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# KTR Slams Revanth Reddy’s Musi Project as 'Lutification' in PowerPoint Presentation



**TPN , Hyderabad :** BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) has criticized the Musi river project proposed by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, calling it not a beautification effort but “lutification.” Speaking at Telangana Bhavan on Friday, KTR accused the Congress leader of using the project for personal and political gain,

alleging that it was aimed at sending parcels to Delhi rather than addressing the river’s revival.

KTR questioned the authenticity of the surveys conducted by Revanth Reddy, pointing out discrepancies in the project’s estimated costs. “Revanth says Rs.

1.5 lakh crore, while the GHMC estimates Rs. 60,000 crore. It’s unclear who is telling the truth,” KTR remarked. He also recalled that under previous Congress and TDP governments, Musi had been neglected and transformed into a polluted river, a fact recognized by the Central Pollution Control Board in 2015.

Highlighting the BRS government’s efforts, KTR stressed that the revitalization of Musi had already begun during KCR’s tenure. He questioned the need to spend Rs. 140 crore on a new Detailed Project Report (DPR), given that Sewage Treatment Plants (STPs) and plans had already been completed. KTR criticized the opposition’s attempts to profit from the project and claimed that the Musi beautification effort had become a tool for political maneuvering.

He also pointed out that the previous government under Revanth Reddy’s Congress and TDP affiliations had failed to act while the BRS government has been working on reviving the river since 2014. KTR’s comments aim to discredit the Congress-led initiative while reinforcing BRS’s commitment to Musi’s improvement.

# Gutta Sukhender Reddy supports CM Revanth in Musi issue



**TPN , Nalgonda:** The Musi river revival project has become a political issue, with legislative council chairman Gutta Sukhender Reddy calling on the people of Nalgonda district to unite in support of cleaning the river. The Musi, which flows through five constituencies, including Bhuvanagiri, Tungathuri, Suryapet, Huzur Nagar, and Miryalagudem, is heavily polluted, causing significant challenges for farmers who rely on its water to irrigate crops.

The polluted water has affected around 42,000 acres of farmland, making it difficult for farmers to grow crops and sell their produce. Additionally, the marketing of fish from local ponds has been hampered. As a result, there is a growing demand for the Musi river to be cleaned. However, the state government’s project has faced criticism, with opposition parties like the BRS and BJP launching counterattacks, especially regarding the removal of houses, illegal constructions, and encroachments in the riverbed’s flood zone.

Council Chairman Gutta Sukhender Reddy defended the Musi cleaning project, stating that it is essential for the health and prosperity of the region. He also reminded the public that previous governments, including KCR’s tenure, had taken similar steps but with limited success. The chairman urged the people of Nalgonda to mobilize in support of the project, calling it a vital initiative for the area.

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, in a media conference, emphasized that the government’s effort is not just for beautification but the revival of the Musi river. He criticized opposition parties for politicizing the issue and urged them to act responsibly on public matters.

# Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Alleges Congress Ministers Plotting Against Revanth Reddy

**TPN , Hyderabad :** Union Minister Bandi Sanjay has made sensational comments, alleging that Congress government ministers are conspiring to undermine Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. According to Sanjay, these ministers are attempting to create opposition against Revanth and have been plotting to remove him from the CM’s chair, much like a fox hiding in the bushes.

Sanjay highlighted the ongoing tensions around key issues like the Moosi River project and Group-1 exams. He criticized the government’s handling of the Group-1 candidates, calling the questioning of their mistakes outrageous and accusing the government of being monstrous in its actions. He raised concerns about the government’s decisions, particularly the treatment of students, which he described as an “atroc- ity.”

The Union Minister also expressed frustration over the government’s management of job notifications, referring to discrepancies between the number of jobs advertised and the actual appointments. “If you give notification for 15,000 jobs, but say 60,000 jobs have been filled, is there any shame left?”



he questioned. Sanjay further alleged that both CM Revanth Reddy and KCR are working together, and accused KTR of being a “brand ambassador” for Group-1 employees while unemployment continues to rise.

Sanjay, while addressing the media, emphasized that the future of unemployed youth is his priority, and vowed to stand in solidarity with them, expressing that the position of Union Minister is secondary to the welfare of the unemployed.

# Government Appoints Vice-Chancellors for Nine State Universities

**TPN , Hyderabad:** After a prolonged delay, the Telangana government has announced the appointment of Vice-Chancellors for nine state universities. The orders, issued by the Governor who also serves as the Chancellor of State Universities, mark a significant step in addressing leadership vacancies in the educational institutions.

Prof. Kumar Moglaram has been appointed as the Vice Chancellor of Osmania University, Hyderabad, while Prof. Pratap Reddy will take the helm at Kakatiya University, Warangal. Prof. GN Srinivas has been appointed to lead Palamuru University, Mahabubnagar.

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# Group 1 Candidates Face Setback as High Court Greenlights Exam; Students Seek Justice in Supreme Court



**TPN , Hyderabad :** Telangana Group-1 candidates received a major shock as the State High Court gave its green signal for the Group-1 Mains exams. The Division Bench upheld the Single Bench’s ruling, dismissing the writ appeal from candidates who sought a postponement of the exams. Consequently, the Group-1 Mains exams will proceed from October 21 to 27, with 46 centers across the state and 31,383 candidates set to appear.

The High Court’s decision came as a blow to the candidates who had hoped for a delay, citing concerns over recent changes in the notifica-

tion. The candidates have expressed frustration that their requests for postponement have been ignored, and tensions have escalated, with reports of police raids in Ashok Nagar and harassment of students. Several candidates have claimed they were detained and mistreated by police during protests.

In response, candidates have approached the Supreme Court, filing a petition demanding the cancellation of G.O. 29, which they argue will adversely affect their chances. Their legal counsel argued before the Chief Justice that the implementation of

this order would cause significant harm. The Supreme Court is expected to hear the case on October 21, but the hearing has been postponed for now.

Candidates have been vocal about their concerns, with many criticizing CM Revanth Reddy for not addressing their grievances, despite speaking on other issues like HYDRA. They have demanded that the government cancel G.O. 29 to avoid further legal battles and student unrest. The candidates’ discontent has grown, with some calling for a Telangana 2.0 movement if their demands are not met.





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In addition, Prof. Umesh Kumar will head Satavahana University, Karimnagar, and Prof. Nityananda Rao will serve as the Vice Chancellor of Telugu University, Hyderabad. Prof. Altaf Hussain has been named the Vice Chancellor of Mahatma Gandhi University, Nalgonda, and Prof. Yadagiri Rao will lead Telangana University, Nizamabad.

Prof. Aldas Janaiah has been appointed as the Vice Chancellor of Prof. Jayashankar Telangana State Agricultural University, Hyderabad, and Prof. Raji Reddy will lead Sri Konda Laxman Telangana Horticultural University.

These appointments are expected to provide renewed leadership and direction to the state's higher education sector.

## BJP Disappointed with Telangana Membership Drive, Targets Fall Short

**TPN , Hyderabad :** The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leadership is reportedly unhappy with the State unit's performance in its ongoing membership drive, as it struggles to meet the ambitious goal of enrolling 50 lakh members. Despite significant efforts, including direct participation from BJP National President JP Nadda, the party has not reached even 50% of its target.

According to party sources, the BJP currently has around 20 lakh members in Telangana, with over 14 lakh of them being existing members. The drive, which was launched with the aim of enrolling 50 lakh new members, has only managed to add 6 lakh new recruits. This has prompted strong criticism from the central leadership, with Nadda expressing frustration over the low numbers



and urging State leaders to meet the target by October 24.

With just a week left in the month-long

campaign, the State leadership is under pressure. Local leaders are being tasked with ramping up recruitment efforts, but sources reveal that many district in-charges have not made significant efforts to enroll new members. The party had set a target of enrolling a minimum of 200 members per polling booth across the State, but the response has been underwhelming.

BJP had initially expected a strong turnout, given its performance in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, where it secured over 76 lakh votes and won eight seats. However, the lack of enthusiasm from the public has left the party leadership disappointed. Sources indicate that achieving the 50 lakh membership target within the next week now seems unlikely.

## Power Employees Unions to Hold ‘Maha Dharna’ on October 26 Over Long-Standing Issues



**TPN , Hyderabad:** The Telangana Electricity Employees 1104 union has announced plans to hold a massive ‘maha dharna’ at the corporate office of Southern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Limited (TGSPDCL) on October 26. This protest is in response to unresolved issues affecting em-

ployees and artisans working in the power sector.

The union, affiliated with the CPI(M), has informed TGSPDCL Chairman and Managing Director Musharaff Ali Faruqui that, if their demands are not met by October 25, the protest will proceed

as planned. G. Saibabu, the state general secretary of the union, highlighted that despite multiple representations over the last 3-4 years, critical issues related to employees and operational staff have not been addressed.

A major grievance is the recent general transfer policy implemented by TGSPDCL and Northern Power Distribution Company of Telangana Limited (NPDCCL). According to the union, the transfers of Operation and Maintenance (O&M) staff contradict the state government's guidelines, which stipulate transfers only after four years of service. This has led to significant distress for around 23,000 field workers, including senior line inspectors, line inspectors, linemen, and assistant linemen.

The Telangana Electricity BC & OC Employees' Joint Action Committee has also raised concerns regarding promotions, demanding the fulfillment of High Court directives regarding promotions within the four public sector undertakings since the formation of Telangana. Union leaders have warned of an impending strike if the promotions are not addressed soon.

In addition to the transfer and promotion issues, the artisans are unhappy with the decision not to recognize them as regular employees or promote them to junior line worker positions. The unions have vowed to continue pressing the managements for resolution, and the threat of a large-scale protest looms across the state's power sector.

### Telangana Cabinet Meeting Scheduled for October 23

**TPN , Hyderabad:** The Telangana State Cabinet will meet on Wednesday, October 23, at 4 pm at the Secretariat, under the chairmanship of Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy. The meeting is expected to focus on key issues, including the Musi River project, the Dharani portal, and matters concerning health and ration cards. The Cabinet is also anticipated to make important decisions on these fronts, with discussions likely to address ongoing concerns and propose solutions for efficient governance.

This meeting comes amid heightened political activity and public interest in the state's developmental projects, including those related to infrastructure and welfare schemes. The outcomes of the Cabinet meeting could have a significant impact on the administration's approach to handling these pressing matters.

### Employees Demand Resolution of Pending Issues, Call for CM's Intervention

**TPN , Hyderabad:** Jagadishwar, Chairman of the Udyoga JAC, expressed his frustration over the government's failure to release the Dearness Allowance (DA) for employees in time for the Dussehra festival. He noted that while the employees had eagerly awaited the release of the DA, it did not arrive, causing significant dissatisfaction. "In the Congress election manifesto, it was promised that employee issues would be resolved, but our problems remain unresolved," Jagadishwar said during a meeting at the TNGOS central office. He highlighted that some issues had been pending since the previous government's tenure, and employees have waited for ten months without any resolution. "Ten lakh people are waiting for their dues, and the Chief Minister's office is not responding when we seek an appointment to discuss these problems," he added. Jagadishwar criticized the government's lack of dialogue with employees and lamented the fact that salaries are being paid on time, but the DA payments remain pending.

Eluri Srinivas, Vice Chairman of the JAC of Trade Unions, also spoke about the increasing impatience among district employees. He mentioned that in the past, a delay of even one DA would prompt protests, but now employees face delays in receiving up to five DAs. This, he explained, is causing financial strain, with each employee losing between Rs. 30,000 to Rs. 35,000 due to the non-payment of DA. Srinivas called for the immediate resolution of these issues and demanded that the state government provide the pending DA payments, as has been done by the central government. He also expressed concern over the harassment of lower-level employees by some district officials. The JAC has called for meetings and conferences to press the government to resolve the employees' problems, recalling the struggles during the Telangana movement.

## Adani Foundation Donates ₹100 Crores to Telangana’s Young India Skills University

**TPN , Telangana:** In a significant move to bolster skill development and youth empowerment in Telangana, the Adani Foundation has donated ₹100 crores to the state's Young India Skills University. The donation check was handed over by Adani Group Chairperson Gautam Adani in the presence of Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy.

Speaking at the event, Gautam Adani expressed the foundation's commitment to supporting Telangana's initiatives for skill development and empowering the youth. He emphasized the importance of creating opportunities for young people to develop essential skills for a brighter future.

Chief Secretary Shanti Kumari and other senior officials were also present at the event, which highlighted the ongoing collaboration between the state government and the Adani Foundation to enhance educational and vocational training opportunities for the youth.

This donation marks a significant step towards strengthening Telangana's educational infrastructure and promoting skill-based employment, in line with the government's vision to prepare a skilled workforce for the future.



## Singur Hydropower Project Generates 14.41 Million Units of Power in 2024



**TPN , Sangareddy:** The Singur Hydroelectric Project has generated 14.41 million units (MU) of power in the 2024-2025 fiscal year, beginning from April 1. A significant portion of this output was produced during September and October, marking a fruitful year for the project.

Telangana State Power Generation Corporation (TG Genco) generated 7.27 MU in September and 5.7 MU up to October 17. The Singur project, equipped with two 7.5 MW hydropower units, was established in 1998 across the Manjeera River in Singur village, Pulkal mandal. Since then, Gen-

co has exceeded this year's power output only four times. Notably, in 2022-23, a record 30 MU was generated, the highest in the project's history.

Prior to that, the second-highest generation occurred in 2010-11, when 25.68 MU was produced. Overall, Genco has surpassed 20 MU of generation only three times in the 26-year history of the Singur project.

Officials expect that power generation could cross 20 MU by the end of this fiscal year, March 30, 2025, due to constant water inflows from upstream. Currently,

the project is receiving 3,225 cusecs of water, and Genco is releasing 2,725 cusecs downstream to continue operations.

The generated power is connected to 132 KV substations located in Sadasivapet and Jogipet towns. Chief Engineer V. Ramesh Babu hailed this as one of the most productive years for TG Genco since the commissioning of the project. The Singur multi-purpose project continues to be a vital source of hydropower in the region, and with favorable water conditions, it is poised to achieve more milestones in the coming months.



## Harish Rao Accepts Revanth Reddy’s Challenge, Criticizes Congress’ “Real Estate Politics”

**TPN , Hyderabad:** Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) MLA Harish Rao has accepted Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy’s challenge to visit the oustees of the Musi River development and Mallanna Sagar projects. On Friday, October 18, Rao called out the Congress government, accusing it of turning a genuine river rejuvenation project into a real estate scheme.



Rao proposed that both he and Reddy visit the project sites without security or theatrics. He offered to drive and be ready as early as 9 a.m. the next day. “Let us go together, no security. You pick the time, or I’ll be ready by 9 a.m. tomorrow,” Rao stated.

While BRS supports the rejuvenation of the Musi River, Rao emphasized that they oppose the Congress government’s alleged “bulldozer policies” and real estate-driven approach. He demanded transparency from the Telangana government, urging them to release a detailed project report, obtain all necessary clearances, and compensate those displaced according to the Land Acquisition Act of 2013.

Rao accused the Congress of prioritizing “beautification” and land-grabbing over genuine environmental concerns. He criticized Reddy for inconsistency, stating that while the CM speaks against demolishing homes, he allows the construction of multi-storey malls in buffer zones. Rao reaffirmed BRS’ commitment to true river rejuvenation, initiated under former CM K. Chandrashekhara Rao’s leadership, and condemned the Congress for exploiting the people through reckless projects.

## Minister Sitakka Distributes Rs. 3.44 Crore to Musi Rehabilitation Women’s Groups

Telangana Minister for Panchayat Raj and Rural Development, Sitakka, recently distributed checks worth Rs. 3.44 crore to women from Musi Rehabilitation Women’s Associations as part of the state’s efforts to rehabilitate those displaced by the Musi River’s flood risks. The funds were allocated as loans to 172 women from 17 self-help groups, providing a much-needed boost to their livelihoods.



Addressing the gathering, Minister Sitakka acknowledged the challenges that come with relocating residents but emphasized the necessity of ensuring the safety and well-being of the people. “It will be difficult while moving from one area to another. But we need to understand the actual conditions. If the Musi river floods increase, we will face serious problems,” she said. She further stressed the importance of living in a safe environment with good air, water, and weather, urging that future generations deserve a better quality of life.

facilities to the women’s groups involved in the Musi River rehabilitation.

The loan amount of Rs. 2 lakh per woman is part of a broader initiative by the Congress government to empower displaced women and support their transition into new livelihoods. The government has also promised to provide various educational

The event was attended by MIM MLAs Balala and Kausar Moinuddin, Hyderabad Deputy Mayor Mothe Sreelatha, SERP CEO Divya Devarajan, and Stri Nidhi MD Vidyasagar Reddy, who all lauded the government’s efforts in the rehabilitation process.

## MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy Criticizes BRS Over Musi Development and Other Issues



In a recent address at Gandhi Bhavan, MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy raised strong objections to the BRS government’s handling of key projects, including the Musi River development and Kaleswaram project. He accused the BRS of building Kaleswaram without a proper Detailed Project Report (DPR) and alleged that thousands of crores were looted in the process.

Kumar Reddy questioned the stance of all parties on the “closed purge” and highlighted that the BRS was notorious for accepting commissions. He called out the Musi River Development Corporation, initiated by BRS, and demanded clarity from the BRS, BJP, and MIM regarding their positions on the ongoing cleanup efforts.

He emphasized that the revival of Musi will not be stopped, even in the face of false social media campaigns. “If closed purge is stopped, a big movement will arise,” Kumar Reddy warned. He also mentioned that Congress will dominate the upcoming legislative assembly elections in Hyderabad, predicting the party’s clean sweep.

Further, he criticized the BRS for failing to deliver on their promises, stating that they have not provided one lakh jobs in ten years, while Congress is committed to delivering that in just one year. Kumar Reddy also commented on the anxiety surrounding Group 1 mains candidates, citing the High Court’s decision that no postponement is possible.

## Sardar Sarvai Papanna Goud Statue Unveiled at Rally in Jogulamba Gadwala

**TPN , Jogulamba Gadwala :** The swearing-in ceremony of Neely Srinivasulu Valmiki as Chairman of the District Library was marked by a massive rally from the District Collector to Krishnaveni Chowrasta. The event was attended by Minister Ponnampalabharathi, AICC Secretary Sampath Kumar, and other prominent leaders, who also unveiled the statue of Sardar Sarvai Papanna Goud at Krishnaveni Square.



Minister Ponnampalabharathi paid tribute to Papanna Goud, praising his leadership in uniting communities and striving for state power. He reminded the crowd that figures like Jyotirao Phule and Dr. Ambedkar serve as sources of inspiration, emphasizing the

need to uphold their values.

Prabhakar spoke about the progress made under the leadership of Chief Minister Re-

vanth Reddy in the past ten months. He highlighted several key welfare initiatives, including free travel for women, provision of 500 units of free gas and 200 units of free electricity, and the launch of 10 lakh Arogya Shri schemes. He also mentioned the sanctioning of 3,500 Indiramma houses and the waiver of loans for over two lakh farmers.

Prabhakar reiterated the government’s commitment to justice and welfare, criticizing the previous administration for its failures in implementing BC reservations and other schemes. He urged Congress workers to stand firm and continue fighting against opposition forces, ensuring the government’s progress and adherence to its promises.

## Minister Konda Surekha Announces Enhancements at Yadagirigutta for Devotees

Minister Konda Surekha has unveiled a range of special arrangements at Yadagirigutta aimed at improving the experience for devotees. Speaking under the Devadaya department, she outlined several new facilities and upgrades at the temple complex to ensure the comfort and convenience of visitors.

To enhance accessibility, fresh water facilities have been installed at 14 key locations, and 47 new toilets have been constructed. A new water facility, Vishnu Pushkarini Gundam, has also been established to support devotees’ rituals. Additionally, lounges for mothers with babies and electric vehicle services have been introduced.



Minister Surekha highlighted the construction of an Annadana Satram, a free meal facility funded with a donation of Rs. 15 crore. She also announced plans for a Rajagopuram to be adorned with 60 kilograms of gold, as well as a master plan to develop Bhadradi.

The government has allocated Rs. 70 crore for Yadagirigutta’s temple development, with another Rs. 110 crore earmarked for the reconstruction of the Basara temple. She also mentioned the provision of 850 hens from the Vemulawada Devasthanam to local farmers and announced 24-hour online services for devotees.

## BJP to Launch Action Programme on Musi Beautification Project on October 25

The BJP has announced an action programme to address concerns surrounding the Musi river beautification project and the Hyderabad Disaster Response & Asset Protection Agency (HYDRAA) on October 25. BJP Legislative Party leader A Maheshwar Reddy stated that party MPs and MLAs will visit the Musi riverbed and interact with the public on October 23 and 24 to gather insights and formulate a plan to highlight the fail-



ures of the Congress government in relation to the project.

Reddy emphasized that the visit would focus on assessing the impact of the beautification project on local residents and the government’s handling of the HYDRAA’s actions. The BJP intends to use the programme to draw attention to the government’s shortcomings and mobilize public opinion on these critical issues.

## Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha Defends Moosi Project, Criticizes Political Interference

Minister Damodar Rajanarsimha recently defended the Moosi river development project, highlighting its key milestones and the government’s efforts to improve the area. Speaking at the Secretariat Media Point, he noted that the initiative, which began in 2016, has received support from various departments, with permissions granted for its advancement.



Rajanarsimha outlined several achievements, including the release of animals in 2017 to protect the buffer zone and the removal of illegal constructions in 2018. By 2020, the project had expanded to eliminate

closed commercial structures. The minister also mentioned that three districts had recently approved development programs for 47 villages, further supporting the project’s goals.

While reflecting on the project’s history, Rajanarsimha emphasized that it was the BRS government that established the Moosi Corporation, despite the fact that previous governments had initiated the project. He criticized the politicization of the issue and pointed out that the previous government had accepted the Land Acquisition Act in 2013, which has now become a topic of contention with opposition parties raising concerns.



# HYDRA to Launch Drive to Clear Footpath Encroachments in Hyderabad

**TPN , Hyderabad:** The Hyderabad Disaster Response and Asset Protection Agency (HYDRA) is set to initiate a special drive aimed at clearing permanent commercial encroachments on footpaths along major and colony roads in the city. This decision was announced by HYDRA Commissioner AV Ranganath following a joint review meeting on October 17.

The drive will focus on removing obstructions around power transformers, telecommunication ducts, and garbage bins. Traders will be given advance notice

before clearance operations commence. The initiative will also involve close coordination with relevant departments and the traffic police to manage congestion on narrow roads, especially during peak hours, through vehicle diversions and regulatory measures.

HYDRA's Disaster Response Force (DRF) teams will support the traffic police, especially during rainy weather or emergencies, by deploying high-powered motors to tackle waterlogging and clear drain blockages. The meeting also addressed the removal of risky trees and branches, as well as developing long-term solutions for waterlogging. Currently, 144 waterlogging points have been identified, with 65 in central areas.

Additionally, the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) has empowered HYDRA to protect public assets, such as roads and parks, under a government order. This expanded authority, granted under Section 374B of the GHMC Act, covers an area of about 650 square kilometers.



## GHMC Commissioner Ilambarithi K Directs Officials to Enhance Public Services in Hyderabad



**TPN , Hyderabad:** Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) commissioner K. Ilambarithi on Friday, October 18, urged officials to improve the delivery of services to the residents of Hyderabad. He stressed the need for better coordination among all departments, particularly in sanitation management and the garbage collection process.

During a review meeting, Ilambarithi inquired about ongoing projects and programs being carried out by the various GHMC departments. The department heads briefed him on their respective activities, and the commissioner emphasized the importance of streamlining the garbage collection process to ensure efficiency across the city. He also instructed the Heads of Departments (HoDs) to regularly review progress with their teams to maintain accountability and performance.

Ilambarithi recently assumed additional charge as GHMC commissioner, succeeding Amrapali Kata, who was transferred to the Andhra Pradesh cadre. With nearly two decades of service, Ilambarithi has held several key roles, including transport commissioner, director of census operations, and collector of Nirmal and Khammam districts.

His past experience includes serving as commissioner of the Guntur Municipal Corporation in 2009 and as zonal commissioner of GHMC from 2010 to 2012. Notably, GHMC has seen three commissioners in the last six months.

## Telangana Anti-Narcotics Bureau Intensifies Drug Crackdown in Hyderabad

**TPN, Hyderabad:** The Telangana State Anti-Narcotics Bureau (TSANB) is stepping up its efforts to tackle drug use and trafficking in Hyderabad, following a series of recent raids on pubs and clubs. Senior officials revealed that their operations are now targeting not just drug suppliers but also consumers, with a particular focus on local colleges.

TSANB officers have been trained to identify individuals displaying signs of drug use. This new strategy includes random urine tests at nightlife venues, a move that has drawn criticism from some but is defended by officials as a response to specific intelligence about drug consumption.

A senior bureau official highlighted the growing concerns surrounding drug abuse, particularly among the youth. "Gangs are actively trying to hook people, especially young adults, onto drugs," the official said. Recent raids have even led to the arrest of a high court advocate found with ganja at a party.

Officials emphasized that the tests and raids are not random but are conducted based on credible information. Several arrests have been made in recent weeks, including DJs, with many testing positive for drugs. The TSANB remains committed to safeguarding Hyderabad's youth from the dangers of substance abuse.



## BJP Not Opposed to Musi Beautification, But Concerned About Impact on Poor: Kishan Reddy



**TPN , Hyderabad:** Union Minister for Coal, G Kishan Reddy, on Friday clarified that the BJP is not opposed to the beautification and rejuvenation of the Musi river but expressed concerns over the potential impact on the poor

and common citizens who have lived on the riverbed for decades.

Speaking to the media, Kishan Reddy emphasized that the BJP supports the development of the Musi river

and other related projects but urged the state government not to demolish homes that have stood for over 30 years. "We have no objection to the government taking up the beautification of Musi and other developments. In fact, the government can even build the Governor and CM's residences near Musi. Our primary concern is ensuring that the poor do not suffer as a result of these actions," he said.

Reddy also raised concerns about the Chief Minister's approach to the Musi riverfront beautification and suggested that the government first address ongoing drainage issues in the area. He proposed that beautification efforts could include constructing retaining walls on both sides of the river to improve the environment while protecting existing structures.

## Ex-Taskforce DCP Radhakishan Rao Files Bail Petition in High Court

**TPN , Hyderabad:** Former Taskforce DCP Radhakishan Rao, who was arrested in a phone tapping case, has filed a bail petition in the Telangana High Court. Rao was named as accused number 4 (A4) in the case by the Panjagutta police.

The High Court, upon receiving the petition, instructed the police to file a counter response. The next hearing on the bail petition has been adjourned to the 23rd of this month.

Radhakishan Rao's arrest has drawn significant attention, as he was a prominent figure in the police force during his tenure. The ongoing legal proceedings will determine his fate as the investigation continues.



## Group 4 Job Aspirants Protest at Gandhi Bhavan Over Recruitment Delays



**TPN , Hyderabad:** Group-4 job aspirants staged a protest at Gandhi Bhavan on Friday, October 18, expressing concerns over delays in the recruitment process. The candidates demanded the immediate removal of those selected for the Group-1 and Group-2 mains from the Group-4 selection list, arguing that their inclusion could hinder opportunities for others.

The protesters also highlighted a backlog of approximately 2,000 vacant posts and urged the government to address the issue promptly. They emphasized that the recruitment process for Group-4 should not be delayed by

candidates already progressing to the Group-1 and Group-2 mains.

In a related development, the Telangana High Court recently dismissed multiple petitions concerning the Group-1 preliminary exams. These petitions cited errors in the exam questions and preliminary key, requesting a reevaluation and a new merit list. However, the court's ruling allows the Group-1 mains exams to proceed as scheduled from October 21.

The aspirants hope their concerns will be addressed soon to avoid further delays in job allocations.

## Two Arrested for Selling Cannabis at DVM College, LB Nagar

**TPN , Hyderabad:** The LB Nagar Special Operations Team (SOT) police arrested two individuals involved in selling cannabis near DVM College on Sirish Road, LB Nagar. The accused, identified as Vijay Kumar Soni (45) from Madhya Pradesh and Hem Singh, also known as Hemant (40) from Rajasthan, were caught during a raid.

Another suspect, Sanju from Nagole, is currently absconding. The police seized 539 grams of cannabis, Rs. 2,000 in cash, and two mobile phones from the accused.

The SOT police have handed over the arrested individuals to the LB Nagar police, who have registered a case and initiated further investigation. Authorities are actively searching for the absconding suspect, and additional efforts are being made to crack down on illegal drug activities in the area.



# Husnabad Re-Merger with Karimnagar in Spotlight Again

**Karimnagar:** The issue of re-merging Husnabad assembly constituency with Karimnagar district has resurfaced, with Transport Minister and local MLA Ponnam Prabhakar reigniting discussions on the matter. During a swearing-in ceremony for Siddipet District Library chairman Lingamurthy, Prabhakar assured that the sentiments of the local people would be respected.

The Husnabad constituency was merged with Siddipet in 2016 as part of a district reorganization, which also resulted in the shifting of several mandals. While Husnabad municipality, Bejjenki, Koheda, and Akkannapet



mandals were added to Siddipet, other mandals like Bheemadevarapalli and

Elkathurthi were moved to Hanamkonda, leaving only Chigurumamidi and Saidapur in Karimnagar. This reorganization has sparked protests, with many locals feeling they were unfairly separated from their historical ties to Karimnagar.

Prabhakar, who contested from Husnabad in the 2023 elections, highlighted this issue in his manifesto, promising to work towards remerging the constituency with Karimnagar if elected. He reiterated his commitment, stating, "When the time comes, no one will prevent the remerger of Husnabad with Karimnagar."

## Bandi Sanjay Criticizes Congress Govt Over Police Baton Charge on Group 1 Candidates

**TPN , Karimnagar:** Union Minister Bandi Sanjay strongly condemned the police baton charge against Telangana Group 1 candidates, labeling the act as "evil" and accusing the Congress government of treating the unemployed with cruelty. He questioned why the government, which is supposed to act with humanity, is instead using force against job aspirants.

Sanjay also expressed outrage over the introduction of Jio 29, calling it a "bane" for the unemployed. He criticized the move for undermining the spirit of the Constitution and reservations for SC, ST, and BC communities, accusing Congress of making a "vicious and petty" decision that negatively impacts job candidates.

The Minister questioned whether it was wrong to reschedule the Group 1 exams, asking why such decisions are



being made to harm the unemployed. He drew comparisons between the Congress and BRS governments, questioning their approaches to governance and justice for the people.

## Group-1 Aspirants Caned at Ashoknagar During Protest in Hyderabad

**TPN , Hyderabad:** Tension arose on Friday when police used force, including a lathi charge, against Group-1 aspirants who held a rally at Ashok Nagar, demanding the rescheduling of their upcoming mains exams.

Several aspirants from local coaching institutions, along with others from across the city, gathered at the Ashok Nagar crossroad and began marching toward Indira Park, holding placards and raising slogans. They were protesting against the Telangana State Public Service Commission's (TSPSC) decision to hold the exams on October 21 and the changes introduced under GO 29, which altered the selection process for Group-1 services, including a controversial 1:50 selection ratio.

When the protestors failed to obtain prior permission, police intervened and used force to disperse the crowd. The aspirants are demanding changes to the current exam criteria, expressing concerns about its fairness and calling for the government to address the issues in the recruitment process.



## Telangana ACB Arrests Civil Supplies Officer for Bribery

**TPN , Hyderabad:** The Telangana Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) arrested Vikram Alexander, a section officer from the Food and Civil Supplies department, on Friday, October 18, for accepting a bribe. The officer was caught red-handed while accepting Rs 15,000, which he had demanded for processing a pensionary benefits file.

According to ACB officials, the complaint was filed against Alexander after he sought the bribe for expediting the processing of the file. The arrest is part of an ongoing crackdown on corruption within the state's government offices.

The rise in corruption cases has been notable in Telangana, with former ACB commissioner CV Anand noting a sharp increase in bribery cases. From January to August 2024 alone, 145 corruption cases were registered, compared to just 100 cases over the previous four years combined. Anand attributed the surge to the growing trust citizens have in the ACB, leading to more complaints being filed.

The ACB continues its efforts to tackle corruption, reassuring the public of its commitment to transparency and accountability within government departments.

## Adluri Laxman Accuses Harish Rao of Forcibly Seizing Farmers' Lands

**TPN , Hyderabad:** Government Whip and Dharmapuri MLA Adluri Laxman has strongly criticized former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) and former minister Harish Rao for allegedly seizing farmers' lands by force. Laxman accused them of using coercive tactics to take control of lands that grow two crops, even physically assaulting farmers. He particularly condemned KCR for appointing former collector Venkatarami Reddy, who allegedly assaulted farmers, as MLC.

Speaking at a media conference at Gandhi Bhavan, Laxman challenged Harish Rao to a public debate on the land issues in villages like Mallanna Sagar and on the plight of the Kaleswaram Link 2 refugees in Dharmapuri. He expressed readiness to debate on these issues anywhere in Siddipet, Gajwel, Choppadandi, or Dharmapuri, demanding transparency and accountability from the BRS leadership.

Laxman also expressed grief over the suicide of farmer Mallareddy in Mallanna Sagar, blaming the KCR government's actions. He criticized the BRS for their poor performance in the Lok Sabha elections and alleged that party leaders had become disconnected from the people, citing public unrest as evidence of their failing leadership.



## Young Man Murdered After Threatening Rivals in Korutla

**TPN , Telangana :** In a tragic incident in Korutla, Jagityala district, a young man was brutally murdered following a quarrel with his rivals. The victim, Sagar, had threatened to kill two individuals, Pambala Madhu and Ippakayala Naresh, after a fight. Guddeti Venkatesh, fearing the escalation of the situation, attempted to mediate between the two parties.

Rakesh, intervened and dragged Sagar to an intersection where they allegedly strangled him to death using a knife.

The Korutla police registered a case and arrested five of the six individuals involved in the murder. Pambala Nagaraju, one of the main suspects, remains at large. The police seized a knife, two bikes, and four mobile phones as part of their investigation.

Korutla DSP Umamaheswara Rao confirmed the arrests and assured the public that efforts to apprehend the absconding suspect are ongoing.



## Mancherial Forest Officials Visit Tipeshwar Tiger Reserve to Study Tiger Conservation Strategies

**TPN , Mancherial:** A team of forest officials from Mancherial recently visited the Tipeshwar Tiger Reserve (TTR) in Yavatmal district, Maharashtra, to study successful tiger conservation practices, employment creation for locals, and tourism development. The team, led by Forest Development Officer (FDO) Sarveshwar, included Forest Range Officers (FROs) Rathnakar Rao and Subhash, along with nine Forest Beat Officers (FBOs).

Tipeshwar, spanning 148.63 square kilometers, has become a thriving habitat for tigers and a popular destination for nature enthusiasts. Local forest fringe communities have actively contributed to the tiger conservation efforts, which were a key point of interest for the visiting officials.

FDO Sarveshwar emphasized the visit's objective: "We aim to study the measures adopted by Tipeshwar's officials, including resource management, habitat improvement, and local community participation. These successful strategies will be implemented in Kawal Tiger Reserve, which currently struggles with tiger habitation."

Kawal, created in 2012, has faced challenges, including poaching incidents and a lack of permanent tiger population. Officials hope that collaboration with Maharashtra's forest department will help boost the reserve's tiger population and train staff in anti-poaching methods. Recently, a tiger from Maharashtra's Tadoba Andhari Tiger Reserve entered Kawal, offering hope to officials.

## Rs 10 Coins Mela Held to Promote Awareness on Coin Circulation

**TPN , Siddipet:** In an effort to raise awareness about the circulation of Rs 10 coins, Union Bank of India (UBI) and State Bank of India (SBI) organized a "Rs 10 Coins Mela" on Friday. The event was held at Duddeda on Rajiv Rahadhari, where officials from both banks, including District Lead Bank Manager B Haribabu, UBI Chief Manager Suresh, SBI Manager Ravi, and Toll-Plaza Manager Ashok Reddy, distributed Rs 10 coins to vehicle users.

The initiative aimed to clear doubts regarding the availability and circulation of the coins. A total of Rs 1 lakh worth of Rs 10 coins was distributed to toll fee payers during the event.





# Indian American Voters: A Growing Political Force in the U.S.

With approximately 2.1 million Indian American voters comprising a small segment of the over 161 million-strong U.S. electorate, their influence in American politics is undeniable. The community is energized by the candidacy of Kamala Harris, which has sparked greater political engagement among Indian Americans who recognize the importance of their voice in the corridors of power.

## Surge in Political Fundraising

Indian Americans are making significant strides in political fundraising, with participation levels witnessing a remarkable increase. Ajay Bhutoria, a veteran fundraiser, notes that community members are stepping up with larger contributions than ever before. The median income of Indian American households stands at \$145,000, which is 21% higher than the national average. Shekar Narasimhan, chairman of the AAPI Victory Fund, points out that while precise financial data is scarce, the presence of major donors in the community is evident, especially as Indian Americans make up 5% of the Democratic National Finance Committee, despite being just 1% of the population.

The establishment of robust political action committees, like the AAPI Victory Fund and the Indian American Impact Fund, has further catalyzed fundraising efforts. Dr. Sangay Mishra, a political science expert, highlights the out-sized influence Indian Americans have gained in bundling contributions for campaigns since 2012.

## Republican Support Remains Strong

While enthusiasm among Democratic



supporters is palpable, Indian Americans have also maintained a loyal following within the Republican Party. Figures like Sampat Shivangi, an Indian American delegate at the Republican National Convention, continue to support Donald Trump, emphasizing their concerns about Harris's stance on India.

Despite this loyalty, many Republicans acknowledge a decline in enthusiasm among Indian American supporters since the peak of Trump-Modi relations in 2020. Polling data indicates that 55% of Indian Americans identify as Democrats, while 25% align with the Republican Party.

## Impact in Swing States

The strategic importance of Indian American voters is magnified in swing states, where they can significantly influence election outcomes. With around 400,000 voters of South Asian descent residing in critical battleground states, their collective vote can tip the scales in tightly contested elections.

As the 2024 election approaches, Indian Americans are increasingly mobilizing

their resources, utilizing phone banks and community outreach to ensure their voices are heard. The young immigrant community has shown impressive voter turnout rates, matching or surpassing those of white voters in recent elections.

## Aspirations for Representation

Beyond voting, Indian Americans are also keenly interested in political office. Currently, there are five Indian Americans in Congress, with expectations for that number to rise. Despite representing only 0.6% of the adult citizen population, Indian Americans hold approximately 4.4% of senior government positions.

As the Indian American community seeks political representation akin to that of Jewish Americans, who make up 10% of Congress, the stakes are high for the upcoming election. With early voting underway, both parties are ramping up efforts to engage voters, and the Indian American community, inspired by Kamala Harris's candidacy, is poised to play a pivotal role in shaping history.



## What Next For Hamas After Its Chief Yahya Sinwar's Killing

The recent killing of Yahya Sinwar, the leader of Hamas, has delivered a significant blow to the militant group, leaving a leadership void amidst ongoing conflict. Sinwar, who orchestrated the October 7, 2023, attack on Israel that triggered the current Gaza war, ascended to the leadership role in August following the death of his predecessor, Ismail Haniyeh.

Hamas officials have publicly mourned Sinwar, emphasizing his status as a "great leader." However, analysts warn that his death creates a leadership vacuum in a tightly knit organization. Andreas Krieg, a Middle East expert at King's College London, notes that while various Hamas factions will persist in their operations, the central coordination of the group may falter without strong leadership. The discord between the political leadership in exile and the military operations in Gaza could further complicate their strategic coherence.

Sinwar's killing comes shortly after the reported death of Haniyeh in Iran, which Hamas and Iran attribute to Israeli actions. This sequence of events has left the organization grappling with the loss of pivotal figures in a short time-

frame. As various factions continue to operate, the challenge lies in their ability to unite under a new leader.

Several potential successors have emerged. Among them is Khalil al-Hayya, who has been close to Sinwar and played a significant role in negotiations. Others include exiled figures like Musa Abu Marzuk and Khaled Meshaal, both of whom have extensive experience within the movement. However, given Sinwar's military focus during his leadership, analysts speculate that his replacement may come from the operational side, possibly even his younger brother, Mohammed Sinwar. While Mohammed lacks Yahya's charismatic appeal, he is respected as a fighter.

Despite the setback, Hamas remains resolute in its commitment to resistance. Al-Hayya asserts that Sinwar's legacy will fortify the movement's resolve. The group's resilience has been evident historically, having endured numerous leadership losses due to Israeli operations. Dorsey emphasizes that Sinwar joins a long list of assassinated leaders without fundamentally altering Hamas's operational capabilities.

# Iran's Rising Influence in the Muslim World: A Challenge to Saudi Arabia



Cafés in Central London are often filled with affluent tourists, including many from the Arab world. In a candid conversation with a young Saudi architect, he expressed his distress over the ongoing violence in Gaza, stating, "We are in distress... but my country stays silent." This reflects a growing sentiment among young Saudis, particularly as they witness the devastation in Gaza while their government remains relatively quiet.

What added complexity to our discussion was his admiration for Iran's missile strike against Israel on October 1, viewing it as a rare act of defiance against Israeli and American dominance. This sentiment highlights a shift in perception, as Sunni Muslims, traditionally opposed to Shia Iran, begin to see Tehran as a defender of the oppressed, especially in the context of Gaza.

The response to Iran's actions has reverberated across the Muslim world. Celebrations erupted in various cities following the missile strikes, indicating a cathartic release for those frustrated by Israel's actions. While Israel's retaliation is anticipated, the emotional impact of Iran's defiance has resonated deeply among many Muslims, reminiscent of the support Iran garnered during the 2006 Lebanese war when it backed Hezbollah against Israeli forces.

Iran's influence extends beyond military might; it employs a sophisticated strategy of soft power. The current regime continues to export its ideol-

ogy, which is enshrined in its constitution. This approach has resulted in the establishment of a network of allied groups throughout the region, including Hezbollah in Lebanon and the Houthis in Yemen. Iran's reach even extends to Shia communities in places like Kashmir, illustrating its ambition to spread its revolutionary ideals.

Iran supports Hamas and the Palestinian cause, positioning itself as a defender of the oppressed despite the sectarian divide. The Shia doctrine emphasizes martyrdom and resistance, aligning with Iran's portrayal of its struggle as a fight against oppression.

Meanwhile, Saudi Arabia has struggled to maintain its influence in the face of Iran's rising stature. Historically, Saudi Arabia has sought to export its Wahhabi ideology to counter Shia influence. However, the recent silence over Palestinian suffering has led many to perceive the Saudis as less committed to the cause, eroding their soft power in the region.

Despite facing severe sanctions, Iran has managed to cultivate a missile industry and foster diplomatic relationships with various nations, including Turkey and Iraq. This resilience challenges the narrative of Iran's isolation and signifies a complex power dynamic in West Asia, where competing ideologies and historical grievances continue to shape the political landscape.

# Strengthening Indo-German Relations: A New Era of Security and Economic Cooperation

The German cabinet recently adopted a significant 'Focus on India' paper aimed at enhancing the security partnership between India and Germany. This initiative seeks to reduce New Delhi's reliance on Russian defense purchases while deepening economic and energy ties, particularly within the European Union (EU). The renewed focus comes just ahead of Chancellor Olaf Scholz's visit to India, accompanied by at least eight cabinet ministers for intergovernmental consultations.

A primary goal of this partnership is to foster security cooperation, particularly in arms collaboration and the joint deployment of German and Indian armed forces in the Indo-Pacific region. The German government plans to finalize an agreement on reciprocal logistical support, facilitating future deployments of the Bundeswehr in this strategic area. The increasing presence of German naval forces in the Indo-Pacific signifies this commitment. For example, the German frigate Bayern made a notable stop in Mumbai in January 2022, sailing through the South China Sea to signal a unified stance against China's assertiveness. During Scholz's upcoming visit, two German naval vessels are expected to engage in joint exercises with the Indian Navy in Goa.

Berlin's ambitions extend to expanding its defense trade with India. The 'Focus on India'

paper states, "Germany wants to be a reliable security partner... and aims for India to rely more on German arms companies." Notably, German company ThyssenKrupp Marine Services is in contention for a significant contract for India's P75 submarine project, which aims to produce six advanced diesel-electric submarines.

Beyond defense, Germany is keen to strengthen its economic ties with India, particularly in diversifying supply chains to enhance resilience. In the wake of the Russia-Ukraine war, Germany is actively seeking alternative energy sources and expanding its economic footprint in India. The paper emphasizes the potential for collaboration in renewable energy and green hydrogen, highlighting India's rapid expansion in these sectors. Additionally, Berlin supports a comprehensive free trade agreement between India and the EU, which has been in negotiation since 2022. However, differences remain, particularly concerning the EU's new environmental regulations set to take effect in 2026. The German government acknowledges India's concerns regarding the Carbon Border Adjustment Mechanism and aims to facilitate constructive dialogue within the EU to address these trade policy issues. Overall, this renewed focus on India marks a pivotal step in strengthening Indo-German relations, emphasizing security, economic cooperation, and collaborative efforts in addressing global challenges.





# PM Modi to Launch ‘Karmayogi Saptah’ for National Learning Week

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to inaugurate the ‘Karmayogi Saptah’ National Learning Week (NLW), an innovative initiative designed to provide four hours of competency-linked learning for all Central government employees, including Civil Servants. The program, organized in collaboration with the Department of Personnel and Training (DoPT), the Capacity Building Commission (CBC), and Karmayogi Bharat, will take place at the Dr. Ambedkar International Centre in the capital on Saturday.

The primary goal of the NLW is to enhance the skills and competencies of Civil Servants. As part of this initiative, every government employee will be required to participate in four hours of competency-focused learning throughout the week. Various ministries and departments will host workshops and seminars aimed at improving domain-specific skills.

The National Learning Week is positioned as one of the largest events of its kind,



aimed at revitalizing individual and organizational capacity development for Civil Servants. This initiative seeks to foster a renewed commitment to continuous learning and development within the government

framework. The NLW will promote a cohesive “one government” message, aligning all employees with national goals while encouraging a culture of lifelong learning.

Launched in September 2020, Mission Karmayogi has made significant strides in preparing future-ready Civil Servants, grounded in Indian values while adopting a global outlook. The NLW will emphasize learning through various engagement formats, enabling individual participants and their respective Ministries, Departments, and Organizations to enhance their skills effectively.

Participants can fulfill the four-hour learning requirement through a combination of role-based modules on the iGOT platform and webinars featuring public lectures and policy masterclasses led by distinguished speakers. Throughout the week, notable personalities will deliver talks in their areas of expertise, equipping Civil Servants to improve citizen-centric service delivery in a more effective manner.

## Siddaramaiah breaks silence on MUDA scam case after ED raids in Karnataka



Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah remained resolute on Friday, responding to increasing demands for his resignation amidst an ongoing Enforcement Directorate (ED) investigation. The ED recently conducted a raid at the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) office, which has sparked significant controversy and political turmoil.

Breaking his silence on the situation, Siddaramaiah emphasized that he would not be swayed by external pressures. “What should I do if ED raids MUDA? What happens according to the law will happen,” he stated while addressing reporters. His comments reflect a commitment to allow the legal process to unfold without interference.

Siddaramaiah’s defiance comes at a critical juncture, as opposition parties have intensified their calls for his resignation, alleging misconduct and corruption. The raids have raised questions about governance and accountability within his administration. However, the Chief Minister maintained that he would not succumb to political pressure or media scrutiny.

The MUDA has been at the center of the investigation, with the ED reportedly probing various allegations related to financial irregularities. Siddaramaiah has categorically denied any wrongdoing and expressed confidence that the law would ultimately exonerate him and his government.

The political landscape in Karnataka has become increasingly heated, with the opposition parties leveraging the situation to challenge Siddaramaiah’s leadership. Despite the growing dissent, the Chief Minister’s supporters argue that he has effectively managed the state’s affairs and should be given the opportunity to continue serving.

As the investigation progresses, all eyes will be on Siddaramaiah and his government to see how they navigate these turbulent waters.

## AAP leader Satyendar Jain gets bail in money laundering case

A Delhi court has granted bail to former Delhi minister Satyendar Jain in a high-profile money laundering case. Jain, a leader of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), was arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on May 30, 2022, in connection with allegations involving four companies purportedly linked to him.

Special Judge Vishal Gogne cited several factors in his ruling, noting the significant delay in the trial process and Jain’s lengthy incarceration of 18 months. “Considering the delay in trial and the fact that the trial will take a long time to start, let alone conclude, the accused is favourably suited for the relief,” he stated. The bail was granted on the

condition of a ₹50,000 bail bond, along with two sureties of the same amount. Jain’s case is rooted in an FIR filed against him by the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) in 2017, which was lodged under the Prevention of Corruption Act. The allegations against him are serious, involving substantial financial misconduct.

Following the court’s decision, Jain expressed gratitude for the bail, which will allow him to focus on his legal defense as the trial progresses. The case has drawn significant media attention, not only due to Jain’s political affiliation but also because of the broader implications it holds for governance and accountability within the Delhi administration.



## J&K CM Omar Abdullah-led cabinet passes resolution for statehood

In a significant move, the newly elected Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah-led cabinet has passed a resolution to reinstate statehood for the region, according to sources familiar with the matter. This pivotal decision was made during the first cabinet meeting chaired by Abdullah at the Civil Secretariat in Srinagar.

The meeting saw the participation of Deputy Chief Minister Surinder Kumar Choudhary, along with ministers Sakeena Itoo, Javed Ahmad Rana, Javid Ahmad Dar, and Satish Sharma. While there has yet to be an official confirmation from either the National Conference (NC) or the government regarding the resolution, insiders indicated that the cabinet discussed the restoration of statehood extensively.

The NC chief spokesman, Tanvir Sadiq, has not provided a clear confirmation or denial of the resolution’s passage during this



initial meeting. However, CM Abdullah has consistently advocated for statehood restoration in recent days, urging swift action from his cabinet.

Abdullah expressed his belief that the cabinet’s first priority should be to formally request the restoration of statehood. He emphasized the importance of taking this resolution to Delhi and presenting it to senior leaders, including the Prime Minister and the Home Minister, to fulfill previous

promises made to the people of Jammu and Kashmir.

He remarked, “It is the Prime Minister, Home Minister, and others who have promised the people of J&K statehood. Nowhere did they say that the statehood will be restored to a BJP government or to a government with BJP members.” This statement underscores

Abdullah’s position that statehood restoration should be a priority regardless of political affiliations.

As the region looks forward to this potential shift in governance, the resolution signifies a critical step in addressing the aspirations of the people of Jammu and Kashmir for greater autonomy and political representation. The situation remains dynamic, and further updates from the government are anticipated.

## MK Stalin Asks Centre To Recall Tamil Nadu Governor In Row Over Anthem

Tensions between the Tamil Nadu government and Governor RN Ravi intensified on Friday after Chief Minister MK Stalin accused the governor of disrespecting the Tamil anthem by skipping a crucial line containing the word “Dravida.” This incident occurred during a ceremony marking the golden jubilee celebrations of Chennai Doordarshan, coinciding with the conclusion of Hindi Month, which Stalin had previously criticized for being inappropriate in a non-Hindi-speaking state.



The Tamil anthem, “Tamil Thai Vazhthu,” is traditionally sung at the start of government events. The omission of the line referencing “Dravida,” which signifies the people of southern India, sparked outrage.

Stalin condemned the governor’s actions, describing them as an affront to national unity and demanded that the Central Government recall him from his position.

Following the incident, Doordarshan Tamil issued an apology, attributing the error to the distraction of the singers and clarifying that there was no intention to disrespect the Tamil language or its anthem. However, this explanation did little to quell the anger from Stalin, who remarked that the governor is “unfit” for his role. He questioned whether Ravi would accept a similar omission of “Dravida” in the national anthem, emphasizing the significance of the word to the identity of Tamil Nadu.

Stalin, who leads the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) party, highlighted that skipping the term violates state laws and accused the governor of undermining the diverse cultural fabric of Tamil Nadu under the guise of promoting Hindi. He urged the Union Government to take immediate action against Ravi for what he described as a deliberate insult to the sentiments of the Tamil people.

As the political climate remains charged, the incident underscores the ongoing friction between regional identities and central authority in India. The governor’s presence at the Hindi Month celebrations, alongside this anthem controversy, has reignited debates on linguistic pride and representation within the state.

## Haryana to offer free dialysis to chronic kidney patients: CM Saini

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini made significant announcements on October 18, 2024, during his first cabinet meeting after being sworn in for a second term. Among the key highlights, he declared that all government hospitals in the state will provide free dialysis for chronic kidney patients, fulfilling a major electoral promise of the ruling BJP.

Saini, addressing the media, stated, “The first file I signed after taking charge was regarding the decision on kidney patients. Dialysis can cost between ₹20,000 to ₹25,000 per month, and now the Haryana government will cover these expenses.” This initiative is expected to ease the financial burden on many families in need of this essential medical service.

Additionally, Saini announced the immediate implementation of a Supreme Court ruling that allows states to make



sub-classifications within Scheduled Castes for reservation purposes. He expressed confidence that this decision would uplift socially and educationally disadvantaged groups within the community.

On the issue of stubble burning, which contributes to severe air pollution in Delhi, Saini addressed concerns about recent notifications from the agriculture department that threatened legal action against farmers. He reassured the public, stating, “There is no such thing. We are focused on educating farmers about the environmental impact of stubble burning and are offering subsidies for necessary equipment.”

During the cabinet meeting, Saini also reviewed the ongoing paddy procurement process, emphasizing the government’s commitment to purchasing every grain from farmers at the Minimum Support Price (MSP). He noted that over 27.45 lakh metric tonnes of paddy had arrived in mandis, with more than 23 lakh metric tonnes already procured. Farmers have received over ₹3,056 crore for their paddy sales, demonstrating the government’s support for the agricultural community.





## Israel Confirms Elimination of Hamas Leader Yahya Sinwar

In a significant blow to Hamas, Israel confirmed on Thursday evening that it has eliminated Yahya Sinwar, the chief planner behind the devastating October 2023 attacks that resulted in the deaths of 1,200 Israelis and the abduction of over 250 hostages. Lt. Col. Herzi Halevi, Chief of Staff of the Israel Defense Forces (IDF), announced the news, stating, "After a long and determined pursuit that lasted an entire year, our forces have eliminated Yahya Sinwar, the leader of the Hamas terror organization and main person responsible for the massacre and kidnapping of many Israelis."

Earlier in the day, the IDF reported the death of three terrorists during an operation in the northern Gaza Strip, initially investigating the possibility that one of them was Sinwar. A few hours later, the IDF confirmed his elimination, praising the forces for their professionalism and determination. "The courage and determination of the IDF forces, working in all arenas, brought him to his end," Halevi added, asserting that the world is safer without Sinwar. At 61, Sinwar had not been seen publicly since the October 7 attacks and was believed to be hiding within Gaza's extensive tunnel network, frequently moving and potentially surrounded by hostages. Halevi emphasized Israel's commitment to pursuing and eliminating all individuals threatening its citizens, stating, "We will not stop until we catch all the terrorists who were involved in 7/10 and return all the abductees home." Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu described Sinwar's death as a "heavy blow" to evil but reminded the public that the task is not yet complete. The IDF noted that numerous terrorists have been neutralized in precise strikes and confrontations, alongside the destruction of weapons and fortified structures used for terrorist activities.

# Narendra Modi Set to Attend BRICS Summit in Russia

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to visit Russia from October 22-23 at the invitation of President Vladimir Putin to attend the 16th BRICS Summit in Kazan. This summit is being hosted under Russia's chairmanship, as announced by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA). During his visit, PM Modi is expected to engage in bilateral discussions with fellow leaders from BRICS member countries and other invited leaders.

The theme for this year's summit is "Strengthening Multilateralism for Just Global Development and Security." The MEA emphasized that the summit will provide an essential platform for leaders to address pressing global issues and assess the progress of initiatives launched by BRICS. It will also identify potential areas for future collaboration among member nations.

The BRIC group, originally composed of Brazil, Russia, India, and China,



held its inaugural meeting in St. Petersburg in 2006, culminating in its first official summit in Yekaterinburg, Russia, in 2009. The group expanded to include South Africa, becoming BRICS during a Foreign Ministers' meeting in New York in September 2010. Today, BRICS represents a significant bloc of emerging economies, accounting for 41% of the global population, 24% of the world GDP, and over 16% of international trade.

In September, President Putin extended a personal invitation to PM Modi, proposing a bilateral meeting on the sidelines of the Kazan summit. He referred to Modi as a "good friend," expressing anticipation for their discussions. During a meeting with India's National Security Advisor Ajit Doval, Putin reiterated his eagerness to close the loop on previous agreements and explore future prospects.



## Yahya Sinwar Killing "Beginning Of End" Of Gaza War: Netanyahu

In the wake of the confirmed killing of Hamas chief Yahya Sinwar, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu delivered a message to the people of Gaza, asserting that the ongoing war could end "as soon as tomorrow" if Hamas lays down its arms and returns the hostages. In a video posted on X, Netanyahu stated, "Yahya Sinwar is dead. He was killed in Rafah by the brave soldiers of the Israeli Defense Forces. While this is not the end of the war in Gaza, it's the beginning of the end."

Netanyahu emphasized that Hamas currently holds 101 hostages from 23 different countries, including Israel. He reiterated Israel's commitment to ensuring their safe return, stating, "Israel is committed to doing everything in our power to bring all of them home." The Prime Minister warned those responsible for holding hostages, promising that Israel would relentlessly pursue justice against them.

In addition to addressing the situation with hostages, Netanyahu highlighted the broader regional implications of Sinwar's death, noting the elimination of other key figures in Hamas and Hezbollah, such as Hassan Nasrallah. He asserted that the "axis of terror" built by Iran is crumbling, proclaiming, "The reign of terror that the Iranian regime has imposed on its own people and on the peoples of Iraq, Syria, Lebanon, and Yemen will come to an end."

Netanyahu's remarks come after Hamas launched a significant attack on Israel on October 7, 2023, resulting in over 1,200 deaths, including citizens from more than 30 countries. This attack led to Israel's strong military response aimed at "completely eliminating" Hamas. However, the civilian toll in Gaza has raised global humanitarian concerns, prompting calls from the United Nations and other nations for a ceasefire and increased humanitarian aid for the affected population.

## Zelenskyy Warns North Korean Troops Joining Russian Forces

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy raised alarm on Thursday regarding the potential deployment of 10,000 North Korean troops to assist Russian forces in Ukraine. He cautioned that any involvement from a third nation could escalate the ongoing conflict into a "world war."

While Zelenskyy did not provide extensive details, his remarks came shortly after U.S. Deputy Secretary of State Kurt Campbell expressed concerns about North Korea's military support for Russia, although he could not confirm Ukrainian claims of soldiers being dispatched to the frontline.

Zelenskyy stated, "From our intelligence, we've received information that North Korea sent tactical personnel and officers to Ukraine. They are preparing 10,000 soldiers on their territory, but they have not yet moved them to Ukraine or Russia." He emphasized that North Korean involvement would represent a dan-



gerous escalation in the conflict.

NATO Secretary-General Mark Rutte noted that while there is no evidence of North Korean soldiers actively participating in combat, it is clear that North Korea is providing substantial military support to Russia, including weapons and technological resources. This situation has heightened concerns among NATO allies.

Zelenskyy's comments come as he met with European Union lead-

ers and NATO defense ministers in Brussels to present his "victory plan" aimed at concluding the devastating war. Central to this plan is Ukraine's aspiration to join NATO and to be allowed to use Western-supplied longer-range missiles to target military sites deep within Russia. However, these proposals have met with hesitance from Kyiv's allies.

"Ukraine truly deserves to become the 33rd NATO member one day, and we must do everything to ensure this happens," Zelenskyy declared, asserting that Ukrainians are defending shared democratic values against what he termed the biggest threat to Europe and global peace.

He expressed optimism that the conflict could end within the next year, contingent upon the implementation of his proposed plan. Zelenskyy emphasized that the resolution depends on the commitment of Ukraine's allies rather than Russian cooperation.

## Trump blames Zelenskyy: Should never have let that Ukraine war start

In a recent interview on the PBD Podcast, former President Donald Trump sharply criticized Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, asserting that he should have taken measures to prevent the conflict with Russia from escalating. While expressing sympathy for the Ukrainian people, Trump stated, "I feel very badly for those people—but he should never have let that war start ... that war is a loser."

Trump made it clear that his criticism of Zelenskyy did not diminish his willingness to support Ukraine, reiterating, "That doesn't mean I don't want to help him because I feel very badly for those people. He should never have let that war start."

During the podcast, Trump characterized Zelenskyy as a "skilled salesman," highlighting the substantial financial aid Ukraine has received from the United States. "Every time he comes in, we give him \$100 billion. Who else got that kind of money in history? There's never been," Trump remarked.

The former president lamented the extensive destruction in Ukraine, stating, "Ukraine, remember, is not Ukraine anymore," and described the devastation by saying, "Every city al-



most is knocked down to the ground. All those beautiful golden domes are laying on their side smashed to smithereens." He argued that the conflict could have been avoided, suggesting, "This should have been settled before it started. It could have. It would have been so easy. If we had a president with half a brain, it would have been easy to settle."

Trump also placed blame on President Joe Biden for what he described as the initiation of the war by Russian President Vladimir Putin in 2022. In late September, Trump met with Zelenskyy and both claimed to have a "very good relationship." During their discussion, Zelenskyy expressed hope for "more good relations," to which Trump responded, "Oh, I see, yeah. But you know it takes two to tango."

## Justin Trudeau Using Nijjar's Murder To Divert Attention

A Canadian opposition leader has accused Prime Minister Justin Trudeau of exploiting the murder of Hardeep Singh Nijjar to distract from other political controversies. Maxime Bernier, leader of the People's Party of Canada, urged the government to revoke Nijjar's citizenship posthumously, calling it an administrative mistake that allowed a Khalistani militant to gain Canadian status.

Bernier emphasized that Nijjar, who was central to the ongoing controversy, was a foreign terrorist who received citizenship in 2007 despite multiple asylum claims using fraudulent documents. He stated, "One myth should be dispelled: Hardeep Singh Nijjar was not a Canadian; he was a foreign terrorist who should have been deported after his first fake asylum claim."

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) recently identified India's High Commissioner and five other diplomats as persons of interest in Nijjar's June 2023 murder. They alleged that there was evidence of a growing campaign against Canadians by Indian government agents. Bernier remarked on the seriousness of these allegations, asserting that the Trudeau government has not provided substantial proof. He suggested that the Prime Minister is leveraging this crisis to shift focus from other pressing issues.



Bernier criticized Canada for having historically invited foreign conflicts into its borders, suggesting that the country must acknowledge its mistakes and collaborate with India to resolve these tensions, rather than jeopardizing relations with a significant ally.

The relationship between India and Canada has deteriorated since Trudeau's accusations in September 2023, which claimed a "potential" involvement of Indian agents in Nijjar's assassination. India has categorically dismissed these claims as "absurd" and has repeatedly criticized the Canadian government for being lenient toward supporters of the Khalistani movement, which is banned in India but has found support within the Sikh diaspora, particularly in Canada.



## Market Rebound

# Indices End on a Positive Note After Three-Day Slide

Domestic stock markets experienced a welcome rebound on Friday, ending a three-day losing streak. After a sluggish start marked by significant losses, the indices rallied in the afternoon, buoyed by strong performances in the auto, banking, finance, and media sectors. The Nifty closed at 24,850, indicating a potential short-term rally if it can break the resistance level at 24,900. Investors are advised to remain vigilant regarding international developments and foreign institutional investment trends.

The BSE Sensex opened the day at 80,749, after closing at 81,006 in the previous session. It touched an intraday low of 80,409 before reaching a peak of 81,391, eventually closing at 81,224, up 218 points. Similarly, the NSE Nifty opened at 24,854, fluctuating between a low of 24,567 and a high of 24,886, ultimately gaining 104



points to finish at 24,854. The Bank Nifty also saw significant gains, rising 805 points to settle at 52,094.

In the Nifty50 index, 33 companies recorded gains while 17 experienced losses. Key gainers included Axis

Bank, Wipro, Eicher Motors, ICICI Bank, and Shriram Finance. Conversely, Infosys, Britannia, Asian Paints, Nestlé India, and Tech Mahindra were among the biggest losers. The FMCG, IT, and Oil and Gas sectors ended the day in negative territory,

while indices for banking, auto, finance, media, metal, and both public and private banks showed positive momentum.

Technical analysis indicates that Nifty support is positioned at 24,850, with resistance at 25,000.

In corporate news, MMRPL reported disappointing Q2 results, posting a net loss of Rs. 683 crore compared to a net profit of Rs. 1,059 crore during the same period last year. Nomura has downgraded its rating on the company to “Reduce.” Meanwhile, Morgan Stanley has rated Infosys and LTI Mindtree as “Overweight.”

Hindustan Zinc reported a 35% increase in net profit, reaching Rs. 2,327

crore, while Zee Entertainment’s net profit surged 61%, climbing from Rs. 130 crore to Rs. 209 crore. There are indications that Joma may receive approval for raising funds amounting to Rs. 8,500 crore.

In other market activities, shares of Motilal rose 10% on heavy trading volume, while Mazagaon Dock shares increased by 5% due to plans for a share split and dividend issuance. ICICI Securities faced scrutiny as SEBI issued summons amidst growing pressure from minority investors. Notably, Axis Bank received a “Buy” rating from Nomura, and Kotak Mahindra Bank announced a 50 basis point reduction in interest rates for savings accounts.



## HDFC Bank Q2 Preview Key Insights Ahead of Earnings Announcement



HDFC Bank, India’s largest private sector lender, is set to announce its financial results for the second quarter of FY25 on Saturday, October 19. Following its merger with parent company HDFC, the bank has been working to replace high-cost deposits with lower-cost alternatives, a transition expected to positively impact its financials.

While profitability is anticipated to remain stable, analysts predict a gradual recovery in the net interest margin (NIM).

### Expected Financial Performance

According to a poll conducted by Livemint among five brokerages, HDFC Bank is expected to report a net interest income (NII) of ₹30,133 crore for the quarter ending September 2024, reflecting a 10% increase from ₹27,385 crore during the same period last year. Additionally, NII is projected to grow by 1% from ₹29,837 crore reported in the previous quarter.

Yes Securities noted that NII growth is likely to align with average loan growth, with a rise in yield on advances expected to keep pace with increasing deposit costs. As a result, NIM is anticipated to remain stable with a slight positive bias.

### Profitability and Asset Quality

Analysts estimate that HDFC Bank’s net profit for Q2FY25 will rise by 2.73% to ₹16,413 crore, compared to ₹15,977 crore a year earlier. The pre-provision operating profit (PPOP) is expected to increase by 7.76% to ₹24,455 crore from ₹22,694 crore YoY.

In terms of asset quality, Gross Non-Performing Assets (GNPAs) and Net NPAs are projected to stabilize at 1.3% and 0.4%, respectively. Operating expenses are anticipated to grow at a pace slightly trailing business growth, with slippages remaining steady and provisions expected to hold flat on a sequential basis.

### Market Outlook

Despite a lackluster performance in recent months, HDFC Bank shares have increased by over 4% in the past three months and more than 12% over six months. However, the stock has seen a slight decline of over 1% year-to-date (YTD), though it has gained nearly 11% in the past year.

Moving forward, analysts will closely monitor the bank’s guidance on business growth, earnings trajectory, and management commentary regarding deposit accretion and credit growth, which will be crucial indicators for future performance.

## Jio Financial Services Reports 3% Profit Increase Amid Revenue Growth

Jio Financial Services Ltd (JFSL), a subsidiary of Reliance Industries, announced a 3% increase in net profit for the quarter ending September 30, 2024, reaching ₹689 crore. This performance reflects the company’s continued growth trajectory following its demerger from Reliance Industries in July 2023.

In addition to the profit increase, JFSL’s revenue climbed 14%, totaling ₹693.5 crore for Q2 FY25, compared to ₹608 crore during the same period in the previous fiscal year. This growth in revenue indicates the company’s successful strategies in expand-



ing its operations and market reach.

Notably, JFSL has been active in forming strategic partnerships to enhance its service offerings. Recently, the company announced a joint venture with BlackRock, the world’s largest asset manager, aimed at establishing asset management and broking businesses in India. This 50:50 collaboration underscores

JFSL’s commitment to leveraging global expertise to build a robust financial services portfolio.

The joint venture with BlackRock marks a significant step for JFSL in tapping into India’s growing asset management sector, which is witnessing increased interest from both institutional and retail investors. With BlackRock’s extensive experience and resources, the partnership is expected to enhance JFSL’s capabilities in providing a diverse range of investment solutions. As the financial landscape in India continues to evolve, JFSL’s recent performance and strate-

gic initiatives position it well to capitalize on emerging opportunities. The company’s focus on expanding its services, particularly in asset management, aligns with the increasing demand for investment products among Indian consumers.

In conclusion, Jio Financial Services’ latest financial results highlight its strong market position and commitment to growth. The joint venture with BlackRock not only enhances its service offerings but also signifies a promising future for the company in India’s dynamic financial services sector.

## India Considers Temporary Tax to Curb Rising Steel Imports



India’s steel ministry is advocating for the implementation of a temporary safeguard duty to address the surge in steel imports, particularly from China. A senior official, who preferred to remain anonymous, indicated that this measure aims to protect local steelmakers grappling with the influx of cheaper Chinese steel.

The proposed safeguard duty is intended to limit these imports, with discussions about the implementation process expected to begin shortly. As the world’s second-largest crude steel producer, India has seen a troubling shift to becoming a net importer of steel in the fiscal year ending

March 31, 2024, a trend that has continued into the current fiscal year with increasing imports from China.

Data reveals that India’s finished steel imports from China reached a seven-year peak during the April-August period. Although Prime Minister Narendra Modi’s administration has previously resisted curtailing imports to ensure sufficient supply for the country’s robust demand, there is growing recognition among officials that measures need to be taken to prevent a significant drop in local prices and protect domestic producers from financial distress.

Major steel companies, including JSW Steel, Tata Steel, and ArcelorMittal Nippon Steel India, have voiced concerns about the competitive pressures posed by cheaper Chinese imports. As India experiences rapid economic growth and increased infrastructure investment, it has become the largest consumer of steel globally, particularly as demand wanes in Europe and the United States.

The steel ministry has ruled out raising basic import duties, noting that such a move would not affect a substantial portion of steel imports from Japan and South Korea due to existing free trade agreements. Additional-

ly, anti-dumping investigations against China would be time-consuming, taking one to two years.

The official emphasized that the safeguard duty represents the most immediate and effective solution to protect local industries from unfair competition. The steel industry is expected to submit a formal request to the commerce ministry, and if approved, these safeguard measures could be implemented within four to six months. Furthermore, adjustments to quality standards are anticipated to further restrict Chinese steel imports.

## Oil prices set for biggest weekly loss on demand worries

### Oil Prices Slide Amid Demand Concerns and Easing Middle East Tensions

Oil futures dipped on Friday, facing a potential weekly drop of over 6% due to worries about demand from China’s slowing economy and reduced supply risks linked to Middle East conflicts. By 1028 GMT, Brent crude futures were down 47 cents, or 0.6%, settling at \$73.93 a barrel, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate crude fell 45 cents, or 0.6%, to \$70.22 a barrel.

This decline marks the steepest weekly drop since early September, following recent adjustments by OPEC and the International Energy Agency, which lowered their forecasts for global oil demand in 2024 and 2025.

Investor fears regarding potential retaliatory actions by Israel against Iran—actions that could disrupt Iran’s oil exports—have also subsided.

China, the world’s leading oil importer, reported its economy grew at the slowest rate since early 2023 in the third quarter. However, figures for September showed a slight uptick in consumption and industrial output, even as refinery output decreased for the third consecutive month, primarily due to weak fuel demand and slim refining margins.

On the monetary front, China’s

central bank introduced two funding initiatives aimed at injecting approximately 800 billion yuan (\$112.38 billion) into the stock market through newly developed monetary policy tools.

In the U.S., the Energy Information Administration (EIA) reported a decline in crude oil, gasoline, and distillate inventories last week, providing some support for crude prices.

Furthermore, U.S. retail sales exceeded expectations for September, with investors factoring in a 92% likelihood of a Federal Reserve rate cut in November.

Despite positive economic data from the U.S., market participants remain cautious, closely monitoring China for potential demand recovery following the recent stimulus measures. Concerns linger over price spikes due to ongoing tensions in the Middle East.

Hezbollah announced a shift to a new phase in its conflict with Israel following the killing of Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar, adding to the market’s apprehension. Analysts remain skeptical about the potential for meaningful peace talks, suggesting that recent events may complicate the situation further.



## AI-Generated Restaurant Taking Social Media by Storm

Ethos, a restaurant claiming to be located in Austin, Texas, has become a sensational topic of conversation on social media—largely because it doesn’t actually exist. While the phenomenon of “fake restaurants” gaining attention online is not new, Ethos stands out for its innovative use of Artificial Intelligence (AI) to craft a compelling narrative that captivates followers.

Since launching its Instagram page in March 2023, Ethos has shared a continuous stream of alluring posts featuring meticulously crafted images of non-existent dishes, heartfelt birthday wishes for its fictional staff, and updates about imaginary events. At first glance, the account presents an enticing façade, but a closer inspection reveals that every detail has been generated by AI, underscoring the creativity and cleverness behind this unique venture.

One particularly entertaining post announced a bar takeover hosted by none other than Jeff Bezos, where he would serve cocktails inspired by Amazon buzzwords. The caption accompanying the post added a humorous twist that further engaged the audience, showcasing the playful side of this digital creation.

As Ethos continues to gain traction online, it raises intriguing questions about the nature of authenticity in the digital age. The restaurant’s elaborate hoax—if it can even be classified as such—invites curiosity and amusement, while also highlighting the ca-

pabilities of AI in content creation. Followers eagerly await each new post, amused by the absurdity of the situation and the restaurant’s fictional narrative.

While Ethos may be a fictional establishment, its impact on social media is very real. This venture serves as a testament to the evolving landscape of digital marketing and the power of storytelling, even when it’s rooted in fantasy. As the line between reality and artificiality blurs, Ethos remains a fascinating example of how creativity and technology can combine to spark widespread intrigue and engagement.

## Chocolate Popcorn Made In Aluminium Foil

Salted popcorn is a beloved classic, often enjoyed during movie nights or binge-watching marathons at home. However, for those with a penchant for sweetness, chocolate popcorn offers a delectable twist that combines sweet and salty flavors in every bite. This unique treat can easily be made at home, but a recent video by content creator Alona Loewen has stirred up curiosity and debate with her unconventional method of preparation.

In the intriguing video, Alona starts by placing popcorn kernels on a sheet of aluminum foil. Next, she adds a bar of butter atop the kernels, followed by a generous layer of a large chocolate bar. She then covers the concoction with another sheet of foil, carefully folding the edges and puncturing a tiny hole at the top with a needle. This little detail allows steam to escape while the popcorn cooks.

Alona then heats the foil-wrapped ingredients on a pan. As the kernels pop, the foil begins to swell, creating an exciting visual as the snack cooks. Once the popping sounds subside, she cuts open the foil to unveil fresh, crispy popcorn coated in melted chocolate

and buttery goodness. The resulting treat looks irresistibly delicious, and it’s hard not to feel a wave of hunger just watching the process.

This method may seem unconventional, but it highlights the creativity that can come with preparing snacks at home. While some might raise eyebrows at the idea of using aluminum foil for popping popcorn, Alona’s approach undoubtedly adds an element of fun to the classic snack.

Whether you’re a fan of traditional salted popcorn or intrigued by the idea of chocolate-coated kernels, this recipe is sure to inspire your next movie night. For those interested in trying it out, be sure to check out the full video for a visual guide to this sweet and savory treat!



## OpenAI Launches ChatGPT App for Windows

OpenAI has officially launched its ChatGPT app for Windows, now available for download from the Microsoft Store. This release follows the earlier introduction of the Mac version, allowing users to easily access the AI-powered chatbot while multitasking on their devices.

In a recent blog post, OpenAI highlighted that this initial version of the Windows app may not include all the features found in the macOS and web versions. Users can expect some functionalities to be absent, but OpenAI assures that these will be integrated in future updates once the app is publicly released.

The ChatGPT app aims to enhance user experience by providing a seamless way to interact with the chatbot. By allowing users to engage with the AI while performing other tasks, it offers a convenient solution for those looking to leverage AI assistance in their daily activities.

The move to expand the availability of ChatGPT through a dedicated Windows app is part of OpenAI’s broader strategy to make its technology accessible across various platforms. The company’s focus on user-friendly applications signifies its commitment to enhancing productivity and pro-

viding innovative solutions in the AI space.

While the initial release may have some limitations, users are encouraged to explore the available features and provide feedback, which will be invaluable for future updates. OpenAI is dedicated to continuously improving the app and expanding its capabilities based on user needs and preferences.

As AI technology continues to evolve, OpenAI’s initiatives, such as the ChatGPT app, are paving the way for more integrated and efficient tools that cater to the demands of modern users. With the growing reliance on AI for various tasks, this app is positioned to become an essential resource for Windows users seeking to harness the power of artificial intelligence.

## Amazon Great Indian Festival Sale For Diwali



This Diwali, prioritize your family’s health with expertly curated deals on top-rated water purifiers during the Amazon Great Indian Festival Sale. With substantial discounts and unbeatable offers, there has never been a better time to enhance your home with the latest water purification technology.

Amazon features a diverse selection of water purifiers, including options that utilize UV, RO, and UF technology. Whether you’re interested in brands like Kent, Aquaguard, or HUL, you’ll find reliable solutions that meet your specific needs. Investing in a high-quality water purifier ensures that your family has access to pure and safe drinking water, a crucial aspect of maintaining good health.

The sale offers incredible opportunities to save big on these essential appliances. As health awareness continues to rise, upgrading to a state-of-the-art water purifier can significantly impact your family’s well-being. Clean drinking water not only

keeps you hydrated but also protects against waterborne diseases, making this investment a priority for any household.

Additionally, for even more savings, Amazon is providing an extra 10% discount for SBI cardholders. This means you can enjoy enhanced savings while securing a vital addition to your home. With the festival season upon us, it’s the perfect time to treat your family to the health benefits of pure water.

Don’t miss out on these remarkable Diwali deals. Explore the vast array of water purifiers available on Amazon and make a smart investment that ensures your family stays healthy and hydrated throughout the year. With limited-time offers and discounts, now is the ideal moment to take action and upgrade your home with a reliable water purification system. Celebrate this Diwali by taking a step towards better health for your loved ones!

## Is AI Capable of True Reasoning? A Study Reveals Flaws in LLMs

Recent developments in artificial intelligence, particularly at companies like OpenAI and Google, have focused on enhancing AI models with advanced reasoning capabilities. These advancements are aimed at creating tools that can tackle complex problems and emulate human-like thought processes. However, a new study casts doubt on the idea that AI models truly possess reasoning skills comparable to human intelligence.

The research, conducted by six AI researchers at Apple, found no evidence supporting the notion that language models can perform formal reasoning. Instead, the study suggests that the behavior of these models is primarily driven by sophisticated pattern recognition rather than genuine understanding. The researchers noted



a surprising fragility in the models’ outputs; in fact, even minor alterations, such as changing

names within a problem, could lead to a significant variation in results—up to a 10 percent difference.

This finding challenges the widely held belief that AI can replicate human reasoning abilities. While these models are impressive in their capacity to generate coherent and contextually relevant responses, the study highlights the limitations of their reasoning capabilities. Rather than engaging in critical thinking, these models seem to rely on the vast amount of data they have been trained on, identifying patterns and correlations rather than deducing logical conclusions.

The implications of this research are significant for the development and deployment of AI tech-

nologies. As organizations increasingly incorporate AI into various domains, it is essential to understand the underlying mechanisms that drive these models. Recognizing that current AI systems may lack true reasoning abilities can inform more realistic expectations and guide future research efforts toward enhancing their cognitive capabilities.

In conclusion, while AI models continue to evolve and perform astonishing feats, it is crucial to approach claims about their reasoning abilities with skepticism. This study serves as a reminder that there is still a considerable gap between AI and human-like intelligence, urging researchers and developers to refine their understanding of what these systems can—and cannot—achieve.



# Pakistan Duo Script History With 20 Wickets Against England



In a remarkable display of skill and teamwork, Pakistan’s Sajid Khan and Noman Ali made history by capturing all 20 wickets in the second Test against England in Multan, marking the first time this feat has been achieved since 1972. This stellar performance played a crucial role in breaking Pakistan’s winless streak in Test matches at home, leading to a commanding 152-run victory that leveled the series at 1-1.

Despite the absence of key players such as Babar Azam, Shaheen Afridi, and Naseem Shah, the Pakistani team turned the tide after suffering a disappointing defeat in the first Test. The spinners, Sajid and Noman, who had not played in the first match, were brought into the squad following changes made by the Pakistan Cricket Board’s newly formed selection panel. Their impact was immediate and significant, revitalizing a team desperate for success.

Sajid Khan delivered impressive figures of 7/111 in the first innings and 2/93 in

the second, while Noman Ali contributed 3/101 and a remarkable 8/46, making them the key architects of the victory. This match marked only the seventh time in cricket history that two bowlers have taken every wicket in a match.

After enduring a challenging period in Test cricket, Pakistan celebrated a long-awaited victory on home soil, their first since February 2021. Captain Shan Masood expressed the team’s relief and joy, emphasizing the importance of collaboration and strategy in achieving this milestone. “The first one is always special, especially after hard times. It’s satisfying to see the group come together and execute our plans effectively,” he remarked.

This historic match not only revives Pakistan’s spirits but also reinforces the potential of their spin attack. With renewed confidence and a promising outlook, the team looks forward to building on this success in the upcoming matches.

# New York Strikers Unveil Star-Studded Lineup for Abu Dhabi T10 2024

The New York Strikers, the reigning champions of the Abu Dhabi T10, have announced an exciting draft lineup for the upcoming season, poised to make a significant impact in the league. This dynamic roster features a mix of established legends and emerging talents, including Evin Lewis, Dewald Brevis, Doug Bracewell, Kusal Perera, Alishan Sharafu, Mayank Choudhary, Nathan Edward, Dumindu Sewmina, Asif Ali, and Reece Topley.

Among the standout players, Evin Lewis is renowned for his explosive hitting, while Dewald Brevis, an up-and-coming star, is known for his aggressive batting style. Doug Bracewell adds versatility as an all-rounder, enhancing the team’s overall balance. Kusal Perera, celebrated for his explosive batting and capacity to anchor innings, joins the squad alongside Pakistan’s Asif Ali, who is adept at finishing games under pressure. Notably, the Strikers have successfully drafted the promising talent Alishan Sharafu, further strengthening their batting lineup.

Owner Sagar Khanna expressed his excitement about the new roster, highlighting the valuable experience of seasoned players alongside the eagerness of young talents. “We are thrilled about the mix in our squad. Our experienced players bring invaluable insight, while the young talents are ready to make their mark. We are committed to building a legacy that excites our fans,” Khanna stated.

Head Coach Carl Crowe Vass emphasized



the importance of fostering a winning culture, saying, “Our goal is to create a winning environment that inspires both players and fans. We believe this squad has the potential to achieve remarkable success throughout the season.”

The newly announced lineup joins retained stars like Kieron Pollard, Muhammad Waseem, Sunil Narine, Mohammad Amir, and Akeal Hosein. Emerging talents such as Donovan Ferreira and Matheesha Pathirana will also contribute to a well-rounded team prepared to compete at the highest level.

CEO Shazmeen Kara shared her vision for the season, stating, “Our focus is not just on winning but also on delivering entertaining cricket that our supporters can be proud of.” With a blend of experienced veterans and exciting newcomers, the New York Strikers are set to deliver thrilling performances throughout the Abu Dhabi T10 2024 season.



As the excitement builds for the upcoming Indian Premier League (IPL) 2025 mega auction, there’s a strong likelihood that wicketkeeper-batters KL Rahul and Dhruv Jurel will enter the auction pool. The deadline for franchises to finalize their player retentions is October 31, and each team is permitted to retain a maximum of six players through a combination of retention and Right to Match (RTM) options.

KL Rahul has made a significant impact for the Lucknow Super Giants (LSG), amassing 1,410 runs in 38 matches since joining the franchise ahead of the 2022 season. However, sources have indicated to IANS that he may not be retained by LSG and is eager to enter the mega auction instead. “There has been strong speculation that Rahul really wants to enter the mega auction, as LSG may not retain him,” a source stated. Given his experience with franchises like Sunrisers Hyderabad, Punjab Kings, and Royal Challengers Bengaluru, many teams are expected to vie for his services, especially

considering his unique skill set as a capped wicket-keeper-batter with leadership experience.

On the other hand, Dhruv Jurel, who has made 28 IPL appearances for the Rajasthan Royals since the 2023 season, is also looking to enter the auction after reportedly declining a retention offer from his franchise. Jurel made his Test and T20I debuts for India this year and has garnered attention for his finishing abilities, often stepping in as an Impact Player. His solid temperament and work ethic have made him a standout player in the IPL.

While previous auctions have seen wicketkeeper-batters like Ishan Kishan and Kumar Kushagra command hefty bids, both Rahul and Jurel are expected to attract significant interest in the upcoming auction. If they do enter the pool, fans and franchises alike are likely to witness a competitive bidding war for these talented players.

# Raphinha Shines as Barcelona Faces Crucial Triple-Header

Raphinha has emerged as a standout player for Barcelona during their strong start to the season, and the Catalan giants will rely heavily on the Brazilian winger in the coming week. Under the guidance of coach Hansi Flick, Barcelona faces a challenging schedule that includes a La Liga clash against Sevilla on Sunday, a high-stakes Champions League match against Bayern Munich on Wednesday, and an intense Clasico showdown against Real Madrid the following Saturday.

Barcelona’s current situation is complicated by injuries and fitness concerns affecting key players. Striker Robert Lewandowski missed Poland’s recent Nations League draw with Croatia due to a knock, while teenage winger Lamine Yamal has been diagnosed with a minor hamstring strain. Ferran Torres



is sidelined for several weeks with a high injury, and playmaker Dani Olmo is recovering from a hamstring issue. In contrast, Raphinha has remained fit and performed exceptionally well, recently scoring twice for Brazil in a 4-0 victory over Peru in World Cup qualifying.

This season, Raphinha has made a significant impact, recording six goals and six assists in just 11 matches across all competitions. Flick praised Raphinha’s impressive

form, stating, “I am very happy for him; it’s unbelievable what he’s doing. His dynamic is really good, and I think that he can still get even better.” After a rocky start following his €65 million transfer from Leeds United in 2022, Raphinha is now fulfilling expectations and has even taken on leadership responsibilities at both club and international levels.

As Barcelona prepares to face Sevilla, who have found their form with three wins in their last five matches, Raphinha’s contributions will be crucial. Sevilla, now sitting 12th in La Liga, features former Barcelona player Gerard Fernandez and a dangerous attacking lineup that includes Chidera Ejuke and Dodi Lukebakio. Barcelona must navigate this tricky encounter while keeping an eye on their upcoming clashes with Bayern and Madrid, making Raphinha’s form all the more vital.

# East Bengal Seek First ISL Win In Derby vs Mohun Bagan

The much-anticipated Kolkata derby is set for Saturday as East Bengal prepares to clash with arch-rivals Mohun Bagan in the ISL. This season’s first encounter was originally scheduled during the Durand Cup in August but was postponed due to security concerns related to protests. Since then, East Bengal’s fortunes have taken a downturn, marked by four consecutive defeats that led to the departure of coach Carles Cuadrat, the previous season’s Super Cup winner.

Currently, East Bengal remains winless in the 13-team standings, placing immense pressure on new coach Oscar Bruzon to turn the tide and secure crucial points. In stark contrast, Mohun Bagan has displayed a potent attacking style, currently sitting fourth with two wins, one draw, and one loss. However, they have struggled defensive-

ly, conceding seven goals in their opening four matches.

Mohun Bagan heads into the derby with confidence after a 3-0 victory over Mohammedan SC, as coach Jose Molina aims to achieve back-to-back wins and maintain a clean sheet for the first time this season. The Mariners have been prolific at their Salt Lake Stadium home, scoring in all 12 ISL games in 2024 and averaging 7.3 shots on target per match, showcasing a remarkable 55.8% shooting accuracy.

Historically, East Bengal has had a tough time in this rivalry, going winless in their last eight ISL encounters with Mohun Bagan, often conceding at least two goals. Bruzon’s debut against Mohun Bagan adds another layer of pressure, as East Bengal managers have traditionally struggled in their first ISL matches.



Key players for East Bengal include Madih Talal, who leads the league with 83 passes in the final third, while Mohun Bagan’s Dimitri Petratos and Greg Stewart will pose significant threats. Petratos has five goal contributions in past derbies, while Stewart’s dead-ball deliveries could be crucial.

Mohun Bagan captain Subhasish Bose emphasized the unique intensity of derby matches, stating, “A team can lose all its matches in a season but comes into a derby with a different level of vigor.” The stakes are high as both teams aim to solidify their standings and claim bragging rights in this fierce rivalry.





## Pottel Trailer: Set to Debut on October 25

The highly anticipated Telugu film *\*Pottel\** is scheduled to hit theaters on October 25, 2024. Featuring a talented cast including Yuva Chandraa Krishna, Ananya Nagalla, and Ajay, the film is written and directed by Sahit Mothkhuri.

The recently released trailer offers a gripping, emotionally charged preview of the film, highlighting Mothkhuri's authentic storytelling style. Set against the backdrop of 1980, *\*Pottel\** follows the poignant journey of a father striving to secure an education for his daughter, which he believes could change her life. However, their dreams are met with fierce opposition from a powerful village leader who disapproves due to their differing social

backgrounds.

The plot thickens when the father, a humble shepherd, accidentally loses a sacred goat, provoking the ire of the influential figure. In a cruel twist of fate, the bigwig threatens to sacrifice the girl as punishment. The trailer effectively conveys the film's emotional weight, enhanced by a haunting soundtrack that complements the stirring visuals, leaving viewers eager for the full cinematic experience.

Producers Nishank Reddy Kudithi and Suresh Kumar Sadige are optimistic that this raw and heartfelt narrative, set in a Vidarbha village in Telangana, will res-

onate with audiences. The film promises to delve into themes of social justice, resilience, and the transformative power of education, making it a compelling watch.

As the release date approaches, *\*Pottel\** is generating buzz for its strong performances and poignant storyline. With its unique premise and emotionally charged content, the film aims to engage viewers on multiple levels, making it one of the most awaited releases of the year. Audiences can look forward to a powerful cinematic experience that sheds light on significant social issues while celebrating the bond between a father and his daughter.

## Keerthy Suresh Shines in Action-Comedy Teaser Revolver Rita

Keerthy Suresh has solidified her status as a leading heroine in South Indian cinema, particularly after her acclaimed performance in *\*Mahanati\**. Now, she's set to captivate audiences once again with her upcoming film, *\*Revolver Rita\**, where she takes on the titular role. The makers recently unveiled a teaser that promises a delightful blend of action and comedy, featuring Keerthy's signature humor.

and showcases Keerthy's knack for balancing humor and action. The teaser also features an impressively choreographed action sequence, where Keerthy exudes confidence and charisma, further solidifying her position as a dynamic lead.

The film boasts a talented supporting cast, including Radhika, Ajay Ghosh, Sunil, and John Vijay, who are sure to enhance the narrative. Produced by Sudhan

In the teaser, we find Keerthy's character navigating a bustling vegetable market, where her day takes an unexpected turn when thieves snatch her handbag. The situation escalates dramatically as the thieves uncover a blood-stained knife, a revolver, and a stash of cash, leaving them bewildered. Just as the tension rises, Keerthy makes a striking entrance that builds excitement and curiosity.



Sundaram and Jagadish Palani Swamy, *\*Revolver Rita\** is directed by JK Chandru, promising a fresh take on the action-comedy genre.

With its intriguing premise and Keerthy Suresh at the helm, *\*Revolver Rita\** is shaping up to be a must-watch film, sure to draw crowds to theaters. Fans eagerly await its release, anticipating a unique blend of thrills, laughter, and unforgettable moments.

Adding to the comedic twist, a phone call from her mother interrupts the chaos, with a request for her to hurry home with groceries. This playful moment juxtaposes the high-stakes scenario

## Kiran Abbaram's KA: A Time Travel Twist



Kiran Abbaram is poised to make a significant mark in the film industry with his debut pan-Indian project, *\*KA\**, set to illuminate theaters this Diwali on October 31, 2024. Directed by the talented duo Sujith and Sandeep, the film features rising stars Thanvi Ram and Nayan Sarika in lead roles, generating considerable excitement among audiences.

The promotional campaign for *\*KA\** has been strategically designed to create buzz and intrigue, captivating potential viewers ahead of its release. In a recent interview, Kiran shared insights about the film, revealing that the original title was "Ichchotane." However, the team ultimately decided to go with the simpler title, *\*KA\**, with the meaning behind it set to be unveiled at the film's conclusion.

At the heart of *\*KA\** is an engaging narrative centered around time travel, a concept that promises to keep audiences on the edge of their seats. The marketing materials have been carefully crafted to maintain an air of mystery, enticing viewers to experience the full story in theaters rather than through spoilers.

Produced by Srichakraas Entertainments and presented by Vara Laxmi, *\*KA\** aims to deliver a unique cinematic experience. The film's music, composed by Sam CS, is expected to complement its thrilling storyline and enhance the overall viewing experience.

With its blend of innovative storytelling, talented cast, and a captivating premise, *\*KA\** is shaping up to be one of the most anticipated releases of the year. As Diwali approaches, fans and moviegoers alike are eager to unravel the mysteries of time travel and witness Kiran Abbaram's vision come to life on the big screen. This festive season, *\*KA\** promises not only entertainment but also a thought-provoking journey through time.

## Gopichand Malineni and Sunny Deol In Ambitious Project SDGM

Renowned for his expertise in crafting mass action entertainers, director Gopichand Malineni is currently working on his most ambitious film yet, starring the iconic Bollywood hero Sunny Deol. The production team is actively filming an electrifying action sequence in Hyderabad, raising excitement for what promises to be a thrilling cinematic experience.

Tentatively titled *\*SDGM\**, the film is generating significant buzz, particularly as the makers have announced a special reveal set for October 19, coinciding with Sunny Deol's birthday. On this day, fans can expect the unveiling of the film's official title and its first look poster. The production team has promised a "mass feast" for viewers, hinting at an exhilarating combination of action and drama.

The cast of *\*SDGM\** features a stellar lineup of popular Bollywood actors, including Randeep Hooda, Saiyami Kher, Vineet Kumar, and Regina Cassandra, each bringing their unique talents to the film. This col-

laboration between notable figures from both the Bollywood and Tollywood industries adds an exciting dimension to the project.

Jointly produced by leading Tollywood production houses Mythri Movie Makers and People Media Factory, *\*SDGM\** boasts a high budget, allowing for top-tier production values and thrilling action sequences. Adding to the film's appeal, renowned music composer Thaman is onboard to create a captivating soundtrack that is expected to enhance the overall viewing experience.

As the release date approaches, anticipation continues to build among fans eager to see how Gopichand Malineni and Sunny Deol's collaboration unfolds. With its promise of high-octane action, a strong ensemble cast, and a compelling storyline, *\*SDGM\** is shaping up to be one of the most exciting projects in Indian cinema. Mark your calendars for October 19 to catch the title reveal and first look poster, and get ready for an unforgettable ride!



## Prabhas, Rajamouli's Baahubali 3 in the works: KE Gnanavel Raja

The possibility of a *\*Baahubali 3\** has sparked excitement among fans, with producer KE Gnanavel Raja suggesting that discussions for the sequel are underway. While promoting his upcoming production, Siva's *\*Kanguva\**, which stars Suriya, Raja shared insights about various sequels in the pipeline, including *\*Baahubali\**, *\*Kalki 2898 AD\**, and *\*Salaar\**, as reported by Desimartini.

Raja emphasized that the timeline for sequels is evolving. Unlike previous projects where films were shot back-to-back, he revealed that *\*Baahubali 3\** is currently in the planning stages, with discussions taking place among filmmakers. He noted, "They did *\*Baahubali 1\** and *\*2\** back-to-back, but they're now planning *\*Baahubali 3\** after a gap," highlighting a shift in how sequels are approached.



For context, Gnanavel was previously the distributor for the Tamil version of *\*Baahubali: The Beginning\**, which adds credibility to his insights. While this announcement has fueled speculation, it is worth noting that both *\*Baahubali\** writer Vijayendra Prasad and lead actor Prabhas have previously downplayed the likeli-

hood of a third installment.

Director SS Rajamouli also addressed this topic in May during the promotional campaign for the animated series *\*Baahubali: Crown of Blood\**. He expressed a desire to expand the *\*Baahubali\** universe beyond traditional films, stating, "As filmmakers, we must step it up and explore all mediums. People enjoy books, novels, games, and anime. The idea is to take the story of *\*Baahubali\** to wider audiences."

In the meantime, Rajamouli is set to direct Mahesh Babu in an action-adventure film, although production has yet to begin due to ongoing pre-production efforts. As anticipation builds, fans remain hopeful that *\*Baahubali 3\** could soon become a reality, while the franchise continues to explore new avenues for storytelling.