom, and milk

These adulterants were added to enhance the color and flavor of the tea, posing serious health risks to consumers in the city. The Task Force collected samples of the adulterated tea powder for laboratory analysis, and appropriate action will be taken in accordance with the Food Safety and Standards (FSS) Act of 2006.

This raid was conducted with valuable support from the Central Zone Police Task Force, underscoring the commitment to ensuring the safety and well-being of tea consumers in Hyderabad.



Newborn Kidnapping Incident Shocks Sangareddy Hospital

TPN, Sangareddy: A shocking incident of newborn abduction has emerged from the District Government Hospital, highlighting a troubling trend in the region. Naseema, a pregnant woman from Dudigonda in Manuru mandal, was admitted to the hospital on Tuesday night for delivery. After a failed attempt at a normal birth, doctors performed a caesarean section, resulting in the birth of a baby girl.

Tragically, the newborn disappeared shortly after birth, sparking outrage among local residents. Eyewitnesses reported seeing three suspicious women lingering outside the operating room during the procedure.

Hospital staff and Naseema's family promptly filed a complaint with the Sangareddy police, who registered a case and initiated a search for the alleged kidnappers. The family raised suspicions against the three women and police are reviewing CCTV footage from the hospital in hopes of identifying the suspects.

This incident has reignited concerns about the rising number of newborn abductions in both government and private hospitals, where kidnappers reportedly target vulnerable mothers to sell babies to childless couples. Authorities are intensifying their efforts to locate the missing child and apprehend those responsible.



Kothagudem's Dasara Lucky Draw Offers Unique Prizes: Goat, Whiskey, and Silk Saree

TPN, Kothagudem: Organizers of the Dasara Navaratri festival in Kothagudem have introduced an innovative lucky draw to enhance the celebrations for both men and women.

At the Poshammagudi center Durga Puja pandal in Ramanjaneya Colony, the first prize is a 10 kg male goat, followed by a silk saree worth ₹5,000 for the second prize, two full bottles of Blenders' Pride whiskey for the third, traditional dress worth ₹2,000 for the fourth, and a country chicken valued at ₹1,000 for the fifth prize.

Coupons are priced at ₹100 each. According to pandal organizer Navathan, this is the first time they are installing a Durga Matha idol for the festival, and the lucky draw concept was designed to celebrate it in a unique way.

With a target of selling nearly 1,000 coupons, over 500 have already been sold. People from Hyderabad, Nizamabad, Bhadrachalam, Manugur, and other areas, including local residents, have purchased them.

Global Focus on the 2024 U.S. Election: Implications for India



The 2024 U.S. Presidential Election is capturing global interest, particularly as polls indicate a near tie between Vice President Kamala Harris and former President Donald Trump. With just a month remaining, recent events—such as a hurricane in North Carolina and rising tensions in the Middle East—seem to be shifting momentum back toward Trump after Harris initially gained traction following her nomination in August.

The election’s outcome will hinge on seven pivotal swing states: Pennsylvania, Michigan, North Carolina, Georgia, Nevada, Arizona, and Wisconsin, each of which could be decided by a few tens of thousands of votes. While Democrats historically win more overall votes, the ability to mobilize supporters in these critical states will be vital.

This campaign is marked more by impressions than specific issues, with Trump tapping into dissatisfaction with bureaucracy and advocating for lower taxes, immigration

restrictions, and social conservatism. Harris aims to appeal to youth, urban voters, and progressive causes, reflecting a deep divide in American society along age, class, and urban-rural lines.

For India, the election’s direct impact may be less pronounced compared to other nations. However, the results could still influence trade relations, military aid, and geopolitical dynamics. Should Trump win, India might face tougher negotiations over trade, especially concerning tariffs and immigration policies that could affect Indian workers and businesses in the U.S.

Both candidates’ foreign policy towards China will also be critical, with Trump likely adopting a confrontational stance while Harris may lean towards a more progressive approach. The selection of key advisors and Cabinet positions will ultimately shape U.S. foreign policy for the next four years, making the coming month and the transition period crucial for observers in India and worldwide.

Unprecedented Turmoil in West Asia: A Year of Conflict

West Asia is currently engulfed in unprecedented turmoil, as the conflict that began in Gaza a year ago threatens to escalate into a broader regional crisis. Southern Lebanon has become increasingly embroiled in the violence, raising concerns about potential conflicts involving Iran and Yemen.

Israel is adopting a militaristic stance, bolstered by the high-profile assassinations of Hamas leader Ismail Haniyeh and Hezbollah chief Hassan Nasrallah. This period of escalating tensions has prompted Iran to retaliate with missile strikes, while Israel issues stern warnings of future military responses. The situation remains precarious, with the Gaza war showing no signs of resolution.

Ayatollah Ali Khamenei recently asserted that all nations, including Palestinians and Lebanese, have the right to defend themselves against aggression, justifying the October 7 attack on Israel. His statements follow significant missile strikes by Iran’s Islamic Revolutionary Guards Corps (IRGC) against Israeli military targets. Khamenei’s call for a united Muslim response to Israel poses serious risks for regional stability.

Over the past year, conflict has devastated Palestinian and Arab communities, resulting in hundreds of thousands of civilian casualties. The latest escalation began on October 7, when Hamas attacked Israel, leading to massive retaliatory strikes that have killed approximately 42,000 Palestinians. The humanitarian crisis has reached alarming levels, with millions displaced and urgent needs for assistance.



In Lebanon, Israeli airstrikes have caused thousands of deaths, while violence has surged in the West Bank. Despite the scale of the crisis, the international community has largely remained passive, with the United Nations and International Court of Justice issuing resolutions that lack enforcement.

For Palestinians, this conflict is an existential struggle exacerbated by decades of Western inaction and complicity. The viability of a two-state solution continues to diminish as Israel’s territorial ambitions and illegal settlements undermine any prospects for peace. Recent actions by the Israeli parliament and officials reflect a growing rejection of Palestinian sovereignty, deepening the crisis in the region.

BJP’s Northeast Policy: Igniting Old Wounds Without Hesitation



The word “muscular” has become prevalent in discussions about the Modi government’s policies, raising questions about whether it signifies strength or weakness. A close examination of Manipur provides insight into this dilemma.

Supporters of the BJP might view its handling of Manipur as a demonstration of strength, while critics see it as a significant failure. However, the reality is more complex. Manipur reflects the BJP’s unique approach to governance in the Northeast, employing identity politics to navigate local tensions. The party seeks to counter small identity politics with a broader narrative—specifically, by framing conflicts as Meitei-Hindu versus Kuki-Christian dynamics.

Historically, the Congress party struggled with identity politics in this region, allowing tribal groups too much autonomy while often resorting to heavy-handed tactics against insurgencies. The BJP, however, aims to assert Hindu identity in the Northeast, believing that a strong, centralized approach is necessary to unify diverse communities.

Despite the BJP’s efforts, the situation in Manipur is deteriorating, marked by rising violence and unrest. Critics argue that the government’s inability to establish peace showcases a significant failure in governance. In contrast, BJP supporters might claim that the administration is valiantly protecting the Meitei majority against foreign-influenced threats.

The party’s internal contradictions are evident as its own chief minister demands control over central forces while simultaneously presenting a strong front against perceived threats. As the government grapples with rising identity conflicts across the Northeast, including in Nagaland and Meghalaya, the question remains: Is this approach yielding results, or is it exacerbating existing tensions?

Ultimately, the Modi government’s handling of identity politics in the Northeast is a crucial test of its strength and resilience.

Patience is Key: Democracy’s True Test in Sri Lanka, Bangladesh, and Pakistan

As Sri Lankans prepare to vote in a closely contested presidential election, it’s essential to reflect on the calm and mature transition the country has managed following recent upheavals. Unlike its neighbors, Sri Lanka’s political landscape is stable, with familiar faces vying for leadership, demonstrating a critical attribute: democratic patience.

In July 2022, Sri Lanka witnessed significant protests that led to the ousting of the government, yet there was no ensuing chaos or power vacuum. In contrast, Bangladesh faced a tumultuous aftermath, resulting in an unelected government and military involvement in governance. Similarly, Nepal, despite its own challenges, continues to work toward strengthening its democracy through persistence and patience.

Democracy can be messy, and societies often grapple with the consequences of political upheaval. Countries that succumb to impatience tend to seek quick fixes, as seen in Bangladesh, whereas Sri Lanka opted for

continuity and stability. Current President Ranil Wickremesinghe, a seasoned politician, represents this continuity, stabilizing the political environment while allowing the electorate to choose their next leader.

Historical patterns of political revolutions, such as the ‘Colour Revolutions’ and the Arab Spring, illustrate the potential pitfalls of seeking rapid change without a solid foundation. India faced its own moment of crisis during the Anna Hazare movement, which threatened to destabilize the democratic framework. However, the majority of the populace did not support the upheaval, and the political class effectively pushed back against the movement.

Ultimately, Sri Lanka’s experience underscores the importance of patience in democracy. While upheavals are inevitable, nations that embrace the complexities of democratic processes and resist the urge for quick fixes are more likely to emerge stronger and more unified.

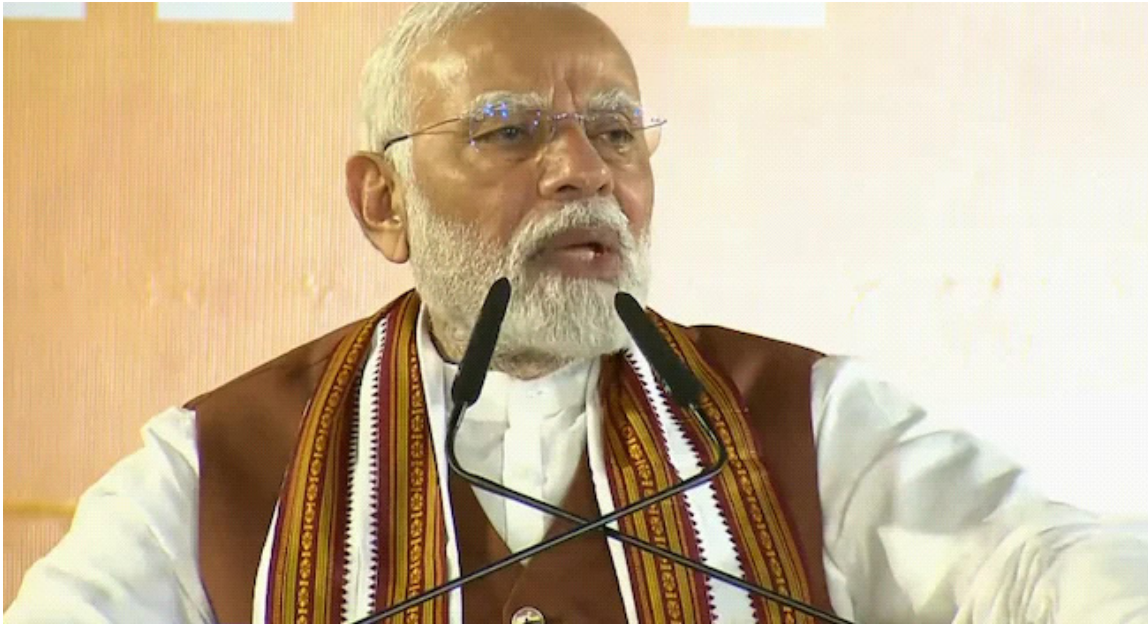


PM Modi Launches Development Projects Of Over ₹ 7,600 Crore In Maharashtra

Prime Minister Narendra Modi virtually laid the foundation stone for various development projects worth over ₹7,600 crore in Maharashtra on Wednesday. Key initiatives included the upgradation of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar International Airport in Nagpur and the New Integrated Terminal Building at Shirdi Airport.

The airport upgrade in Nagpur, estimated at around ₹7,000 crore, aims to boost growth across sectors such as manufacturing, aviation, tourism, logistics, and healthcare, benefiting both Nagpur city and the wider Vidarbha region. The new terminal at Shirdi Airport, costing ₹645 crore, will offer world-class facilities for religious tourists, with its design inspired by the spiritual Neem tree associated with Saibaba.

In addition to airport projects, PM Modi inaugurated the Indian Institute of Skills (IIS) in Mumbai and Vidya Samiksha Kendra (VSK). The IIS aims to develop an industry-ready workforce through cutting-edge technology and hands-on training, established under a Public-Private Partnership between the Tata Education and Development Trust and the Government of India. It will offer specialized training in fields like mechatronics, artificial intelligence, data analytics, industrial automation, and robotics.



The VSK will enhance access to academic and administrative data for students, teachers, and administrators through live chatbots. It will provide insights to schools for effective resource management, strengthen parent-state connections, and offer curated resources to improve teaching and learning outcomes.

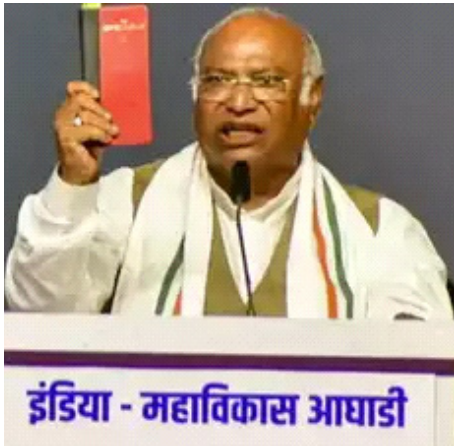
Additionally, PM Modi announced the launch

of 10 new government medical colleges in various locations, including Mumbai, Nashik, Jalna, and Amravati. These colleges will increase undergraduate and postgraduate seats while providing specialized tertiary healthcare.

Overall, the initiatives aim to bolster infrastructure, education, and healthcare in Maharashtra, positioning the state for future growth and development.

Election Commission Defends EVM Integrity After Congress Allegations in Haryana Polls

The Election Commission of India (EC) issued a strong rebuttal to the Congress party on Wednesday, following allegations made by Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge regarding tampering of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) in the recent Haryana assembly elections. The Congress had criticized the election results, labeling them as "unacceptable" and raising concerns about the integrity of the voting process.



In its letter, the EC emphasized the robustness and reliability of the electoral process, asserting that EVMs are secure and have multiple layers of verification to prevent tampering. The commission reiterated that all allegations should be substantiated with credible evidence, urging political parties to maintain faith in the electoral system.

The EC also pointed out that accusations against the voting machines undermine the democratic process and can erode public confidence in elections. The commission urged po-

litical leaders to focus on constructive dialogue rather than making unverified claims that could disrupt the electoral environment.

This exchange reflects the heightened tensions between the Congress and the EC, particularly in light of the Congress's dismal performance in Haryana, which has prompted the party to seek explanations and accountability. The EC's firm response aims to reassure voters and uphold the integrity of the electoral process.

Congress Leaders Meet Election Commission Concerns Over Haryana Poll Results

After a disappointing performance in the Haryana Assembly elections, senior Congress leaders, including KC Venugopal, Jairam Ramesh, Pawan Khera, and Ajay Maken, met with officials at the Election Commission of India (ECI) to express their concerns about the electoral process. The meeting follows the Congress party's allegations of irregularities in the counting of votes, particularly in several constituencies.

The ECI acknowledged Congress's concerns in a letter to party president Mallikarjun Kharge, referencing statements made by Congress leaders, including Rahul Gandhi, who described the election results as "unexpected." The commission noted that it would hold a meeting with the delegation at 6 PM to discuss these issues. Rahul Gandhi also hinted at potential complaints regarding the Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) in a social media post, indicating the party's intent

to challenge the legitimacy of the results. He expressed gratitude to the people of Haryana and reiterated the party's commitment to fighting for social and economic justice. In stark contrast to exit poll predictions, the BJP emerged victorious, securing 48 out of 90 seats in the Haryana Assembly. The Congress party, despite hopes of leveraging a decade of anti-incumbency sentiment against the ruling party, only managed to win 37 seats, falling short of expectations.

As the Congress leadership seeks clarity and answers from the ECI, the political landscape in Haryana remains tense, with allegations of electoral misconduct creating a backdrop for potential disputes in the run-up to future elections. The outcome has not only raised questions about the voting process but also highlighted the challenges the Congress party faces in regaining its footing in the state.

Mayawati Blames Jat Community's Casteism for Haryana Poll Losses

BSP chief Mayawati on Tuesday attributed the party's poor performance in the Haryana assembly elections to the "casteist" mindset of the Jat community. The Bahujan Samaj Party (BSP) contested the polls in alliance with the Indian National Lok Dal (INLD), but the BJP emerged victorious, securing 48 seats, followed by Congress with 37 and INLD with just two. The BSP garnered a mere 1.82% vote share.

In a post on social media platform X, Mayawati expressed disappointment that Jat voters did not support BSP candidates, who lost some seats by narrow margins. She noted that while the Jat community in Uttar Pradesh has shifted away from caste-based voting—resulting in BSP MLAs and ministers—the same change has not yet occurred in Haryana.

"This is a special advice," she stated, urging Jat voters in Haryana to reconsider their mentality. Mayawati thanked BSP members for their efforts in the elections, assuring them that their hard work would not be in vain. She encouraged party supporters to remain hopeful and be ready to carve out their own path moving forward. Mayawati's remarks underscore her belief in the necessity for political and social change among the Jat community to foster broader support for parties like the BSP in future elections.

Seeking Article 370 Restoration From BJP Foolish: Omar Abdullah

National Conference (NC) Vice President Omar Abdullah recently stated that seeking the restoration of Article 370 from the BJP, the party responsible for its removal, is "foolish." Nevertheless, he emphasized that his party would continue to raise the issue and push for its relevance in the political discourse of Jammu and Kashmir (J&K).

Abdullah's comments come in the wake of the NC-Congress alliance's victory in the 2024 Jammu and Kashmir Assembly elections, where they emerged as a formidable force against the BJP. He reiterated that the NC's political stance regarding Article 370 remains unchanged, asserting that the issue will remain central to their agenda.

"I have often said that hoping for the restoration of Article 370 from those who took it away is naive," Abdullah remarked. However, he remains committed to keeping the dialogue alive, expressing hope for a future change in government that would facilitate discussions on the matter.

Additionally, Abdullah urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to fulfill his promise of restoring J&K's statehood, which was revoked in 2019 alongside the abrogation of Article 370. This call aligns with the NC-Congress alliance's election platform, which prioritized statehood as a key issue. Abdullah noted, "The Prime Minister is an honourable man, and I hope he lives up to his word."

He pointed out that Modi's past statements indicated that the restoration of statehood should proceed without delay, rejecting any notion that statehood was contingent on the BJP forming a government in J&K. The recent election results, according to Abdullah, reflect a clear rejection of the BJP's policies, especially in Kashmir, where voters overwhelmingly opposed the party.

AAP Accuses BJP of Usurping Delhi Chief Minister's Bungalow

Days after Delhi Chief Minister Atishi moved into bungalow number 6 on Flagstaff Road, the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has alleged that the property has not yet been officially allotted to her. The party accused the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of attempting to "usurp" the bungalow, creating a stir in the political landscape.



Atishi relocated to the bungalow on Monday after her predecessor, Arvind Kejriwal, vacated it, moving to a new residence in Lutyens' Delhi. During a press conference on Wednesday, AAP Rajya Sabha MP Sanjay Singh claimed that the BJP has been spreading rumors and trying to destabilize the AAP in recent days.

"The BJP has now been unable to win assembly polls in Delhi and is now attempting to usurp the chief minister's bungalow," Singh asserted. He highlighted that while Kejriwal has vacated the property, it has yet to be formally allotted to Atishi, and the camp office of the chief minister is also vacant.

INDIA Bloc Turns On Congress After Haryana, J&K Results

Despite a better-than-expected performance in the Lok Sabha elections, the Congress party is back to square one following disappointing results in Haryana and Jammu and Kashmir. Within 24 hours of the election results, allies from the INDIA bloc, including Shiv Sena, Samajwadi Party, Aam Aadmi Party, and Trinamool Congress, launched sharp critiques, highlighting the Congress's perceived arrogance and lack of respect for smaller regional parties.

The longstanding "arrogance" label attached to Congress has resurfaced, with increasing blame directed at state leaders for rebuffing coalition partners. Notable instances include Madhya Pradesh's Kamal Nath denying seats to the Samajwadi Party and the reluctance of Congress leaders in Delhi and Punjab to share space with AAP. Bhupinder Hooda's team in Haryana also rejected collaboration with AAP, illustrating a trend of state leaders prioritizing their agendas over party unity.

Critics argue that the Congress's central lead-



ership has allowed state leaders too much autonomy, ignoring messages from Delhi and failing to manage internal factionalism. This lack of cohesion has resulted in hiccups in state alliances, particularly in Karnataka and Haryana, contributing to electoral setbacks.

Uddhav Thackeray's faction of Shiv Sena, Congress's ally in Maharashtra, delivered one of the sharpest critiques, particularly regarding the contentious seat-sharing discussions

ahead of upcoming elections. An editorial in the Sena's mouthpiece, *Saamna*, chastised the Congress for not accommodating its allies and for failing to control local leaders' disobedience.

Trinamool Congress echoed this sentiment, criticizing Congress's failure to respect alliance dynamics, while the Samajwadi Party has shown reluctance to cooperate with Congress since their 2017 assembly poll losses.



India and US Collaborate on Hydrogen Energy Transition

India and the US are emerging as leaders in the global energy transition, with a focus on supporting each other's hydrogen missions. On Hydrogen Day, Mukesh Aghi, president and CEO of the US India Strategic and Partnership Forum (USISPF), highlighted the collaboration between the two nations to address climate change through clean energy solutions, particularly hydrogen.

The US and India have established a Strategic Clean Energy Partnership, enhancing cooperation in clean energy supply chains, financing, investments, and research. Aghi emphasized the priority both countries place on their national hydrogen missions, aiming to develop a robust hydrogen economy in India, which promises ample employment opportunities.

Ajay Yadav from India's Ministry of New and Renewable Energy remarked that Hydrogen Day serves as a reflection of the successful dialogue at the recent International Conference on Green Hydrogen in New Delhi, which was partnered with the US. He noted that the National Green Hydrogen Mission is a crucial step toward establishing India as a global hub for green hydrogen production and technology.

Dr. Sunita Satyapal, Director of Hydrogen and Fuel Cell Technologies Office at the US Department of Energy, expressed gratitude for ongoing dedication to clean hydrogen technologies and the need for continued collaboration to meet goals.

The US-India Hydrogen Task Force, established in June 2021, includes over fifty industry and research players from both countries, focusing on accelerating clean hydrogen technologies. The partnership fosters cooperation among industry and research institutions, aiming to unlock hydrogen's potential as a clean energy solution.

Future initiatives will emphasize safety standards and collaboration through national labs to enhance hydrogen technology performance and reduce costs, paving the way for a sustainable energy future.

Russia Book Claims Trump Had "Private" Calls With Putin

The Kremlin has refuted claims made by American journalist Bob Woodward that former U.S. President Donald Trump spoke with Russian President Vladimir Putin as many as seven times after leaving office. Kremlin spokesperson Dmitry Peskov, in response to inquiries from RBC, stated, "No, that's not true."

In Woodward's upcoming book "War," it is alleged that Trump ordered an aide to leave his office at Mar-a-Lago in early 2024 to facilitate a private conversation with Putin. The Washington Post, which summarized the book, noted that the specifics of their discussions were not disclosed. Furthermore, a Trump campaign official expressed skepticism about the reported contacts.

The book claims that Trump may have communicated with Putin multiple times since leaving the White House in 2021, though these assertions remain unverified. Trump's campaign has dismissed the content of Woodward's book as "made-up," further complicating the narrative surrounding Trump's interactions with Russia.

While the Kremlin's denial aims to clarify the situation, the controversy continues to highlight the ongoing scrutiny of Trump's relationships with foreign leaders, particularly in the context of U.S.-Russia relations post-presidency. The implications of these alleged communications, whether factual or not, could have significant repercussions in political discussions and public perception as the 2024 election cycle approaches.

Maldives President Muizzu's India Visit Sparks Political Controversy

As Maldives President Muhammad Muizzu embarks on his first state visit to India from October 6 to 10, the main opposition has criticized his "naive and inexperienced" administration for attempting to conduct diplomacy through "lies and deceit." Former President Mohamed Nash-eed reinforced this sentiment, emphasizing the natural partnership between India and the Maldives during Muizzu's meetings with Indian leaders in New Delhi.

Muizzu, who took office last November after an aggressive 'India Out' campaign, had quickly requested the withdrawal of Indian military personnel from the Maldives. By May 10, around 90 personnel had been repatriated as part of a mutual agreement. Relations soured further when Maldivian ministers ridiculed Indian Prime Minister Modi after he shared photographs of the Lakshadweep Islands, leading to a significant drop in Indian tourist visits to the Maldives.

Abdulla Shahid, the president of the opposition Maldivian Democratic Party (MDP), expressed optimism about the revival of longstanding ties with India, thanking India for its steadfast support. He remarked that the current administration seems to be realizing that effective international relations require honesty and experience. Shahid pointed out that projects initiated during the pro-India presidency of Ibrahim Solih are continuing, highlighting the need for a constructive relationship with India.

Nasheed, who played a pivotal role in strengthening India-Maldives relations, celebrated the recent developments. He noted the shared cultural and historical ties between the two nations, expressing happiness over the improving relationship.

During his visit, Muizzu engaged with key Indian officials, including President Draupadi Murmu and Prime Minister Modi. A 'vision document' released post-talks confirmed India's commitment to enhancing the capabilities of the Maldives National Defence Force (MNDF).

Social media reactions in the Maldives varied, with many users mocking Muizzu's past anti-India rhetoric. Critics highlighted his previous statements, suggesting that the 'India Out' campaign was a deceptive ploy to gain political power.

Europe's LUNA Facility: Creating a Lunar Experience on Earth

The European Space Agency (ESA) and the German Aerospace Centre have launched the LUNA Analog Facility near Cologne, Germany, aiming to simulate lunar conditions on Earth. This innovative facility features a 700-square-meter replica of the moon's surface, composed of 900 tons of crushed volcanic rock designed to mimic the lunar terrain.

To recreate the moon's low-gravity environment, scientists plan to use ceiling-mounted trolleys that can track the movements of rovers and astronauts. This setup will help participants experience conditions similar to those they would face on the lunar surface.

ESA astronaut Alexander Gerst highlighted the facility's ability to simulate "most aspects that we will encounter on the moon," including lunar dust, rocks, and challenging lighting conditions.



Astronauts will train in spacesuits that restrict their movement and visibility, mirroring the difficulties of actual lunar missions.

The LUNA facility not only allows ESA astronauts but also partici-

pants from NASA and other space agencies to practice living and working in a moon-like environment. Juergen Schlutz, the facility's engineer and moon strategy lead, noted that the artificial regolith used in the simulation is

sourced from volcanic soils in Germany's Eifel region, Mount Etna in Italy, and rocks from Norway.

During demonstrations, astronauts Matthias Maurer and Thomas Pesquet showcased how the facility replicates the sun's glare, a significant challenge for vision during moon missions. They also practiced techniques for exploring lunar craters and sample collection. To further simulate lunar gravity, astronauts will have cables attached to their spacesuits, providing resistance that mimics walking and jumping on the moon.

Currently in its prototype phase, the LUNA facility is a crucial part of ESA's preparation for upcoming lunar missions. The agency has secured three spots in NASA's Artemis program, set for 2030, which will rely on collaborations with NASA and other partners to send European astronauts into space.

Netanyahu Warns Lebanon of Potential Devastation Like Gaza Due to Hezbollah



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu issued a stark warning to Lebanon on Tuesday, suggesting that the country could face destruction similar to that of Gaza if it continues to permit Hezbollah's operations within its borders. This statement coincided with an escalation of military activity by Israel along Lebanon's southern coastline, where additional troops have been deployed, and civilians have been advised to evacuate the area.

In a direct video message to the Lebanese populace, Netanyahu called on them to liberate their country from Hezbollah's influence to prevent further suffering and

devastation. "You have an opportunity to save Lebanon before it falls into the abyss of a long war that will lead to destruction and suffering like we see in Gaza," he stated.

Hezbollah's ongoing presence in Lebanon has been a focal point of tension, and Netanyahu's remarks underscored the urgent need for action against the group. "I say to you, the people of Lebanon: Free your country from Hezbollah so that this war can end," he urged, emphasizing the importance of addressing the issue to avoid a similar fate as Gaza, which has experienced extensive devastation amid the ongoing conflict.

Sri Lanka Cabinet Approves Trade Agreement with Russia

The Sri Lankan cabinet has approved a bilateral agreement aimed at facilitating legally valid trade activities with Russia, ensuring transparent and predictable customs procedures. This decision, initially granted approval on November 15, 2021, had been delayed despite ongoing discussions between the Sri Lankan and Russian governments.

The proposal, presented by President Anura Kumara Dissanayake, who also holds the roles of Minister of Finance, Economic Development, Policy Formulation, Planning, and Tourism, has now been set for signing. This agreement is expected to enhance trade relations between the two countries.

Since the dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991, trade between Sri Lanka and Russia has experienced significant growth. While Sri Lanka enjoyed a favorable balance of trade from 2007 to 2014, this gap has gradually diminished due to rising imports. Additionally, there has been a decline in tea exports to Russia



since 2015, leading to fluctuations in the trade balance.

The cabinet's approval signifies a step towards strengthening economic ties with Russia, aiming to create a more stable and transparent trading environment that can benefit both nations. As the agreement moves forward, it is anticipated that it will pave the way for increased trade volumes and improved economic collaboration.

Profit-Taking Drags Indian Markets Lower After Strong Early Gains; FMCG and Oil Stocks Under Pressure



Domestic stock markets were on a high note on Wednesday. The benchmark indices, which started with gains in the morning led by shares of ICICI Bank, Infi and Airtel, touched highs in the afternoon. Investors finally started to take profits and fell back into losses. It is noteworthy that the Nifty, which jumped by 250 points, ended with a loss of 31 points. RBI has made it clear that even if inflation is under control, it cannot cut interest rates now. Market breadth today favors buyers. 2716 stocks rose and 1224 fell. The rupee settled at 83.96 against the dollar.

The BSE Sensex, which closed at 81,634 in the previous session, opened at 81,954 today. It touched an intraday low of 81,342. peaked at 82,319. It eventually closed down 167 points

at 81,467. The NSE Nifty opened at 25,065 and touched a low of 24,947 and a high of 25,234. A total loss of 31 points closed at 24,981. Bank Nifty settled down 14 points at 51,007.

In Nifty50, 31 companies gained while 19 lost. Cipla, Trent, Tata Motors, SBI, Tech Mahindra are the top gainers. ITC, Nestle India, ONGC, Reliance and Hindustan Unilever were the biggest losers. Today bank, FMCG, private bank, oil and gas indices turned red. Realty, pharma, auto, finance, media, health-care and consumer durable indices rallied.

Nifty support at 25100, resistance at 25300. Investors can buy shares of Demart, Siemens, Cipla, Tata Motors, Ipka Labs in short term.

CDSL shares recovered from eleven days of losses. 8% jump today. Escort Kubota has been given a buy rating by EMAKE. Citi has maintained its Buy rating on Indraprastha Gas Limited. Citi has given Buy rating to Divis Lab shares. 6400 has been announced as the target. The Center will provide 100% funding for the Fortified Rice Scheme. Easy Trip Planners has considered issuing bonus shares. A block trade of 1.01 million shares took place in Coal India. Namo Waste Management has acquired 2 acres of land in Telangana. Sun Pharma will announce Q2 earnings on October 28. NCLT Ahmedabad approved the delisting of ICICI Securities. The objections of the minority shareholders were registered. SKF India's board has approved the separation of automotive and industry business.



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1. D-Mart (Avenue Supermarts Ltd)
D-Mart has been under moderate pressure recently but shows signs of recovery. It has strong



support around ₹4580 levels, and resistance can be seen near ₹4650. Watch for a breakout above resistance for a bullish signal. If it sustains above ₹4650, further upside is expected. If it maintains above ₹4650 with a target of ₹4850-4900. Otherwise, hold with stop-loss at ₹4550.

2. Siemens

Siemens has been showing consolidation after a recent upward move. The stock has strong support at ₹7660 and resistance at ₹7700. With its robust fundamentals and stable performance, a breakout above ₹7700 could indicate bullish momentum.



3. Cipla

Cipla has been in a steady uptrend supported by positive sectoral performance (pharma). The stock has support near ₹1660 and resistance at ₹1700. If global and domestic pharma trends remain positive, Cipla could continue its upward movement. Buy near current levels with a stop-loss of ₹1660 and a target of ₹1830-1900.



4. Tata Motors

Tata Motors has shown strong bullish momentum recently, driven by positive business updates and volume growth. Support is seen at ₹920, with resistance near ₹950. The stock may continue its upward trajectory, especially with strong sales performance and market sentiment around the auto sector. Buy with a target of ₹1050-1160, and a stop-loss at ₹920.



5. Ipca Labs

Ipca Labs has been facing some consolidation, with support at ₹1570 and resistance at ₹1600. Pharma stocks overall have shown resilience, and Ipca could gain if the sector momentum continues. If the stock breaks ₹1600, it could head toward ₹1775/1800. Buy near ₹1600 with a stop-loss at ₹1550 and a target of ₹1800.



RBI Increases UPI Lite and UPI 123PAY Limits to Boost Digital Payments



The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has announced an increase in the transaction limits for UPI Lite and UPI 123PAY, aimed at enhancing digital payment accessibility. The UPI Lite per transaction limit has been raised from ₹500 to ₹1,000, while the wallet limit has been increased from ₹2,000 to ₹5,000. Additionally, the UPI 123PAY transaction limit has been doubled from ₹5,000 to ₹10,000.

RBI Governor emphasized the transformative impact of UPI on India's financial landscape, highlighting its role in making digital payments more inclusive. He stated, "To further encourage wider adoption of UPI and make it more inclu-

sive, it has been decided to enhance the limits for UPI 123PAY and UPI Lite."

The enhancements reflect the RBI's commitment to promoting digital payment inclusivity. UPI 123PAY, introduced in March 2022, allows feature phone users to engage with UPI. This service is now available in 12 languages, and the increased transaction limit aims to expand its use cases.

Currently, UPI Lite supports auto-replenishment for small value payments. With the new limits, users can enjoy a higher transaction capacity, making it easier to manage everyday expenses in an offline digital mode.

The RBI is expected to issue necessary instructions to the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI) to implement these changes shortly. By raising these limits, the RBI aims to foster greater usage of digital payments, catering to a broader audience and ensuring seamless financial transactions across the country.

These adjustments are part of the RBI's broader strategy to enhance digital payment mechanisms and support economic growth.

NCLT Approves ICICI Bank's Delisting of ICICI Securities

The Ahmedabad bench of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) has approved ICICI Bank's application to delist its financial broking arm, ICICI Securities, from stock exchanges. Led by Justice Shammi Khan, the tribunal dismissed two objections against the delisting scheme.

Earlier, on August 21, the Mumbai bench of the NCLT also approved the delisting plan. ICICI Securities announced its intention to delist and merge with ICICI Bank in June 2023. The proposal received shareholder approval in March 2024, with 72% of minority shareholders voting in favor.

Under the delisting plan, ICICI Securities will become a wholly-owned subsidiary of ICICI Bank, with shareholders receiving 67 shares of ICICI Bank for every 100 shares of ICICI Securities held. However, minority shareholders Manu Rishi Gupta and Quantum Mutual Fund



raised concerns about the fairness of the swap ratio, arguing it would adversely affect their interests.

ICICI Securities countered these objections, asserting that the petitioners lacked standing to challenge the plan. In November, the Reserve Bank of India approved the delisting, subject to conditions, and the stock exchanges issued 'no objection' letters later that month.

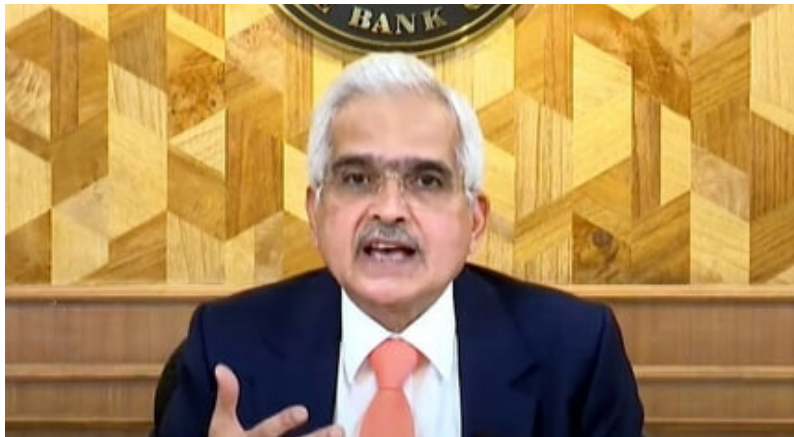
The NCLAT has also taken notice of the case, following an appeal by minority shareholders against the NCLT's order. A detailed order on the matter is still pending.

RBI Projects 7.2% GDP Growth for FY25, Inflation Expected at 4.5%

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has forecasted India's real GDP growth for FY25 at 7.2%, with Consumer Price Index (CPI) inflation expected to moderate to 4.5%. This announcement followed the Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting on Wednesday, where RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das provided insights into the economic outlook.

Das outlined that GDP growth is projected at 7% for Q2, 7.4% for both Q3 and Q4, while the first quarter of FY26 is anticipated to see growth of 7.3%. He emphasized that this growth trajectory will be supported by strong quarterly performances, driven by increased private consumption and investment. Notably, the investment share in GDP has reached its highest level since FY13.

While the overall economic activity remains robust, inflation forecasts indicate a rise to 4.8% in Q3, potentially easing in Q4 with the kharif harvest. However, Das warned that agricultural output could be



vulnerable to weather-related disruptions, impacting inflation trends.

In the first quarter of FY25, real GDP growth was recorded at 6.7%, benefiting from a revival in private consumption. Das noted that gross value added (GVA) grew by 6.8%, supported by strong performance in the industrial and services sectors.

On liquidity, the RBI reported surplus conditions in recent months, although shifts occurred in late September. Private investment intentions are improving, signal-

ing growing confidence in the economy.

Das acknowledged that while headline inflation is trending down, its pace remains slow and uneven. He expressed optimism that food inflation may ease later in the fiscal year, aided by strong kharif sowing and good soil moisture conditions.

In conclusion, Das reiterated that resilient growth allows the RBI to focus on achieving the inflation target of 4%. The MPC will remain vigilant of evolving economic indicators in the coming months.

India's Aviation Market Sees Strong Growth in September



India has solidified its position as the world's third-largest aviation market, following the US and China, while also being one of the fastest-growing major aviation markets globally. According to estimates from ICRA, the domestic aviation sector is thriving, with September witnessing an 8.1% year-on-year increase in air passenger numbers, reaching 1.32 crore.

Notably, this figure is 15.2% higher than pre-pandemic levels from September 2019. Indian airlines have also ramped up their capacity deployment, which increased by 7.3% compared to the same month last year. ICRA maintains a stable outlook for the Indian aviation sector, indicating strong recovery and growth.

The country's aviation industry has rebounded quickly from the impacts of the Covid-19 pandemic, which had significantly disrupted global air travel. With ongoing expansions in capacity and rising passenger numbers, India's aviation market is poised for continued growth in the coming months.

Meta Launches New AI Features to Enhance Ads on Facebook and Instagram



The new offerings, named Video Expansion and Image Animation, allow advertisers to modify their video content seamlessly, making it more engaging and visually appealing. With Video Expansion, advertisers can create tailored video ads that adapt to different audience segments, ensuring that their message resonates more effectively. Image Animation adds dynamic elements to static images, transforming them into eye-catching visuals that capture viewers' attention.

In a blog post released on October 8, Meta shared that they have started rolling out these innovative features, with plans to make them widely available by early next year. The introduction of generative AI tools marks a significant step forward in the way brands can leverage technology to enhance their marketing efforts.

These advancements align with the growing trend of using AI in advertising, as businesses seek to optimize their campaigns and create personalized experiences for users. By incorporat-

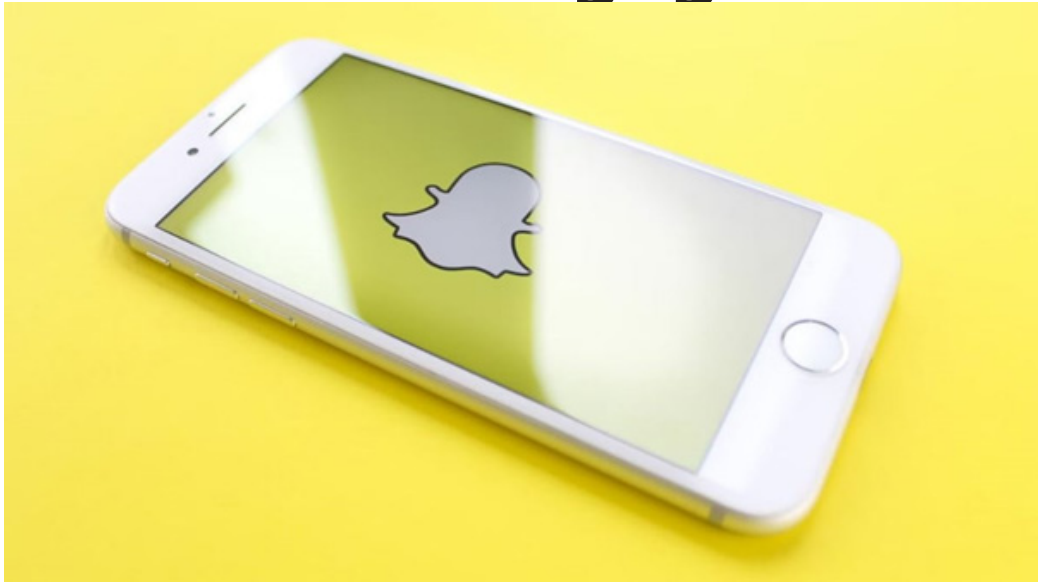
ing generative AI into their advertising strategies, brands can expect increased engagement and improved conversion rates.

Meta's commitment to innovation in advertising is evident as it continues to integrate cutting-edge technology into its platform. The combination of image and video generation tools aims to empower advertisers, giving them the creative flexibility needed to stand out in a crowded digital landscape.

As the digital marketing landscape evolves, tools like Video Expansion and Image Animation are set to play a crucial role in helping brands communicate their messages effectively. With these new capabilities, Meta is not only enhancing the advertising experience for businesses but also aiming to enrich the user experience on its platforms.

Overall, Meta's latest developments in generative AI promise to transform the way brands engage with their audiences, making advertising more interactive and impactful.

Snapchat Introduces Ads and Snap Map for Enhanced Engagement



Snapchat has announced plans to test advertisement placements in its app, aiming to enhance customer relationship management (CRM) system integrations. The platform is partnering with two dining franchises and an entertainment company, allowing businesses to visually engage with users through sponsored content.

In a recent blog post, Snapchat detailed the upcoming ads, which will appear in the Chats tab and on the Snap Map. Users can expect to see sponsored Snaps from Disney in their chats, while McDonald's and Taco Bell will advertise on the Snap Map, a feature that highlights popular locations shared by users.

The new ad format will enable businesses to send full-screen vertical video Snaps directly to Snapchatters. Importantly, this feature will be opt-in, meaning users can choose whether to open these Snaps. If not viewed, the ads will be automatically removed from the user's feed. Users will have the opportunity to interact with these sponsored Snaps, either by messaging the advertiser or utilizing the provided call-to-action options to visit predetermined links.

Snapchat assures that these ads will be distinct from personal chats and will not generate push notifications, maintaining a non-intrusive user experience.

In addition to the ads, Snapchat is leveraging its Snap Map feature, which allows users to share their locations and discover places of interest. The platform claims that ads on the Snap Map can boost visitation to featured locations by as much as 17.6 percent for frequent users, highlighting the effectiveness of this advertising approach.

Moreover, Snapchat has recently rolled out the Footsteps feature, now available to all users. Previously exclusive to subscribers, this feature helps users keep track of places they've explored and sent Snaps from, allowing them to reflect on past trips while utilizing stored Memories.

With these updates, Snapchat aims to create a more interactive and engaging experience for users while offering businesses new avenues for promotion and connection.

TikTok sued by 13 states and accused of harming younger users

TikTok is facing new lawsuits filed by 13 U.S. states and the District of Columbia, accusing the platform of harming young users and failing to protect them. The separate lawsuits, filed in states including New York, California, and others, expand the legal challenges faced by the Chinese-owned app and seek financial penalties.

The states allege that TikTok employs intentionally addictive software to keep children engaged for extended periods and misrepresents its content moderation capabilities. California Attorney General Rob Bonta stated, "TikTok cultivates social media addiction to boost corporate profits," emphasizing that the platform targets children who may lack the ability to set healthy boundaries regarding screen time.

New York Attorney General Letitia James added that young people's mental health is suffering due to addictive platforms like TikTok. The company, in response, expressed strong disagreement with the allegations, calling many of them "inaccurate and misleading." TikTok emphasized its safety features, such as default screen time limits



and privacy settings for users under 16.

Additionally, Washington D.C. Attorney General Brian Schwab accused TikTok of operating an unlicensed money transmission business through its live streaming and virtual currency features. He described the platform as "dangerous by design," aimed at creating screen addiction among young people.

Washington's lawsuit further alleged that TikTok facilitates sexual exploitation of minors, claiming its live streaming operates like a "virtual strip club with no age restric-

tions." Other states involved in the lawsuit include Illinois, Kentucky, Louisiana, Massachusetts, Mississippi, New Jersey, North Carolina, Oregon, South Carolina, Vermont, and Washington state.

Previously, in March 2022, a coalition of eight states began investigating TikTok's impact on youth, and in August, the U.S. Justice Department sued the company for allegedly failing to protect children's privacy. TikTok has consistently denied these allegations, rejecting claims made against it in court filings.

Canadian YouTuber Sets Guinness Record for Spicy Hot Sauce Consumption

Canadian YouTuber Mike Jack has set a new Guinness World Record by consuming 1.12 kg of spicy hot sauce in just three minutes, surpassing the weight of two soccer balls, which typically weigh around 450 grams each. The remarkable feat was showcased in a video shared by Guinness World Records on their official Instagram account.

In the clip, Jack pours two bottles of sriracha sauce into a bowl and quickly begins eating it with a teaspoon, demonstrating impressive speed and tolerance. After completing the challenge, he remarked, "That's too much sauce," and mentioned experiencing "flavour fatigue." Interestingly, he noted that part of his technique involves imagining he's eating a pumpkin pie to help him manage the intense spiciness.

Reactions from viewers have been varied and entertaining. One person commented, "My eyes hurt from watching alone," while an-



other wrote, "My mouth is on fire from watching this." Some fans expressed curiosity about Jack's limits, with one asking to see him attempt the challenge with ghost pepper sauce. Others humorously warned, "RIP his stomach, taste buds and toilet."

Despite the challenges of consuming such a large quantity of hot sauce, Jack has assured fans of his exceptional spice tolerance, claim-



ing he has never experienced any discomfort, including "burn-butt." He joked, "It's my superpower, I guess."

Jack's record-setting achievement not only highlights his unique talent but also showcases the growing trend of extreme food challenges on social media. As fans continue to react to his spicy accomplishment, Mike Jack stands out as a true champion of spice tolerance.

Apple Watch Saves Elderly Woman's Life with Heartbeat Detection

An elderly woman's life was recently saved by her Apple Watch, which detected an irregular heartbeat and prompted timely medical intervention. The watch's advanced health-tracking features, particularly the ECG (electrocardiogram) capability, identified a condition known as atrial fibrillation, leading the woman to seek immediate medical attention.

Nikias Molina shared this remarkable incident on X, noting that his Apple Watch Series 10 alerted him to his grandmother's irregular heartbeat. He posted a picture of the notification, stating, "My Apple Watch Series 10 detected my grandmother's atrial fibrillation today using the ECG feature. She's now at the hospital and receiving the care she needs. I still can't believe it." His post quickly garnered over 2.2 million views, sparking a wave of similar stories from users sharing their experiences with the watch's health features.

One user recounted how their moth-



er's Apple Watch detected AFib, even after initial tests at the hospital did not. Following the alerts from the watch, a doctor ordered further testing, confirming the diagnosis and ultimately saving the mother's life. Another user shared a story about a friend who had a serious car accident, with their Apple device notifying emergency contacts and first responders, leading to a swift rescue.

Commenting on the Apple Watch's impact, one user expressed, "This is one of the reasons I made the



switch to Apple. Their products are truly making a difference in people's lives." Others joined in, sharing their gratitude for the technology that provides crucial health insights and emergency alerts.

As these stories highlight, the Apple Watch continues to play a vital role in health monitoring and emergency situations, proving to be more than just a fitness tracker. It's a reminder of how technology can enhance personal safety and well-being.

India Aims to Seal Series Against Bangladesh in Second T20I



Team India is set to face Bangladesh in the second T20I of their three-match series at the Arun Jaitley Stadium on Wednesday. Having taken a 1-0 lead with a seven-wicket victory in the first match in Gwalior, India will look to clinch the series against a team they have historically dominated, winning 14 of their 15 encounters in this format.

India's recent form has been impressive, with the team winning their last five T20I matches. In contrast, Bangladesh, led by Najmul Hossain Shanto, has struggled, managing only one win in their last five outings. This sets the stage for a crucial match where India aims to extend their winning streak.

The Arun Jaitley Stadium has seen high-scoring games in the past, with five matches during the recent Indian Premier League witnessing eight innings surpassing the 200-run mark. Conditions are expected to be clear, with some dew anticipated later in the match, potentially affecting the second innings.

In a pre-match press conference, India's left-arm speedster Arshdeep Singh mentioned that captain Suryakumar Yadav and head coach Gautam Gambhir would assess the pitch conditions and

devise a game plan. Arshdeep noted the importance of understanding the wicket before the match, stating, "We will come tomorrow and see what could be a good plan here."

On the Bangladesh side, all-rounder Mahmudullah praised his team's bowlers, emphasizing their consistent performance over the years. Reflecting on the first match, he mentioned that the team should not lose confidence based on a single game and that they must approach the next match with a more organized strategy.

Notably, Mahmudullah has announced his retirement from T20I cricket, focusing on the ODI format. The final T20I against India at Rajiv Gandhi International Stadium will mark his last appearance in the T20I format for Bangladesh.

India:Sanju Samson (wk), Abhishek Sharma, Suryakumar Yadav (c), Hardik Pandya, Arshdeep Singh, and others.

Bangladesh:Parvez Hossain Emon, Litton Das (wk), Najmul Hossain Shanto (c), Mahmudullah, and others.

As both teams prepare, fans can expect an exciting clash as India seeks to secure the series victory.

Jurgen Klopp Appointed Head of Football Operations at Red Bull

Former Liverpool manager Jurgen Klopp has taken on a new role as head of football operations at Red Bull, overseeing its clubs in Leipzig, Salzburg, and New York. The announcement was made by the company on Wednesday. Klopp, who left Liverpool after a successful nine-year tenure, expressed that he was exhausted from the demands of the job, despite leading the club to significant achievements, including a Premier League title and a Champions League trophy.

In his new position, Klopp will not be involved in day-to-day coaching but will focus on higher-level strategic planning. According to Red Bull, he will act as a mentor for the coaches and management teams at the clubs. "After nearly 25 years on the sidelines, I couldn't be more excited to be involved in a project like this," Klopp stated.



He is set to begin his new role on January 1, 2025. Reports indicate that Klopp's contract includes an exit clause, allowing him to assume the German national team manager position should the opportunity arise.

Klopp, who spends much of his time in Majorca, also holds a sponsorship role with Adidas. His former club, Borussia Dortmund, expressed support for his new venture. Hans-Joachim Watzke, Dortmund's managing director, remarked that he had previously discussed the Red Bull role with Klopp, wishing him well in his new position.

Earlier this month, Klopp was honored with Germany's Federal Cross of Merit for his contributions to football. In addition to its extensive football operations, Red Bull is also known for sponsoring the reigning Formula One champion team led by Max Verstappen.

Lakshya Sen Advances to Round of 16 at Arctic Open

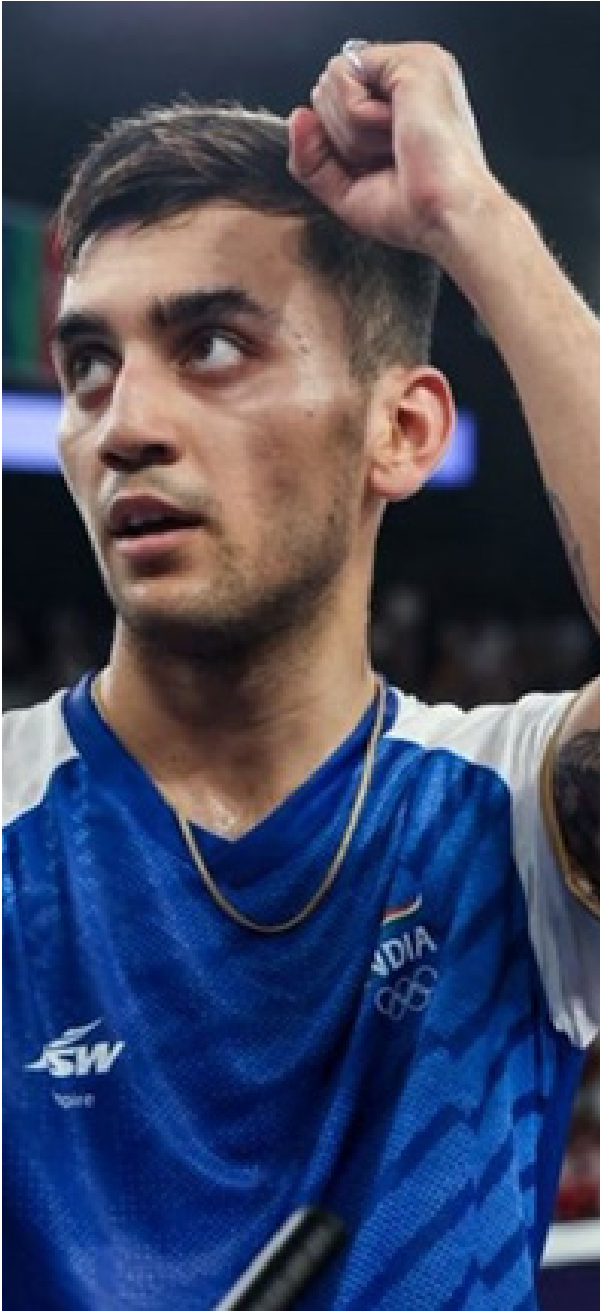
India's star shuttler Lakshya Sen advanced to the men's singles round of 16 at the Arctic Open Super 500 tournament in Finland after his opponent, Rasmus Gemke, withdrew from their opening round match on Wednesday. This marks a positive turn for Sen, who recently faced disappointment in the bronze medal play-off at the Paris Olympics. In the next round, he will compete against the winner of the match between seventh seed Chou Tien Chen from Chinese Taipei and qualifier Arnaud Merkle from France.

Alongside Sen, qualifier Kiran George is the only other Indian player in action on Wednesday. He is set to face Tzu Wei Wang of Chinese Taipei later in the day, looking to continue India's strong representation in the tournament.

Earlier on Tuesday, rising Indian shuttler Malvika Bansod showcased her impressive form by pulling off a stunning upset against world No. 23 Sung Shuo Yun of Chinese Taipei. Bansod, 23, displayed remarkable resilience, winning the match 21-19, 24-22 in 57 minutes, and moving on to the women's singles pre-quarterfinals. However, she faces a tough challenge ahead, as she is set to meet former world champion Ratchanok Intanon of Thailand in the next round.

Another promising talent, Unnati Hooda, also progressed after defeating Brazil's Juliana Viana Viera with a score of 21-16, 23-25, 21-17. Hooda will next encounter Michelle Li from Canada. Rising shuttler Aakarshi Kashyap secured her place in the round of 16 by beating Germany's Yvonne Li 21-19, 21-14, and will face second seed Yue Han of China in her upcoming match.

Overall, the tournament has seen strong performances from Indian shuttlers as they aim for success on the international stage.



India and Vietnam Gear Up for Historic Football Clash

The football rivalry between India and Vietnam has deep roots, dating back to the 1950s and 1970s when India faced the South Vietnam national team in several Merdeka Cups and Asian Games. However, encounters in the 21st century have been scarce. This Saturday's match in Nam Dinh marks only the fourth time India will face unified Vietnam in senior internationals, all of which have been friendly matches. The last meeting in 2022 saw Vietnam win 3-0 during the Hung Thinh Friendly Tournament.



The current Vietnamese squad features 13 players from the previous encounter, including notable goalscorers Nguyen Van Toan and Nguyen Van Quyet. India brings back 10 players from their last trip, including Gurpreet Singh Sandhu and Lallianzuala Chhangte.

Both teams are currently rebuilding under new head coaches after disappointing FIFA World Cup qualifying campaigns. India narrowly missed advancing, finishing just two points behind Kuwait, while Vietnam ended up behind Iraq and Indonesia in their group. Vietnam, ranked 116th in the world, has appointed former South Korean international Kim Sang-sik, who has seen mixed results so far.

2024 has not been kind to either side, with India winless since November 2023 and Vietnam

suffering 10 defeats in their last 11 matches. Both teams are eager for a turnaround, with India's coach Manolo Marquez acknowledging the difficulty of playing away. He emphasized that while the team is physically improving, they still need more match experience.

Vietnam's squad features a blend of experienced players like striker Nguyen Van Quyet and younger talents such as 20-year-old forward Nguyen Dinh Bac, who has already scored two goals for the national team. However, they will be missing key players due to injuries.

Both teams have been training intensively ahead of the match, with Vietnam training since October 5 and India focusing on building team cohesion. As the rivalry reignites, fans eagerly await what promises to be an exciting contest.

Jannik Sinner Advances to Shanghai Masters Quarter-finals

World number one Jannik Sinner secured his place in the quarter-finals of the Shanghai Masters on Wednesday, defeating American Ben Shelton in straight sets. This victory was particularly significant for Sinner, as it avenged his loss to Shelton at the same stage last year. The Italian showcased his confidence throughout the match, winning 6-4, 7-6 (7/1) in just 88 minutes.



Sinner gained the upper hand in the first set by breaking Shelton's serve in the ninth game, capitalizing on an error when Shelton hit long. He continued to assert his dominance in the second set, particularly in the tiebreak, where he maintained control and secured the win.

"It was very tough; you don't have so much control when you play against him," Sinner commented. "I just tried to stay strong mentally."

On the same day, other top players were also

in action, including world number two Carlos Alcaraz, who recently defeated Sinner in the China Open final. Four-time Shanghai champion Novak Djokovic and world number three Alexander Zverev were also competing, adding to the excitement of the tournament.

With this win, Sinner looks to build momentum as he aims for his first Shanghai Masters title, further establishing his status as one of the top players in the world.

Suhas Janaka Aithe Ganaka Trailer Released

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Tollywood heartthrob Suhas is riding high on success with a string of hits, including “Ambajipet Marriage Band,” “Prasanna Vadanam,” “Sriranga Neethulu,” and “Gorre Puranam.” This Dussehra, he’s set to captivate audiences again with his latest film, “Janaka Aithe Ganaka,” directed by Sandeep Reddy Bandla and produced by Harshit Reddy and Hansita under the renowned Dilraju Productions banner.

Scheduled for release on October 12, the film’s recently launched trailer hints at a thought-provoking narrative. It centers around the challenges faced by a middle-class youth, played by Suhas, who dreams of raising children in a world where exorbitant fees are demanded even for LKG and UKG admissions. The story takes a comedic yet poignant turn when Suhas’ wife reveals she is pregnant, prompting him to confront the realities of parenthood.

In a twist of fate, Suhas decides to file

a lawsuit against a company supplying substandard condoms, claiming their product led to this unexpected pregnancy. This unusual premise sets the stage for a captivating courtroom drama that explores societal norms, family responsibilities, and the often-humorous struggles of modern parenting.

The film features a talented ensemble cast, including Sangeet, Vennela Kishore, and veteran Rajendra Prasad, all contributing to the lighthearted yet impactful storytelling. With its engaging concept and Suhas at the helm, “Janaka Aithe Ganaka” promises to be a family entertainer that resonates with audiences.

As the release date approaches, excitement builds for what promises to be a compelling cinematic experience. Will Suhas emerge victorious in his legal battle, or will he find unexpected lessons along the way? Audiences will have to wait until October 12 to find out!

Samyuktha to Star in Her First Heroine-Centric Thriller

Actress Samyuktha, known for her roles in various high-budget films, is gearing up to make her mark in a heroine-oriented project. She is set to take on a powerful role in an upcoming thriller directed by Yogesh KMC, which promises to showcase her talent in a unique way.

The film is being produced by Razes Danda under Hasya Movies, in collaboration with Maganti Pictures, a production house celebrated for delivering hits like “Samajavaragamana” and “Ooru Peru Bhairavakona.” With such a strong pedigree behind it, anticipation for this project is already building.

The movie was officially launched today with an elaborate pooja ceremony, marking the beginning of production. Notable actor Rana Daggubati had the honor of clapping the board, while esteemed producer Dil Raju switched on the camera for the muhurtham shot. The ceremony was directed by Vassishta and Ram Abbaraju, adding to the excitement surrounding the project. Notably, the script was handed over to the team by acclaimed writers Venky Kudumula and Kona Venkat, ensuring a strong narrative foundation.



This high-budget venture will see Brahma Kadali handling the art department, while the editing will be overseen by Chota K Prasad, both of whom have impressive credentials in the industry. With such a talented crew involved, the film is expected to deliver a visually stunning and engaging experience.

As more details about the project emerge, fans are eager to see how Samyuktha’s character unfolds in this thrilling narrative. Her transition to a lead role marks an exciting new chapter in her career, and viewers can look forward to a compelling story that promises to keep them on the edge of their seats. Stay tuned for updates as this promising project develops!

Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 Trailer Unveiled: A Blend of Horror and Comedy



The trailer for “Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3,” directed by Anees Bazmee, was released on Wednesday by T-Series, showcasing a nearly four-minute glimpse into the film’s unique mix of psychological horror and comedy. The launch took place at an event in Jaipur, generating excitement among fans.

The trailer opens with a backstory of Manjulika, whose menacing presence has been felt for centuries. Vidya Balan returns as Manjulika, dramatically declaring, “I’m Manjulika!” Meanwhile, Kartik Aaryan’s character, Rooh Baba, advises that instead of fearing ghosts, people should learn to exploit their presence. The trailer features a blend of humor, spotlighting comedic moments with Kartik, Sanjay Mishra, Rajpal Yadav, and Ashwini Kalsekar.

As the narrative unfolds, the tone

shifts when Manjulika returns, this time using Madhuri Dixit’s character as a pawn to sow chaos. Madhuri’s character echoes Vidya’s declaration, “I’m Manjulika,” amplifying the tension. Rooh Baba finds himself caught in a whirlwind of romance and comedy, battling the dual threat posed by both Manjulika figures.

The trailer concludes with a humorous twist as Triptii Dimri’s character hints at an impending marriage with Rooh Baba. Just as he smiles at the prospect, he suddenly panics and rushes away, leaving viewers intrigued. Rajesh Sharma also makes an appearance, adding to the film’s ensemble.

“Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3” promises to deliver a captivating experience, intertwining elements of horror, humor, and romance, making it one of the most anticipated releases.

Gopichand’s Viswam completes censor; Set for a grand release on Oct 11



Action hero Gopichand is collaborating with director Sreenu Vaitla for the first time in the upcoming high-budget action comedy, “Viswam,” which is set to hit theaters on October 11. The film has successfully completed its censor formalities, receiving a UA certification from the CBFC, and is now ready for release.

The recently unveiled theatrical trailer has garnered positive responses from audiences, raising excitement around the film. Both Gopichand and Sreenu Vaitla are eagerly anticipating the box office performance on release day.

“Viswam” features young actress Kavya Thapar as the female lead, while the project is produced by leading Tollywood producer TG Vishwa Prasad under his People Media Factory, in collaboration with Venu Donepudi of Chitralayam Studios. The film’s music is composed by Chaitanya Bharadwaj, adding to the anticipation surrounding this action-packed entertainer.

Aghathiya A Pan-India Fantasy Thriller Set for Release

“Aghathiya,” a highly anticipated pan-India fantasy thriller, features a dynamic cast led by Wah and Arjun, alongside Rashi Khanna, European actress Matilda, and American actor Edward Sonnenblick. Directed by P. Vijay and produced by Dr. Ishari K. Ganesh, the film is set to be released simultaneously in Telugu, Tamil, and Hindi.

The film’s storyline centers on a profound journey of two characters navigating an unknown world, exploring the intricacies of human relationships. Director P. Vijay describes “Aghathiya” as a captivating fantasy drama that emphasizes the bond between the lead characters, played by Arjun and Jeeva. The narrative promises a visual spectacle, featuring an impressive 90 minutes of CGI, designed to enthrall the audience and provide an unforgettable cinematic experience.



The first look of the film has already been unveiled, showcasing the lead actors and hinting at the rich visual storytelling that awaits viewers. Vijay emphasizes that the film will be both entertaining and thought-provoking, blending fantastical elements with relatable human emotions.

Supporting the lead cast are talented actors Yogi Babu, VTV Ganesh, Motta Rajendran, and Redin Kinglsey, all contributing to the film’s diverse character dynamics. The cinematography is handled by Deep Kumar, while the musical score is composed by the acclaimed Yuvan Shankar Raja, adding another layer of excitement to the film’s overall appeal.

As the release date approaches, “Aghathiya” is generating significant buzz, promising a unique blend of fantasy and drama that aims to resonate with audiences across different languages. Fans eagerly await this cinematic adventure, ready to embark on an extraordinary journey into the unknown. Stay tuned for more updates as the film gears up for its much-anticipated debut!