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IAS Officers Face Setback in Telangana High Court



TPN , Hyderabad : The Telangana High Court has dismissed petitions filed by IAS officers from Andhra Pradesh and Telangana seeking to be relieved from their current postings. The court directed these officials to report to the states assigned by the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT) before requesting any orders for relief.

During the hearing, the court emphasized that the central government ultimately decides where officials should serve. The judges noted that if stays are granted on such matters, resolutions would remain elusive. They urged the officials to act responsibly and avoid causing inconvenience to the public.

The petitioners' lawyer informed the court that both states had re-

quested a 15-day extension from DoPT to facilitate their relief. They sought to delay the release until the Central Administrative Tribunal (CAT) reaches a final verdict, scheduled for November 4.

In response, Additional Solicitor General Narsimha Sharma, representing the central government, argued that courts should not dictate where officials should work. He stated that the decision not to grant a stay by CAT was appropriate and assured the court that they would provide a comprehensive counter to justify DoPT's decision.

After considering arguments from both sides, the court ultimately dismissed the petitions, leaving IAS officers to continue their duties as assigned by the central government.

CM Revanth Reddy Orders Immediate Transfers, But Delays Persist

TPN , Hyderabad : Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has directed the immediate transfer of Section Officers (SOs) within the Secretariat, having signed the relevant file on September 30. However, over two weeks later, these transfers have yet to occur, allegedly due to disagreements between two senior officials.

The transfers have been stalled despite the Chief Minister's approval last month. One senior official had prepared a file proposing the transfer of long-serving employees across various departments, but another official reportedly issued verbal orders to halt the transfers for certain long-term employees.

As a result of this impasse between the two officials, the file remains unresolved, much to the frustration of Secretariat employees, who had hoped for the transfers to be completed before the Dussehra festival. Since the formation of Telangana state, there have been no transfers of Secretariat employees in the past ten years, leading to growing discontent among staff who had expected changes with the new Congress government.

Recently, the Revanth Reddy administration decided to prioritize transfers within the SO cadre, with an approval for the transfer of approximately 180 SOs. According to Secretariat regulations, the transfer process should ideally be completed within three days. The proposal for the transfer of these 180 employees has been



submitted to government officials after a week of discussions among GAD officers.

Despite the CM's clear directives, employees have criticized the officials for their failure to make timely decisions regarding the transfers. Some employees allege

that certain senior IAS officials from the previous administration are obstructing the process to favor their preferred candidates. The delay in SO transfers has also held up decisions regarding the transfers of higher-ranking secretaries, which remain pending as well.



9th DECEMBER, KCR IS COMING INTO THE PUBLIC LEAVING FARM HOUSE

TPN , Hyderabad : 9th December once gain going to accelerate the politics of Telangana. Yes, then in 2009, on this date, decision towards formation of Telangana state was taken and announced by Congress. This statement was a response to the fasting of Kalvakuntla Chandrasekhar Rao and an intensified agitation. On the same date, Mr. KCR is planning to come outside of the farmhouse and going to interact with the people of Telangana. BRS is going to plan his program in a big way.

After witnessing the disastrous results in the recent lok Sabha elections, BRS Chief Mr. KCR didn't come outside and didn't respond on any issue. One side BRS is trying to elevate loan waiver issue, HYDRA and Musi problems. And on other side, Mr KCR

kept mum in all these days. But, He has been holding meetings in farmhouse with all the necessary party leaders on regular basis. He even consulting few Government officials also. He is listing the issues which have negative impact on the people and making an agenda for his tour.

As by 7th December, Mr. Revanth Reddy's Government will complete one year. So from 9th December onwards, KCR will lash out at the Government raising all the public issues. At one stage, everybody thought BRS will be closed. But, in the recent months, BRS was managed to give hope to the cadre. They have strengthened social media and attacking on the Government severely. And that social media campaign has made an impact on the political situation. Mr. KCR is thinking that

this will be the right time to revert back on the Congress Government politically. In January, local body elections' schedule may come. So with the December's campaign BRS is trying to get good results in those elections.

On the other side, the Government under Congress rule is also planning to combat the plan of KCR. They have announced that loan waiver will be completed by 9th December, so that BRS cannot raise that issue. And also the Government is planning to fulfil their electoral promises by that time. They have taken a strategy, in which all the weapons chosen by BRS will be smashed.

However, from 9th December onwards, the heat of politics will be intensified more for sure.

Controversy Surrounds Minister Konda Surekha Complaints from MLAs Emerge



Minister Konda Surekha's behavior has become a headache for the Congress party. Recently, during her criticism of KTR, she made controversial remarks about Tollywood stars Akkineni Naga Chaitanya and Samantha, which drew strong backlash from the film industry. Following this, she was compelled to issue an explanation and apologize to Samantha. However, Akkineni Nagarjuna has not backed down, filing a defamation lawsuit against her, which is currently under investigation.

The situation has escalated to the point where local MLAs from the united Warangal district have reportedly lodged complaints against Konda Surekha with PCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud and AICC in-charge Deepadas Munshi. In their complaint, they mentioned that they were being troubled by her supporters. Mahesh Kumar Goud responded, stating that it was merely an issue caused by overenthusiastic party workers and assured that he would communicate with everyone to

resolve the problems. During the Dussehra celebrations, supporters of Konda Surekha put up flex boards in Parkala, which notably excluded a photo of local MLA Revooru Prakash Reddy. This omission led to a clash between the two factions, resulting in the destruction of the flex boards by Prakash Reddy's supporters. The police intervened and detained some individuals involved in the incident. Upon learning of the situation, Konda Surekha visited the police station and expressed her anger, questioning whether the police would only arrest her supporters. This confrontation was captured on video and went viral on social media.

As a result, party leaders have reportedly cautioned Konda Surekha to be more careful and to avoid unnecessary controversies. Known as a firebrand leader, she has always spoken her mind fearlessly, regardless of the opposition. However, her current behavior has begun to embroil her in disputes.



HYDRA's Role Expanded

Aimed at Curbing Illegal Constructions in Hyderabad

TPN , Hyderabad: On October 16, the Telangana government announced an expansion of powers for HYDRA (Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency) under the GHMC Act, enhancing its authority to safeguard public assets across the city. This includes the protection of roads, drains, water bodies, parks, and other properties owned by the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) or the state government.

This decision comes amid ongoing legal challenges regarding HYDRA's constitution and authority. Recently, Justice K Lakshman of the Telangana High Court scrutinized HYDRA Commissioner Ranganath over allegations of arbitrary actions.



The government order, issued by the Telangana Municipal Administration and Urban Development ministry, empowers HYDRA under Section 374B of the GHMC Act. This section permits HYDRA to engage in various activities related to public streets, including leveling, metalling, paving, channeling, widening, and performing repairs.

Established by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy on July 12, 2024, HYDRA was formed under the National Disaster Management Act. Its primary objectives include managing natural disasters, protecting government properties, curbing encroachments on ponds and lakes, and addressing illegal constructions.

Since its inception, HYDRA has undertaken significant demolition activities, including the removal of structures belonging to Oro Sports Village and Palamuru Grill for encroaching on the buffer zone of the Osman Sagar lake. Other notable demolitions include a building owned by the Greenko Group, which has been linked to political donations, and the N Convention Center, owned by popular Telugu actor Nagarjuna.

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, drawing inspiration from the Bhagavad Gita, emphasized the importance of these actions, stating, "During the battle of Kurukshetra, Lord Krishna advised Arjun to fulfill his duty for the welfare of the world. Dharma (duty) should stay alive."

Good News for Farmers

Loan Waiver Before Diwali



TPN , Telangana : In a positive development for farmers in Telangana, the Congress government has announced the completion of the loan waiver process ahead of Diwali. During the Telangana Assembly elections, Congress made several promises to the farming community, including the waiver of loans up to ₹2 lakhs, an annual financial support of ₹15, and a bonus of ₹500 for paddy.

With the Congress party now in power, farmers expressed their joy at the prospect of loan waivers. Following this, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy took a significant step by committing to complete the loan waivers by August 15. Estimates suggest that approximately ₹31,000 crores would be required to waive loans up to ₹2 lakhs for farmers in the state.

The government announced that the loan waivers would be implemented in three phases: initially waiving loans under ₹1 lakh, then those under ₹1.5 lakhs, and finally, loans up to ₹2 lakhs. However, not all farmers received the waivers, as only over ₹18,000 crores

have been disbursed so far. This has led to concerns among many farmers who feel they have not benefited from the loan waiver scheme.

With growing dissatisfaction, bank officials and lawmakers have faced increasing pressure from the farming community. Various political parties have also ramped up their demands on the Congress government. The BRS party organized a "Chalo Praja Bhavan" rally, while the BJP held a demonstration for farmer rights, intensifying government scrutiny.

Recently, Agriculture Minister Tummla Nageswara Rao addressed the issue at the oath-taking ceremony of the Nidamanur Market Committee. He delivered good news to farmers, announcing that the remaining loan waivers for 400,000 farmers would be completed before the Diwali festival. Although he had previously stated that waivers would be finalized by Dussehra, this deadline was not met. Farmers remain anxious about whether the waivers will be fulfilled, but Tummla assured them that the promised support would soon be available.

Professor Balakishan Reddy Appointed as Chairman of Telangana State Higher Education Council

TPN , Hyderabad : The Telangana government has appointed Professor Balakishan Reddy as the Chairman of the Telangana State Higher Education Council. Professor Itikyala Purushottam has been appointed as the Vice Chairman. The orders were issued by Burra Venkatesham, Principal Secretary of the Education Department, stating that the appoint-

ments are effective immediately.

Both professors will serve in their respective positions for a term of three years. Currently, Professor Balakishan Reddy serves as the Registrar of NALSAR University. In addition to these appointments, the government has also made changes to the in-charge Vice Chancellors of

several universities in the state. Dhanavath Surya has been appointed as the in-charge Vice Chancellor of Koti Women's University, while Professor Govardhan has been designated as the in-charge Vice Chancellor of Basara Triple IT. Surya is currently a professor in the Telugu department at Osmania University's College of Arts.

Telangana Launches 75th TB Seal Sale Campaign to Eradicate Tuberculosis



TPN , Hyderabad : The Tuberculosis Association of Telangana officially launched its 75th TB Seal Sale Campaign during a ceremony held at the Darbar Hall, Raj Bhavan. The event, attended by Shri Jishnu Dev Varma, the Governor of Telangana and the President of the Tuberculosis Association, marked a significant step in the fight against tuberculosis in the state.

Dr. T.V. Venkateswarulu presided over the function, during which a new executive body was elected. Dr. Sudhir Prasad and Dr. C.N. Prasad were appointed as Vice Chairmen,

while Dr. Balachander took on the role of General Secretary. Fifteen other members were elected to serve as executive members of the association.

In his inaugural address, Governor Varma emphasized the curability of tuberculosis, urging a unified approach to eradicate the disease from Telangana. He highlighted the advancements in treatment options provided through the National TB Control Programme and encouraged patients to adhere to their treatment regimens diligently.

"The active participation of the community and support from families are crucial in achieving the goal of a TB-free India by 2025," remarked the Governor. He further commended the Tuberculosis Association of Telangana for its exemplary contributions to the cause of tuberculosis eradication.

The launch of the TB Seal Sale Campaign aims to raise awareness and funds to combat tuberculosis, fostering a collective effort toward improving health outcomes and reducing the incidence of the disease in the state.

Telangana Signs MOU with Sterlite for Telecom Fiber Initiative

TPN , Telangana : Telangana's IT and Industries Minister D. Sridhar Babu has announced a memorandum of understanding (MOU) with Sterlite Technologies for the deployment of telecom fiber technology. This initiative aims to train hundreds of youth, providing them with employment opportunities in the telecom sector.

During the Asia's largest tech event, the India Mobile Congress 2024, inaugurated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Minister Sridhar Babu emphasized that the Telangana government is proactively working to attract investments in the technology sector. He noted discussions with representatives from various telecom companies to bolster the state's telecom manufacturing policy.

Central Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia's recent decision to allow states to determine their telecom manufacturing policies was lauded by Sridhar Babu. He expressed optimism that the proactive approach of the Telangana government in initiating a telecom manufacturing policy would attract numerous telecom manufacturers to the state.

Additionally, the minister highlighted the government's commitment to providing network access to every household in rural areas through a comprehensive fiber network. The initiative, supported by a ₹3,000 crore investment for underground fiber installation, aims to enhance connectivity across Telangana.

Sridhar Babu also addressed the need for financial support, estimating that over ₹1,600 crore would be required to complete the network. He has raised this matter with the central government, which has responded positively.

The ongoing three-day conference has attracted representatives from 190 countries, over 3,000 industry professionals, and more than 400 exhibitors, alongside nearly 900 startup companies from 120 countries showcasing their products. Telangana is participating in the event as a partner, with a delegation of ten representatives led by Minister Sridhar Babu. Additionally, Telangana is serving as the Artificial Intelligence (AI) Capital Partner for the conference.



Minister Seethakka Crosses Stream for School Inauguration but Ignores Bridge Concerns

TPN , Telangana : In a recent event that drew local attention, Minister Seethakka crossed a stream on her way to inaugurate a school in Gundi village, Asifabad mandal. During her crossing, she paused for photographs, showcasing her engagement with the community.

However, her silence regarding the long-awaited construction of a bridge over the stream has left many residents perplexed and disappointed. Local citizens voiced their frustration, emphasizing that while ministerial visits are appreciated, the lack of discussion about the bridge—a pressing need for the area—raises concerns.



The bridge construction has been a significant topic among residents, who have long hoped for improvements to their transportation infrastructure. The absence of any comments from Minister Seethakka about the bridge during her visit has led to questions about the government's priorities

and commitment to local issues.

As the community seeks solutions to its infrastructure challenges, the minister's visit has sparked conversations about the need for officials to not only attend events but also address critical development needs in the region. Residents are hopeful that future engagements will lead to concrete commitments regarding the bridge's construction, ultimately ensuring better access and connectivity for the local population.

CM Revanth Reddy Criticized for Inaction on Welfare Schemes

TPN , Hyderabad : Former minister and BRS leader Harish Rao has strongly criticized Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for his handling of welfare schemes in the state. Speaking to reporters at Telangana Bhavan, Rao accused the Congress party of halting various beneficial programs initiated under the previous BRS government, sarcastically remarking that this was the “change” promised by the Congress.



Rao specifically pointed to Reddy's recent announcement to provide ₹15,000 under the Rythu Bandhu scheme, claiming that the funds were not disbursed, and labeled this a betrayal of the farmers. He expressed disappointment over Reddy's failure to deliver on promises made during festivals, recalling past announcements where Reddy promised to distribute not just one but two sarees to women during the

Dussehra and Bathukamma festivals.

He also accused Reddy of deceiving poor pregnant women by suggesting that his government would provide better kits than the previous KCR kit. Rao claimed that Reddy has shown disregard for communities such

as Mudiraj and Gangaputra, and criticized the government's handling of fish fry distribution, stating that only ₹16 crores have been allocated for this purpose compared to the ₹100 crores spent by the previous government.

Rao highlighted the current administration's slow progress in implementing welfare schemes, asserting that the Revanth Reddy government has displayed negligence since taking office over ten months ago. He condemned the government's actions against illegal constructions on water bodies, stating that these measures have caused significant hardship for the middle class and the poor.

BRS leaders continue to express frustration over the Congress government's perceived inaction and inefficiency in executing welfare programs, asserting that they are failing to meet the needs of the people.

KTR Vows to Stand Against Bulldozers Sent by Revanth Reddy



TPN , Hyderabad : BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) has declared that his party will stand firmly against the bulldozers being sent by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy under the guise of the Hydra project. Speaking at a media conference in Hyderabad, KTR emphasized that the Congress government had already granted land titles to 20,000 individuals in Kukatpally back in 1980.

He assured that the BRS party would support the impoverished residents who have been living in the area for years, and mentioned plans to inspect sewage treatment facilities during an upcoming visit to Hyderabad.

KTR accused the Congress and MIM leaders of inciting conflict over the financial gains related to the Hydra project, stating that the BRS would actively assist affected communities through their legal cell. He criticized the government's inconsistent statements regarding the Moosi River project, warning that there would be no tolerance for the demolition of homes belonging to the poor.

He alleged that the Hydra project was introduced to intimidate builders and businessmen, and vowed to expose the ongoing exploitation associated with the Moosi project to the public. KTR pointed out that the government had previously issued land titles to residents along the Moosi River over fifty years ago and criticized the current administration for attempting to demolish homes without proper notice.

He expressed outrage over the establishment of a radar station in Vikarabad district, arguing that it would not create any jobs and questioning the environmental impact of such projects. KTR's remarks reflect the escalating tensions surrounding land rights and urban development in the region.

Funding for Musi Canals Urgently Needed: MLA Kumbham Anil Kumar Reddy



TPN , Hyderabad : MLA Kumbham Anil Kumar Reddy has urged the Minister for Irrigation, Uttam Kumar Reddy, to allocate funds for the incomplete Musi canals to ensure irrigation supply to the Bhuvanagiri constituency. This request was made during a meeting on Tuesday.

The MLA emphasized the need for funding to complete the Budanagani, Pilayipalli, and Dharmareddy canals, which have remained unfinished during the previous BRS government's tenure. He called for immediate actions to provide irrigation water to local farmers.

Additionally, he requested funds for the construction of four check dams on the Chinnneru stream at Vada Party, Anajipuram, Bolelpalli, and Madaram.

In his discussions with Minor Irrigation Executive Engineer Chandrashekar and Deputy Executive Engineer Srinivas, MLA Kumbham focused on the development of the Bolelpalli, Bimalingam, and Alinagar canals.

The meeting included participation from various leaders, including Congress party Mandal President Elimenati Krishnareddy, Allamalla Jangayya, Nanam Krishna, Venkata Swamy, Siv-anand, Srinivasa Chari, Pinna Raju, Veeraswamy, Jilugu Sathish, Pawan, and Rampalli Krishna.

These discussions aimed to address the existing irrigation issues and to ensure that farmers receive the necessary water supply for their agricultural activities.

AP DCM Pawan Kalyan Condemns Demolition of Muthyalamma Statue

TPN , Secunderabad : Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan has voiced his outrage over the demolition of the Muthyalamma statue in Secunderabad, calling the act “despicable.” Expressing deep sorrow over the incident, he described the destruction of the goddess's statue as something that has left him devastated, labeling it a “great disgrace.”

Speaking on the matter, Kalyan highlighted that for the past five years, he has witnessed the desecration of temples in Andhra Pradesh. He drew parallels to recent incidents in Bangladesh, where Hindu temples have been similarly targeted. He emphasized the urgent need for strong actions against

such acts of vandalism.

Kalyan reiterated his concerns during the recent Varahi Declaration event in Tirupati, urging the public to remain vigilant to prevent such atrocities from recurring. He released a letter through social media addressing the situation and encouraging awareness among the people.

The incident involving the Muthyalamma statue occurred in Kummaguda, Secunderabad, and has sparked significant outrage across Telugu states and nationwide. Hindu organizations have condemned the act vehemently, and reports indicate that several individuals have already been detained in connection with the incident.



Rajayya Slams Revanth Reddy, Calls Remarks Absurd



TPN , Hyderabad : BRS leader and former MLA Tatikonda Rajayya has expressed strong criticism of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, accusing him of speaking nonsensically. He claimed that Reddy's statements are confusing and lack clarity, suggesting that no one understands what he is trying to convey.

Speaking to the media, Rajayya mocked Reddy's comments about Hyderabad, questioning the absurdity of claiming that “the city is surrounded by the sea on three sides.” He expressed concern over the governance in Telangana, stating it is akin to being “under the control of a madman.”

Rajayya questioned whether Reddy is speaking out of intelligence or ignorance, asserting that the Chief Minister is distracted by party defections rather than focusing on effective governance. He lamented the deteriorating law and order situation in the state, highlighting that citizens are facing numerous issues without any resolution.

Rajayya's remarks underscore the growing frustration among political leaders regarding the state's governance and the pressing challenges faced by the people of Telangana.

Gachibowli Stadium Set for Concert Despite CM's Ban on Non-Sporting Events



TPN , Hyderabad: In a controversial move, the Sports Authority of Telangana (SAT) has defied the orders of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy by permitting a non-sporting event at the Gachibowli Football Stadium. A musical show featuring renowned composer Devi Sri Prasad is scheduled for October 19, despite the Chief Minister's explicit directive that stadiums should no longer be used for events outside of sports.

Concerns have been raised as organizers have reportedly erected large structures on the stadium's athletic track, with reports of significant excavations underway for stage setup. This has alarmed sports enthusiasts, who argue that such activities disrupt athletes' training schedules and jeopardize the integrity of the sports facilities.

The Gachibowli Stadium was recently renovated at a cost of ₹20 crore, a project initiated under CM Revanth Reddy's leadership. He had publicly announced a commitment to ensuring that stadiums are reserved exclusively for sporting activities, aiming to preserve these venues for athletes. The SAT's decision to proceed with the concert appears to contradict this commitment.

Critics have questioned why SAT officials continue to allow non-sporting events at a facility dedicated to athletic development. This disregard for the Chief Minister's orders is being viewed as a significant setback for the promotion of sports in Telangana, raising concerns about the future of sports infrastructure in the state.

TPCC Chief Calls for Congress Victory in GHMC Elections

TPN , Hyderabad: Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President Mahesh Kumar Goud has called upon Congress workers to align their efforts with the party's vision and work diligently towards securing victory in the upcoming Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) elections.

During a crucial meeting of the Hyderabad district Congress held at Gandhi Bhavan on Wednesday, Goud emphasized that disciplinary violations will not be tolerated, regardless of an individual's seniority within the party. "Everyone must work in alignment with the party's vision. In the upcoming GHMC elections, the Congress party must achieve significant results," he stated.

Goud highlighted the accomplishments of the Congress government during its 10 months in power, showcasing the party's commitment to the state's development and large-scale public welfare programs. He criticized the previous BRS government, claiming, "In the last 10 years, the BRS government has driven the State into debt by borrowing ₹7 lakh crore, leading to bankruptcy. The Congress government has fulfilled its promises to the people, and our welfare programs must reach a wider audience. If we work hard, we will gain public support and achieve success in the upcoming elections."

Addressing concerns about opposition strategies, Goud noted, "The BRS and BJP are working



together behind the scenes, trying to weaken the Congress party through social media and other platforms. We must counter these strategies and expose their schemes."

He stressed the critical importance of the GHMC elections, stating, "Now that the Congress is in power, a victory in Greater Hyderabad will strengthen our position in every way. Therefore, all district leaders must work with determination to secure positive results."

Rain Alert in Hyderabad

Northeast Monsoon to Bring Light Showers Through Thursday



TPN , Hyderabad: The northeast monsoon has become active in Hyderabad, bringing light showers to various parts of the city over the next couple of days, according to the Telangana State Development Planning Society (TSDPS).

Light rainfall is expected throughout Thursday, with minimal precipitation forecasted in areas such as Charminar, Bandlaguda, Ramachandrapuram, and Serilingampally. By Friday, no significant rainfall is anticipated.

On Wednesday, the city experienced sporadic heavy downpours in areas including Miyapur, Gajularamaram, Jeedimetla, and Patancheru.

In addition to Hyderabad, several districts across Telangana are likely to see light showers on Thursday, with moderate rains predicted in Jogulamba Gadwal district. Residents are advised to stay updated on weather conditions as the monsoon progresses.

Secunderabad Temple Vandalism

Suspect Identified with Prior Offenses



TPN , Hyderabad: The suspect in the recent temple desecration at Kummariguda, Secunderabad, has been identified as 30-year-old Salman Salim Thakur, also known as Salman. Originally from Mumbra, Maharashtra, he arrived in Hyderabad a month ago to attend a personality development workshop.

According to the Hyderabad Police, Salman was influenced by online speeches from Islamic speakers, which led to a radical mindset towards other communities. He is a Computer Engineering graduate and was active on social media, where he reportedly consumed content from controversial figures like fugitive Zakir Naik, contributing to his self-radicization and animosity towards other religions.

The investigation revealed that Salman attended a month-long workshop organized by the English House Academy, held at a hotel in Rezimental Bazar. Authorities noted that the hotel was rented illegally for this purpose, lacking formal permission, and necessary legal action is being pursued against its management.

The suspect has a history of similar incidents, having previously been involved in cases in Mumbai. In 2022, he entered a Ganesh pandal wearing footwear and mocked local residents for their idolatry. In 2024, he trespassed into a temple and vandalized an idol at Mira Road.

Following the incident on October 14, when Salman desecrated the main idol in the temple's sanctum sanctorum, police officials urged the public to refrain from spreading rumors or speculation, emphasizing that the investigation is ongoing. The Monda Market police are currently handling the case.

North Zone Police Urge Lodges to Comply with Legal Regulations

TPN , Hyderabad: The North Zone police have issued a stern warning to hotel and lodge owners regarding the need to operate within the boundaries of the law. During a safety meeting held with representatives on Wednesday, Zonal DCP Rashmi Perumal emphasized the importance of adhering to regulations, including the Telangana State Public Safety Act, trade license requirements, and BNSS guidelines.

DCP Perumal highlighted a re-

cent incident involving the Metropolis Hotel near Secunderabad railway station, which had been used to host a month-long event attracting participants from various states. Notably, one attendee was connected to a case of temple desecration. The organizer claimed to be conducting English speaking and personality development classes and rented over 50 rooms for accommodation without obtaining necessary permissions or notifying local authorities.

In light of these violations, the decision was made to suspend the hotel's trade license and seal its premises as per legal protocols, with a case registered at Gopalpuram Police Station.

During the meeting, the DCP provided specific instructions, including the maintenance of a Register of Visitors and timely submission of daily entries to the local police. She also mandated that lodges keep a record of ID proofs for guests, which should be readily accessible.

Additionally, the installation of CCTV cameras with backup is compulsory under the Public Safety Act, and sufficient security measures, including the presence of security guards, are to be ensured.

The meeting saw participation from over 200 hotel and lodge owners or their representatives, underscoring the North Zone police's commitment to maintaining safety and order in the area.

Cyber Fraudsters Dupe Man of ₹20.3 Lakh

TPN , Hyderabad: In a shocking case of cyber fraud, a man from the city has been swindled out of ₹20.3 lakh under the pretense of a work-from-home job offer. According to cyber-crime police, the victim was initially lured by a WhatsApp message from scammers claiming to be executives of a company specializing in enhancing click-through rates for Instagram videos. The message promised an easy opportunity to work from home by liking Instagram videos, taking screenshots, and submitting them in exchange for ₹150 per like.

Following the scammers' instructions, the victim was directed to gather videos from a provid-

ed link and submit them via Telegram. However, the conversation quickly shifted to cryptocurrency investments, with the scammers urging the victim to transfer money for supposed gains.

After making several transfers, the victim discovered he could not withdraw the funds from a website associated with the scammers. Realizing he had fallen victim to cybercriminals, he promptly filed a complaint in hopes of recovering his lost money. The cybercrime police are currently investigating the case. Authorities continue to warn the public about the risks of online scams and the importance of verifying job offers and investment opportunities.

Bhupalpally Collector Urges Officials to Prepare for Cotton Procurement

TPN , Bhupalpally: Collector Rahul Sharma has directed officials to make comprehensive arrangements for the smooth procurement of cotton in the district. In a review meeting focused on cotton procurement, he emphasized the importance of ensuring that farmers encounter no difficulties during the buying season.

With the cotton expected to arrive at procurement centers starting the first week of November, Sharma instructed officials from the marketing department, cooperative societies, and the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) to coordinate effectively. "All arrangements must be finalized for the purchase through CCI," he stated.

Additionally, the Collector highlighted the necessity for uninterrupted power supply to ginning mills and urged collaboration with other departments to facilitate the process. He also called for warehouses to begin preparations for storing the purchased cotton, ensuring a seamless transition as the procurement season approaches.

Gender Determination Tests Rampant in Jagtial, Officials Crack Down

TPN , Jagtial: Gender determination tests are reportedly rampant in Jagtial district, with several hospitals and scanning centers allegedly conducting ultrasound scans to identify the sex of fetuses. Disturbingly, some facilities have also been implicated in performing abortions if the fetus is found to be female.

Recently, officials from the Medical and Health department conducted surprise inspections at a hospital in Ashoknagar, where they seized five scanning machines operating without the necessary permissions. The hospital received show cause notices for failing to maintain patient records and for poor operational standards.

Health department sources indicate there are about 30 scanning centers across Jagtial, Korutla, Metpally, Raikal, and Dharmapuri. Some of these centers are reportedly facilitating illegal gender determi-

nation tests. While ultrasound scans are intended to monitor fetal development, some facilities have misused this technology for gender identification.

Couples with female children are particularly vulnerable, often seeking these tests from doctors who allegedly charge between Rs. 20,000 and Rs. 30,000, often in collusion with Registered Medical Practitioners (RMPs) and Private Medical Practitioners (PMPs).

In response to complaints, officials have intensified inspections at hospitals and scanning centers. Dr. Samiuddin, District Medical and Health Officer, emphasized that gender determination tests are illegal and warned that legal actions and fines will be imposed on any facility found conducting such practices. He assured that stringent monitoring of hospitals and scanning centers would continue to curb this illicit activity.

Private Degree and PG Colleges Protest in Jagtial Over Fee Reimbursement Arrears

TPN , Jagtial: The Telangana Private Degree and PG Colleges Management Association (TP-DGCMA) and Employees Association organized a protest in Jagtial town on Wednesday, demanding the state government clear pending fee reimbursement arrears.

The rally commenced from the Old bus stand and concluded at the Collectorate, where approximately 250 participants—including college correspondents,

principals, and staff—gathered to voice their concerns.

During the protest, representatives submitted a formal representation to district officials, urging immediate action to resolve the outstanding payments. The participants emphasized the importance of timely fee reimbursements for the sustainability of private educational institutions and the welfare of students.

Sixteen Sentenced to Life Imprisonment for Murder in Asifabad

TPN , Kumram Bheem Asifabad: In a significant ruling, the Asifabad Sessions Court sentenced 16 individuals to life imprisonment for the murder of Ajmeera Ramesh, a case dating back four years. The court, presided over by Judge MV Ramesh, also imposed a fine of ₹1.49 lakh on the convicts.

The accused, all residents of Singleguda village in Rebbena mandal, were found guilty of hacking Ramesh to death on August 19, 2020, and assaulting his wife, Renuka, with sticks

and stones during the attack. The violent incident stemmed from a grudge held by the assailants after Ramesh confronted Jarpula Suresh for allegedly misbehaving with Renuka.

The investigation was initiated by then Rebbena Sub-Inspector D. Ramesh, leading to the eventual conviction of the accused. Superintendent of Police DV Srinivas Rao praised the efforts of Rebbena Inspector Chittibabu and SI Ramesh for their role in securing justice in this case.

Drunk Man Arrested for Vandalizing Temple in Siddipet



TPN , Siddipet: The Gouraram police have arrested a 30-year-old man for allegedly vandalizing idols at the Peddamma Talli Temple in Singaipally village, Wargal mandal. The accused, Koppoju Venkataswamy Chary, reportedly entered the temple premises in an inebriated state on Tuesday and caused damage to the deities.

Following the incident, police received a complaint and re-



viewed CCTV footage to identify the suspect. Gajwel ACP Purushottam Reddy confirmed that the police apprehended Chary and stated that he would be presented before the court after a thorough investigation.

The community has expressed outrage over the incident, emphasizing the need for greater security measures at places of worship.

Congress Workers Protest Against MLA Kadiyam Srihari

TPN , Telangana : In a significant demonstration, original Congress workers staged a sit-in protest on the national highway near Karunapuram in the Dharmasagar mandal of the Station Ghanpur constituency.

Led by local Congress leader Singapuram Indira, the protesters expressed their discontent over MLA Kadiyam Srihari's favoritism toward his supporters while sidelining longtime party members who have been with Congress since its inception.

The demonstrators criticized Kadiyam Srihari for prioritizing his faction over dedicated party workers who have significantly contributed to the party's



growth and success over the years.

They demanded that the party leadership address their grievances and ensure equitable treatment for all mem-

bers. The protest aims to highlight the internal issues within the party and restore faith among original Congress supporters.

Harish Rao Demands Rs 5 Lakh Ex-Gratia for Road Accident Victims in Medak



TPN , Medak: Former Minister T. Harish Rao expressed his shock over a tragic road accident that claimed the lives of seven individuals in Medak. In a statement following the incident on Wednesday, Rao conveyed his condolences to the bereaved families.



He called on the government to provide Rs 5 lakh as ex-gratia to the kin of each deceased victim and urged for free treatment for the injured. Rao's response highlights the urgent need for support for the affected families during this difficult time.

BRS and Left Parties Protest Government Inaction for Flood-Hit Families in Khammam



TPN , Khammam: Leaders and activists from the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) and Left parties staged a dharna at the Khammam urban tahsildar office on Wednesday, criticizing both the state and central governments for their inadequate support to families affected by the Munneru floods that struck in early September.

The protest was led by CPM district secretary Nunna Nageswara Rao, CPI leader N. Shasidhar Rao, and BRS leader RJC Krishna. They highlighted that thousands of homes were submerged, causing extensive damage to household items, and demanded that the government provide Rs 3 lakh to each affected family.

Despite over a month passing since the disaster, the leaders claimed that many families had yet to receive the promised Rs 16,500 financial assistance. They accused Ministers Tum-mala Nageswara Rao, Bhatti Vikramarka, and Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy of neglecting the plight of flood victims, focusing instead on review meetings and inaugurating new projects.

The protest featured a strong turnout, with notable participation from Left party leaders including Y. Vikram, Yerra Srinivasa Rao, and corporator Ellampalli Venkatarao, among others. The demonstrators reiterated their call for immediate action and relief for the flood-affected families.

Ranga Reddy Horror: Elderly Couple's Brutal Killing Sparks Fear in Local Community



TPN , Ranga Reddy: In a shocking incident, an elderly couple was brutally murdered by unknown assailants at a farmhouse in Kothaguda, under the Kandukur police station limits of Ranga Reddy district.

The victims have been identified as Ushayya (70) and his wife Shantamma (65), residents of Mushtipalli village in Nagarkurnool district. Police suspect that the murder may have been driven by old enmities. An investigation is underway to identify the culprits and uncover the motive behind this heinous crime.

The gruesome incident came to light when locals noticed suspicious activity around the farmhouse and alerted the police. Upon arrival, authorities discovered the bodies of the elderly couple, which bore signs of a violent attack. The area was cordoned off, and forensic teams were called in to gather evi-

dence.

Preliminary investigations suggest that the couple may have been targeted due to long-standing disputes, though the exact nature of the enmity remains unclear. Ushayya and Shantamma were reportedly caretakers of the farmhouse, which belonged to a local resident, Manohar Rao.

Neighbors expressed shock and disbelief over the brutal killings, describing the couple as quiet and well-liked within the community. The police have launched a manhunt to track down the culprits, focusing on individuals who may have had grievances against the couple.

Meanwhile, the incident has left the local community in fear, prompting residents to demand swift action to ensure justice for the victims.

Karimnagar Collector Encourages Farmers to Sell Paddy at Purchasing Centers for MSP

TPN , Karimnagar: Collector Pamela Satpathy has urged farmers to take advantage of the minimum support price (MSP) by selling their paddy at newly established purchasing centers. The Collector made this statement during the inauguration of Paddy Purchasing Centers (PPC) in Vedira of Ramadugu mandal and Garshakurthy of Gangadhara mandal, alongside Chopadandi MLA Medipally Satyam.

In her address, Collector Satpathy emphasized the importance of providing all necessary facilities at the centers to ensure a hassle-free experience for farmers. She urged the staff to prioritize farmer convenience and avoid any issues during the selling process.

MLA Satyam also warned farmers against selling their crops to middlemen, encouraging them to utilize the government-established centers to secure better prices for their quality produce. He noted that the MSP for Grade-A paddy is set at ₹2,320, while the common variety is priced at ₹2,300.





Analyzing India's Responses: Pannun vs Nijjar

The differing Indian responses to U.S. and Canadian allegations regarding the Pannun and Nijjar cases raise critical questions about international diplomacy and relations. Why does India engage differently with the U.S. compared to Canada, despite both being close allies?

One key factor is Canada's high-political approach. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau publicly accused India of involvement in the Nijjar case, escalating tensions. This emotional and politically charged rhetoric contrasts sharply with India's response to U.S. allegations regarding Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, where both nations have maintained a professional dialogue focused on accountability rather than accusations.

As India and the U.S. finalize a significant drone deal, they are collaborating to investigate Pannun's alleged

assassination attempt. In this case, India is approaching the matter as a legitimate investigation rather than a diplomatic spat, unlike the confrontational stance taken with Canada. The absence of public outrage or blame signifies a mature handling of sensitive issues between major powers.

Additionally, Canada's recent actions appear politically motivated, coinciding with an upcoming election where Trudeau seeks to bolster his support amid low poll numbers. The expulsions of Indian diplomats seem more about political posturing than genuine diplomatic concerns. In contrast, the U.S. can compartmentalize electoral considerations from strategic alliances, as evidenced by their muted handling of the Pannun situation.

Furthermore, Trudeau's perceived indifference towards India, especially during his 2018 visit, exacerbates ten-

sions. His administration's invitation to controversial figures underscores a lack of respect for India's concerns, further complicating bilateral relations.

Finally, accusations that India is manipulating Canadian-based gangs ignore the complex realities of organized crime that often originate from within Canada itself. Many of these groups, like the Lawrence Bishnoi gang, have deep connections to both countries, necessitating cooperative solutions rather than blame.

Ultimately, these discrepancies highlight how diplomatic engagements can diverge based on leadership styles, domestic politics, and historical contexts. A more collaborative approach between Canada and India could yield better outcomes for both nations, particularly in addressing the challenges posed by transnational crime and extremism.

The RSS and the Reimagining of India's Historical Narrative

The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) faces criticism for its attempts to align itself with India's freedom movement, despite its historical detachment from it. Dhirendra K. Jha's biography of Madhav Sadashiv Golwalkar reveals that the RSS has often sought to appropriate figures and events from the liberation struggle to establish its legitimacy as the representative of the Indian identity. This strategy stems from a need to counter the narrative that highlights the RSS's absence from the freedom fight, as it often distanced itself from key anti-colonial efforts.



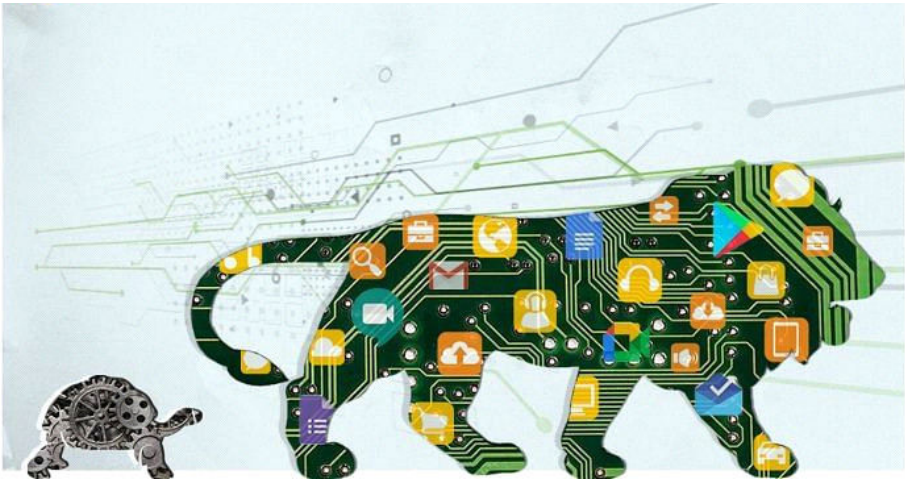
Historically, RSS leaders, including Keshav Baliram Hedgewar, rejected par-

ticipation in the national movement, even dismissing the proposals of leaders like Subhash Chandra Bose. When Bhagat Singh and his comrades were executed, the RSS did not support protests against these hangings. Instead, it prioritized its internal agenda, reflecting a reluctance to engage in the sacrifices associated with the freedom struggle.

The RSS's philosophy centers on the idea of success over sacrifice, viewing figures like Bhagat Singh—who died for his ideals—as flawed due to their failure to achieve their objectives. This mindset fosters a culture that prioritizes strength and cunning over bravery and selflessness.

Today, the RSS strategically incorporates elements of the freedom movement into its narrative to reshape Hindu public imagination. By aligning itself with the likes of Gandhi and Bhagat Singh, the RSS seeks to rewrite its historical role, despite its previous rejection of these figures. The recent emphasis on a "Hindu nation" further reflects its desire to recast India's identity in a way that prioritizes Hindu heritage over the legacy of the freedom struggle.

Rethinking India's Stagnant Manufacturing Sector: Beyond PLI Policies



India stands as the world's fastest-growing emerging economy, poised to become the third-largest by 2030. Central to its geopolitical ambitions and economic growth is the need to enhance its manufacturing sector. However, despite initiatives like the 'Make in India' program launched in 2014, the manufacturing sector's contribution to GDP has stagnated at 17.3% over the past decade, failing to meet the target of 25%. Additionally, exports have declined from 25.2% to 22.7% of GDP, while rising unemployment rates—particularly among youth—raise concerns about job quality.

The Indian government's reliance on Production Linked Incentive

(PLI) schemes targets specific industries for support. While these schemes can attract investment, they cannot replace the need for a stable and predictable business environment. Frequent changes in tax policies and regulatory uncertainty deter foreign investment, as demonstrated by a 43% drop in FDI flow compared to Vietnam's 32% increase.

Coordination issues between government departments further complicate the landscape, leading to inconsistent regulations that hinder manufacturing growth. For instance, conflicting policies on visa norms for foreign technicians have stalled production efforts.

North Korea's Escalation: A Shift in Strategy



North Korea's recent actions reflect a significant shift in its relationship with South Korea, marked by hostility and military threats. In January, leader Kim Jong Un labeled South Korea as his "principal enemy," severing communications and erasing any mention of reconciliation from official discourse. This marked a departure from decades of officially endorsed reunification efforts, with both Koreas claiming sovereignty over the peninsula.

Since this announcement, North Korea has intensified military provocations, including ramping up weapons tests, launching balloons carrying trash into the South, and even threatening war over alleged drone incursions. Experts suggest that these aggressive moves are intended to reinforce North Korea's rejection of "unification by absorption" into the South, as stated by Lim Eul-chul, a profes-

sor at Kyungnam University.

Recent domestic issues may be driving this newfound hostility. North Korea suffered devastating floods this summer, exacerbating internal discontent. Analysts believe Kim's regime is using heightened tensions with the South as a distraction from growing dissatisfaction among its citizens. South Korea's national security adviser, Shin Won-sik, indicated that external threats help stabilize the North Korean regime by consolidating control over a restless population.

The alleged drone incursions over Pyongyang, which North Korea claims were part of South Korea's propaganda efforts, have particularly rattled the North, given its limited air defenses. Analysts argue that this could lead to severe escalations, as any perceived breach of national security directly threatens the regime.

Revamping Justice: A New Symbolism in the Supreme Court



The Supreme Court has unveiled a new Lady of Justice statue in its judges' library, reflecting a significant shift in legal symbolism. This updated statue replaces the traditional blindfold with open eyes and substitutes the sword with the Constitution, signaling a departure from colonial legacies and emphasizing that the law is not blind but sees all equally.

Traditionally, the blindfold represented the principle of equality before the law, suggesting that courts remain impartial to wealth, power, or status. The sword, often viewed as a symbol of authority and punishment, has been reconsidered in this new context. Commissioned under the direction of Chief Justice DY Chandrachud, the statue embodies a progressive vision of justice in India, aligning with recent efforts to replace outdated colonial laws, such as the Indian Penal Code, with the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita.

According to sources close to the Chief Justice's office, Justice Chandrachud believes it is crucial for India to move beyond its colonial past. He asserts that the law should be perceived as a living entity that treats all individuals equally. The decision to feature the Constitution in the statue's left hand serves as a reminder that justice is grounded in constitutional principles rather than punitive measures.

The statue retains the scales of justice in its right hand, symbolizing the balance of arguments and facts in judicial proceedings. This dual representation reinforces the idea that courts carefully evaluate both sides before reaching a verdict. Overall, this transformation in the Lady of Justice statue marks a pivotal moment in redefining the relationship between law, justice, and society in contemporary India.



Kejriwal Launches ‘Jan Sampark’ Campaign Ahead of Delhi Elections

On October 16, AAP national convener Arvind Kejriwal initiated his party's 'Jan Sampark' campaign in preparation for the upcoming Delhi Assembly elections. The campaign aims to connect with residents of Delhi through direct outreach, with AAP workers delivering a letter from Kejriwal himself. In this letter, he seeks to clarify the circumstances surrounding his recent arrest, as well as those of other party leaders facing corruption charges.

Kejriwal announced that the campaign will run until October 29, with workers going door to door to share the letter. "I have prepared a letter, and our workers will reach out to Delhiites to communicate the truth," he stated. He emphasized his belief in his own integrity, asserting, "I am not corrupt; I was jailed by the BJP to impede the work of the AAP government for the people of Delhi."

In the letter, which Kejriwal read during the launch, he detailed his experience during the five months he spent in jail, claiming that the BJP's motives were aimed at disrupting the facilities and services his government provides to the public. "They arrested me to stop the services I am delivering to you," he contended, reinforcing his narrative that the arrests were politically motivated.

Kejriwal's campaign not only aims to counter the negative perceptions stemming from the corruption allegations but also seeks to strengthen the connection between AAP and the voters. By framing his narrative as a struggle against political oppression, Kejriwal hopes to galvanize support ahead of the elections, emphasizing that his party remains committed to the welfare of the people in Delhi despite these challenges.

PM Modi Renews His Membership As BJP's First Active Member

On Wednesday, Prime Minister Narendra Modi renewed his membership as the first active member of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), launching the "Sakriya Sadasyata Abhiyan" in the presence of BJP National President J.P. Nadda. Modi emphasized that this initiative aims to strengthen the party at the grassroots level and enhance the contributions of party workers for national progress.

In his announcement on X, Modi highlighted the criteria for becoming an active member: each party worker, or Karyakarta, must register 50 new members either at a single booth or within a Vidhan Sabha seat. Active members will be eligible to contest elections for positions at the Mandal Committee level and above, opening up further opportunities for participation in party activities.

The launch of this membership drive coincides with the BJP's broader campaign, "Sanghatan Parva, Sadasyata Abhiyan 2024," which Modi initiated on September 2. He urged party workers to connect more effectively with the youth and emphasized the importance of expanding the party's organizational structure in line with implementing 33% reservation for women in legislative assemblies and Parliament. Modi asserted that the BJP stands out as the only political party committed



to upholding democratic processes while striving to meet the expectations of the public.

During the first day of the membership drive, an impressive 47 lakh new members were registered. From September 2 to September 25, a total of 6 crore members joined, reflecting the party's extensive reach and the public's trust in its leadership. Uttar Pradesh and Madhya Pradesh led the way with over 1 crore new members each, while Gujarat and Assam registered 85 lakh and 50 lakh members, respectively. Smaller states like

Himachal Pradesh, Uttarakhand, Arunachal Pradesh, and Tripura also displayed strong enrollment rates.

Looking ahead, the second phase of the "Sadasyata Abhiyan," scheduled from October 1 to October 15, will prioritize parliamentary constituencies and assembly regions that lag in membership. The focus will be on ensuring comprehensive enrollment across all Shakti Kendras and booths through detailed outreach efforts, reinforcing the BJP's commitment to grassroots engagement.

Nayab Singh Saini To Take Oath As Haryana Chief Minister

Nayab Singh Saini has been elected as the BJP's legislature party leader in Haryana and will take oath as Chief Minister for a second term on Thursday. His selection came during a meeting of newly-elected Haryana BJP MLAs at the party office in Panchkula, attended by Union Home Minister Amit Shah and Madhya Pradesh Chief Minister Mohan Yadav as central observers.

During the meeting, Saini reaffirmed his commitment to the people, stating, "I had announced that the results of the recruitment exam of 24,000 youths will be declared first and after that, I will take oath. Fulfilling that promise, the results

will be declared tomorrow. The BJP does what it says."

At 54 years old, Saini previously took over from Manohar Lal Khattar in March and was viewed as a surprising choice to lead the party in a state gearing up for upcoming general and assembly elections. The BJP recently secured a record third term in the Haryana assembly elections, winning 48 out of 90 seats, a feat never achieved before in the state.

In contrast, the Congress party finished with 37 seats, marking an increase of six seats from its 2014 performance. High-profile attendees at Saini's oath-taking ceremony are



expected to include Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Home Minister Shah, and Defence Minister Rajnath Singh.



Jaishankar Calls For Territorial Integrity At SCO Summit In Pakistan

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar emphasized the importance of territorial integrity and mutual respect during his remarks at the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) Summit in Pakistan on Wednesday. This visit marks the first by an Indian foreign minister to Pakistan since Sushma Swaraj's tour in 2015.

Jaishankar identified terrorism, extremism, and separatism as "three evils" that hinder cooperation among nations. He underscored that partnerships should be genuine, not dictated by unilateral agendas. Addressing global challenges, he referenced the ongoing Israel-Hamas-Hezbollah and Russia-Ukraine conflicts, as well as the lingering impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. He noted that disruptions—from climate change to supply chain issues—affect growth and development worldwide.

The minister advocated for multi-faceted regional cooperation as a means to drive economic growth and prevent conflict. "Activities across borders characterized by terrorism and extremism are unlikely to encourage trade or connectivity," he stated.

Jaishankar's arrival in Pakistan was marked by a warm welcome at Rawalpindi's Nur Khan Airbase, where he was greeted by officials and children in traditional attire. He also had a brief interaction with Pakistan's Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif during an official dinner for summit attendees.

The SCO meeting, chaired by Sharif, is focused on trade and economic agendas among member nations. Sharif called for the expansion of China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) to enhance regional cooperation, emphasizing its potential to develop crucial infrastructure.

Honoured To Visit The Magnificent Temple Israeli Ambassador Visits Ram Mandir

Reuven Azar, Israel's Ambassador to India, visited the grand Ram Temple in Ayodhya with his wife, expressing deep admiration for the devotion of the pilgrims and worshippers present. In an interview with ANI, Ambassador Azar conveyed his honor at being able to witness the magnificent temple dedicated to Lord Ram. He highlighted the emotional impact of the visit, noting how moved he was by the heartfelt devotion of those in attendance.

Ambassador Azar remarked, "People of Israel and people of India are ancient civilizations, with rich religions, traditions, and heritages. Just as we take pride in our own heritage, it is important to recognize and respect yours." He emphasized that such devotion provides strength, enhancing the significance of his visit.

During his tour, Azar reflected on the importance of location in understanding history and culture. "This is not merely a place of imagination; significant events have occurred here, and people honor those memories day after day, year after year," he said. He added that as the ambassador of Israel, it is crucial for him to connect with the people of India and understand their culture on a deeper level.

The visit followed a productive meeting between Ambassador Azar and Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath in Lucknow. The discussions focused on strengthening ties and exploring new avenues for cooperation that would benefit the people of Uttar Pradesh. Chief



Minister Adityanath emphasized the deep bond shared between the state and Israel, indicating a commitment to mutual interests.

Ambassador Azar's visit to the Ram Temple is part of a broader initiative to foster cultural connections between India and Israel. His presence at such a significant religious site illustrates the importance of cultural exchange and understanding in diplomacy. The ambassador's experiences in Ayodhya reflect a commitment to appreciating the rich tapestry of India's diverse traditions and the values they embody.

Omar Abdullah Sworn As Chief Minister Of Jammu and Kashmir

Omar Abdullah has officially been sworn in as the Chief Minister of the Union Territory of Jammu and Kashmir, marking a significant moment as it is the first government formed since the region lost its special status. The oath was administered by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha at a ceremony held at the Sher-i-Kashmir International Conference Centre in Srinagar. Abdullah's party, the National Conference (NC), celebrated a decisive victory in the recent elections, securing 42 seats in the 90-member assembly.

Alongside Abdullah, five other NC lawmakers—Sakina Masood (Itto), Javed Dar, Javed Rana, Surinder Choudhary, and Satish Sharma—also took their oaths. The Congress party, which had previously allied with the NC, opted not to join the government despite being offered a ministerial position. Instead, they will extend support from the outside after a disappointing performance in the elections, where they managed to win only six seats, a decline

from twelve in 2014.

Notable leaders from the opposition INDIA alliance were present at the swearing-in ceremony, including Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka Gandhi, Akhilesh Yadav, K Kanimozhi, Supriya Sule, D Raja, and Sanjay Singh. Former Chief Minister Mehbooba Mufti, leader of the Peoples Democratic Party, was also in attendance.

Expressing optimism, Abdullah remarked that he hopes the Union Territory status will be temporary and emphasized the need to work closely with the Government of India to address the region's challenges. He highlighted that restoring statehood to Jammu and Kashmir should be the starting point for resolving the people's issues. Abdullah's return to the political forefront comes after a setback in the Lok Sabha elections, where he has now successfully reclaimed his position in the assembly by winning the Budgam and Ganderbal seats.



Zelensky Rules Out Ceding Ukrainian Land In Victory Plan

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky presented his long-awaited Victory Plan on Wednesday, rejecting any territorial concessions to Russia and calling for increased Western support, including an invitation for Ukraine to join NATO. As the conflict escalates, with Russia intensifying its strikes and seizing significant portions of Ukrainian territory, Zelensky's plan aims to secure a decisive end to the invasion.

In a speech to lawmakers in Kyiv, Zelensky emphasized that Ukraine would not accept a pause in fighting or trade any land for peace. "Russia must lose the war against Ukraine," he asserted, standing firm against ceding territory, which he described as a violation of Ukraine's sovereignty.

The first priority in his five-part Victory Plan is immediate NATO



integration. Zelensky argued that Ukraine's membership in NATO is crucial for European security, stating, "The first point is an invitation to NATO, now." He urged Western allies to lift restrictions on Ukraine's use of long-range

weapons to target Russian military positions on occupied territory and within Russia itself.

The Kremlin quickly dismissed Zelensky's plan, labeling it a "futile" effort. Kremlin spokesman

Dmitry Peskov stated that peace would only come if Kyiv recognized the futility of its current policies. Meanwhile, Russian forces announced they had captured two villages in eastern Ukraine during Zelensky's address, illustrating the ongoing military pressure.

Zelensky also criticized countries like China, Iran, and North Korea for supporting Russia, describing them as part of a "coalition of criminals." He reiterated that rival proposals for peace, such as those from Brazil and China, lack guarantees for Ukraine's security and territorial integrity.

As he prepares to present the full details of the Victory Plan at an upcoming EU summit, Zelensky aims to solidify Western backing, particularly as future support from the U.S. hangs in the balance due to upcoming elections.

Kamala Harris Will Cut Her Own Path: President Joe Biden

President Joe Biden expressed strong support for Vice President Kamala Harris, asserting that she would "cut her own path" if elected as the Democratic nominee. His comments came during a Democratic party dinner in Philadelphia, aimed at reassuring voters of Harris's potential to bring meaningful change to the White House.

Harris faced criticism from Republican rival Donald Trump after she remarked, "not a thing comes to mind" when asked what she would have done differently from Biden. In response, Biden emphasized the importance of forging an individual path in leadership, stating, "Every president has to cut their own path. That's what I did. I was loyal to Barack Obama but I cut my own path as president."

He added, "Kamala's going to do the same. She's been loyal so far but she'll carve out her own unique perspective." Biden characterized her approach as "fresh and new," contrasting it sharply with Trump's, whom he labeled as "old and failed."

The remarks aimed to bolster Harris's image as a change



candidate, especially as she navigates the complexities of representing the current administration while simultaneously positioning herself for the future. A recent New York Times/Siena poll indicated that voters were slightly more inclined to view Harris as a departure from the status quo compared to Trump.

However, Trump's campaign quickly seized on Harris's earlier comments, highlighting her admission that she had been involved in major decisions during the Biden administration. This criticism underscores the balancing act Harris must perform: advocating for change while not distancing herself from the policies of the administration she has been part of.

UK Minister Proposes Weight-Loss Injections to Combat Obesity and Boost Employment

The UK government has unveiled plans to offer weight-loss medications to unemployed individuals struggling with obesity, aiming to facilitate their return to the workforce. Health Secretary Wes Streeting highlighted the escalating issue of obesity and its impact on the National Health Service (NHS), which incurs an annual cost of £11 billion for obesity-related healthcare—surpassing expenses related to smoking, according to a BBC report.

The initiative intends to leverage innovative treatments such as Novo Nordisk's Wegovy and Lilly's Mounjaro, which have shown promising results in clinical trials. Streeting believes these medications could be "life-changing" for those affected, helping them regain control of their health and re-enter the job market. He noted that unhealthy eating habits not only shorten life expectancy but also impose significant burdens on the NHS and the economy. On average, individuals suffering from obesity take an additional four sick days per



year, and many are forced out of work entirely.

Despite the potential benefits, Streeting emphasized the need for individuals to take responsibility for their health, stating that the NHS cannot continually shoulder the costs associated with unhealthy lifestyles. His proposal coincides with a £279 million investment from Lilly, a major player in the obesity drug market and a competitor to Novo Nordisk.

UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer also endorsed the use of weight-loss medications, underscoring their potential to improve public health and economic productivity.



World's 2nd Sphere to Be Built in UAE Capital

Abu Dhabi has announced plans to construct the world's second Sphere, following the debut of the first Sphere in Las Vegas. This initiative, revealed by the Department of Culture and Tourism and Sphere Entertainment Co., aims to bring this innovative entertainment venue to the Middle East.

Details regarding financing and the specific location of the new Sphere in Abu Dhabi have not yet been disclosed. As of now, officials from both the Sphere and the Abu Dhabi government have not responded to inquiries about the project's timeline or other specifics.

The original Sphere, which opened in Las Vegas in 2023, is the most expensive entertainment venue in the city, costing around \$2.3 billion. It features a striking high-resolution LED screen that wraps halfway around the 17,500-seat auditorium, making it an impressive backdrop for concerts, sporting events, and other performances.

Abu Dhabi is keen to establish itself as a distinct travel destination compared to its more tourist-heavy neighbor, Dubai. The emirate has been actively seeking to enhance its cultural and entertainment offerings, especially as the UAE prepares to welcome its first casino. This move reflects a broader trend of diversifying the region's attractions and catering to a wide range of visitors.

However, the announcement comes with a note of caution, as several projects in the UAE have faced delays or have not been realized due to economic downturns. The success of the Sphere project will depend on various factors, including financing, market conditions, and the overall demand for new entertainment options in the region.

As Abu Dhabi moves forward with this ambitious plan, it seeks to attract both local and international audiences, further enriching its cultural landscape and bolstering its status as a key player in the global entertainment scene.



US presses Israel on improving Gaza humanitarian situation

The Biden administration has confirmed that US Secretaries of State and Defense, Antony Blinken and Lloyd Austin, co-signed a letter last week urging their Israeli counterparts to enhance the humanitarian situation in Gaza within the next 30 days. During a press briefing, State Department spokesperson Matthew Miller provided details about the letter addressed to Israeli Defense Minister Yoav Gallant and Minister of Strategic Affairs Ron Dermer.

Miller stated that the letter aimed to convey US concerns regarding the inadequate levels of humanitarian assistance reaching Gaza. He emphasized that the communication was intended as a private diplomatic correspondence and not meant for public disclosure.

According to a CNN report, the letter warned that if Israel fails to improve access to humanitarian aid for Gazans, it could risk violating US laws related to foreign military assistance. This raises concerns about the potential jeopardization of US military aid to Israel. The letter pointed out that the State and Defense Departments are required to continuously evaluate Israel's compliance with its commitments not to restrict aid flows into Gaza.

The 30-day timeframe specified in the letter means that any consequences resulting from Israel's inaction will likely come after the US presidential election on November 5. When asked about the deadline, US National Security Council spokesperson John Kirby directed reporters to the State Department for clarification. He noted that a similar letter had been sent to Israel in April, requesting concrete measures regarding humanitarian assistance.

Kirby also explained that the latest letter was prompted by a recent decrease in the flow of humanitarian aid to Gaza, but reassured that this concern had been communicated to Israel in writing on multiple occasions before. The Biden administration's push for improved humanitarian conditions in Gaza underscores its ongoing efforts to address the humanitarian crisis amid complex geopolitical tensions in the region.

China's Underground Lab Tasked With Solving A Physics Mystery

A groundbreaking experiment is underway in southern China's Guangdong province with the construction of the Jiangmen Underground Neutrino Observatory (JUNO), designed to explore the enigmatic properties of neutrinos. This massive project, located 700 meters underground, features a giant sphere equipped with thousands of light-detecting tubes and will be enveloped in a 12-story cylindrical water pool. Set to begin data collection by late 2025, JUNO represents a \$300 million investment in the quest to understand these elusive subatomic particles.

Neutrinos, produced during nuclear reactions, pass through matter—including the human body—at an astonishing rate. They come in three varieties and can transform from one type to another, prompting scientists to seek answers about their mass hierarchy. By study-



ing neutrinos emitted from nearby nuclear power plants, JUNO aims to shed light on fundamental questions about the universe's early days and the nature of matter itself.

The facility will also monitor solar neutrinos and those generated by Earth's radioactive decay, providing valuable insights into solar processes and geological activities. This initiative comes in the wake of signifi-

cant shifts in international collaborations, particularly as U.S. funding for joint projects with China dwindled. Despite these challenges, JUNO has attracted partnerships from institutions worldwide, including from France, Germany, and Taiwan.

While JUNO is set to outpace the larger Deep Underground Neutrino Experiment (DUNE) in the U.S., the project has not been without its controversies, par-



ticularly concerning data integrity and geopolitical tensions. However, the collaborative nature of JUNO remains a beacon of scientific progress amid political discord.

As the world watches, the JUNO project promises to unlock new dimensions in particle physics, potentially paving the way for future innovations that could change our understanding of the universe.



Nifty Falls Below 25,000 Amid Mixed Global Signals

The domestic stock market ended in the red on Wednesday, with the Nifty index closing below the crucial 25,000 mark once again. Mixed international signals and profit booking among investors contributed to the bearish sentiment, leaving many cautious amid ongoing market uncertainties. Should the Nifty drop below the 24,900 level, further bearishness is expected. The market breadth on the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) reflected a balance between buyers and sellers, with 2,032 stocks advancing while 1,926 declined.

The BSE Sensex opened at 81,646, slightly lower than its previous close of 81,820. It reached an intraday low of 81,358 and peaked at 81,932 before settling down by 318 points at 81,505. Similarly, the NSE Nifty opened at 25,008, hitting a low of 24,908 and a high of 25,093, ultimately losing 86 points to close at 24,971. The Bank Nifty also saw a decline, settling down 104 points at 51,801.

In the Nifty50 index, 16 companies managed to gain, while 34 faced losses. Top gainers included HDFC Life, Dr. Reddy's, Grasim, Airtel, and HDFC Bank, while Trent, M&M, Hiromoto, Infi, and Adani Ports were among the biggest losers. Sector-wise, only the finance, realty, and oil and gas indices experienced gains, while the bank, auto, FMCG, IT, media, pharma, and healthcare indices turned negative.

Current support for Nifty is at 24,950, with resistance noted at 25,100. In other market developments, Hyundai Motors' IPO was oversubscribed 0.28 times on its second day, while shares of PC Jewelers hit the upper circuit limit. Additionally, Jefferies maintained a "Buy" rating on HDFC Life shares. Positive news also came from HSBC, upgrading Bharti Airtel to "Buy," while shares of Aditya Birla Money and Mann Aluminum reached their upper circuit limits following strong quarterly results.



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India's Russian Crude Imports Rise to 1.9 Million bpd in September

India's crude oil imports from Russia increased by 11.7% to approximately 1.9 million barrels per day (bpd) in September, making up about 40% of the country's total crude imports for the month, according to tanker data from industry sources. Overall, Indian refiners imported a total of 4.7 million bpd of crude oil in September, slightly higher than in August and up 8.5% compared to the same month last year.

This rise comes as Indian refiners have invested heavily in upgrading their facilities, enabling them to process a wider variety of crude grades to reduce costs. India, now the world's third-largest oil importer and consumer, has become the leading buyer of discounted Russian seaborne oil after Western nations halted purchases following Russia's invasion of Ukraine.

Crude oil from the Commonwealth of Independent States, primarily comprising Russia, Kazakhstan, and Azerbaijan, accounted for roughly 43% of India's total crude imports, an increase from



BharatPe revenue grows 39% and Reduced Losses in FY24

BharatPe announced strong financial performance for the fiscal year 2024, with consolidated revenue increasing by 39% year-over-year. The fintech firm reported revenue from operations reaching ₹1,426 crore, up from ₹1,029 crore in FY23. This growth highlights the company's expanding market presence and operational efficiencies.

One of the most noteworthy aspects of BharatPe's financial results is the substantial narrowing of its EBITDA loss. The company's consolidated EBITDA loss, excluding share-based payment expenses, decreased significantly from ₹826 crore in FY23 to just ₹209 crore in FY24, marking a reduction of 75%. EBITDA, or earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization, provides a clearer picture of profitability from core operations, making this improvement a positive indicator of financial health.

Additionally, BharatPe reported a 50% reduction in its loss before tax, which fell to ₹474 crore. The company has also taken aggressive measures to improve its financial standing, claiming to have reduced its cash burn by an impressive 85%. This reduction suggests a focused strategy on



cost management and operational efficiency, aligning with the company's goals for sustainable growth.

BharatPe's robust revenue growth and significant reduction in losses reflect the fintech sector's resilience and potential, particularly in a rapidly evolving financial landscape. Backed by prominent investors like Peak XV and Tiger Global, the company is well-positioned to continue

its upward trajectory.

While the full financial results are pending publication and will need to be filed with the Registrar of Companies, the initial figures indicate a promising outlook for BharatPe as it navigates the competitive fintech market. The company's strategic moves in cost reduction and revenue enhancement could serve as a model for other players in the sector.

South Indian Bank Reports 18% Profit Growth in Q2



South Indian Bank announced an 18% increase in net profit for the second quarter ending September 2024, with earnings reaching ₹325 crore compared to ₹275 crore during the same period last year. This growth highlights the bank's continued recovery and operational efficiency amid challenging

economic conditions.

The bank's total income also saw a significant rise, reaching ₹2,804 crore for the quarter, up from ₹2,485 crore in the corresponding period a year earlier. Interest income played a crucial role in this growth, amounting to ₹2,355 crore, a

notable increase from ₹2,129 crore in the previous year.

In terms of asset quality, South Indian Bank made strides in reducing its Non-Performing Assets (NPAs). Gross NPAs decreased to 4.40% of total loans by September 2024, down from 4.96% a year ago. Similarly, net NPAs fell to 1.31%, compared to 1.70% at the end of the same quarter last fiscal year. This improvement reflects the bank's effective risk management strategies.

Net Interest Income (NII), a key indicator of the bank's core profitability, grew by 6.3% year-on-year, rising to ₹882.7 crore from ₹830.6 crore. The bank's provisions for the quarter remained stable at ₹110

crore, slightly down from ₹113 crore in the previous quarter, indicating prudent financial management.

The bank also reported a 13.1% year-on-year increase in gross advances, which reached ₹84,741 crore, alongside an 8.6% growth in deposits, totaling ₹1,05,455 crore. The CASA (Current Account Savings Account) ratio at the end of the September quarter stood at 31.85%, a slight decrease from the previous quarter's 32.03%.

Following the positive results, South Indian Bank's shares experienced a rebound, rising by 3.3% to ₹24.77, although the stock has remained relatively flat year-to-date.

India's Exports Up 0.5% to \$34.58 Billion; Trade Deficit Narrows

India's merchandise exports experienced a slight rebound in September, rising by 0.5% to USD 34.58 billion, ending a two-month decline. At the same time, the trade deficit narrowed to USD 20.78 billion, according to official data released on Wednesday. In comparison, imports saw an increase of 1.6% to USD 55.36 billion, up from USD 54.49 billion in the same month last year.

The trade deficit, which represents the difference between imports and exports, stood at USD 20.8 billion during September of the previous year. It had reached a 10-month high of USD 29.65 billion in August. The recovery in exports is a welcome development amid concerns about global economic conditions affecting trade.

For the fiscal year to date, from April to September, total exports rose by 1% to USD 213.22 billion, while imports grew by 6.16% to USD 350.66 billion. The cumulative trade deficit for the first half of the fiscal year is reported at USD 137.44 billion.

Commerce Secretary Sunil Barthwal highlighted that despite ongoing global uncertainties, both September exports and those for the first six months of the



fiscal year have shown positive growth. Key contributors to the uptick in exports included sectors such as engineering, chemicals, plastics, pharmaceuticals, ready-made garments, and electronics.

This marginal growth in exports and the narrowing of the trade deficit indicate

a potential stabilization in India's trade landscape, offering some optimism in light of previous declines. As the country navigates global economic challenges, continued focus on strengthening export capabilities and addressing trade imbalances will be essential for sustainable economic growth.

Google Shopping Page Redesigned With Infinite Scroll, Video

Google has unveiled a redesigned Shopping page aimed at increasing user retention and improving the overall shopping experience. This update focuses on creating a more engaging platform that differentiates itself from competitors like Amazon by integrating elements reminiscent of social media feeds.

The new home page features a personalized product feed, showcasing items tailored to individual user preferences, along with reviews and auto-playing video shorts sourced from YouTube. Additionally, a dedicated Deals page will highlight discounted items in a similar curated format, making it easier for users to discover bargains.



When users conduct searches on Google Shopping, they will now receive AI-generated blurbs that provide insights into essential product details. For instance, a search for jackets may yield information about materials suitable for wet climates. Initially,

these features will be available in the United States.

This redesign reflects Google's strategic goal of keeping users engaged on its platform longer, allowing them to research products without redirect-

ing them to external sites. Earlier this year, Google introduced AI Overviews, which summarize search results, a feature that some critics argue could diminish traffic to websites that rely on ad revenue from visits.

Unlike digital marketplaces operated by Amazon and Alibaba, Google Shopping does not handle sales or shipping; instead, it directs customers to merchants. Maria Renz, Google's vice president and general manager of commerce, noted, "We see ourselves playing a different role than Amazon. Google has always focused on promoting a healthy ecosystem."

Shoppers can now research purchases seamlessly across Google's various platforms, from browsing suggest-

ed products on Google Shopping to watching reviews on YouTube and locating physical stores via Google Maps.

However, Google faces potential risks following a recent antitrust ruling, which found the company had monopolized the search market. The U.S. Justice Department may pursue a breakup that could separate significant parts of Google's portfolio.

While Google executives have ruled out directly competing with e-commerce storefronts regarding payments and shipping, they remain committed to connecting consumers with merchants, emphasizing their unique position in the market.

Instagram Threads Introduces Online Activity Status Feature



Instagram's microblogging platform, Threads, is rolling out a new feature that allows users to see when others are online, enhancing real-time engagement. This addition brings Threads in line with similar functionalities found in Meta's other popular apps, such as Instagram, WhatsApp, and Facebook.

Adam Mosseri, head of Threads, announced the feature in a post, describing it as a way to help users connect and engage with each other more effectively. The activity status indicator could facilitate conversations by informing users when their friends or followers are active on the platform.

The feature is enabled by default, allowing users to see the online status of others right away. However, it's important to note that this functionality operates independently from Instagram's existing activity status. Turning off the activity status on Instagram will not affect its status on Threads, and vice versa.

When users are online, a green dot

will appear next to their profile picture, indicating their availability. To manage this feature, users can navigate to their profile, select the hamburger icon in the top-right corner, and go to the Privacy section to find the Online Status option. Here, they can choose their visibility settings: Anyone, Followers, Followers you follow back, or No one.

While the new feature aims to enhance user interaction, many users took to the comments section of Mosseri's announcement to request additional functionalities. Popular requests included the introduction of a chronological feed, real-time breaking event updates, and the ability to send direct messages (DMs) to other users.

As Threads continues to evolve, it will be interesting to see how the platform responds to user feedback and what new features might be introduced in the future. The addition of the online activity status is a step towards making Threads a more engaging and interactive space for users.

Netflix Faces Slowest Subscriber Growth in Six Quarters

Netflix is poised to report its slowest subscriber additions in six quarters on Thursday, as the impact of its recent password-sharing crackdown begins to wane. Investors are now keenly watching for signs of growth in its fledgling ad revenue business, which the company hopes will bolster its financial performance.

Analysts estimate that Netflix added approximately 4 million subscribers during the July-September period, according to data compiled by LSEG. This growth comes amidst a backdrop of popular Netflix originals such as *The Accident* and *The Perfect Couple*, which were among the top-streamed titles in the U.S. during the quarter, as reported by Nielsen.

As the momentum of new sign-ups begins to slow, Netflix is looking to shift investor focus toward alternative performance metrics, including



revenue growth and profit margins. This strategic pivot is crucial, especially as the company has announced plans to stop reporting subscriber numbers starting in 2025. This decision has raised eyebrows among analysts and investors, who often view subscriber counts as a key indicator of the platform's health.

The streaming giant's move to emphasize revenue and margins is part of a broader strategy to demonstrate that it can maintain profitability even with slower subscriber growth. As competition in the streaming mar-

ket intensifies, Netflix is aware that it needs to showcase its ability to generate income from multiple sources, including advertising.

In the face of these challenges, Netflix remains committed to delivering high-quality content to retain existing subscribers and attract new ones. As the company navigates this transitional phase, the upcoming earnings report will be closely scrutinized for insights into its performance and future growth prospects.

With the streaming landscape rapidly evolving, Netflix's ability to adapt and innovate will be key to its ongoing success. Investors will be watching closely for any signs of improvement in its advertising revenue and overall financial health as the company continues to evolve in the competitive streaming market.

Apple Unveils Next-Gen iPad Mini with A17 Pro Chip

Apple has officially unveiled the highly anticipated new iPad mini, now enhanced with advanced Apple Intelligence features. This latest version of the compact tablet is powered by the A17 Pro chip, promising impressive performance and capabilities that elevate the user experience.

The new iPad mini sports an 8.3-inch Liquid Retina display, providing vibrant visuals and crisp detail for users. This update comes three years after the last iPad mini launch, which featured the A15 Bionic chipset—also used in the iPhone 13 series. With the introduction of the A17 Pro, Apple claims that the new iPad mini delivers a remarkable 30% faster CPU performance and a 25% faster GPU, making it a powerhouse for multitasking, gaming, and creative tasks.

One of the standout features of the A17 Pro chip is its support for advanced



graphics technologies, including ray tracing, hardware-accelerated mesh shading, and Dynamic Caching. These enhancements enable developers to create more immersive experiences and visually stunning applications. Whether users are gaming or working on graphic-intensive projects, the new iPad mini is equipped to handle it all with ease.

Additionally, the A17 Pro chip includes a Neural Engine, which, while retaining the speed of its predecessor, intro-

duces new possibilities for machine learning applications. This allows for more intelligent and responsive interactions, making the device not only faster but also smarter.

With its sleek design and powerful internals, the new iPad mini aims to cater to a variety of users, from students to professionals and casual consumers. Apple continues to focus on enhancing its product line with cutting-edge technology, ensuring that users have access to tools that enhance their productivity and creativity.

As the tech community eagerly anticipates the device's release, it is clear that the new iPad mini is set to make waves in the market, offering a blend of portability and high performance that is hard to beat. Stay tuned for more updates on availability and features!

YouTube Enhances Shorts and Introduces New Video Labels

YouTube has recently made significant updates to its platform, including extending the maximum length of Shorts to 3 minutes. This change allows creators more flexibility in crafting engaging and concise content, enhancing the overall viewing experience for audiences.

In addition to this update, YouTube is implementing a new labeling system aimed at distinguishing videos captured with real cameras from those generated by artificial intelligence. The "captured with a camera" label will be featured in the expanded description of eligible videos, reinforcing the platform's commitment to authenticity amid rising concerns about AI-generated content.

According to YouTube, this label

serves to assure viewers that the creator utilized specific technology to verify the video's origin, confirming that both the audio and visuals remain unaltered. This initiative is part of a broader effort to combat misinformation and maintain trust among the platform's user base. Only videos featuring unedited footage or sound will qualify for this label, ensuring a clear distinction between genuine content and AI-manipulated videos.

These updates come at a time when the digital landscape is increasingly challenged by the proliferation of AI-generated media, raising questions about authenticity and trustworthiness. By introducing these measures, YouTube aims to empower creators and provide viewers with a clearer understanding of the

content they consume.

As the platform evolves, it continues to prioritize user engagement while addressing the complexities introduced by new technologies. Creators are encouraged to take advantage of the extended Short duration, allowing them to convey richer narratives within a short timeframe.

With these developments, YouTube is not only enhancing its Shorts feature but also reinforcing its commitment to authentic content. Viewers can look forward to a more diverse range of videos, while creators benefit from the opportunity to showcase their work in new and exciting ways. Stay tuned for further updates as YouTube continues to innovate its platform!





Unrelenting rain brought a halt to play on the opening day of the Test match between India and New Zealand at the M Chinnaswamy Stadium on Wednesday. The decision to call off play came at 2:34 PM, after heavy rain returned, following a brief respite earlier in the afternoon.

Match officials inspected the pitch around 2 PM after the outfield and initial layer of covers were removed at approximately 1:50 PM. Unfortunately,

large damp areas remained on either side of the pitch, and despite efforts to salvage the situation with hessians, it became clear that the extensive damage caused by the rain was insurmountable. Rain of varying intensities had persisted throughout the morning, preventing any play from occurring.

The toss, scheduled for 9 AM, was also canceled due to the relentless downpour that affected the city from early morning. Despite the adverse weather,

a small number of spectators were present at the stadium, eagerly waiting for any sign of play. Their only moment of excitement came from spotting star batter Virat Kohli and opener Yashasvi Jaiswal, who took the opportunity to participate in an indoor net session with assistant coach Abhishek Nayar.

Looking ahead to the second day, forecasts indicate that rain may continue until at least noon on Thursday, raising concerns about the possibility of

play resuming. As a result, fans may have to wait longer for action on the field.

It is worth noting that both teams' training sessions were similarly affected by heavy rain on Tuesday, highlighting the impact of the weather on the start of this highly anticipated series. Play on day two is scheduled to begin at 9:15 AM, with the toss set for 8:45 AM, though the outlook remains uncertain.



Paras Mhambrey Rejoins Mumbai Indians As Bowling Coach

Former India bowling coach Paras Mhambrey has rejoined the Mumbai Indians (MI) as their bowling coach, continuing a significant legacy with the franchise. Mhambrey's previous tenure with the national team concluded in June, following India's successful campaign at the T20 World Cup held in the Americas.

The 52-year-old coach will collaborate closely with MI's existing bowling coach, Lasith Malinga, and head coach Mahela Jayawardene, who recently returned to the team's coaching staff after a two-year absence. Mhambrey's return to MI marks a reunion with a franchise he has previously helped achieve remarkable success.

Mhambrey was part of the Mumbai Indians during their title-winning campaign in 2013, and he also contributed to their victories in the Champions League T20 in 2010, 2011, and 2013. His extensive experience in coaching, combined with his familiarity with the franchise's culture and ethos, positions him as a valuable asset as the team prepares for upcoming challenges.

The reappointment of both Mhambrey and Jayawardene signifies MI's commitment to building a strong coaching team, especially as they aim to reclaim their dominance in the Indian Premier League (IPL).

India Fails to Qualify for Women's T20 World Cup

India's disappointing exit from the Women's T20 World Cup 2024 has sparked significant criticism towards skipper Harmanpreet Kaur. The team suffered defeats against New Zealand and Australia, leading to questions about Harmanpreet's future as captain. In light of these performances, the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is reportedly set to discuss potential changes in leadership.

According to a report by the Indian Express, BCCI officials plan to meet with head coach Amol Muzumdar and the selection committee to outline the future direction of the team and evaluate whether Harmanpreet should continue in her role. A source from the Indian board indicated, "The BCCI will certainly discuss whether to have a new captain on board going ahead. The Indian board has provided everything the team wanted, and we feel it's high time a new face leads the team."



Despite the scrutiny surrounding her captaincy, the source emphasized that Harmanpreet would remain a crucial member of the squad. The BCCI seems to feel that a transition is necessary for the team's progress.

Former Indian women's cricket captain Mithali Raj also weighed in on the situation, stating that the decision lies with the BCCI and the selectors. She suggested that if a change is to be made, now would be the ideal time, given that another World Cup is just two years away. "If you are not doing it now, then don't do it later. Then it is too close to the World Cup," she noted.

Mithali pointed out potential successors for the captaincy, mentioning Smriti Mandhana, who has been vice-captain for an extended period. She also highlighted the youthful energy of Jemimah Rodrigues, stating, "She's young, she will serve you longer in T20s, and she's someone who gets that energy on the field."

As the BCCI prepares for its discussions, the fate of Harmanpreet Kaur and the future leadership of the Indian women's cricket team remains uncertain.



Thomas Tuchel Appointed England Manager For Football Association

Thomas Tuchel has been appointed as England's new manager, with the German set to take charge on January 1, 2025. The 51-year-old, who has been without a club since leaving Bayern Munich at the end of the last season, succeeds Gareth Southgate, becoming the third foreign manager to lead the Three Lions, following Sven-Goran Eriksson and Fabio Capello.

Tuchel brings an impressive coaching pedigree, having previously managed clubs such as Chelsea, Borussia Dortmund, Paris Saint-Germain, and Bayern Munich. The Football Association (FA) hopes his experience and trophy-winning background will help end England's 58-year wait for a major tournament victory. However, the decision has sparked criticism regarding the FA's preference for foreign management over homegrown talent.

In an official statement, Tuchel expressed pride in his new role, stating, "I am very proud to have been given the honour of leading the England team. I have long felt a personal connection to the game in this country... To have the chance to represent England is a huge privilege."

Tuchel's success includes winning league titles with PSG and Bayern, as well as the German Cup with Dortmund. His most notable achievement came during his tenure at Chelsea, where he led the team to a Champions League title in 2021, along with the UEFA Super Cup and Club World Cup.

He takes over from Southgate, who guided England to consecutive European Championship finals and a World Cup semi-final during his tenure. Despite these accomplishments, England has yet to secure a major men's tournament title since winning the 1966 World Cup.

FA CEO Mark Bullingham stated, "We are thrilled to have hired Thomas Tuchel, one of the best coaches in the world." He noted Tuchel's vast expertise and drive during the selection process.

Tuchel will inherit a talented squad featuring players like Harry Kane, Jude Bellingham, and Cole Palmer, positioning England as strong contenders for the 2026 World Cup.

Spain Secures UEFA Nations League Quarter-Final Spot

European champions Spain clinched their place in the UEFA Nations League quarter-finals with a dominant 3-0 victory over Serbia on Tuesday. This win allowed Spain to join Germany in securing a spot in the knockout stage, accumulating 10 points from a possible 12 in Group A4.

On a rainy night in Cordoba, Spain took the lead early with Aymeric Laporte's header. Despite Alvaro Morata's missed penalty at the start of the second half, Morata later scored a brilliant goal to make it 2-0. Alex Baena capped off the scoring with a free-kick, sealing the match. Serbia's Strahinja Pavlovic was sent off, further

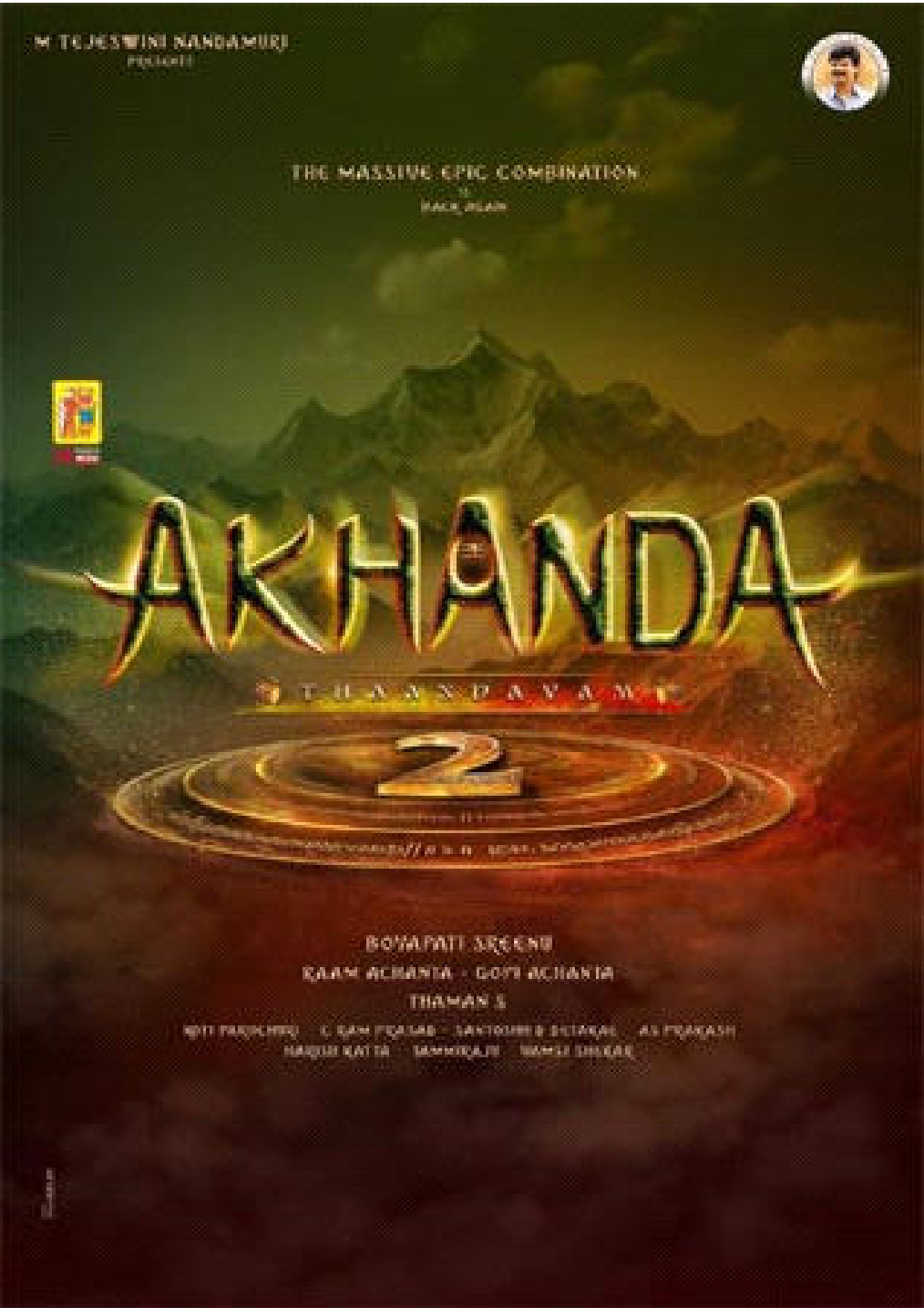
complicating their efforts.

"We're in another final phase, which is the important thing," Morata said after the match. Denmark also remains in contention after drawing 2-2 with Switzerland, with Christian Eriksen ensuring Denmark left with a point.

In contrast, Portugal dropped points for the first time in Group A1, held to a 0-0 draw by Scotland at Hampden Park. Cristiano Ronaldo made his 216th international appearance but failed to score, leaving the field frustrated. Portugal needed a spectacular save from Craig Gordon to prevent a late goal from Bruno Fernandes.



Akhanda 2 Motion Poster Revealed



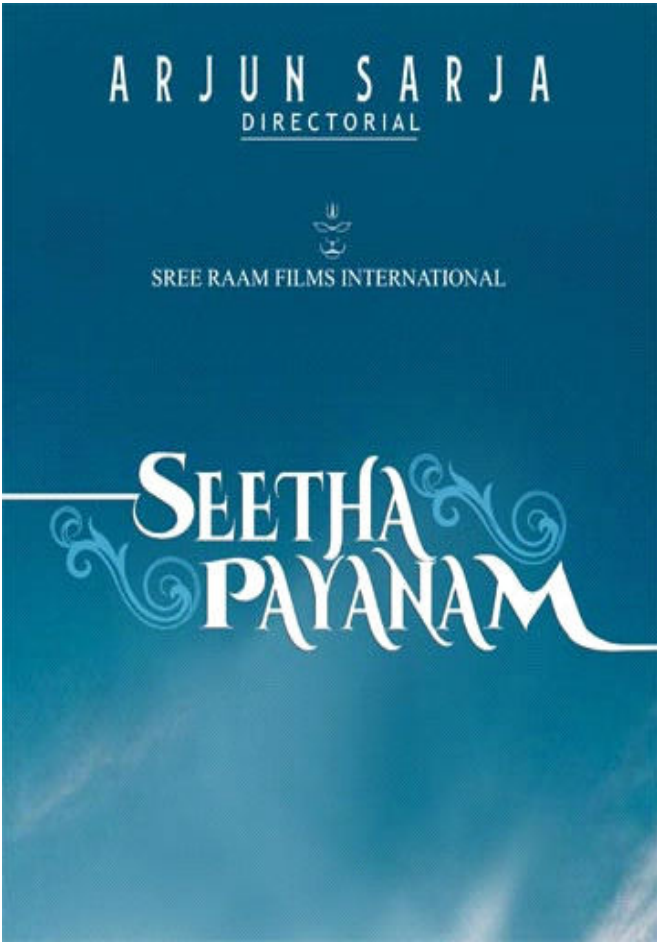
The much-anticipated sequel to the blockbuster **Akhanda** has officially been announced, titled **Akhanda 2: Thaandavam**. This project marks the exciting return of the dynamic duo, Nandamuri Balakrishna and director Boyapati Sreenu, who are set to recreate the magic of the original film.

The title reveal took place just hours before a ceremonial pooja, adding to the excitement. Balakrishna's elder daughter, Brahmani, had the honor of giving the first clap, while his younger daughter switched on the camera, making the ceremony a special family affair. With filming scheduled to commence in December 2024, anticipation is already building among fans. In the meantime, Balakrishna is focused on completing his ongoing project, **NBK 109**.

Music for **Akhanda 2** will once again be composed by Thaman, whose work was widely appreciated in the first film. Joining Balakrishna in the lead will be Pragya Jaiswal, who is expected to deliver a strong performance alongside the seasoned actor. The film is being produced by Raam Achanta and Gopichand Achanta under the renowned 14 Reels Plus banner, known for its commitment to high-quality productions.

Fans are eager for more details about the storyline and additional cast members, which are expected to be revealed in the coming weeks. The original **Akhanda** was a major hit, celebrated for its engaging narrative and powerful performances, setting high expectations for its sequel.

With the return of beloved characters and a talented crew, **Akhanda 2: Thaandavam** promises to be another thrilling ride for audiences. As the project gears up for production, fans can look forward to more updates and sneak peeks into what this highly awaited sequel has in store. Stay tuned for more exciting announcements!



Actor Arjun's next directorial is titled Seetha Payanam

Notable actor Arjun Sarja is making a triumphant return to directing after a six-year hiatus. Following his appearance in Lokesh Kanagaraj's **Leo**, the 'Action King' has officially announced his next directorial project, titled **Seetha Payanam**.

This film is set to be shot primarily in Karnataka, with plans for simultaneous releases in Telugu and Tamil. The title logo has been unveiled, reflecting the heartwarming journey the story aims to depict, and it has already generated excitement among fans.

While details about the main cast are still under wraps, anticipation is building as Arjun Sarja prepares to assemble a talented ensemble for this multilingual film. He will produce **Seetha Payanam** under his home production banner, Sree Raam Film International, ensuring that his vision is realized through a personal touch.

A skilled team of technicians will also con-

tribute to the project, promising high production values and engaging storytelling. Arjun Sarja's return to the director's chair is particularly noteworthy given his extensive experience and previous successes in both acting and directing.

It's worth mentioning that in 2022, Arjun announced another directorial venture featuring Vishwak Sen, Aishwarya Arjun, and Jagapathi Babu. Unfortunately, that film was canceled shortly after production began. With **Seetha Payanam**, fans hope for a smoother journey and a fulfilling cinematic experience.

As production gets underway, more updates regarding the cast and storyline are expected to be revealed. Arjun Sarja's fans are eager to see how he will blend his acting prowess with his directorial vision in this new endeavor. Stay tuned for exciting developments surrounding **Seetha Payanam** as it progresses!

Keerthy Suresh's recent release locks world television premiere

Mahanati actress Keerthy Suresh is gearing up for the release of her highly anticipated film, **Baby John**. This Bollywood action venture features popular actors Varun Dhawan and Wamiqa Gabbi in lead roles, adding to the excitement surrounding its premiere.

In the meantime, Keerthy's recent film, **Raghu Thatha**, is making headlines again as it heads for a television debut. Although the film received average reviews during its theatrical run and subsequent OTT release, it has managed to maintain interest among audiences. The Tamil movie is scheduled to air in Telugu on ZEE Telugu channel at 3 PM on October 20, 2024 (Sunday). It will be interesting to see how the television audience responds to this film, especially considering the mixed reviews it garnered earlier.

Raghu Thatha marks Hombale Films' first foray into Tamil production, showcasing the company's ambition to expand its cinematic footprint. The film features a talented ensemble cast, including Ravindra Vijay, M. S. Bhaskar, and Devadarshini in pivotal roles. Music for the film is composed by Sean Roldan, adding a unique flavor to the storytelling.

As Keerthy Suresh continues to explore diverse roles in her career, fans are eager to see how she navigates her upcoming projects, including **Baby John**. The anticipation for both her film and the television premiere of **Raghu Thatha** reflects her growing prominence in the industry. With her talent and dedication, Keerthy is undoubtedly a star to watch in the coming months. Stay tuned for more updates on her projects and the audience's reaction to **Raghu Thatha** on television!



Vijay Antony's first look of Gagana Maargan Unveiled

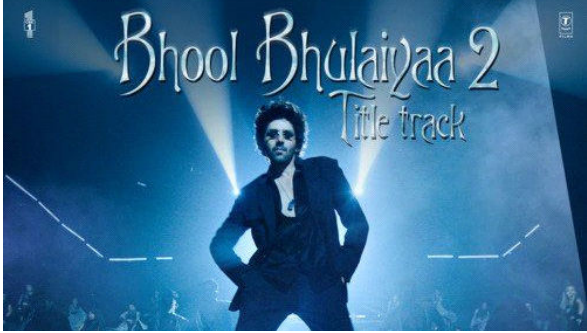


Multifaceted actor Vijay Antony, known for his versatile roles, is set to star in his next project, **Gagana Maargan**, a pan-Indian crime thriller. This film marks the directorial debut of editor Leo John Paul, who is stepping behind the camera to bring this gripping story to life.

The makers have released an intense first look poster that sets the tone for the film, piquing the curiosity of fans and film enthusiasts alike. **Gagana Maargan** is noteworthy as it is the 12th production under Vijay Antony's own banner, Vijay Antony Films Corporation, showcasing his commitment to creating compelling cinema.

The film features a talented ensemble cast, including Samuthirakani, Mahanathi Shankar, Prithika, Brigida Saga, Vinodh Sagar, Ajay Dhishan, Deepshikha, Kalakka Povadhu Yaaru Archana, Kanimozhi, and Anthagaram Natarajan in pivotal roles. This diverse cast promises to bring depth and richness to the film's narrative.

T-Series Unveils Title Track for Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3



T-Series has officially released the title track for the highly anticipated film **Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3**, just two weeks ahead of its theatrical premiere. This track features an exciting collaboration between Punjabi superstar Diljit Dosanjh, international rapper Pitbull, and the original singer Neeraj Shridhar. The music is crafted by renowned composers Tanishk Bagchi and Pritam, who also worked on the scores for the previous films in the franchise. The song opens with Pitbull's signature vocal style, seamlessly transitioning to Diljit Dosanjh, and culminating with Neeraj's performance. Interestingly, neither Pitbull nor Diljit appears in the music video, which gives lead actor Kartik Aaryan ample opportunity to showcase his impressive dance skills. A significant portion of the video features a continuous shot of Kartik executing intricate dance moves, captivating fans with his energetic performance.

Fans quickly took to social media to express their enthusiasm for the unique collaboration. One fan enthusiastically wrote, "Kartik x Neeraj x Pritam x Diljit x Pitbull = Totally Goosebumps," highlighting the star-studded lineup. Another commented on the filmmaking team's acumen, saying, "The filmmaker knows the business, Tanishk Bagchi knows the chemistry!!! Fire trackkkk."