



Weather Forecast

HYDERABAD	VIJAYAWADA	TIRUPATHI
H 33°C L 25°C	H 35°C L 26°C	H 36°C L 26°C

DCM Pawan Kalyan Launched Village Festival Program

A Push for Development and Community Involvement



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Deputy Chief Minister and Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Minister Pawan Kalyan inaugurated the "Village Festival" program, aimed at fostering development through community participation. Speaking at the event, he emphasized that the initiative represents a significant step forward, with 30,000 works planned and funds of ₹4,500 crores allocated for completion by Sankranti.

Minister Pawan Kalyan urged everyone to participate in the festival, stating, "This is a festival of great development, with the people, by the people, and for the people." He highlighted the importance of transparency and accountability in governance, noting the previous government's failure to engage the community in decision-making.

"During the previous government, the Panchayati Raj Minister was virtually unknown, and there were no records of Gram Sabhas held over the past five years. We are committed to ensuring that every work of the coalition government is known to the people," he said. He also acknowledged the valuable administrative experience of Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, which he believes will benefit the state.

Pawan Kalyan called for coordinated efforts among various departments to ensure the timely completion of all works, stating, "Employment Guarantee Scheme is a great program that can significantly change the living

conditions of villagers."

He encouraged the participation of all citizens, urging MPs, MLAs, and public representatives to lead by example throughout the week-long festival. With ambitious targets set for infrastructure, sanitation, and education, the government aims to create beautiful, thriving villages.

Prominent attendees included Minister Kollu Ravindra, MP Vallabhaneni Balashouri, and several MLAs, who expressed their commitment to this development initiative.

"I Will Not Compete with Anyone in Films"

Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, during the launch of the village festival program in Krishna district, addressed his fans, emphasizing that responsibility comes before entertainment. He remarked that the youth should be prioritized for employment and that the state's economy should be stabilized before indulging in festivities.

While responding to fans chanting his name, Pawan stated, "I will not compete with anyone in movies," highlighting that every actor excels at different levels. He expressed his desire for the well-being of all actors, mentioning industry stalwarts like Balakrishna, Chiranjeevi, Jr. NTR, Mahesh Babu, Ram Charan, Allu Arjun, and Nani, wishing success for each of them.

CM Chandrababu Held a Teleconference Amid Heavy Rains in AP

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: As heavy rains continue to lash several districts of Andhra Pradesh, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu held a teleconference with ministers, district collectors, and other officials to review the situation. During the conference, the Chief Minister instructed officials to remain alert, particularly near canals, ponds, and other water bodies, emphasizing the need for preventive measures to avoid potential flooding and other hazards.

Heavy Rainfall Expected in AP

A low-pressure system has formed in the South-east Bay of Bengal and is moving west-north-west towards North Tamil Nadu and the coastal regions. The Visakhapatnam Meteorological Center has indicated that this weather pattern may bring very heavy rains to several districts along the south coast of Andhra Pradesh.

Chandrababu advised special attention to the embankments of ponds and canals and suggested that warning boards be placed near water sources to ensure public safety. He also called for proactive steps to prevent loss of life and property, including setting up control rooms to respond quickly to public requests.

According to meteorological forecasts, Nellore and Prakasam districts are expected to experience the heaviest rainfall. Additionally, Krishna and Guntur districts will also see significant precipitation due to this weather system.

The Chief Minister further instructed that alerts be sent to people's mobile phones about the weather conditions, ensuring that everyone stays informed. He emphasized the importance of a swift response to emergencies and coordination between the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) teams.

The Visakhapatnam Meteorological Center has also warned of strong winds, with gales expected to blow at speeds of 35 to 45 km/h along the southern coast. An orange alert has been issued for Nellore and Prakasam districts, while a yellow alert has been issued for Chittoor and Kadapa districts, signaling potential adverse weather conditions.

According to officials, heavy rains are expected to continue in the districts of Anantapur, Kadapa, Chittoor, Nellore, and Prakasam until Thursday. NDRF and SDRF teams have already been deployed in these areas to handle any emergencies.

KVS Srinivas, an official from the Meteorological Department, has advised fishermen to refrain from venturing into the sea due to the forecast of rough seas and dangerous conditions. Residents in the affected areas are urged to remain vigilant and take necessary precautions in anticipation of the impending rains.



Activists Pay Tributes to Prof. GN Saibaba at Gun Park Memorial

TPN, Hyderabad: Hyderabad, Oct 14: Human rights activists and political leaders gathered at the Gun Park Martyrs Memorial near the Telangana Assembly on Monday to pay their final respects to Professor GN Saibaba, who passed away on October 13 following complications from gall bladder surgery at Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences.

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Professor Kasim, a close associate, recalled Saibaba's pivotal role in mobilizing two lakh people for a massive public meeting in Warangal in December 1998, which culminated in the historic 'Warangal Declaration' in support of the Telangana statehood movement. Kasim

noted that even former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao had acknowledged the significance of the Warangal Declaration during his address in the assembly after assuming office in 2014.

"Saibaba was a relentless advocate for quality education, equal opportunities, and healthcare for all. He also defended the rights of Adivasis in Chhattisgarh, asserting their claim over natural resources. His work and sacrifice will inspire generations to come," Kasim stated during his tribute.

A heated argument occurred between the police and the activists when the latter were asked to vacate the venue soon after the professor's mortal remains were brought to the memorial. Despite the tension, the activists paid tribute to Saibaba by raising "Laal Salaam" slogans before departing for Moula Ali, where his remains were to be donated to Gandhi Medical College for re-



The event marked a somber yet powerful farewell to the late professor, whose legacy as an activist and academic continues to resonate across Telangana and beyond.

New Liquor Policy As Been Implemented In AP

Starting From Tommorrow...



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The final count is in 3,396 liquor shops have attracted a staggering 89,882 applications, resulting in an average of 26.46 applicants competing for each store. The application deadline closed at midnight on Friday, leading to a significant revenue boost for the state, totaling ₹1,797.64 crores from application fees alone, each costing ₹2 lakh.



CM Chandrababu Announced Ratan Tata Innovation Hub in Amaravati

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has taken a key decision to establish the Ratan Tata Innovation Hub in Amaravati, aimed at fostering innovation and mentoring startups in the state. In a recent review meeting with ministers and officials from the departments of Industrial Development, Micro, Small, Medium Enterprises (MSME), and Food Processing, the Chief Minister announced this ambitious initiative.



The Ratan Tata Innovation Hub will focus on creating a robust entrepreneurship ecosystem, providing guidance and mentorship to startups across various sectors. Leading business groups will play a crucial role in mentoring these startups, helping them with technology adoption, skill development, and overall growth in emerging industries.

Additionally, the hub will be connected to five zonal centers across Andhra Pradesh, ensuring accessibility and support for businesses in all regions of the state. This initiative is part

of the government's broader strategy to boost industrial development while balancing welfare schemes.

Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu emphasized that this innovation hub will serve as a crucial platform for promoting technological advancements and enhancing the capabilities of small and medium enterprises, further contributing to the state's industrial progress.

AP High Court Rejects Ponnnavolu Sudhakar Reddy's Petition for Police Security

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Ponnnavolu Sudhakar Reddy, a senior lawyer and former Additional Advocate General in Andhra Pradesh, faced a setback in the state High Court as his petition seeking police security was dismissed. The High Court ruled that Ponnnavolu does not require police protection, upholding the findings of the state's Security Review Committee, which had previously determined there was no threat to his life.



dict today, rejecting Ponnnavolu's request.

Earlier in the hearings, the court had already expressed doubts about the necessity of police protection for Ponnnavolu, referring to the conclusions of the Security Review Committee. The court had suggested that if Ponnnavolu had objections to the committee's findings, he should challenge their re-

port. Despite this, the High Court maintained its stance, leaving Ponnnavolu disappointed with the final ruling.

This verdict marks a significant moment in Ponnnavolu's legal career, as the senior advocate lost the case he personally fought for.

The court's decision came after lengthy arguments, during which Ponnnavolu argued for continued police security. However, the High Court bench reserved its judgment and, following a detailed review, announced the ver-

YCP Leaders Attended Police Interrogation in TDP Office Attack Case

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Leaders from the YSR Congress Party (YCP), including Devineeni Avinash, Lella Appireddy, and Talashila Raghuram, attended questioning at the Mangalagiri Rural Police Station in connection with the attack on the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) central office. The police are investigating several aspects of the case, including the whereabouts of the leaders on the morning of the attack, their meeting locations, and the areas they frequented.



The incident occurred on October 19, 2021, during the YCP's regime when followers of Alla Ramakrishna Reddy, along with Avinash and Appireddy, reportedly attacked the TDP office. This incident has raised significant concerns about political violence in the region, prompting authorities to take action against those involved.

As the investigation unfolds, the involvement of YCP leaders in the questioning reflects the seriousness with which law enforcement is treating this case, aiming to ensure accountability for the violence against the TDP office. The public and political observers will be closely monitoring developments as the CID prepares to take over the investigation.

Recently, orders were issued to transfer this case to the Crime Investigation Department (CID); however, the delivery was delayed due to some technical reasons. In the meantime, the Mangalagiri police continue their investigation.

The competition is especially fierce in the NTR district, where an average of 52 applications were received per shop, with 132 applications for one location and 120 for another. Eluru, East Godavari, Guntur, Vizianagaram, and West Godavari districts are also seeing high demand, with many shops receiving over 70 applications. In contrast, political interference has led to fewer applications in Tirupati and Sri Satyasai districts, where only 17 applicants are competing

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for each shop, indicating a formed syndicate that has reduced competition.

A lottery will be conducted on Monday for the

Startup Andhra, More Than a Slogan, a Powerful Tool for Change - Nara Lokesh



TPN, New Delhi: Andhra Pradesh's Minister for Education, IT, and Electronics, Nara Lokesh, emphasized that "Startup Andhra" is not just a slogan but a key strategy for transforming governance and the state's technological landscape. Lokesh made these remarks while participating in the US India Strategic Partnership Forum Leadership Summit held at the Taj Mahal Hotel in New Delhi.

The event, chaired by John Chambers, Chairman of the Forum and Founder of J2C Ventures, featured a fire-side conversation where Lokesh answered questions from Virat Bhatia, Managing Director of Apple India. He highlighted Andhra Pradesh's commitment

to providing a conducive environment for industrial development, positioning the state as an ideal destination for tech-driven ventures.

Minister Lokesh revealed that the state government has adopted cutting-edge technology to address various challenges, citing the recent use of drones during the floods in September as a prime example. He described how the government deployed drones, capable of carrying up to 40 kg, for relief operations in flood-affected areas such as Vijayawada. These drones played a crucial role in delivering aid to hard-to-reach locations, showcasing the potential of technology in disaster management.

"Startup Andhra is not merely a catchphrase," Lokesh remarked, "It is a weapon to radically change how governance is conducted, using innovative methods and integrating new technology." He also pointed to the rise of seed companies in Andhra Pradesh, which have contributed significantly to modernizing the state's disaster response mechanisms.

As Andhra Pradesh continues to position itself at the forefront of India's technological advancements, Lokesh's participation in the leadership summit underscores the state's ambition to harness innovation and entrepreneurship as catalysts for progress.

Choreographer Johnny Master's Bail Rejected in Sexual Assault Case

TPN, Hyderabad: Renowned choreographer Johnny Master has suffered a legal setback as the Ranga Reddy District Court rejected his bail petition in a case of sexual assault. Johnny Master was arrested following allegations that he had sexually assaulted an assistant choreographer. He is currently being held at Chanchalguda Jail in Hyderabad.



The choreographer had recently filed for bail in the Ranga Reddy District POC SO (Protection of Children from Sexual Offenses) Court. However, after a thorough hearing, the court dismissed his petition. Johnny Master had been taken into custody by Narsinghi police for a four-day interrogation, conducted with court approval.

The case has sent shockwaves through the film industry, with the arrest of such a high-profile choreographer attracting significant public attention. As the legal proceedings continue, Johnny Master remains in custody awaiting further developments in the case.

Major Cases In AP, All transferred to CID by DGP

- Attack on TDP office
- Attack on Chandrababu's house
- Case filed by Raghurama
- Attack on Gannavaram TDP office

tion, have led to heightened security measures and calls for accountability.

So far, more than 110 cases related to these violent incidents have been registered, resulting in the arrest of over 30 individuals. The government has expressed its commitment to bringing the culprits to justice and restoring peace in the affected areas.

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Andhra Pradesh government has intensified its approach to several high-profile cases by transferring the investigation of the Kadambari Jethwani case to the Crime Investigation Department (CID). This move follows a series of violent incidents that have raised concerns about security and law enforcement in the state.

Mangalagiri Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) is scheduled to hand over the files related to the Kadambari Jethwani case to the CID today. This transfer is part of a broader effort to enhance the efficacy of investigations into attacks that have sparked fear and unrest among citizens.

Attack on TDP office, attack on Chandrababu's house, case filed by Raghurama, attack on Gannavaram TDP office..

The decision to involve the CID reflects the government's determination to address the ongoing security challenges and to ensure that those responsible for violent acts are held accountable. With this proactive stance, the Andhra Pradesh government aims to bolster public confidence in law enforcement agencies and create a safer environment for its citizens.

In recent developments, the state police have transferred numerous significant cases to the CID, signaling a shift in strategy to ensure more thorough investigations. Among these cases are the attacks on the residence of former Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu and the central office of the Telugu Desam Party (TDP). The attacks, which have drawn considerable public and media atten-

As the CID takes charge of the Jethwani case and other significant investigations, the public will be watching closely to see how effectively these cases are resolved and whether justice will be served in the wake of these violent events.

icity has proven profitable, generating substantial revenue, with an anticipated ₹300 crores from the first installment of the license fee due within 24 hours of winning the lottery.

Successful applicants can begin operations as early as Wednesday, October 16, after purchasing a week's worth of inventory, which is expected to further increase state revenue to around ₹2,400 crores in the initial phase of the new policy.

MLA Dhulipalla Narendra Allegations Against YCP Coordinator Ambati Muralikrishna



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: TDP MLA Dhulipalla Narendra Kumar has leveled serious allegations against YSR Congress Party (YCP) Ponnur constituency coordinator Ambati Muralikrishna, accusing him of illegal activities related to the Eluru Jute Mill and unauthorized construction projects.

Speaking to the media in Ponnur, Dhulipalla claimed that Ambati Muralikrishna, after becoming the director of the Eluru Jute Mill, illegally seized the mill for his own benefit. He further criticized Muralikrishna for committing various illegalities during the previous government by obstructing authorities and misusing his power.

Dhulipalla also alleged irregularities in the construction of the Green Grace Apartments in Guntur. He claimed that Ambati Muralikrishna had obtained approval from Guntur Corporation officials for constructing a G Plus 5 (ground

floor plus five floors) building but violated norms by building 15 floors. Additionally, he pointed out that the project has yet to receive the necessary clearance from the railway department, which has not granted permission for the construction.

Referring to his own legal history, Dhulipalla stated that 30 years ago, he was involved in a case related to Sangam Dairy and was sent to jail. However, he emphasized that he faced the charges and did not shy away from the legal process. He further asserted that despite numerous attempts to file illegal cases against him, he does not need the support of a political party to succeed in politics.

These allegations have added to the growing political tension between the TDP and YCP in the region. Ambati Muralikrishna has not yet responded to the accusations.

YCP Leader Venugopalakrishna Comments On DCM Pawan Kalyan

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: In a sharp critique of Jana Sena Party chief Pawan Kalyan's recent praise for Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, YSR Congress Party (YCP) leader and former minister Chelluboina Venugopalakrishna launched a satire-filled attack. Pawan Kalyan had earlier stated that Chandrababu is his inspiration when it comes to governance, sparking reactions from political rivals.



Venugopalakrishna mocked Pawan Kalyan's shifting allegiances, questioning how many people truly inspire him. "In the past, Pawan said Che Guevara was his inspiration. Now, he claims it's Chandrababu Naidu. Who's next?" Venugopalakrishna quipped, referencing the actor-politician's earlier statements about the revolutionary leader.

He also criticized Pawan Kalyan for engaging in what he called "drama" in the name of orthodoxy. This jab

seemed directed at Pawan's changing political rhetoric and the inconsistency in his stances over time.

The YCP leader didn't stop there, taking aim at the newly introduced excise policy by the TDP-led coalition government. He alleged that the new liquor policy was designed to benefit liquor manufacturers rather than the people of Andhra Pradesh. "The policy only serves to enrich the liquor barons," Venugopalakrishna said, questioning the decision to extend the deadline for liquor tender applications by two days. He expressed indignation, suggesting that the move might be to encourage further alcohol consumption in the state.

These biting comments have added fuel to the already heated political discourse in the state, as Pawan Kalyan continues to face criticism for his alliance with the TDP and his perceived shift in political ideology.

TDP Fires Back at Jagan's Comments on Free Sand in AP

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Telugu Desam Party (TDP) has issued a sharp counter to YSR Congress Party (YCP) chief Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, following his recent remarks questioning the availability of free sand in the state. Jagan had asked publicly, "Where is the free sand available in Andhra Pradesh?" sparking criticism from the opposition.

In response, the TDP lashed out, stating that Jagan should be asking about free sand availability in Bengaluru, where he spends much of his time, rather than in Andhra Pradesh. The TDP further suggested that the less Jagan speaks about sand and alcohol policies, the better, accusing his government of causing

widespread harm to the construction sector.

TDP leaders pointed out that the sand scarcity during Jagan's rule has devastated the livelihoods of 40 lakh construction workers, with hundreds reportedly committing suicide due to the crisis. They alleged that Jagan's government mismanaged the sand distribution system, leading to severe exploitation and profiteering.

The party also highlighted that an FIR has been registered concerning the illegal sand exploitation under Jagan's administration, and they warned that a formal investigation is imminent. "Any minute now,

Tadepalli [the Chief Minister's residence] will come under scrutiny," a TDP spokesperson remarked, adding that Jagan has no right to speak about governance when his policies have allegedly harmed the public.

Additionally, the TDP claimed that an inquiry into the liquor sales during YCP's tenure will soon begin, accusing the YCP government of enriching liquor barons at the expense of the people.

As the war of words between the TDP and YCP intensifies, the political climate in Andhra Pradesh continues to heat up, with both parties trading accusations over governance and policy failures.

TDP Cadre Protest Against Minister Kandula Durgesh in East Godavari



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Four months into the coalition government in Andhra Pradesh, cracks within the alliance have begun to surface. The latest in a string of protests comes from the ranks of the Telugu Desam Party (TDP), this time targeting Janasena Minister Kandula Durgesh. The TDP cadre, who had helped the coalition win in Nidadavolu, expressed their anger over being sidelined since the formation of the government.

The incident occurred in Kansalipalem village, Nidadavolu, where Minister Durgesh arrived to participate in a state-wide village festival program. Local TDP workers, who played a crucial role in his victory, were furious about being neglected ever since Durgesh assumed office. They voiced their frustrations, claiming they were left in the dark regarding the village festival and felt ignored by the minister.

The TDP supporters pointed out that despite their support during the election, they have not received any recognition or attention from Durgesh since he became a minister. Some even warned that without their backing, his electoral victory would not have been possible, reminding him of their significant contribution.

Tensions rose further as those who had come in support of the minister from Kadiam felt insulted by the local protesters. In an attempt to defuse the situation, Minister Durgesh assured the protesters that he would work towards addressing their grievances and include them in future plans. He promised to mobilize efforts to ensure that all members of the coalition are involved going forward.

The protest against Durgesh has caused a political stir in East Godavari, highlighting growing dissatisfaction within the ruling coalition, and raising questions about unity ahead of upcoming elections.

YS Sharmila Slams AP Govt Over Liquor Syndicate Allegations

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) Chief YS Sharmila Reddy launched a scathing attack on the Andhra Pradesh government, led by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, accusing it of rampant corruption and collusion in the liquor trade. Sharmila criticized the CM's recent claim of no political interference in government operations, questioning the government's role in stopping liquor syndicates.

In a fiery statement, Sharmila alleged that ruling party leaders have formed a syndicate to control liquor shops across the state. She claimed that more than 3,000 liquor shops have been handed over to syndicates, undermining any pretense of transparency or impartiality. According to her, the tender process for liquor licenses was conducted under the influence of ministers, MLAs, and MPs, preventing fair competition.

She further accused the ruling coalition of using intimidation tactics across the state to ensure that liquor shops remain inaccessible



to the common people. "They threatened those who weren't part of the alliance syndicates, warning them with life-threatening consequences," she said. Sharmila raised concerns about the fate of those who accidentally won liquor licenses through the lottery system, questioning whether these individuals would be granted licenses or forced to give a 30% commission to the syndicate—or face even graver threats.

Sharmila also attacked the government for allegedly facilitating large-scale corruption through the private sale of liquor under the guise of lower prices. She claimed that the alliance government has orchestrated a robbery worth thousands of crores and warned that these alleged wrongdoings could surface in the future.

Drawing parallels with the previous YCP government, Sharmila commented, "If the previous YCP swallowed temple money with their 'cash-only' schemes, now you are devouring people's livelihoods under the guise of 'gender'." She called for immediate action, urging the Chief Minister to stop sitting in "AC rooms" and take real steps to address the ongoing liquor scam.

Sharmila's explosive comments have added further fuel to the political firestorm in Andhra Pradesh, as opposition parties continue to criticize the government's handling of key sectors, particularly liquor regulation.

Rapaka Varaprasad Likely to Quit YSR Congress...!

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Former MLA of Rajolu, Rapaka Varaprasad, is set to bid farewell to the YSR Congress Party (YCP) after being sidelined following the Andhra Pradesh Assembly elections. Speaking to the media at his residence in Kathimanda, Varaprasad made it clear that he can no longer continue with YCP, citing personal grievances and the party's decision to overlook him for a ticket in the recent elections.

Varaprasad, who had previously been a key figure for YCP in Rajolu, expressed disappointment over not being given a ticket despite his hard work and loyalty. He pointed out that YCP handed the ticket to Gollapalli Surya Rao instead, which he took as an insult to his efforts. Though he contested for the MP seat on the advice of his seniors, Varaprasad confessed that it was against his personal wishes, leading to a further breakdown in his relationship with YCP.

In a significant political development, Varaprasad announced that he will soon join another party, though he did not reveal which one. However, there are widespread rumors



that he is trying to rejoin the Janasena Party, the platform from which he originally won as an MLA in 2019. Despite these reports, Varaprasad's potential return to Janasena is being met with strong opposition from party leaders and workers in the constituency.

In 2019, Rapaka won on a Janasena ticket but later switched to YCP after criticizing Janasena and its leader, Pawan Kalyan. At the time, he commented that Janasena lacked the

strength to make a significant impact, claiming that his victory was a result of favorable circumstances rather than the party's popularity. This shift left a sour impression among Janasena members, who now resist his re-entry.

The situation escalated when Varaprasad participated in a Janasena meeting in Malikipuram, sparking outrage among party workers who questioned how someone who once criticized Pawan Kalyan and the party could return. Rumors also surfaced that Varaprasad was in talks with key leaders to smooth his re-entry into Janasena, a move that was met with disapproval from local party members.

Janasena MLA Deva Vara Prasad responded to the controversy, stating that Rapaka had only attended the meeting to discuss matters related to college lecturers and that no political issues were raised. Nonetheless, Rapaka Varaprasad's political future remains a hot topic of discussion in Konaseema, as the dynamics of his potential comeback continue to unfold.



AP Cadre IAS Officers Challenge D.O.P.T. Orders in CAT



TPN, Vijayawada: Four Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officers from the Andhra Pradesh cadre—Vakati Karuna, Vaniprasad, Amrapali, and Srijana—have filed a petition in the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) challenging the orders of the Department of Personnel and Training (D.O.P.T.).

The petitioners are seeking to quash the D.O.P.T. orders that affect their service conditions. Specifically, they are requesting that three of the IAS officers be permitted to continue their tenure in Telangana. Additionally, Srijana is seeking interim orders to allow her to remain in Andhra Pradesh.

This legal challenge comes amid ongoing discussions about the allocation of IAS officers between Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, highlighting the complexities of administrative service transfers in the region. The outcome of the petition will determine the future placements of these officers.

Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu Accuses YS Jagan of Diverting Panchayat Funds



TPN, Vijayawada: Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu has accused former Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy of diverting panchayat funds, declaring him a traitor in the process. Speaking during a village festival program in Gorintada and surrounding areas of Palakollu mandal, Ramanaidu criticized Jagan's administration for allegedly undermining local governance.

The minister emphasized the coalition government's commitment to village development, noting that foundation stones were laid for various projects during the festival. He remarked, "Gandhi's dream of village swaraj is only possible with the NDA government." Ramanaidu highlighted the significant achievement of passing resolutions for development works in 13,326 panchayat gram sabhas in a single day.

The government is undertaking approximately 30,000 projects with an allocated budget of ₹4,500 crores during this village festival. Ramanaidu stated the aim is to complete 3,000 kilometers of cement roads in rural areas before Sankranti. He criticized the previous administration for weakening panchayat raj institutions and stated that the diversion of panchayat funds occurred during Jagan's tenure, leaving sarpanchs and local governance in a state of distress.

verify that the items they purchase meet the Bureau's quality standards and recommended downloading the BIS Care app for easy access to this information. He explained that if quality defects are discovered, consumers can lodge complaints that not only secure compensation for themselves but also help eliminate substandard products from the market.

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Applications Are Opened Online and Offline For Free Sand - Minister Kollu Ravindra

108 New Sand Reaches Available

TPN, Vijayawada: Minister Kollu Ravindra announced the opening of 108 new sand reaches from the 16th of this month, emphasizing that 40 of these will be operational in the first phase to facilitate river upliftment. During a media conference addressing the state's sand policy, he criticized the previous government for complicating sand availability and questioned whether any such announcements had been made during their tenure.

Kollu Ravindra revealed that sand from patta lands will also be accessible at prices set by district committees. He assured that the cabinet would discuss and decide on the recognition of new sand reaches located in riverside areas. A free sand pol-



icy is expected to be implemented statewide within the next one to two months, with strict penalties for any violations of the regulations. He noted that 40 vehicles previously violating these rules have already been impounded.

Applications for sand can be submitted both online and of-

line. The minister explained that sand can be obtained from sand reaches using tractors and mentioned that a policy regarding robot sand will be formulated soon. He stated that since the coalition government took charge, all sand reserves have been brought under government control.

Kollu Ravindra also addressed concerns about an artificial shortage of sand, which is affecting tipper drivers, asserting that officials are creating this shortage. He criticized the previous government's liquor policy for corruption and confirmed that all aspects of liquor production and sales are now government-controlled.

Additionally, he emphasized that liquor shops will not be permitted within 100 meters of temples and schools, with firm actions to be taken against violators. The police system has reportedly been strengthened compared to the previous government, with severe penalties anticipated for operating illegal belt shops.

Allocation of 113 Liquor Stores in NTR District



TPN, Vijayawada: The allocation of 113 private liquor shops in NTR District has been completed with a high level of transparency, as confirmed by District Collector Dr. G. Srijana. The lottery process, part of the New Liquor Policy (2024-26), took place on Monday at NAC Kalyan Mandapam, Guru Nanak Colony, Vijayawada, under the auspices of the State Prohibition and Excise Department.

A total of 5,825 applicants vied for the 113 available liquor stores. Collector Dr. Srijana, along with Joint Collector Dr. Nidhimina, emphasized that the allotment was carried out transparently, with the lottery conducted in the presence of the applicants and according to the gazette serial numbers.

The process involved a dedicated team, including Vijayawada's Prohibition and Excise Deputy Commissioner T. Srinivas, District Prohibition and Excise Officer S. Srinivas Rao, and Prohibition and Excise Department Distilleries Division Assistant Commissioner B. Swathi. The lottery was meticulously monitored with videography and CCTV cameras set up in the two halls to ensure fairness.

Dr. Srijana noted that the lottery process was completed smoothly and peacefully, thanks to the coordination of police, traffic management, and various departments involved in the event.

This transparent approach to the allocation of liquor stores aims to uphold integrity and public trust in the new liquor policy implemented by the government.



Konidala Surekha Visited Durgamma Temple In Vijayawada



TPN, Vijayawada: Konidala Surekha, wife of Mega Star Chiranjeevi, expressed her desire for Durgamma's blessings to be upon all people. On Saturday, she visited Durgamma during the Rajarajeshwari Devi adornment ceremony at Indrakiladri, accompanied by her family members.

Surekha's visit to the temple highlights her commitment to spiritu-

ality and community well-being. During the occasion, she was joined by actor Prithvi Shani and his family, who also paid their respects to Durgamma.

The event served as a reminder of the importance of seeking blessings for the welfare and prosperity of the community, as Surekha conveyed her heartfelt wishes for all.

Heavy Rains Cause Severe Disruption to Train Traffic in Guntur District

TPN, Guntur: Heavy rains in Guntur district have led to significant disruptions in train services, particularly after the railway track was severely damaged at Machavaram in the Ponnur mandal. The incessant rainfall has caused the tracks to bend, affecting train traffic between Vijayawada and Chennai.

The rainfall is attributed to low pressure in the Bay of Bengal, resulting in similar weather conditions across Prakasam, Nellore, Sangam, Chittoor, YSR, and Anantapur districts. In response to the situation, the Andhra Pradesh government has been alerted and has already released emergency funds to the affected districts. Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu conducted a review meeting, urging authorities to evacuate residents from rain-affected areas to safer lo-

cations.

As a precautionary measure, electricity supply has been suspended in several regions, and low-lying areas have been flooded. Consequently, educational institutions in Nellore, Prakasam, and Bapatla districts have been declared closed for the time being. In addition to the damage in Guntur, the disruptions have impacted train services significantly. The Vande Bharat Express traveling from Tirupati to Hyderabad was diverted back to Appikatla station by officials. It is anticipated that the train will be redirected to Bapat and then continue to Hyderabad via the third line. Track repair work at Machavaram is ongoing, but heavy rains are hampering progress, resulting in further disruptions to train schedules.

Standards Day Celebrations in Vijayawada Highlight Quality Assurance

TPN, Vijayawada: The AP Bureau of Indian Standards celebrated World Standards Day on Monday at the Hyatt Hotel in Vijayawada. The event featured notable speakers, including MAJ Vinod, Head and Senior Director at the Bureau of Indian Standards, who emphasized the organization's commitment to ensuring that consumers have access to high-quality products.



Vivek Vardhan Reddy added that the BIS Care app enables citizens to check the quality standards of goods they buy, enhancing consumer safety and living standards. To com-

memorate World Standards Day further, a 'Quality Walk' is scheduled for October 20 at 6 a.m. at Indira Gandhi Municipal Stadium on Bandar Road, inviting public participation.

During the event, several manufacturers who have consistently upheld quality standards were recognized and awarded. Among the chief guests were GVS Sharma, Chairman of Sharma Cylinders and Group of Companies; Y Prasad, Sec-

retary of the Andhra Pradesh Electrical Licensing Board; and Dr. Jagadish Vengala, Professor and Head of Civil Engineering at PVP Siddhartha Institute of Technology.

The celebration was well-attended by numerous industrialists and representatives from various consumer associations, reinforcing the community's commitment to quality and safety.

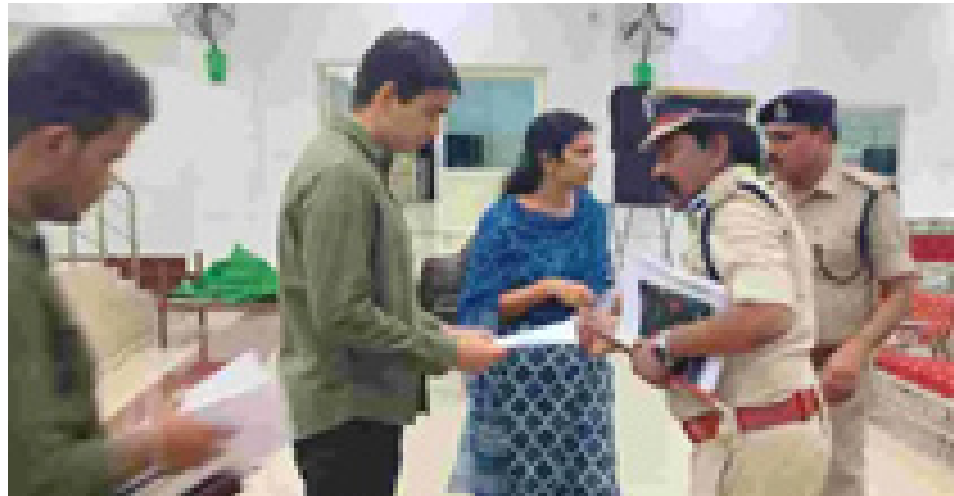
Minister Narayana Conducted a Video Conference With Municipal Officials.

TPN, Nellore: Minister Narayana conducted a video conference with municipal officials from Nellore to assess the situation regarding the impending cyclone expected to cross the coast between Chennai and Nellore on the 17th of this month.

During the meeting, Minister Narayana emphasized the importance of taking precautionary measures to ensure public safety. He advised officials to be prepared to face any challenges that may arise in rain-affected districts due to the cyclone. The minister's directives aimed at minimizing risks and ensuring a coordinated response to the anticipated severe weather conditions. Local authorities were urged to remain vigilant and implement safety protocols as the state braces for the storm.



Chittoor District Receives Over 2,200 Applications for Liquor Shops



TPN, Chittoor: In Chittoor district, the application process for private liquor shops has concluded, resulting in a significant influx of interest. A total of **2,266 applications** were received for **104 liquor shops**, generating a revenue of **Rs. 45.32 crores** for the government through application fees alone.

Collector Sumit Kumar and Joint Collector Vidyadhari inspected the lottery venue at RR Gardens (Manikamma Function Hall) in Santapet, located on the Chittoor-Kanipakam road. They held discussions with Excise Deputy Commissioner Vijay Shekhar and Excise Superintendent Srinivas regarding the management of the upcoming lottery process. To ensure a smooth operation, the Collector has appointed **18 special officers**—**10 Tehsildars** and **8 Superintendents** from the Revenue Department—to oversee the lottery.

The lottery is scheduled to take place

on **Monday morning at 8 AM**, and applicants are instructed to arrive by **7 AM**.

Notably, the response from applicants has been robust across the state, with many vying for shops near state borders. The highest number of applications—**82**—was submitted for a single liquor shop in the **Palasamudram** mandal. The breakdown of applications for various mandals includes **36** and **32** for two shops in **Gudipala**, **27**, **43**, and **27** for three shops in **Yadamari**, **37** and **34** for two shops in **Wedurukupam**, and **31**, **32**, **37**, and **31** for five shops in **Kuppam**. Additionally, one shop in **Gudupalle** received **40 applications**.

As the lottery approaches, the excitement surrounding the allocation of these liquor licenses continues to grow.

Event Anchor and Father Assaulted by Former MP's Follower in Rajahmundry

TPN, Rajahmundry: In a troubling incident in Rajahmundry, an event anchor and her father were allegedly assaulted by a key follower of former YCP MP Margani Bharat. The confrontation arose from a financial dispute involving a loan taken by Nalluri Srinivas, a known figure in the area.

In 2021, Nalluri Srinivas, along with his son Abhishek, borrowed Rs. 3 lakhs from Kavyashree, the event organizer. Recently, Kavyashree traveled to Rajahmundry for an event and sought to collect the outstanding debt from Srinivas. However, when she visited his office, she found that he was unavailable.

In an effort to resolve the issue, Kavyashree and her father, Nagaraju, decided to visit Srinivas's home to request



repayment. Unfortunately, it was there that the alleged attack took place. Kavyashree accused Srinivas of physically assaulting her father when they demanded the repayment of the loan. She claimed that she was also attacked while attempting to record the incident on her phone.

Following the incident, Kavyashree promptly filed a complaint with the Rajahmundry Prakash Nagar Police, detailing the assault and the circumstances surrounding it. Authorities are now investigating the claims to ensure justice is served and to address safety concerns related to the incident.

This incident highlights the growing concerns over safety and security in financial disputes, particularly involving influential figures.

Minister Anam Urges Immediate Protective Measures in Nellore

TPN, Nellore: Minister Anam Ramnarayana Reddy convened a review meeting with District Collector Anand and officials from the Revenue and Police departments to discuss the situation in Nellore district, which is expected to experience heavy rains due to low pressure in the Bay of Bengal.

During the meeting, Minister Anam emphasized the need for immediate protective measures to ensure public safety. He instructed revenue and police officials to take proactive steps to prevent any disruption to the residents. The minister highlighted that the district administration must be prepared for any dire situations resulting from the anticipated storm.

Continuous monitoring is being conducted through a control room established at the collectorate, and Minister Anam reassured the public to remain



Ronaki Kurmanath, Managing Director of the AP Disaster Management Organization, reported that moderate to heavy rains are expected today in parts of Bapatla, Prakasam, Nellore, Kurnool, Nandyala, YSR, Annamayi, Chittoor, and Tirupati districts. Light to moderate rains are also forecasted for Visakhapatnam, Anakapalli, Kakina, and Konaseema districts.

He warned that heavy to very heavy rainfall is likely on Wednesday and Thursday, urging the public to remain vigilant as rivers, streams, and canals may overflow. Residents are advised to avoid standing under electric poles, wires, trees, and hoardings, while fishermen are cautioned against venturing out to sea. In light of the impending rains, authorities have urged everyone to stay alert and prepared...

calm. He also mentioned that resettlement centers have been set up to provide safety for those living in vulnerable areas. In accordance with the minister's directives, Revenue Divisional Officers (RDOs) are actively patrolling and alerting residents in low-lying areas, particularly within the Atmakuru Revenue Division.

Concerns Raised Over Health Risks from Ethanol Industry in Gummalladodi

TPN, Gummalladodi: Maroti Sivaganesh, the constituency in-charge of the Congress party, has voiced serious concerns regarding the Assago ethanol industry established in Gummalladodi, stating it poses a potential threat to public health. During a visit on Sunday to the nearby villages of **Gummalladodi**, **Achyutapuram**, **Bawajipet**, and **Vedurupaka**, he met with local residents who have been protesting against the industry due to the difficulties they are experiencing.

Sivaganesh emphasized the harmful impact of the ethanol facility, stating that its operations could lead to long-term health risks for the community. He expressed a desire to work alongside **MLA Jyotula Nehru** to address these issues. "We are willing to cooperate to solve the problems caused by the industry," he said.

Residents have reported significant disturbances, including unpleasant odors emanating from the facility. Sivaganesh urged that if the situation does not improve after a given time frame set by the industry managers, the matter should be escalated to the MLA's attention. He reassured the community that Congress party leaders and workers



in the constituency would fully support the movement against the ethanol industry's negative impacts. The meeting was attended by several local leaders, including **Gurralla Ratnajirao**, **Masarapu Apparao**, **Konda Srinu**, **Bollam Bapiraju**, **Nallala Venkannababu**, **Abireddy Ramabhadram**, **Abireddy Narendra**, and **Adhikar Krishnaprasad**, all of whom are committed to advocating for the community's health and well-being.

As protests continue, the local populace remains steadfast in their demands for a resolution to the challenges posed by the ethanol industry.

Senior Medical Students Face Hostel Challenges at Rajamahendravaram Government Medical College

TPN, Rajamahendravaram: Senior medical students at the Rajamahendravaram Government Medical College are grappling with confusion and frustration due to incomplete hostel facilities. Many students who have progressed to their second year are experiencing significant difficulties as the construction of both boys' and girls' hostels remains unfinished nearly two years after the work began.

The slow progress has left students uncertain about attending classes, as the lack of proper accommodation forces them into a dilemma. Although recent admissions for first-year students were finalized through counseling, the delay in hostel construction continues to impact the overall experience of students already enrolled. With classes expected to commence shortly after the Dussehra holidays, the absence of adequate housing raises concerns about potential disruptions.



Currently, 150 first-year students from the previous academic year have been provided temporary housing at the Teaching Hospital (GGH). With

the recent admissions completed, an additional 150 students are expected to join, necessitating the availability of sufficient hostel space. The medical college authorities now face the challenge of accommodating a total of 300 students in a facility that has yet to be completed.

The construction of the medical college, estimated to cost Rs. 490 crores, began less than two years ago. Due to delays attributed to the previous government's management, temporary pre-engineering buildings (PEBs) were erected to facilitate

classes until the main structures could be completed. While the initial classes have been conducted, the lack of progress on hostel facilities remains a pressing issue as Dussehra holidays conclude.

Dr. Saubhagyalakshmi, Principal of the medical college, acknowledged the challenges but assured students that the construction work is nearing completion. "We are currently arranging furniture and have instructed the contracting company to expedite the final touches. We are committed to ensuring that our medicos do not face any further problems," she stated.

As the new academic term approaches, students and faculty alike hope for a swift resolution to the accommodation crisis, allowing the medical college to provide a conducive learning environment for all its students.



Implications of Hezbollah Leader's Elimination for Middle East Dynamics

The recent assassination of Hezbollah's leader, Hassan Nasrallah, by Israel has sparked significant speculation regarding its broader implications for the Middle East, particularly in the ongoing Israel-Iran conflict. While concerns about a direct confrontation between Tel Aviv and Tehran, potentially escalating to a third world war, are prevalent, such fears may be overstated. Currently, the conflict largely involves Israel, supported by the US, and Iran's extensive network of regional proxies.

While a full-scale war seems unlikely, the interconnected nature of regional conflicts is once again evident. Modern conflicts are rarely isolated, as shown by the extensive movement of weapons and finan-

cial support among proxy groups, indicating complex networks at play.

Iran's Proxy Network

Tehran has relied on proxies since the 1979 revolution, operating in countries like Lebanon, Palestine, Yemen, Syria, and Iraq. This strategy allows Iran to exert influence while maintaining plausible deniability, complicating the US's support for Israel's actions against these groups.

Regional Dynamics

Israel's primary goal is not to destroy Iran but to weaken its proxy network, including Hezbollah, Hamas, and the Houthis. These

groups hinder normalization efforts in the Middle East, where Indian interests are also at stake. The interconnectedness of these conflicts is further highlighted by Russia's backing of Iran's proxies, which aligns with its strategy of using groups like the Wagner Group for its interests.

India's Concerns

India is feeling the repercussions of these developments, particularly in the Red Sea—a vital trade route now fraught with uncertainty due to Houthi actions. Increased shipping costs and fluctuating oil prices are significant concerns, even as India diversifies its oil sources.

Strategic Outlook

With interests in Chabahar port and the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC), India is closely monitoring the evolving situation. Despite tensions, all parties seem to prefer avoiding all-out war, favoring limited military exchanges instead. Iran's experience supporting Russia in Ukraine may inform its approach, highlighting the risks of protracted conflicts.

In summary, while the dynamics are complex and fraught with challenges, the potential for limited exchanges rather than full-scale war appears to be the more likely scenario in the current geopolitical landscape.



SC Upholds Scheduled Castes Sub-Categorisation, Rejects Reviews

On October 4, the Supreme Court upheld the constitutional validity of sub-categorising Scheduled Castes, rejecting review petitions against its August 1 judgment. This landmark decision reflects significant shifts in the conversation around reservation, though it has faced strong criticism from prominent commentators who argue that it does not represent meaningful change.

The Court's earlier 2022 ruling on Economically Weaker Sections (EWS) reservations has been seen as a departure from its traditionally progressive stance on social justice, described as having "applied dynamite" to its jurisprudence. The recent sub-categorisation verdict seeks to restore some of the lost doctrinal integrity.

In a 6-1 majority ruling by a seven-judge constitutional bench, the Court has overruled its 2004 decision in *E V Chinnaiah vs. State of Andhra Pradesh*, which had previously deemed sub-categorisation unconstitutional. This ruling also invalidated the Andhra Pradesh "Rationalisation of Reservation" Act of 2000, which attempted to implement such a scheme.

The implications of this verdict extend beyond legal boundaries, influencing the socio-political landscape and the rights of marginalized communities. It reaffirms the necessity of nuanced approaches to reservation, aiming to address inequities within the Scheduled Castes. While the Court's ruling is seen as a step forward, ongoing debates and criticisms highlight the complexities surrounding reservations and their impact on social justice.

As the legal framework evolves, the focus now shifts to how this decision will shape future policies and the broader discourse on equality and representation in India.



Putin's Anticipation: The Significance of the Upcoming BRICS Summit

As the BRICS summit approaches on October 22-24 in Kazan, Russian President Vladimir Putin is perhaps the most eager participant. Last year, he missed the South Africa summit due to an ICC arrest warrant over alleged war crimes tied to the Ukraine invasion. This year, hosting the summit on home soil provides Putin an opportunity to demonstrate to the West that he remains influential despite sanctions and diplomatic isolation.

Putin's presence will highlight Russia's connections with key leaders like India's Prime Minister Narendra Modi and China's President Xi Jinping, showcasing Moscow's ability to engage with powerful non-Western nations. Despite Western attempts to isolate

Russia, BRICS represents a significant coalition, comprising 24% of the global GDP and 41% of the world's population. Putin can argue that these alliances affirm Russia's role in reshaping the global order, offering alternatives to Western institutions like the IMF and World Bank.

Since its inception 15 years ago, BRICS has defied initial skepticism regarding its viability. It has expanded to include new members such as Iran, Saudi Arabia, and Egypt, with nearly 40 other countries expressing interest in joining. This growth suggests a robust demand for a multipolar world, challenging the dominance of Western powers.

India, as a founding BRICS member, must leverage this

platform to advocate for its interests in global governance. The UN Security Council, a relic of the 20th century, does not reflect the current geopolitical realities, and India deserves a permanent voice in decisions affecting global peace and security. The Indian government seeks reforms in international financial institutions, emphasizing its desire for a more equitable global order.

The West, particularly the US, France, and the UK, have shown support for India's position but their intentions remain ambiguous amid the ongoing geopolitical tensions, especially with the Ukraine conflict. India must move beyond merely petitioning for recognition and instead use BRICS to amplify its voice.

Baba Siddique: A Complex Legacy in Mumbai's Political and Social Sphere

Baba Siddique, a prominent name in Mumbai's political landscape, built his influence over decades, intertwining his political career with Bollywood and real estate. As a leader in the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), Siddique wielded power that extended beyond the traditional boundaries of politics. His connections with the builder lobby and Bollywood's biggest stars allowed him to navigate Mumbai's intricate power structures with remarkable ease.

Born and raised in Bandra, Siddique began his political journey as a corporator in the Municipal Corporation of Greater Mumbai (MCGM) in the late 1980s. He quickly established himself as a go-getter, adept at addressing local issues and connecting with constituents. His transition to the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly, representing Bandra West for multiple terms, seemed a natural progression for someone so deeply tied to his community. Known for tackling local problems—from slum redevelopment to infrastructural improvements—Siddique's popularity soared.

However, his influence stemmed not just from political acumen but from his charisma and ability to forge meaningful relationships. His association with Bollywood was legendary, particularly his ties to superstars like Salman Khan and Shah Rukh Khan. Annual iftar parties hosted by Siddique became star-studded events that blended politics and entertainment, where deals were made and alliances strengthened. His friendship with Salman Khan, in particular, amplified his stature, as Siddique often offered support during the actor's legal troubles.

Siddique's influence extended into Mumbai's booming real estate sector. As Bandra West transformed into a prime real estate zone, devel-



opers sought his assistance to navigate the complex approval processes for construction projects. Siddique facilitated approvals and mediated disputes, solidifying his role as a key player in the industry. However, his close ties to the builder lobby invited controversy. Allegations of questionable land deals and leveraging political power for personal gain swirled around him, though he was never directly implicated in any scandal.

Recently, Siddique found himself at the center of renewed scrutiny after actor Kamal R. Khan (KRX) posted allegations of shady dealings within the builder lobby. Despite the police not substantiating these claims, the post went viral, igniting debates across social media platforms. Siddique's camp dismissed the accusations as baseless, yet they underscored the challenges he faces in an age where reputation can be tarnished by online speculation.

Baba Siddique's legacy is a complex tapestry of political influence, celebrity connections, and controversial dealings, making him a significant figure in Mumbai's socio-political narrative.

Over 1.55 lakh candidates sign up for PM Internship Scheme

Over 155,000 candidates have registered for the newly launched PM Internship Scheme within just 24 hours, according to government sources. The registration began on Saturday, offering nearly 80,000 internship opportunities across 24 sectors.

Announced in the Union Budget 2024 by Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, the scheme aims to benefit around 10 million young people over the next five years and address youth unemployment. It connects young job seekers with companies looking for talent.

Major firms such as Jubilant Foodworks, Maruti Suzuki India, Larsen and Toubro, Muthoot Finance, and Reliance Industries are among the 193 companies posting internship opportunities on the platform. Internships span various fields, including operations management, production, maintenance, and sales, with contributions from sectors like oil, gas, energy, travel and hospitality, automotive, and banking.

The portal features Aadhaar-based registration for efficient access to internships, along with tools for



bio-data generation. The initiative targets over 120,000 internships across 737 districts in 28 states and 8 Union Territories for the current financial year.

This transformative initiative, managed by the Ministry of Corporate Affairs, aims to enhance the employability of youth by bridging skill gaps and boosting employment prospects. Selected candidates will have the opportunity to intern with the top 500 companies in India for a year. They will receive a monthly stipend of ₹5,000, along with a one-

time grant of ₹6,000.

Of the ₹5,000 stipend, ₹500 will be contributed by companies as part of their Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiatives, while the government will cover the remaining ₹4,500.

To qualify for the scheme, candidates must have completed high school or higher secondary school, hold a certificate from an ITI, possess a diploma from a Polytechnic Institute, or be graduates with degrees such as BA, B.Sc, B.Com, BCA, BBA, or B.Pharm.

President's Rule Lifted in Jammu and Kashmir, New Govt to Form

President Droupadi Murmu announced on Sunday the withdrawal of President's rule in Jammu and Kashmir, clearing the way for a new government to be formed in the union territory. The Union Home Ministry issued a gazette notification confirming this decision.

The notification cited the revocation of the previous order from October 31, 2019, which imposed central rule following the bifurcation of the former state into two union territories: Jammu and Kashmir, and Ladakh. This change aligns with the powers granted under Section 73 of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act, 2019, and Articles 239 and 239A of the Indian Constitution.

The recent Jammu and Kashmir Assembly elections saw the National Conference (NC) and Congress alliance emerge victorious, paving the way for the formation of a government. NC vice president Omar Abdullah has been designated as the new chief minister, having been elected as the leader of the alliance.

Central rule was first instituted in the region on October 31, 2019, coinciding with the



abrogation of Article 370 of the Constitution, which previously granted special status to Jammu and Kashmir. This decision was part of a broader legislative effort by the Indian government, which included the passage of the Jammu and Kashmir Reorganisation Act in Parliament on August 5, 2019.

Prior to the 2019 changes, the region had been under central rule since June 2017, following the resignation of then-chief minister Mehbooba Mufti when the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) withdrew support for the People's Democratic Party (PDP)-led government.

After Baba Siddique's Murder, Chief Minister Eknath Shinde Makes A Promise



Former Maharashtra minister and NCP leader Baba Siddique was tragically shot dead outside his son's office on Saturday, prompting Chief Minister Eknath Shinde to vow that those responsible will face justice. "Our responsibility is to maintain law and order. Whoever is responsible for Baba Siddique's murder will not be spared," Shinde stated.

The Chief Minister criticized the previous Maharashtra Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government for a perceived decline in law and order, claiming that security measures weakened during their administration, resulting in a rise in criminal activities. He assured the public that his government would deliver justice and hold lawbreakers accountable.

Siddique's murder has raised significant concerns about public safety across the state. In response, Mumbai Police arrested two suspects—one from Uttar Pradesh and the other from Haryana—while a third suspect remains at large. Shinde emphasized that efforts to apprehend the fugitive are being intensified. "They will not be spared, whether they belong to the Bishnoi gang or any other underworld group. Strict action will be taken," he affirmed.

Reports indicate that Siddique was shot multiple times, sustaining two critical gunshot wounds to his chest, and he was rushed to Lilavati Hospital, where he succumbed to his injuries shortly after arrival.

The incident has sparked a political outcry, with a heated exchange between the ruling BJP and opposition parties.

Kerala Assembly Calls for Withdrawal of Controversial Waqf Amendment Bill



On October 14, the Kerala Legislative Assembly unanimously passed a resolution urging the central government to withdraw the contentious 2024 Waqf Amendment Bill. Minister for Waqf, Haj pilgrimage, and sports, V Abdurahiman, introduced the resolution, arguing that the bill undermines federal principles outlined in the Constitution.

Abdurahiman contended that the bill infringes on state rights concerning Waqf matters, effectively diminishing the authority of Waqf boards and tribunals responsible for overseeing Waqf properties. He asserted, "This bill not only violates the secular principles enshrined in the Constitution but also jeopardizes democratic values by replacing elected representatives with a board of nominated members and a nominated chairman."

The minister emphasized that fundamental rights, such as freedom of belief, secularism, and democracy, should not be compromised. He highlighted that certain provisions in the bill contradict the very essence of the Constitution and called for its immediate withdrawal by the central government.

The resolution received support from the opposition Congress-led United Democratic Front (UDF), which proposed several amendments during the discussions, some of which were accepted. This bipartisan agreement illustrates the assembly's collective opposition to the proposed bill, reflecting broader concerns about federal overreach and the safeguarding of democratic processes within state governance.

Congress Issues Stark Warning to Maharashtra Leaders Following Haryana Setback

Following the BJP's unexpected victory in the Haryana assembly elections, Congress leaders are recalibrating their strategy for the upcoming Maharashtra assembly elections, anticipated for November or December. The party's top brass convened a crucial meeting at the residence of Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge in Delhi, emphasizing the need for unity and hard work among Maharashtra leaders.

Sources indicate that the meeting, attended by senior Congress figures from the state, served as a platform to address concerns about complacency. Rahul Gandhi and Kharge stressed the importance of remaining vigilant and focused, encouraging leaders to avoid overconfidence in the wake of the Haryana results, although they did not directly reference the election outcomes.

Maharashtra is seen as a critical battleground for Congress, with its 288 assembly seats presenting both challenges and opportunities. The party's leadership is keenly aware that any sense of entitlement could undermine their efforts against the ruling coalition. To this end, Congress poll strategist Sunil Kanugolu provided insights on the caste and community dynamics within Maharashtra, which will play a significant role in shaping the



party's electoral approach.

During the discussions, strategies for the party's election manifesto were also put on the table. Meetings between Congress and its allies have already commenced in Mumbai to finalize this document, aiming to create a unified front ahead of the elections. The party is particularly focused on countering the BJP's tactics, which allegedly include attempts to fracture the electorate along caste lines and support rebel candidates against the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) coalition.

The BJP's significant win in Haryana, where it captured 48 of 90 seats, marking a historic third consecutive term, has shifted the narrative within Congress.

Despite initial exit polls that predicted a tight race, the BJP's strong performance has reignited discussions about the party's strategies going forward. Congress, which secured 37 seats, recognizes the need for a robust plan to reclaim influence in Maharashtra, particularly given the historical context of electoral outcomes in Haryana.

As the party mobilizes for the upcoming polls, leaders are keen to implement counter-strategies against the BJP's narrative and electoral maneuvers. The urgency of this meeting and the subsequent strategies discussed underline Congress's commitment to regaining ground in a critical state that could significantly impact national politics.

Lawrence Bishnoi's Gang Linked to Murder of Veteran Politician Baba Siddique

The chilling murder of veteran politician Baba Siddique in Mumbai has reignited interest in gangster Lawrence Bishnoi, whose gang is now implicated in the crime. Siddique, a 66-year-old NCP leader, was shot outside his son's office by assailants claiming allegiance to the Bishnoi gang, even though Lawrence remains incarcerated in Gujarat's Sabarmati Jail.

The Bishnoi gang operates on a global scale, with criminal activities extending across multiple Indian states and connections to figures in Canada, such as Goldy Brar. Their influence persists despite Lawrence's imprisonment, showcasing their capability to orchestrate crimes from behind bars.

The gang is notorious for extortion, murder, and arms trafficking, primarily targeting high-profile individuals, including Punjabi singers and businessmen. Lawrence, who grew up in Punjab, entered organized crime during his university days, forming key alliances that fueled his rise in the criminal underworld.

Communication is vital for the gang's operations; even from solitary confinement, Lawrence uses smuggled mobile phones equipped with VPNs to coordinate with associates, including his brother Anmol and other gang members. They maintain a roster of about 700 shooters, often recruiting underage boys unaware of the gang's identity.



Market Gains Erase Friday's Losses

HDFC Bank, Infi, Wipro Among Top Performers



Domestic stock markets closed with huge gains on Monday. Friday's losses were compensated. Investors started buying as better signals came from Asian markets. The indices were moving at all time highs. Shares of Infi and HDFC Bank stood out for this. Market breadth in BSE is equal for buyers and sellers. 2070 stocks rose and 1972 lost.

The BSE Sensex, which closed at 81,381 in the previous session, opened at 81,576 today. It touched an intraday low of 81,541. It touched an intraday high of 82,072. It eventually closed at 81,973, a gain of 591 points. The NSE Nifty opened at 25,023, touched a low of 25,017 and a high of 25,159. A total jump of 163 points closed at 25,127. Bank Nifty rose 644 points to settle at 51,816.



In Nifty50, 33 companies gained while 17 lost. Top gainers were Wipro, Tech Mahindra, HDFC Life, HDFC Bank and LT. ONGC, Maruti, Tata Steel, Bajaj Finance and Adani Enterprises were the biggest losers. Today, all indices rose except media, metal, oil and gas. Bank, finance, IT, private bank, realty, healthcare and consumer durables indices rose more.

Nifty support is at 25150 and resistance is at 25300. Investors can buy HDFC life, Indus Indus Bank, HCL Tech, Finpipe and Infi shares in the short term.

RPP Infra Projects won orders worth Rs.127 crore. Bondada Engineering received a letter of award worth Rs.390 crore from the Maharashtra Power Generation Company. Sterling Wilson's Q2 revenue rose 36% to Rs 1,030 crore. It recorded a net profit of Rs.8.5 crores from Rs.54.5 crores. The loss of Alok Industries increased from Rs.175 crores to Rs.262 crores. Bharti Airtel signs agreement with Scalar for Airtel Secure Digital Internet. Hindustan Construction received an order worth Rs.1032 crore from Maharashtra. Lemon Tree Hotels has tied up a 65-room hotel in Dibrugarh.

Ties up with HydSign with Unicommerce Solutions. WPI inflation stood at 1.84 percent in September. JSW Energy has entered into a Power Purchase Agreement with NTPC. Reliance Industries' revenue was flat at Rs 2.31 lakh crore. Net profit increased by 11% from Rs.17445 crore to Rs.19,323 crore.

1. HDFC Life Insurance

HDFC Life has shown resilience despite broader market volatility. With increasing demand for insurance and long-term growth prospects in the sector, HDFC Life remains attractive. It has benefited from growing awareness of life insurance post-pandemic. Watch for buying interest around support levels if broader markets show strength. The company is well-positioned in the insurance market, and any dips could attract investors.



2. IndusInd Bank

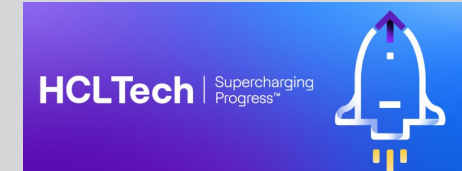
IndusInd Bank has seen strong buy-



ing interest due to positive quarterly results, supported by robust loan growth and asset quality improvement. It is gaining momentum in the banking sector, driven by its retail and SME loan book growth. Given its upward momentum and overall market recovery, the stock may see more gains, especially if banking stocks perform well.

3. HCL Tech

HCL Tech has shown strength due to the IT sector's resilience. With strong demand for digital transformation services and cloud offerings, HCL Tech continues to attract long-term investors. Global tech spending trends are key drivers for



the stock. Positive global tech cues and robust demand for IT services will keep HCL Tech as a favored pick. Watch for any retracements for potential buying opportunities.

4. Finpipe (Finolex Industries)

Finpipe has benefited from its leadership in the PVC pipes segment,



particularly as the government focuses on infrastructure and rural development projects. The stock has shown some strength in recent sessions. The company's fundamentals remain strong, but traders should monitor the broader market's impact on its performance. It could see upward movement if the overall sentiment stays bullish

5. Infosys (Infy)

Infosys continues to be a strong performer in the IT sector with robust earnings and strong deal wins. Its focus on digital services and cloud transformation has been key to its growth. Infosys is expected to continue performing well in the short term due to global demand for IT services, though global economic concerns may cause some volatility. It's a favorite for long-term investors.



India's Factory Output Contracts for First Time in 21 Months



India's factory output, measured by the Index of Industrial Production (IIP), experienced a contraction of 0.1% in August 2023, marking the first decline in 21 months. This downturn is attributed to a high base effect and a drop in mining and electricity production, according to data released by the National Statistical Office (NSO).

In the preceding months, industrial output had shown robust growth, with increases of 4.7% in July and 10.9% in August. However, the contraction in August suggests a shift in the industrial landscape. Cumulatively, during the financial year 2024-25, industrial growth has been recorded at 4.2% for the period of April to August, compared to 6.2% during the same timeframe in the previous financial year.

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The decline raises concerns about the sustainability of industrial growth in India, especially amid fluctuating global economic conditions. Analysts suggest that the high base effect from the previous year, when industrial output was notably strong, is impacting current figures. The decrease in mining and electricity output also signals challenges in these sectors, which are crucial for overall industrial performance.

As India seeks to bolster its manufacturing sector, this contraction serves as a reminder of the complexities involved in achieving consistent growth. Policymakers may need to address underlying issues affecting key industries to foster a more resilient industrial environment moving forward.

With ongoing economic uncertainties, stakeholders will be closely monitoring future IIP data to assess recovery trends and identify areas requiring intervention. The focus will likely remain on enhancing productivity, addressing infrastructure needs, and stimulating demand to revive industrial momentum.

Mutual Funds Boost Stake in Paytm by 15% Amid Rising Confidence

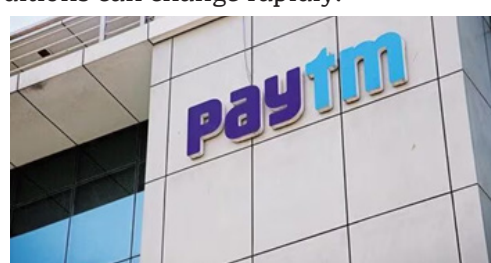
During the second quarter of FY25 (Q2FY25), mutual funds increased their stake in One97 Communications, the parent company of Paytm, by 15%, signaling growing institutional confidence in the digital payments firm. Between July and September, mutual funds ramped up their holdings as Paytm's stock delivered an impressive 70% return.

At the end of Q1FY25 (June 30, 2024), Paytm's share price was ₹402.2, while by the end of Q2FY25 (September 30, 2024), it closed at ₹688.35, reflecting a return of around 71% during the period, according to BSE analytics.

Mutual funds held approximately 4.32 crore shares of Paytm at the end of Q1, accounting for 6.80% of the company's total shareholding. By the end of Q2, this number surged to around 5 crore shares, raising their total stake to 7.86%. This increase underscores growing institutional belief in Paytm's long-term growth potential.

Nippon Mutual Funds played a significant role in this increase, raising its stake from about 1.11 crore shares in Q1 to 1.44 crore in Q2, resulting in a percentage increase from 1.76% to 2.27%. Similarly, Mirae Mutual Funds increased its holdings from around 2.29 crore shares to 2.85 crore, boosting its stake from 3.92% to 4.49%.

As of October 14, Paytm's share price was trading at ₹720, down 0.57%, with a market capitalization of ₹45,838 crore. The stock reached its 52-week high of ₹998.30 on October 20, 2023, reflecting its volatility and potential for growth. Investors are advised to consult certified experts before making decisions, as market conditions can change rapidly.



Axis Bank to Launch Innovative UPI Offerings to Enhance Payment Experience



Axis Bank announced plans to introduce new UPI-based products aimed at improving the payment experience for customers, as part of its strategy to strengthen its leadership in the UPI sector. The private lender highlighted its commitment to developing innovative solutions such as UPI Lite, UPI AutoPay, and Merchant Plug-in for seamless merchant payments.

Sanjeev Moghe, President and Head of Cards & Payments at Axis Bank, emphasized the bank's focus on leveraging advanced technology and strategic partnerships to create secure and scalable payment options. As of September, Axis Bank held a leading market share of 30.87 percent in the UPI payments service provider space, according to data from the National Payments Corpo-

ration of India (NPCI).

To expand its reach, Axis Bank has been actively collaborating with both established fintech giants and emerging players in the UPI ecosystem. These partnerships aim to tap into the customer bases of newer entrants, allowing Axis Bank to offer UPI solutions directly through their applications.

The introduction of these innovative offerings is part of Axis Bank's broader strategy to cater to the evolving needs of customers in a rapidly changing digital payments landscape. By focusing on collaboration and technological advancement, the bank aims to enhance the overall payment experience and maintain its competitive edge in the UPI market.

ICICI Securities' Minority Shareholder Accuses Sebi of Collusion on Delisting

Quantum Mutual Fund, a minority shareholder of ICICI Securities, has raised serious allegations against the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) in a case concerning the company's delisting. During a hearing at the National Company Law Appellate Tribunal (NCLAT), the fund claimed that Sebi was "hand in glove" with ICICI Securities regarding the delisting process.

The NCLAT bench, comprising Justices Yogesh Khanna and Ajai Das Mehrotra, was reviewing an appeal from Quantum Mutual Fund, which holds just 0.002% of ICICI Securities' paid-up equity share capital, along with Manu Rishi Guptha, who owns 0.08%. They are contesting a recent ruling from the Ahmedabad bench of the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT) that approved the delisting plan and dismissed the shareholders' objections.

The controversy centers around a letter from Sebi dated June 23, which allowed ICICI Bank some leeway under Regulation 37 of Sebi's Delisting Regulations. This exemption permits the delisting of ICICI Securities despite the parent and subsidiary companies not operating in the same line of business, as typically required.

Arun Kathpalia, the senior counsel for ICICI Securities, refuted these claims, asserting that the Sebi letter could not be contested in the NCLT or NCLAT. He emphasized the severity of the accusations directed at the market regulator.

The NCLAT has scheduled a follow-up hearing for Tuesday, where ICICI Securities will continue to present its case. The outcome of this appeal could have significant implications for the regulatory landscape and the relationship between minority shareholders and corporate governance in India.

India's Wholesale Inflation Rises to 1.84% Amid Higher Food Prices



India's wholesale inflation rose to 1.84% in September, up from a four-month low of 1.31% in August, driven primarily by increasing food prices, according to data released by the government on October 14. The wholesale price index (WPI) showed a slight contraction of -0.1% in September 2023.

Since April, wholesale prices have remained above 1%, with the average inflation for FY24 recorded at -0.7%. During this period, the country experienced deflation in seven out of the twelve months. Economists now project wholesale inflation to average between 2% and 3% for FY25.

The recent rise in inflation is influenced by a favorable base effect, despite subdued commodity prices largely due to weak demand from China. As food prices continue to fluctuate, market analysts will be closely monitoring the factors contributing to inflation trends in the coming months, as well as the broader economic implications for India.



India slams Canada's move targeting Indian diplomats

India has firmly rebutted Canada's claims regarding its High Commissioner being a "person of interest" in the murder investigation of Hardeep Singh Nijjar, labeling these allegations as "preposterous." This diplomatic spat escalated after Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau accused India of involvement in Nijjar's killing, which has strained relations between the two countries since the allegations surfaced in September 2023.

In response to Canada's assertion that Indian High Commissioner Sanjay Kumar Verma was implicated in the investigation, India condemned the move as unfounded and politically motivated. The Ministry of External Affairs issued a statement accusing Canada of failing to provide evidence to support its claims and suggested that the Trudeau government is exploiting the situation for electoral gain by catering to pro-Khalistani sentiments within Canada.

The statement emphasized that Verma is a highly regarded diplomat with a distinguished career spanning 36 years, and that the accusations against him deserve

to be treated with contempt. India highlighted that Canada has not shared any evidence despite multiple requests since the initial allegations were made.

Recent interactions between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Trudeau, including a brief exchange at the ASEAN Summit, have not alleviated tensions. Trudeau characterized the meeting as an opportunity to discuss the safety of Canadians, but India dismissed it as inconsequential.

India has continuously urged Canada to take serious action against pro-Khalistani elements operating within its borders, expressing concerns over the nexus between these extremists and organized crime. Indian officials have also noted that Canada has provided a platform for violent extremists, allowing them to threaten Indian diplomats and community leaders without consequence.

The ongoing discord highlights the fragile state of relations, with both nations facing pressure to address their respective grievances.

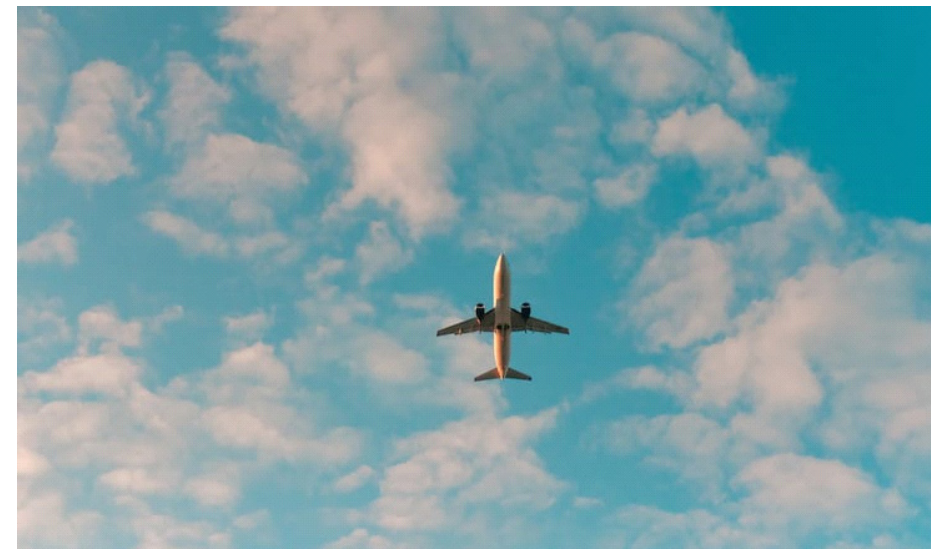
Ukraine Destroys Russian Military Transport Plane

Kyiv announced on Monday that its forces destroyed a Russian military transport plane located at a military airfield deep within Russian territory over the weekend. This claim marks a significant escalation in Ukraine's efforts to target Russian military assets behind enemy lines.

Ukraine's military intelligence agency reported that the Tu-134 transport aircraft was destroyed overnight between Saturday and Sunday in the Orenburg region, approximately 1,000 kilometers (620 miles) from the Ukrainian border. The agency stated that these Soviet-era planes are primarily used to transport high-ranking officials from the Russian defense ministry.

Accompanying the announcement, the agency shared footage purportedly showing an arson attack on the aircraft, with flames visible, although details on how the operation was executed were not disclosed.

As of now, there has been no official response from Moscow regarding the claims made by Ukraine. Since



the onset of Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022, the Kremlin has detained numerous individuals accused of sabotage and arson aimed at military and civilian infrastructure.

In recent months, Ukraine has intensified its attacks within Russian territory, focusing on military installations and energy facilities. These actions aim to disrupt Russian military logistics and supply

chains, reflecting a strategic shift in Ukraine's approach to the ongoing conflict.

The incident underscores the ongoing volatility of the situation and highlights Ukraine's commitment to retaliating against Russian military operations. As the conflict continues, both sides remain on high alert, with potential repercussions for military strategies and diplomatic relations.



EU Condemns Israeli Attacks on UN Peacekeepers in Lebanon

The European Union's foreign policy chief, Josep Borrell, condemned Israeli attacks on United Nations peacekeepers in southern Lebanon as "completely unacceptable." Speaking to reporters ahead of a meeting of EU foreign ministers in Luxembourg on Monday, Borrell emphasized the bloc's unified stance, stating, "The 27 members agreed on asking the Israelis to stop attacking UNIFIL."

Recent Israeli strikes targeting Hezbollah have resulted in injuries to at least five UN peacekeepers. Borrell pointed out that UNIFIL, which comprises around 9,500 troops from various countries, has accused the Israeli military of "deliberately" firing on its positions, raising concerns about the safety of international forces in the region.

Borrell highlighted the importance of UNIFIL's work, noting the participation of many European nations in the mission. He stressed the need for respect for international peace-

keeping forces and the vital role they play in maintaining stability.

In a response to the escalating tensions, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu urged UN Secretary-General Antonio Guterres to relocate peacekeepers from southern Lebanon, alleging that Hezbollah was using them as "human shields." However, UNIFIL has reiterated its commitment to remain in its current positions, emphasizing the necessity of their presence in the area despite the risks.

The ongoing situation reflects the complexities of the region, where clashes between Israel and Hezbollah have continued to pose threats not only to local populations but also to international peacekeepers. The EU's strong response underscores its commitment to supporting UN operations and maintaining peace in conflict zones. As tensions remain high, the international community is closely monitoring developments in Lebanon and Israel.



France Plans New Immigration Law Amid Right-Wing Push

French authorities are set to introduce a new immigration law next year as the right-wing government seeks to tighten immigration policies and border controls. Government spokeswoman Maud Bregeon confirmed the plans during an interview with BFMTV on Sunday, emphasizing the need for a comprehensive legislative approach.

The proposed bill, expected to be presented to parliament in early 2025, reflects the political shift following this summer's legislative elections, which resulted in a hung parliament. The urgency for reform has been underscored by recent incidents, including the tragic rape and murder of a Paris student, allegedly by a Moroccan suspect, sparking intense public debate over immigration and security.

One of the key features of the new legislation would be extending the detention period for undocumented migrants deemed dangerous.

Trump Should Do The Same: Kamala Harris After Releasing Medical Report



Democratic presidential nominee Kamala Harris has called on her Republican rival Donald Trump to release his medical records, emphasizing the importance of transparency in health and policy matters. This request came a day after Harris's own medical report confirmed she is in "excellent health" and fit for the presidency.

"Yesterday, I released my medical records. Donald Trump should do the same," Harris stated on X, urging voters to scrutinize Trump's transparency regarding his health. In a video accompanying her tweet, she invited the public to observe Trump's rally performances as a gauge of his mental acuity.

During a rally in North Carolina, Harris highlighted the age gap between her and Trump, who is 78 years old. She criticized Trump for not releasing his medical information and for declining to participate in a second debate, suggesting that his team might be trying to shield him from scrutiny.

"Why does his staff want him to hide away? Are they afraid that people will see he is too weak and unstable to lead America?" she questioned, emphasizing the need for voters to have access to critical information before making electoral decisions.

Harris's recent medical report describes her as a "healthy 59-year-old female" with only minor seasonal allergies. In contrast, Trump's medical history remains largely undisclosed, though his campaign recently released a letter confirming he is in "excellent" health, with normal physical exams and "exceptional" cognitive test results.

Harris is focusing on North Carolina, a key battleground state that hasn't voted for a Democratic nominee since Barack Obama in 2008. Polls indicate it is a toss-up, making a Democratic win crucial for Trump's path to the necessary 270 electoral votes.

Netanyahu considers 'surrender or starve' plan for northern Gaza

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced on Sunday that military operations are escalating in Jabalia, northern Gaza. The Israel Defense Forces (IDF) are urging civilians to evacuate south, as reports emerge of a contentious strategy aimed at cutting off humanitarian aid to the region. This plan, aimed at weakening Hamas, risks trapping hundreds of thousands of Palestinians without access to food or water.

Dubbed the "Generals' Plan," this proposal, created by a group of retired generals and revealed to the Associated Press, suggests giving residents of northern Gaza, including Gaza City, a week to evacuate before designating the area a closed military



zone. Those who do not leave would be treated as combatants, subject to military regulations allowing for lethal action against them, and would be denied essential supplies.

Giora Eiland, a former head of Israel's National Security Council and the plan's architect, argues that this strategy is crucial for dismant-

ling Hamas leadership and pushing for the release of Israeli hostages. He outlined that the estimated 300,000 residents still in northern Gaza would have ten days to evacuate through safe corridors provided by Israel. After that, the area would become a military zone, leaving remaining individuals with the options to surrender or face starvation.

Despite the detailed nature of the plan, it remains uncertain whether the Israeli government will formally adopt it. An Israeli military spokesperson denied any connection between current evacuation orders and the Generals' Plan, while other officials indicated that some aspects might already be in effect.

Eating too much sugar may increase your risk of depression



Diet and nutrition significantly influence human health, and recent research reveals that a preference for sugary foods may lead to more than just weight gain. A study from the University of Surrey has established a strong connection between a love for sweets and serious health risks, including depression.

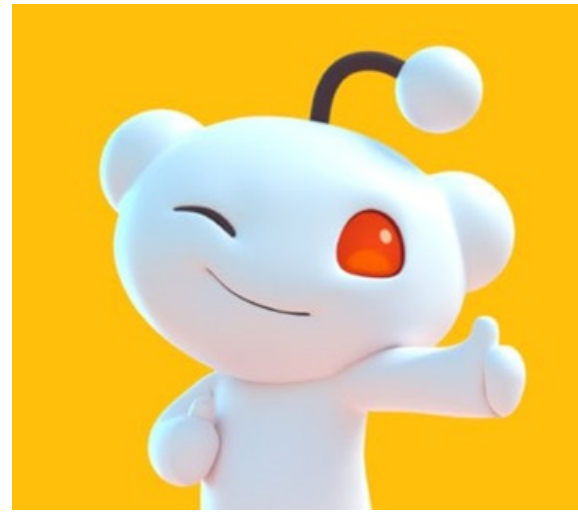
The study, published in the *Journal of Translational Medicine*, utilized data from the UK Biobank to examine the eating habits of participants categorized as health-conscious, omnivores, and sweet tooth individuals. Those with a sweet tooth favored sugary treats, cakes, and soft drinks while showing less interest in healthier options

like fruits and vegetables. Key findings indicated that individuals with a sweet tooth faced a 31% higher risk of developing depression compared to their health-conscious counterparts. The researchers measured blood samples to analyze 2,923 proteins and 168 metabolites, discovering that the sweet tooth group exhibited poorer blood markers for inflammation and glucose levels. These markers are associated with increased risks for both metabolic and mental health conditions.

In contrast, the health-conscious group, who prioritized fruits and vegetables, demonstrated reduced risks for heart disease and stroke. The study underscores how food preferences play a crucial role in long-term health outcomes, emphasizing the importance of moderating sugar intake.

These findings serve as a wake-up call regarding dietary choices and their long-term implications. By recognizing the potential health risks associated with a sweet tooth, individuals can take proactive steps toward improving their well-being. This research reinforces the idea that our food choices directly impact our overall health, urging us all to be mindful of what we consume for better health outcomes.

Reddit is back online after hours-long outage affecting users globally



Reddit services have been successfully restored following a brief outage that lasted approximately one hour. Users of the popular social media platform can once again access Reddit both on the web and through its mobile app.

While the platform has not provided details on the cause of the outage, this incident marks the third time in the past three months that Reddit has experienced similar service disruptions. Users reported difficulties accessing content and engaging with posts during the outage, prompting discussions about the platform's reliability.

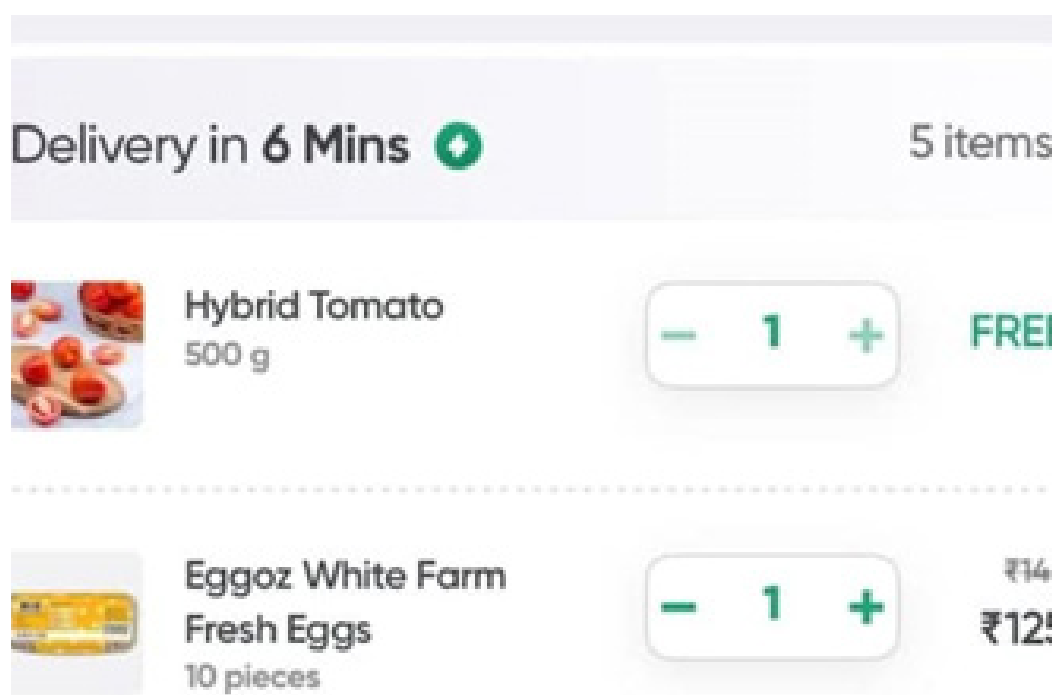
Reddit's team has yet to issue a statement regarding the technical issues that led to this latest interruption in service. The platform has faced scrutiny in the past over its ability to maintain consistent uptime, especially during high-traffic periods.

Despite these challenges, Reddit remains a popular destination for users seeking community engagement, news, and entertainment. The site features a wide variety of forums, known as subreddits, covering diverse topics from technology and gaming to health and relationships.

As the platform works to stabilize its services and enhance user experience, many users are hopeful for improvements in its operational reliability. Outages can significantly impact user engagement, as many rely on Reddit for real-time discussions and updates on current events.

Reddit has been proactive in addressing issues related to service stability, and users anticipate further updates from the platform regarding ongoing improvements and measures to prevent future outages. For now, Reddit's services are fully operational, allowing users to once again participate in discussions and explore the myriad of content available.

Swiggy Instamart User Complains About Unremovable Free Tomatoes



A complaint on social media platform X (formerly Twitter) has sparked widespread discussion after a Swiggy Instamart user criticized the automatic addition of free tomatoes to his shopping cart. The user labeled this practice as "basket sneaking" and a "dark pattern," arguing that customers should have the option to choose whether to accept free items or not.

In his post, the frustrated customer expressed, "Very bad design in Swiggy Instamart, where an item is automatically added to my cart. I don't want tomatoes, but I cannot remove it from my cart. Even if I am not paying for it, this is basket sneaking." He emphasized that the core issue lies not in receiving free tomatoes but in the lack of control consumers have

over their shopping choices. "I should have full control as a consumer of what I choose to receive, which isn't happening," he stated.

The post garnered mixed reactions from users. One commenter noted, "Customer must have the final say. Offer freebies, but the customer must decide yes or no." Others questioned the implications of the practice. "If it's free, is it still considered a dark pattern?" one user wondered, acknowledging the inability to remove the item.

Some users speculated it could be a glitch, with one remarking, "Generally, I am able to remove the free items. I don't know if it's a bug or intended." Others took a light-hearted approach, joking about the rising

cost of tomatoes, suggesting, "Send it to Chennai, please. Tomato is already nearing Rs 100/kg."

In response to the situation, another user suggested that the free tomatoes might be an attempt by local stores to offload excess stock. They humorously advised giving the tomatoes to someone in need. Comparisons were also made to other grocery apps, with a user noting that Zepto allows customers to easily remove free items if they choose not to accept them.

The incident highlights the ongoing conversation around consumer rights and e-commerce practices, emphasizing the need for clarity and control in online shopping experiences.

Apple Smart Glasses and AirPods with Cameras Set to Launch in 2027

Apple unveiled its first mixed-reality headset, Vision Pro, at the Worldwide Developers Conference (WWDC) last year. With over a year since its announcement and six months since shipping, the tech giant is reportedly developing additional products utilizing Vision Pro's advanced technology to compete with Meta.

According to Bloomberg's Mark Gurman, Apple's Vision Products Group is actively working on at least four new devices. Among these is a potential launch of smart glasses in 2027, designed to rival Meta's Ray-Ban smart glasses. Additionally, there are plans for a new pair of AirPods featuring integrated cameras.

Gurman highlights that Apple aims to leverage the billions invested in Vision Pro's visual intelligence technology by integrating its environmental detection capabilities into more products. This approach is part of a broader strategy to enhance user experiences across various devices.

In terms of pricing strategy, Apple is preparing to release a lower-end version of the Vision headset as early as next year, expected to retail around \$2,000 (approximately Rs. 1,68,000). This model will utilize a less powerful processor and feature cost-effective materials, unlike the original Vision Pro, which starts at \$3,499 (about Rs. 2,90,000) and offers various storage options of 256GB, 512GB, and 1TB. The more affordable headset will notably exclude the EyeSight feature, which enhances user interaction.



Apple anticipates that the lower-priced model will significantly boost sales, potentially doubling the unit sales compared to the Vision Pro. Furthermore, a second-generation Vision Pro with improved performance is expected to launch in 2026.

The original Vision Pro, announced in June 2023, operates on visionOS and supports both augmented reality (AR) and virtual reality (VR) technologies. Currently available in markets like the US, China, Europe, and Japan, the headset is powered by Apple's M2 processor and an R1 chip, setting the stage for an exciting evolution in mixed-reality technology.

Adults Suspect Undiagnosed ADHD Due To Social Media Influence

A recent study highlights a growing awareness of attention-deficit/hyperactivity disorder (ADHD) among adults in America, revealing that 25% of respondents suspect they may have the condition but remain undiagnosed. The national survey, which involved 1,000 American adults, indicates that social media videos are playing a significant role in helping individuals connect their struggles with attention, focus, and restlessness to ADHD.

Despite this increased awareness, only 13% of those who suspect they have ADHD have discussed their concerns with a healthcare provider. This raises alarm about the potential risks associated with self-diagnosis, as incorrect treatment could exacerbate underlying issues. Psychologist Justin Barterian from Ohio State University's Department of Psychiatry and Behavioral Health warns that symptoms of anxiety, depression, and ADHD can be similar, and misdiagnosis may lead to ineffective or harmful treatments.

Barterian notes that approximately 4.4% of adults aged 18 to 44 are diagnosed with ADHD, and many individuals do not receive a diagnosis until later in life. Increased awareness about how ADHD can persist into adulthood has led many to recognize their own symptoms, especially when they see similar behaviors in their diagnosed children, given the genetic nature of the disorder.



Interestingly, the study found that younger adults are more likely than older generations to believe they might have undiagnosed ADHD. While social media can effectively raise awareness and educate individuals about ADHD, Barterian emphasizes the importance of seeking professional help for accurate diagnosis and treatment. Consulting with psychologists, psychiatrists, or physicians is essential for addressing concerns about ADHD and ensuring that individuals receive appropriate care tailored to their needs.

As conversations around mental health continue to evolve, understanding ADHD in adults is crucial for fostering informed and effective treatment pathways.

India Falls Short Against Australia in Women's T20 World Cup

Team India suffered a surprising nine-run defeat to Australia in their final Group A match of the Women's T20 World Cup on Sunday in Sharjah, significantly diminishing their chances of reaching the semi-finals. The outcome now hinges on the match between Pakistan and New Zealand, which will determine the fate of captain Harmanpreet Kaur and her team.

After being asked to bowl first, India managed to restrict the defending champions to 151/8. However, India's batting faltered, ending at 142/9 despite Harmanpreet's commendable 54 runs.

The skipper faced intense criticism for her decision-making during the final over. With India needing 14 runs to win and Harmanpreet at the crease, expectations were high. However, her approach in the 20th over raised eyebrows. After taking a single on the first delivery, she brought Pooja Vastrakar to face Annabel Sutherland, who bowled Vastrakar on the next ball. Arundhati Reddy was run out on the following delivery, putting Harmanpreet back on strike.



Again opting for a single, she left Shreyanka Patil to face the pressure. With 12 runs required off two balls, Patil was run out on a wide delivery, followed by Radha Yadav's dismissal for LBW. On the final ball, Renuka Singh ran for a single, but Australia clinched the victory.

Harmanpreet's reluctance to take charge during critical moments left many fans puzzled and disappointed. The loss serves as a harsh reminder of the challenges ahead for Team India in the tournament.



Sachin Tendulkar Honored By Dallas Cowboys During NFL Game

Sachin Tendulkar received a custom Number 10 jersey from Dallas Cowboys owner Jerry Jones during an NFL game in Houston, a significant honor that underscores cricket's expanding presence in the United States. Tendulkar, a co-owner of the National Cricket League (NCL), is pivotal in introducing cricket to American audiences through its innovative Sixty Strikes format.

The recognition at such a prominent NFL venue highlights a remarkable intersection between cricket and American sports. Earlier on Sunday, Tendulkar launched the NCL's community outreach initiatives by inspiring hundreds of young athletes at the University of Texas at Dallas.

"Cricket has given me so much, and being here in Dallas—both teaching these young athletes and receiving this incredible recognition—has been truly humbling," Tendulkar expressed. He emphasized

the importance of dedication and passion, encouraging the youth to pursue their dreams both on and off the cricket field.

The NCL is quickly gaining traction, combining high-level cricket with cultural events and community engagement. The tournament, featuring notable players like Shahid Afridi, Suresh Raina, Shakib Al Hasan, and Chris Lynn, aims to establish itself as a premier event on the global cricket landscape.

Based in Dallas, the NCL has also drawn cricket legends like Sunil Gavaskar, Wasim Akram, and Sir Vivian Richards to mentor participating players. This blending of sports and mentorship signifies a promising future for cricket in the U.S., as Tendulkar continues to inspire the next generation while fostering a love for the game in new territories. The tournament is set to conclude on Monday, further solidifying its impact.

PV Sindhu and Lakshya Sen Seek Redemption at Denmark Open



Indian badminton stars PV Sindhu and Lakshya Sen are eager to bounce back at the USD 850,000 Denmark Open Super 750, starting Tuesday. Both players faced tough outings in the recent Arctic Open in Finland, where Sindhu suffered a first-round exit, and Sen bowed out in the second round.

At Arena Fyn in Odense, they aim for better results in this prestigious tournament,

the 13th event of the 2024 BWF World Tour. Sen, who finished fourth at the Paris Olympics, will face China's Lu Guang Zu in his opening match—a first-time encounter. Should he advance, a potential clash with Indonesia's Jonatan Christie awaits in the second round, with reigning world champion Kunlavut Vitidsarn likely looming in the quarter-finals.

Sindhu, a two-time Olympic medallist,

aims to quickly address her recent performance issues after losing to Canada's Michelle Li, an opponent she had previously defeated ten times. Under new coaches Anup Sridhar and Korea's Lee Hyun-il, Sindhu will begin against Chinese Taipei's Pai Yu Po, with a possible second-round matchup against China's Han Yue if she progresses.

India's representation extends beyond Sindhu, with several competitors in women's singles, including in-form Malvika Bansod, Aakarshi Kashyap, and promising talent Unnati Hooda. Bansod, who reached the quarterfinals of the China Open, will face Vietnam's Nguyen Thuy Linh, while Kashyap competes against Thailand's Supanida Katethong. Hooda, the 2022 Odisha Open winner, takes on Lauren Lam from the USA.

In women's doubles, Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand will face the fifth-seeded Malaysian pair Pearly Tan and Thinnah Muralitharan. The Panda sisters, Svetaparna and Rutaparna, will compete against Chinese Taipei's Chang Ching Hui and Yang Ching Tung.

Mixed doubles will see the duo of B Sumeeh Reddy and Sikki Reddy face Canada's Kevin Lee and Eliana Zhang, while Sathish Karunakaran and Aadya Variyath meet Indonesia's Rehan Kusharjanto and Lisa Kusumawati.



Harmanpreet Singh Becomes Expensive Player at Hockey India League Auction

India captain Harmanpreet Singh was the star of the Hockey India League auction, becoming the most expensive player on Day 1 with a price tag of ₹78 lakh, sold to Soorma Hockey Club. The auction saw all eight franchises investing heavily, particularly in core players from the Indian men's hockey team.

Following Harmanpreet, Abhishek was acquired by Shracchi Rarh Bengal Tigers for ₹72 lakh, while Hardik Singh went to UP Rudras for ₹70 lakh. Notable purchases included Amit Rohidas and Jugraj Singh, both sold for ₹48 lakh to Tamil Nadu Dragons and Shracchi Rarh Bengal Tigers, respectively. Sumit was picked up by Hyderabad Toofans for ₹46 lakh.

In total, 54 players were sold on the first day, including 18 international players, with franchises spending a combined ₹16.88 crore. German player Gonzalo Peillat was the highest-priced overseas player at ₹68 lakh, also going to Tamil Nadu Dragons. Dutch player Jip Janssen was sold for ₹54 lakh to the same franchise.

The auction's active participation reflected the growing competitiveness of the league, and with franchises keen to strengthen their squads, the remaining days promise more excitement. Each franchise is managing its budget, with varying amounts left for further acquisitions as the auction progresses.

England Defeats Finland 3-1 in Nations League

England secured a comfortable 3-1 victory against Finland in the Nations League on Sunday, showcasing a more familiar lineup under interim manager Lee Carsley. Jack Grealish opened the scoring in the 18th minute, finishing off a well-executed 17-pass move. Despite several opportunities, Finland couldn't capitalize, failing to challenge goalkeeper Dean Henderson effectively.

Trent Alexander-Arnold doubled the lead with a stunning 25-yard free-kick in the 74th minute, deployed at left-back for this match. Declan Rice sealed the win by converting a cross from substitute Ollie Watkins with just six minutes remaining. Although Finland managed to score a late consolation through Arttu Hoskonen in the 87th minute, they remain at the bottom of Group B2, having lost all their matches.

Carsley praised his team's response,

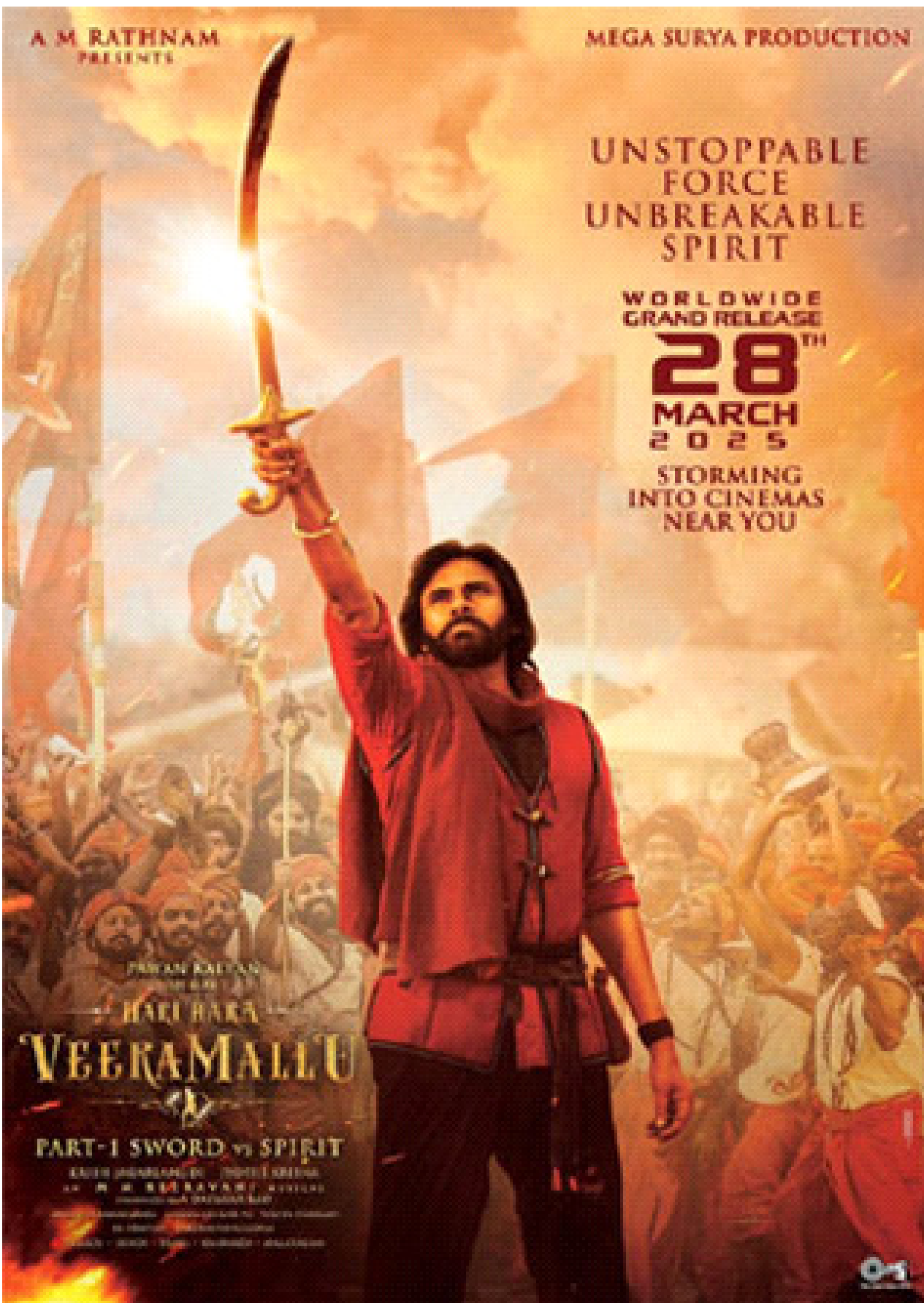
saying, "We played with a lot more control... we created chances, but we can do better." Greece maintained their position at the top of the group, beating the Republic of Ireland 2-0 in Athens, extending their winning streak to four matches.

In another match, Austria dominated Norway with a 5-1 victory in Linz. Marko Arnautovic shone with two goals, putting Austria ahead early in each half. After Alexander Sorloth equalized for Norway, Arnautovic restored the lead with a penalty in the 49th minute. Defender Philipp Lienhart and Stefan Posch added headers to the scoreline, while Michael Gregoritsch capped off a dominant performance with another header.

Norway's star striker, Erling Haaland, struggled to make an impact against a solid Austrian defense, managing only a shot that hit the post early on. Austria's win propelled them to second



place in Group B3, level on points with Slovenia and Norway.



Pawan Kalyan's "Hari Hara Veera Mallu" First Single Dropping on Diwali

Power Star Pawan Kalyan's much-anticipated film, *Hari Hara Veera Mallu: Part 1 - Sword vs Spirit*, is slated for a grand release on March 28, 2025. Directed by Jyoti Krishna, this epic action-adventure stars Nidhi Agerwal alongside Kalyan.

Filming resumes today with the main cast back on set, and exciting news is on the horizon as the first single from the movie is expected to drop during Di-

wali. Pawan Kalyan himself has recorded the song's Telugu version, while versions in other languages will feature different singers. The track is reported to explore the theme of Dharma.

New posters for the film have recently been unveiled, fueling excitement among fans who are eager for more updates. *Hari Hara Veera Mallu* is a pan-Indian production from Mega Surya Production, featuring a power-

ful soundtrack by the legendary MM Keeravaani. The film boasts an ensemble cast, including Bobby Deol, Nassar, Sunil, Raghubabu, Subbaraju, and Nora Fatehi in key roles.

As the release date approaches, fans are eagerly anticipating more thrilling announcements regarding this cinematic journey. Stay tuned for further updates as this grand project unfolds!

Vishwak Sen's "Mechanic Rocky" Set for November 22 Release

Vishwak Sen is gearing up for his next film, "Mechanic Rocky," an action-packed entertainer that promises both thrills and humor. Originally slated for a Diwali release on October 31, the film's release has been rescheduled to November 22. This new date gives "Mechanic Rocky" a solo run at the box office, free from major competition, which could work to its advantage.

The film's promotional campaign is gaining momentum, with the theatrical trailer set to debut on October 20. In a striking release date poster, Vishwak Sen exudes an air of intrigue, hinting at the film's engaging storyline. Co-stars Meenakshi Chaudhary and Shraddha Srinath also feature prominently in the poster; Chaudhary dazzles in a beautiful traditional saree, while Srinath showcases a modern, urban look, reflecting the film's dynamic nature.

As part of its marketing efforts, the team behind "Mechanic Rocky" has already released a teaser titled "First Gear," along with a couple of catchy songs that have generated buzz among fans. The film is produced by Ram Talluri under the SRT Entertainments banner, indicating a strong backing for this exciting project.

With its mix of action, comedy, and intriguing character dynamics, "Mechanic Rocky" is poised to capture audiences when it hits theaters. Fans are eagerly awaiting the trailer, which is expected to provide a deeper insight into the film's plot and characters, further fueling anticipation. Mark your calendars for November 22, as "Mechanic Rocky" aims to rev up the excitement in cinemas this fall.



First Single 'Le Le Raja' from Varun Tej's 'Matka' Released, Featuring Nora Fatehi

Mega Prince Varun Tej's highly anticipated pan-India film, "Matka," directed by Karuna Kumar, is set to captivate audiences with its period storyline. The film's makers have generated buzz by releasing the first single, "Le Le Raja," a vibrant club beat that promises to draw in crowds.

This retro-style track features Bollywood beauty Nora Fatehi, who enchants viewers with her captivating

presence and vintage dance moves. Music director GV Prakash Kumar has crafted an impressive composition, blending catchy beats with Neethimohan's melodious voice and Bhaskarabhat's engaging lyrics.

"Le Le Raja" is expected to be an instant chartbuster, as it combines modern music elements with nostalgic vibes, appealing to a wide audience. Varun Tej showcases multiple looks throughout

the film, adding to the anticipation surrounding his character. Opposite him is Meenakshi Chaudhary, who plays the female lead.

With its grand release scheduled for November 14, "Matka" is poised to be a major event in the film industry, and the excitement surrounding the project continues to grow. Fans are eager to see how the film unfolds, especially after this promising first single.



Upendra's Film *UI* Set for December 20, 2024 Release



Kannada superstar Upendra's highly anticipated film *UI*, which he both stars in and directs, has officially locked in its release date. The film is set to hit theaters on December 20, 2024, across nine Indian languages, including Telugu.

To announce this exciting news, the makers revealed an intriguing poster featuring a bold caption: "ALL THESE DAYS, YOU WATCHED MOVIES AND DECIDED WHETHER THEY WERE A HIT OR FLOP. THIS MOVIE WILL WATCH YOU AND"

Produced by G. Manoharan and KP SreeKanth under the prestigious banners of Lahari Films and Venus Entertainers, *UI* is shaping up to be a groundbreaking cinematic experience. The film's music, composed by Ajaneesh Loknath, has already generated considerable buzz, heightening anticipation among fans and moviegoers alike.

As the release date approaches, the excitement surrounding *UI* continues to grow, with expectations for innovative storytelling and unique visuals. Upendra's dual role as both actor and director adds another layer of interest, promising a captivating experience for audiences.

Fans can look forward to further updates, including teasers, trailers, and promotional events leading up to the release. With its ambitious scope and creative vision, *UI* aims to make a significant impact in the Indian film industry.

Kiran Abbavaram's Film "KA" Set for Grand Diwali Release

Kiran Abbavaram, known for his charming boy-next-door roles, is set to make a dynamic return with his upcoming period film, "KA." This ambitious project, produced on a large scale, has already generated excitement with its impressive teaser and two hit songs. As anticipation builds, "KA" is shaping up to be a must-see this Diwali, with its release scheduled for October 31.

The teaser has captivated audiences, creating a buzz among moviegoers eager to experience this thrilling period drama on the big screen. The release date poster showcases Kiran Abbavaram in a striking pose, exuding intensity as he wields a weapon and is surrounded by trishuls, adding to the film's allure and intrigue.

"KA" marks Abbavaram's most prestigious pan-India project, set to be released in multiple languages, including Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, and Kannada. This



wide release strategy highlights the film's potential to reach a diverse audience.

Directed by the talented duo Sujith and Sandeep, "KA" tells a gripping action-packed story rooted in a village backdrop. The film promises to deliver compelling content, and the makers are gearing up for extensive promotional activities across all languages to heighten anticipation leading up to the release.