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DCM Pawan Kalyan to Visit Tirumala for Conclusion of Diksha



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The desecration of the sacred Tirumala Venkanna Laddu Prasadam has deeply distressed Hindus across the country. In response, Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, who began a penance initiation to atone for this injustice, is set to conclude his spiritual journey with a visit to Tirumala on October 2. Pawan Kalyan urged all believers of Sanatana Dharma to join in this atonement, calling for Four days of spiritual programs, including Deeparadhana and Bhajans, to be conducted in temples across the state under the auspices of Janasena.

The incident, which involved the adulteration of ghee used in the preparation of the sacred laddu prasadam, has shaken millions of devotees who revere the Tirumala temple. The state government formed a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to probe the matter, though the opposition YCP has been embroiled in political controversy regarding the investigation. The Supreme Court's recent comments on the issue have



further intensified the debate. Pawan Kalyan, however, remains focused on spiritual reparation, expressing his grief over the desecration of the sacred prasadam. Pawan Kalyan will begin his journey on October 1, traveling to Tirumala by foot from Tirupati. On October 2, he will offer prayers to Lord Venkateswara, concluding his 11-day penance. After the darshan, Pawan will attend the Varahi Sabha in Tirupati city before

returning to Vijayawada. In his statement, he expressed deep sorrow over the use of adulterated ghee in the Maha Prasadam Laddu, which he believes has distressed all devout Hindus.

In solidarity with Pawan Kalyan's initiative, Jana Sena leaders, supporters, and religious devotees have organized a series of spiritual programs. From September 30, Deeparadhana will be performed, followed by the chanting of the "Om Namo Narayanaya" mantra on October 1, Nagara Sankeert-hana on October 2, and Bhajans in temples on October 3. These events are being coordinated by Jana Sena leaders and followers of Hindu Dharma. Music director Keeravani has also recorded an audio rendition of the "Om Namo Narayanaya" mantra for public chanting, for which Pawan Kalyan expressed his gratitude.

The need for a thorough investigation into the Laddu adulteration case remains, as devotees await the truth behind the incident.



True Point Unveils a New Era of Integrity in Journalism

Our True Point newspaper print version, along with its website, was officially launched at Bondada Engineering Limited by the esteemed Chairman and Managing Director, Dr. Raghavendra Rao Bondada.

In his remarks to our team, Dr. Rao emphasized the importance of upholding the highest standards of journalistic integrity. He urged us to be unwavering in addressing the concerns of the people and to remain independent of political pressures. He encouraged the team to champion societal upliftment through honest, courageous reporting, rooted in the core principles of ethical journalism.



God Should Be Kept Out Of Politics - Supreme Court

TPN, New Delhi: In response to the controversy surrounding the use of adulterated ghee in the preparation of Tirupati Srivari Laddu Prasadam, the Supreme Court bench strongly reacted, asserting that God should be kept out of politics.

The bench, comprising Justice BR Gavai and Justice KV V Balakrishnan, reacted sharply to the allegations of adulterated ghee being used in the Tirumala Srivari Laddu Prasadam. They emphasized that God should not be dragged into political matters. The court questioned government counsel Mukul Rohatgi about whether there was any evidence to support the claims that adulterated ghee had been used in the laddoos.

The Supreme Court expressed its displeasure over the Chief Minister's public statements on the matter without concrete evidence. The bench also raised concerns about the effectiveness of the Special Investigation Team (SIT) appointed to investigate the issue, questioning whether the SIT could carry out an impartial investigation under such circumstances.

The bench also questioned how it was determined that adulterated ghee was used in the preparation of the prasadam and when the laddoos were sent to the lab for testing. The court suggested that it might be more appropriate for the central government to conduct an inquiry into the matter. The case was adjourned until Thursday by the bench of Justice BR Gavai and Justice KV Balakrishnan.

The inquiry was initiated following separate petitions filed by BJP senior leader Subrahmanya Swamy and YCP senior leader YV Subbareddy, who raised concerns over the alleged use of adulterated ghee in the preparation of the prasadam.

A report from the NDDB has confirmed that adulterated ghee was used during the previous government's regime, sparking outrage among devotees worldwide. In response, Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam organized a Shanti Homam at the Srivari Temple and conducted an outreach program, including Samprokshan in the streets of Tirumala and Ananda Nilayam.

Meanwhile, the Chandrababu government has appointed a Special Investigation Team (SIT) led by Guntur IG Sarva Shreshti Tripathi to investigate the case. The SIT began its investigation in Tirumala on Saturday.



New Govt Is Going To Mount a Burden of Rs 7200 Cr

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Electricity Regulatory Commission (ERC) has announced additional adjustment charges totaling Rs 7,200 crore for electricity consumption in the fiscal year 2022-23. This decision has drawn sharp criticism from C.H. Baburao, a member of the CPM state secretary group, who labeled it a betrayal by the coalition government.

Baburao, along with other district CPM leaders, addressed the media at the party's district office yesterday. He expressed concern over the financial burden imposed on consumers, stating that the proposed adjustment charges from Southern, Central, and Eastern Power Distribution Companies are excessive. For instance, the Central Power Distribution Company of Andhra Pradesh (CP-DCL) proposes charges of Rs 3.27, Rs 1.50, Rs 1.47, and Rs 0.45 per unit each quarter, while the Southern Power Distribution Company (SP-DCL) suggests charges ranging from Rs 1.92 to Rs 0.03.



Baburao emphasized that the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) had promised not to increase these charges if they returned to power. He criticized the government for what he described as "burdening the people" and accused the previous YCP government of concealing these charges before the elections.

Highlighting the government's failures, he stated, "The current

government, which claims to be a 'good government,' should not impose these burdens on the people." He called for the complete abolition of the adjustment charges and urged the public to voice their objections before the council's hearing scheduled for October 18. Baburao warned that if the adjustment charges are not withdrawn, the CPM would mobilize a statewide protest against this decision.



So far, we have seen only two sides in Jitwani Case



TPN, V.V.S.Madhu Babu: A case was registered by the Mumbai police based on a complaint by Kadambari Jitwani, alleging indecent behavior by JSW Steel Chairman Vineet Jindal. However, an illegal case in Andhra Pradesh was filed, seemingly to help Jindal avoid the charges in the Mumbai case. This is one angle.

The complaint also involves Vidyasagar, nicknamed "Dog" Vidyasagar. Afterward, Jitwani was taken into custody in Mumbai, where the police seized her phones, laptops, and forged documents, and she was later sent to jail.

Interestingly, Kadambari Jitwani did not mention in her police complaint or to the media that Jindal had sexually assaulted her, despite filing a case against him in Mumbai.

To protect Jindal, it is alleged that YCP leaders and some IPS officers risked their positions and filed illegal cases. Jitwani never requested the AP government or the Mumbai police to file a case against Vineet Jindal.

Who is Vidyasagar? Vidyasagar hails from Kosuru village in Muvva Mandal, and his father, Kukkala Nageswara Rao, is involved in a shipping export business. Nageswara Rao had made Vidyasagar the ZP Chairman during the Congress government. The family's property includes a two-acre farm and a house.

The question arises as to how Kadambari Jitwani got introduced to Vidyasagar. Vidyasagar and Vineet Jindal have known Kadambari Jitwani for a long time.

Jitwani's case against Jindal in Mumbai is reportedly due to business disputes between them. These disputes, related to iron ore export, led to the arrest of Vidyasagar, who is also associated with IPS officers.

Jindal, Vidyasagar, and Jitwani allegedly used satellite phones. When the AP police arrested Kadambari in Mumbai, the satellite phone was the first item seized. It is believed that the satellite phone contains trade secrets related to Vineet Jindal's business dealings.

The AP police's cybercrime department made several attempts to unlock the satellite phone but were unsuccessful. Jitwani was reportedly harassed in many ways to reveal the phone's password, and efforts to unlock it continue.

The main allegation is that the satellite phone contains information about illegal business dealings related to Jindal. This includes details about iron ore exports, transactions with the Central Export Chairman, foreign contacts, and commission deals on international shipments. It is also alleged that the phone holds information about the dealers in foreign countries.

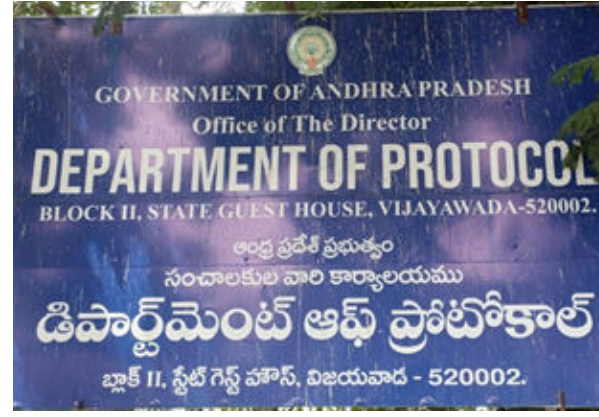
Jindal's involvement in the opening of the Kadapa steel plant with Chief Minister Jagan, and plans for iron ore export abroad, are said to be part of a larger scheme. Allegedly, the money earned from exports was to be brought to India through hawala transactions. With the help of Vidyasagar, who is accused of being a broker, YCP leaders and IPS officers are believed to have fabricated this illegal case against Jitwani.

This third dimension involves both state and central political leaders, and senior IPS officers such as Sita Ramanjaneyulu, former commissioner Kranti Rana Tata, Vishal Gunni, and others, including one ADCP, ACP, six CIs, and two SSIs, are implicated in the operation. It is alleged that the case is being misdirected, focusing on Vidyasagar and diverting attention away from the main issues involving Jindal and IPS officers.

Corruption in Protocol Department

Contractors Evading Taxes and Exploiting Drivers

TPN, V.V.S.Madhu Babu: A major corruption scandal has surfaced involving protocol vehicles in Andhra Pradesh, with several corrupt officials alleged to have awarded contracts to dishonest contractors. Vehicles from Telangana, operated by these contractors, are being used in Andhra Pradesh without paying local taxes. These contractors, particularly SRS Travels, Srikanth Tours and Travels, and Thenneti Travels, have been implicated in a range of financial irregularities and labor law violations.



Despite numerous GST actions against these companies, the Protocol Department has failed to request the necessary GST bills for services provided between 2019 and 2024. During this period, the contractors operated vehicles through a nomination system, allegedly looting crores of rupees from the state.

Driver Exploitation and Negligence

In addition to financial misconduct, these contractors have reportedly been exploiting their drivers, forcing them to work for

365 days without relief or adequate rest. The drivers receive little to no pay, despite being on duty round the clock. This creates dangerous working conditions, particularly for those operating VVIP protocol vehicles, including vehicles for high-profile individuals like Pawan Kalyan (Protocol Vehicle No. FR 0006) and Nara Lokesh (Protocol Vehicle No. FR 0567).

Fatigued drivers increase the likelihood of accidents, but the contractors, led by Tenneti Vijaya Bhaskar Reddy, show no concern for

their well-being, failing to provide them with proper food or rest.

Fraudulent Practices and Non-Compliance
The contractors are also accused of fraudulent practices, such as manipulating vehicle registration numbers. The Protocol Department has turned a blind eye to instances where the numbers of protocol vehicles differ from those listed on their RC (Registration Certificates).

Despite clear evidence of these violations, the department continues to favor SRS Travels, Srikanth Tours and Travels, and Thenneti Travels, allowing them to operate without complying with government permits or fulfilling legal requirements.

The lack of oversight and accountability in the Protocol Department has allowed these corrupt practices to flourish, endangering lives and defrauding the state of crores of rupees. Urgent action is required to address these issues and hold the responsible parties accountable.

A Step Towards Job Creation, Skill Census Launched in Mangalagiri Constituency

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Andhra Pradesh government has officially launched the Skill Census program from Mangalagiri, represented by Minister Nara Lokesh. This prestigious initiative aims to fulfill election promises by identifying the skills of the youth and facilitating skill development to enhance job opportunities.

As a pilot project, the Skill Census will be conducted in Mangalagiri Assembly Constituency and Tullur Mandal. A total of 100 village secretariats have been registered to collect census data, which will involve 675 enumerators gathering information from 161,421 families. This includes 135,914 households in Mangalagiri constituency and 25,507 households

in Tullur Mandal. To streamline the process, a dedicated mobile app has been developed, and training for the enumerators has already been completed. Additionally, technical teams have been established to support the field teams throughout the project.

The mapping of enumerators and families has been successfully finalized. Staff members from various departments, including village secretariats, the skill development department, CEDAP, and NAC, will participate in the Skill Census program.

Monitoring of the program will be conducted continuously from the Skill Development Headquarters. Any issues identified during



the pilot project will be addressed promptly to ensure a smooth rollout of the Skill Census across the state.

The primary objective of this initiative is to identify the skills

possessed by the youth of Andhra Pradesh and to provide them with the necessary training, ultimately leading to improved job opportunities and economic growth in the region.

Adjournment of Hearing on Johnny Master's Bail Petition



TPN, Hyderabad: The Ranga Reddy District Court has adjourned the hearing on

popular choreographer Johnny Master's bail petition to October 7. The bail petition, filed by the accused, was met with a counter filed by the Narsinghi police in the fast-track special POCO court of Rangareddy district.

In their counter, the police argued that there is a possibility of influencing witnesses if Johnny Master is granted bail. They urged the court not to grant bail during the trial. The court decided to adjourn the hearing.

Johnny Master was arrested by the Narsinghi police and sent to Chanchalguda Jail in connection with the sexual harassment of an assistant choreographer. With the court's permission, he was taken into custody for four days for interrogation, during which many details were obtained from him. Therefore, the court was requested not to grant bail at this time.



SIT Investigation Enters Third Day On Tirumala Laddu Adulteration Case

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Special Investigation Team (SIT) established by the Andhra Pradesh government has continued its investigation into the Tirumala laddu adulteration case for the third consecutive day. Today, SIT officials conducted thorough inspections at the TTD flour mill and laboratory, as well as at various godowns and research centers in Tirumala.

As part of the investigation, samples were collected from ghee tankers arriving at the godowns. The SIT officials also inquired about the details of the quality testing machines used in the laboratory and assessed the quality of raw materials stored in the godowns.

On the first day of the investigation, the SIT held a crucial meeting to outline its approach. On the second day, the team met with the Executive Officer of the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) and other relevant officials to gather further insights. The SIT, led by Guntur Range Inspector General Sarvashrestha Tripathi, has been divided into three teams to ensure a comprehensive and efficient investigation.

The ongoing inquiry aims to address the serious allegations surrounding the quality of the famous Tirumala laddu prasadam and restore public trust in this cherished religious offering.

A case has been registered against AR Dairy On Tirupati Laddu adulteration...

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: An important development has unfolded in the ongoing Tirupati Laddu adulteration case, which has garnered national attention. A case has been registered against Tamil Nadu-based AR Dairy Foods, which supplied ghee to the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) during the YCP government's tenure. The complaint, filed by TTD, alleges that adulterated ghee was supplied for the preparation of the fa-

mous Tirupati Laddu. In response to the allegations, AR Dairy's Managing Director, Rajasekaran, has approached the Andhra Pradesh High Court seeking anticipatory bail to prevent any hasty action or arrest. He filed his petition yesterday, emphasizing that the rules established by the Food Safety and Standards Authority were not adhered to when analyzing the ghee samples.

In his petition, Rajasekaran ex-

pressed his willingness to comply with any conditions imposed by the court for the granting of anticipatory bail. He argued that the claims against his company were unfounded and requested a fair hearing.

As the case unfolds, the implications are significant, not only for AR Dairy but also for the reputation of the TTD, which has faced scrutiny over the quality of the

ingredients used in preparing the Laddu, a revered offering at the Tirumala temple. The High Court is expected to hear Rajasekaran's petition soon, and the outcome may have a substantial impact on the ongoing investigation and the future of the companies involved in the supply chain of the Tirupati Laddu. As this situation develops, stakeholders and devotees alike are keenly awaiting the court's decision.

Minister Satyaprasad Criticizes Jagan's Remarks, Calls Them 'Cruelty, Not Humanity'

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Revenue Minister Anagani Satyaprasad has strongly condemned YSRCP chief and former Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy's comments, accusing him of denigrating the country and religion. Speaking at a photo exhibition organized at the party's central office, NTR Bhavan, to showcase 100 days of governance and welfare achievements, Minister Satyaprasad expressed his dismay at Jagan's remarks.



terated laddu case shows a lack of accountability."

The minister, along with MLC Ashok Babu, was present to receive complaints and requests from the public. During the event, Satyaprasad criticized Jagan for his failure to address the issue of adulterated laddus and apologize for it. He accused Jagan of using evasive language, failing to acknowledge his mistakes, and instead claiming that his religion is humanity.

"If Jagan had made a statement respecting the sentiments of devotees, he would not be attacking the country and Hinduism," said Satyaprasad. "Jagan's claims of following humanity are nothing but cruelty. His refusal to apologize or admit the wrong done in the adul-

In addition to his criticism, Minister Satyaprasad also announced that revenue meetings will be held soon, and that the government is refocusing its efforts on resolving issues related to the resurvey of land, which had been delayed due to flood damage control efforts. He highlighted the coalition government's achievements in just 100 days, noting that it is being widely discussed for delivering better welfare to the people in a short period.

"The people have recognized that this government is truly theirs," he added, emphasizing the administration's commitment to public welfare.

Chandrababu's Leadership Revived the Industrial Sector – MLC BT Naidu

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: TDP MLC BT Naidu has credited Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's regime for reviving the industrial sector in Andhra Pradesh. Speaking to the media on Monday, BT Naidu criticized the YSRCP government, accusing it of corruption in all sectors, and said that the people are fed up with both Jagan Mohan Reddy and the YCP administration. He noted that youth unemployment has worsened, and the industrial sector has suffered under YCP's rule.



creating 7.75 lakh jobs. Additionally, he revealed that Chandrababu and Minister Lokesh are targeting 20 lakh new jobs for the youth in the current five-year term.

Naidu also criticized the YCP for driving industries out of the state due to what he described as harassment and mismanagement. He claimed that under Jagan's rule, businesses moved to neighboring states. However, with Chandrababu back in power, Naidu stated that industrialists, assured of a supportive environment, are now returning to Andhra Pradesh.

Naidu highlighted that the industrial sector, which had struggled during the YCP regime, flourished under Chandrababu's leadership. "From the moment Chandrababu became Chief Minister, he made key decisions to strengthen the industrial sector. The state moved from 'ease of doing business' to 'speed of doing business,'" Naidu said. He emphasized that

national and international companies were eager to invest as soon as Chandrababu took office.

According to Naidu, Chandrababu's government had aimed to attract ₹10 lakh crore in investments, with the goal of

Chandrababu has committed to further developing the industrial sector and plans to introduce five new industrial policies aimed at revitalizing the industries that have struggled over the past five years.

MLA Raghuramakrishna Raju Wrote A Letter to CM Chandra Babu

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: MLA Raghuramakrishna Raju has called for the immediate arrest of former CID chief PV Sunil Kumar, accusing him of threatening witnesses in a custodial torture case. In a letter addressed to Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu on Sunday, Raju expressed concerns over the intimidation of police officers and doctors who are key witnesses in the case.

Raju highlighted that an article published on the 27th of this month in a prominent Telugu daily brought attention to the case of custodial torture against him during the YCP regime. According to Raju, the very next day, wit-

nesses in the case involving PV Sunil Kumar began receiving threats. He stressed the need for the police to act swiftly and take Sunil Kumar into custody to prevent further witness intimidation.

The MLA also noted that a murder case was registered on July 11 at Pattabhipuram Police Station against several individuals, including the then Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy, Dr. Prabhavathi, Vijay Paul, PSR Anjaneyu, and PV Sunil Kumar, based on his complaint. He mentioned that Vijay Paul, one of the accused, has since gone into hiding, while Sunil Kumar is now al-



legedly harassing witnesses.

Raju's letter underscores the urgency of the situation and calls for prompt action from the authorities to ensure justice and prevent further interference in the ongoing investigation.

RK Roja Welcomes Supreme Court's Action in Tirumala Laddu Case, Criticizes AP Govt

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Former minister and YSRCP leader RK Roja has welcomed the Supreme Court's serious stance regarding the Andhra Pradesh government's handling of the Tirumala Laddu case, which has hurt the religious sentiments of millions of Hindus. In a sharp response, she criticized the state government's approach, questioning the credibility of the Special Investigation Team (SIT) formed to investigate the issue.



Speaking to the media, RK Roja expressed her discontent with the way the Andhra Pradesh government has dealt with the allegations of adulterated ghee being used in the preparation of Tirumala's sacred Laddu Prasadam. She commended the Supreme Court for taking the matter seriously, stating that it is a significant step toward addressing the concerns of devotees across the country.

Roja did not hold back in her criticism of the SIT formed by the Andhra government, referring to the team as

one that acts according to the whims of Chandrababu Naidu. "They have no faith in a team that behaves like 'sit, sit, stand, stand' under the influence of Chandrababu's regime," she remarked, accusing the investigation team of being politically influenced and lacking independence.

The former minister emphasized the importance of conducting a fair and transparent investigation into the matter, as the controversy surround-

ing the alleged use of adulterated ghee has shaken the faith of devotees in the sanctity of the Laddu Prasadam. Roja also highlighted that the state government's inability to address the issue has led to widespread anger among the Hindu community.

The Supreme Court, during its recent hearing, raised concerns about the investigation and questioned whether the SIT could effectively probe the matter given the political climate. RK Roja reiterated her belief that the central government should take over the investigation to ensure justice is served and to restore the faith of millions of devotees.

As the case continues to unfold, RK Roja's statements reflect the growing dissatisfaction with the state government's handling of the religiously sensitive issue. Many are now looking to the Supreme Court to bring about a resolution that upholds the sanctity of Tirumala's traditions.

"God should not be dragged into politics." – Prakash Raj

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Popular actor and activist Prakash Raj took to Twitter to comment on the Supreme Court's recent observations regarding the Tirumala Srivari Laddu Prasadam controversy. Addressing Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, Prakash Raj shared a news clipping about the court's remarks, advising that "God should not be dragged into politics."



The Supreme Court, during its hearing on the Laddu Prasadam adulteration case, expressed concerns over the Andhra Pradesh government's handling of the matter. The court questioned why the government made public statements about the alleged use of adulterated ghee in the preparation of the prasadam without sufficient evidence. It noted that the laboratory report, which the government referred to, was available as early as July, and the court wondered why the state had chosen to address the issue only now.

Prakash Raj, in his tweet, shared a clipping that featured images of both Chandrababu Naidu and Pawan Kalyan, seemingly suggesting that the two leaders had politicized the issue. The Supreme Court, according to the clipping, had admonished the Andhra Pradesh government, reminding them that religious matters should not be used for political gains. The court emphasized that God should not be drawn into political disputes, especially in such sensitive cases.

This latest tweet from Prakash Raj comes after his continued criticism of the political leadership in Andhra Pradesh, particularly on social and religious issues. The actor has been a vocal critic of the current government and its handling of the Tirumala Laddu Prasadam controversy, which has upset many devotees.

The controversy stems from reports by the National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) alleging that adulterated ghee was used in the preparation of the sacred laddus during the previous government's regime. This has led to widespread anger among devotees, and the Supreme Court's involvement has further intensified scrutiny of the matter.

Prakash Raj's latest tweet addressing Chandrababu Naidu and Pawan Kalyan reflects the growing frustration over political interference in religious issues. As the case continues, the actor's commentary continues to fuel public discourse on the issue.

YS Sharmila Responds to Supreme Court's Comments on Tirumala Laddu Adulteration

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: In light of the Supreme Court's recent comments regarding the adulteration of Tirumala Laddu, Congress party state president YS Sharmila has raised critical questions directed at the current NDA government. Sharmila characterized the Supreme Court's remarks as a "slap" to both the central and state administrations.



She reiterated the Congress party's long-standing demand for a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) inquiry into the Tirumala laddu adulteration controversy, asserting that the Supreme Court's suggestions have strengthened this call. Sharmila dismissed the ongoing investigation by the Special Investigation Team (SIT) as a mere "rubber stamp," claiming it is ineffective and lacking in substance.

YS Sharmila emphasized the need for a thorough investigation that can allevi-

ate the concerns of millions of devotees worried about the integrity of the sacred prasadam. She questioned how the adulteration occurred, where it took place, and who was responsible, insisting that these answers must be uncovered. Additionally, she highlighted concerns regarding the low-price contracts awarded for the laddu production and the prolonged concealment of the NDDB report. Sharmila urged that the identity of those

fueling religious politics in the Tirumala laddu dispute must also be revealed.

She firmly stated that the accused must face severe punishment, reiterating her demand that the Supreme Court's instructions regarding the laddu adulteration be taken seriously. Sharmila concluded by asserting that if religious politics is not the government's agenda, the Congress party expects the coalition to act on the Supreme Court's recommendations concerning the investigation.

In a related development, the Supreme Court made critical remarks regarding Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's comments on the Tirumala Laddu controversy, stressing the need to keep God out of politics and questioning the evidence behind the allegations of adulterated ghee usage.



CM Chandrababu Naidu Invited To The Devi Navaratri festival

TPN, Vijayawada: Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu has received a formal invitation from Devadaya Department Minister Anam Ramanarayana Reddy, Devadaya Department Commissioner Satyanarayana, and temple authorities to attend the Devi Sarannavaratri festival. The festival will be held from the 3rd of this month at the Sri Durgamalleswara Swamy Varla Devasthanam, located on the hilltop of Indrakiladri.

In a gesture of respect and reverence, Vedic

scholars blessed Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu at his residence in Undavalli and presented him with Ammavari Prasadam. This traditional offering signifies goodwill and blessings from the goddess, emphasizing the importance of spirituality during this festive season.

The Devi Sarannavaratri festival is a significant event, attracting numerous devotees and visitors who come to celebrate and seek the blessings of Goddess Durga. CM

Naidu's presence at the festival is expected to enhance the festivities and highlight the government's support for cultural and religious events in the state.

As the festival approaches, preparations at the Sri Durgamalleswara Swamy Varla Devasthanam are in full swing, with temple authorities ensuring that all arrangements are in place for a grand celebration. The event promises to be a vibrant display of devotion, culture, and community spirit.



Actor Karthi Visits Sri Kanaka Durga Temple in Vijayawada

TPN, Vijayawada: Renowned movie star Karthi and the film team of the upcoming movie "Satyam Sundaram" paid a visit to Sri Durgamalleswara Swamivarla Devasthanam on [insert date]. The visit to the temple dedicated to Goddess Kanakadurga was part of the film crew's promotional activities and spiritual observance.

Upon arrival, Karthi and his team were warmly welcomed by the temple authorities. The visit included a special ceremony where the temple staff presented offerings and vestments to the goddess. This gesture is traditional and signifies respect and devotion to the deity.

After the offerings, the temple authorities arranged for the blessings of Vedic scholars, who conducted rituals and prayers for the well-being and success of the film. Karthi expressed his gratitude for the opportunity to seek blessings at such a revered site, emphasizing the importance of spirituality in the film industry.

The visit drew the attention of fans and devotees alike, many of whom gathered at the temple to catch a glimpse of the popular actor and his team. Karthi's visit not only highlights his connection to his roots but also reinforces the cultural significance of temple visits among film personalities.

The team of "Satyam Sundaram" continues its promotional activities as the release date approaches, and Karthi's visit to Sri Durgamalleswara Swamivarla Devasthanam marks a significant moment in their journey. The blessings received at the temple are expected to bring good fortune for the film's success.



Janasena Leaders Support Pawan Kalyan's Prayachita Initiation with Pooja

TPN, Vijayawada: In a show of solidarity with Mr. Pawan Kalyan, who is undertaking a Prayachita initiation for the protection of Sanatana Dharma following the Tirumala Laddu dispute, alliance leaders from Vijayawada Rural Mandal organized a special pooja at the local Rama Temple. The event saw the participation of key leaders Bade Ramana, Dasari Chinna Chandraiah, Rayudu Srinivas, Pasupuleti Jamalaya, Polashetti Nagababu, Gandham Shivaji, Rayudu Nagababu, and Dasari Sai Babu.

The leaders, activists, and heroic women of the village gathered at the temple to offer their support. As part of the ceremony, they performed a pooja and decorated the temple with lamps to signify their commitment to the cause. The event reflected the community's backing for Pawan Kalyan's efforts to uphold Sanatana Dharma and protect the sacredness of Tirumala's Laddu Prasadam.



Citizens Voice Concerns at Janavani Program in Mangalagiri

TPN, Mangalagiri: On Monday, people from various parts of the state gathered at the Janasena Party's central office in Mangalagiri to express their problems during the Janavani program. Palakonda MLA, Sri Nimmaka Jayakrishna, was present to receive the applications from citizens and listen to their concerns. He actively engaged with officials regarding issues that required immediate attention, ensuring swift resolutions where possible.

Shri Chillapalli Srinivasa Rao, chairman of the party's development department, also participated in the program. The Janavani initiative, which aims to provide a platform for the public to voice their grievances, has been well-received by citizens, with many expressing hope for timely interventions.

MLA Nimmaka Jayakrishna assured the attendees that their concerns would be addressed, emphasizing the party's commitment to serving the people and resolving their problems. The Janavani program continues to act as an important bridge between the citizens and government officials, fostering communication and problem-solving at the grassroots level.



Durgamma Temple Prasadam Scam Ignored Ahead of Dussehra Celebrations

TPN, Vijayawada: As the grand Dussehra celebrations approach, the long-standing issue of the prasadam scam at Vijayawada's Durgamma Temple remains unresolved, much to the dismay of concerned devotees. Despite the widespread outrage over the alleged irregularities in the distribution of temple prasadam, temple authorities and officials seem to be avoiding the matter, focusing instead on preparations for the upcoming festival.

In a recent press meet, the temple's Executive Officer (EO) addressed several aspects of the Dussehra celebrations, including ticket prices, crowd management, and security measures. However, the EO notably did not mention any updates regarding the scam or the change of prasadam contractors. This has raised concerns among devotees, many of whom are eagerly waiting for answers regarding the issue that tarnished the temple's reputation.

Similarly, the state's Endowment Minister also conducted a separate press conference on the same day, but like the temple EO, he too did not address the prasadam controversy. The Minister spoke about plans to manage the influx of devotees, special arrangements for darshan, and the significance of the festival, but left the prasadam scam unmentioned, leaving the public wondering whether the contractors responsible will be replaced before the festival.

The silence on this issue has sparked frustration among devotees, many of whom are eager to witness the sacred Dussehra celebrations, but remain concerned about the quality of prasadam being distributed. With Dussehra just days away and no clear resolution in sight, devotees are questioning if the authorities are truly committed to addressing corruption within the temple administration.

Blade Batch Stirs Chaos in Government Hospital

TPN, V.V.S.Madhu Babu: A group known as the "Blade Batch" has been causing disturbances in a government hospital, where they have been appointed as bodyguards for a junior assistant in the Medical Board. The junior assistant allegedly outsourced sanitation jobs to this group illegally.

The outsourcing contractor who hired them claimed that the "Blade Batch" was recommended by the junior assistant, who presented them as having no criminal record. However, it has been alleged that multiple cases have been filed against them at the Tadepalli Police Station.

The "Blade Batch" is supposed to handle sanitation work but instead follows the junior assistant's orders, often acting aggressively. If anyone dares to



challenge the junior assistant, they face attacks from the group.

The junior assistant's influence and misconduct in the hospital seem to be out of control. Victims have alleged that this junior assistant uses the "Blade Batch" to collect corrupt money.

Despite complaints, the hospital superintendent formed a committee and reassigned the junior

assistant to the same position. Those who wish to file a complaint against the junior assistant are reportedly too intimidated by the "Blade Batch" to do so.

The superintendent appears indifferent to the situation in the hospital, even dismissing media reports and claiming that operations are being conducted with approval, despite a High Court order.

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In the dynamic world of business, few stories inspire as much as the remarkable journey of Dr. Raghavendra Rao Bondada, the Chairman and Managing Director of Bondada Engineering Ltd. (BEL), a public-listed company headquartered in Hyderabad. From humble beginnings in a small village in Andhra Pradesh to building a multi-billion-dollar company, Dr. Rao's success exemplifies the triumph of ambition, hard work, and a commitment to excellence.

Early Life and Education

Born on November 29, 1974, in Parrachivara village, Krishna District, Andhra Pradesh, Dr. Raghavendra Rao, affectionately known as BRR in the industry, comes from modest roots. His parents, Shri Bondada Pichaiah and Smt. Late Bondada Nirmalavathi, instilled in him the values of perseverance and discipline. Dr. Rao pursued a degree in Civil Engineering from Acharya Nagarjuna University and later earned an Honorary Doctorate in Business Administration from California Public University, USA, marking the beginning of a journey that would soon transform industries.

Professional Journey

Dr. Rao's career spans over 28 years, during which he has gained extensive experience in various sectors, including telecom, power, renewable energy, pre-engineering buildings, and industrial infrastructure. His professional trajectory saw him holding significant roles, including COO and Executive Director at Aster Pvt. Ltd., and directorships in overseas joint ventures. However, his entrepreneurial spirit was ignited by a quote from the iconic Dhirubhai Ambani: "If you are born poor, it's not your fault, but if you die poor, it's your fault." Inspired by these words, Dr. Rao left behind a stable corporate career to forge his path.

In 2012, Bondada Engineering Ltd. was born, with Hyderabad as its base. Initially operating on a small scale, BEL quickly established itself in industries like telecom and renewable energy, with a growing presence across India and internationally. By the fiscal year 2023, BEL had crossed a revenue of ₹800 crores, a staggering growth from its humble beginnings, fueled by a landmark ₹1,500 crore BSNL 4G order for the construction of mobile towers across South India and Lakshadweep.



IPO Success and Market Expansion

The major turning point for BEL came on August 30, 2023, when it successfully listed on the BSE SME platform. The company's IPO witnessed an oversubscription of 112 times, making it the highest in both Telugu states. This unprecedented interest, including international subscriptions from countries like the USA, Australia, and Singapore, underscored BEL's global appeal. On its first day of listing, the issue price doubled, and the company's market capitalization skyrocketed from ₹168 crores to nearly ₹8,000 crores. This momentous IPO opened new doors for the company, pushing it to the forefront of India's renewable energy and infrastructure sectors.



Dr. Raghavendra Rao Bondada

The Visionary Behind Bondada Engineering Ltd's Meteoric Rise



Entrepreneurial Vision and Achievements

Dr. Rao's entrepreneurial journey has earned him significant recognition, including his feature in the prestigious Hurun India Rich List 2024, where he ranked 649th. He has also been the recipient of numerous awards, including the AP Governor's Gold Medal for CSR in 2022, the Telangana Business Award in 2023 for Telecom and Renewable Energy, and the ET Excellence Award in 2021 for Telecom Services.



Known for his punctuality and financial prudence, Dr. Rao has cultivated a company culture that values efficiency and accessibility. His leadership style emphasizes open communication, enabling employees at every level to approach him for guidance. This approach has fostered a cohesive work environment that is one of BEL's core strengths.

Impact Beyond Business: CSR and Social Contributions

Dr. Rao's influence extends beyond the business world. A firm believer in "Manava Seva e Madhava Seva" (Service to Humanity is Service to God), he has spearheaded numerous CSR initiatives. During the COVID-19 pandemic, he donated med-



ical equipment, including oxygen concentrators, to surrounding villages and completed the installation of solar streetlights in Parrachivara village, his birthplace.



Other notable CSR activities include renovating the local cremation ground, supporting government school students with educational materials, and funding scholarships for underprivileged students. Dr. Rao has also provided financial aid for health and education, sponsored medical camps, and adopted para-badminton player Ms. Rupala Devi for lifetime support. His personal contributions and the company's initiatives have positively impacted thousands of families, particularly in rural Andhra Pradesh.

Vision for the Future

Dr. Rao's vision for Bondada Engineering Ltd. is both ambitious and inspiring. In the short term, he aims to push the company's market capitalization to \$1 billion, aligning with his personal goal of achieving a net worth of \$1 billion. His long-term vision, however, is even more expansive. He envisions BEL becoming one of the top five EPC (Engineering, Procurement, and Construction) companies in India, with a global reputation in renewable energy and infrastructure development.



Through his focus on adopting cutting-edge technologies and creating large-scale employment opportunities, Dr. Rao hopes to not only lead BEL to greater success but also make a lasting impact on India's economy and the global renewable energy landscape.

Conclusion

Dr. Raghavendra Rao Bondada's journey from a small village in Andhra Pradesh to the helm of a multi-billion-dollar company is a testament to the power of determination and vision. Under his leadership, Bondada Engineering Ltd. has not only become a major player in its industry but has also set a benchmark for corporate responsibility and social impact. As he continues to lead the company towards new heights, Dr. Rao remains committed to his values, driven by the belief that success is not just about personal gain but about making a difference in the lives of others.



PM Modi Congratulates Mithun Chakraborty On Dadasaheb Phalke Honour

Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed his joy at veteran actor Mithun Chakraborty being honored with the prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke Award. In a post on X, PM Modi highlighted Chakraborty's significant contributions to Indian cinema, stating, "Delighted that Shri Mithun Chakraborty Ji has been conferred the prestigious Dadasaheb Phalke Award, recognizing his unparalleled contributions to Indian cinema." He described Chakraborty as a cultural icon admired across generations for his versatile performances and extended his congratulations and best wishes.



Chakraborty, known for his iconic roles in films such as "Mrigayaa," "Surakshaa," "Disco Dancer," and "Dance Dance," has been a prominent figure in Indian cinema for decades. The Dadasaheb Phalke Award, which is the highest recog-

nition in the field of cinema in India, reflects his enduring impact on the industry.

The announcement of Chakraborty's award comes as a significant acknowledgment of his work, spanning various genres and styles. His

performances have left a lasting impression on audiences and have contributed to the rich tapestry of Indian film culture.

In addition to his cinematic achievements, Chakraborty's legacy includes his influence on popular music and dance, making him a multifaceted artist in the entertainment world. The Dadasaheb Phalke Award not only honors his past contributions but also inspires future generations of filmmakers and actors to aspire for excellence in their craft.

As the film community celebrates this recognition, Mithun Chakraborty stands as a testament to the power of storytelling through cinema. His journey continues to resonate with fans and aspiring artists alike, reinforcing the importance of dedication and creativity in the arts.

Money Laundering Case Filed Against Siddaramaiah In Land Scam-Linked Probe

On September 30, the Enforcement Directorate (ED) initiated a money-laundering case against Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah and several others in connection with the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) scandal. This action follows a recent FIR lodged by the state's Lokayukta police.

The ED has filed an Enforcement Case Information Report (ECIR), effectively booking Siddaramaiah, his wife B. M. Parvathi, and others involved, including brother-in-law Mallikarjuna Swamy. Swamy allegedly purchased land from Devaraju, which was then gifted to Parvathi. This FIR was prompted by a special court's order for a Lokayukta investigation into the matter.

This development comes after the Karnataka High Court upheld the Governor's sanction to investigate Siddaramaiah regarding accusations of irregularities in the allotment of 14 plots to his wife by MUDA. The ED is invoking the Prevention of Money Laundering Act (PMLA) in this case.

Siddaramaiah, 76, has claimed that these allegations are politically motivated, stating that the opposition is "scared" of him. He has expressed his intention to fight the charges legally and confirmed that he will not resign, asserting his innocence in the MUDA matter.

The allegations suggest that compensatory plots were unlawfully allocated to Siddaramaiah's wife in a prime area of Mysuru, allegedly of higher value than the land acquired by MUDA. The Lokayukta FIR includes serious charges under various sections of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), such as criminal conspiracy, misappropriation of property, and forgery, among others.

BJP disrespected Haryana on every front: Priyanka

Congress General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra addressed a vibrant rally in Naraingarh, Haryana, on Monday, urging voters to oust the BJP government for what she termed their consistent disrespect towards the people. She called for a new Congress-led wave in the state.

"Haryana is the land of Mahabharata, where Lord Krishna imparted the teachings of the Bhagavad Gita—a message of justice that has influenced our religion, nation, and constitution," she stated, captivating the large crowd of supporters.

Gandhi praised the contributions of Haryana's farmers, soldiers, and athletes, asserting that they have always defended the nation's honor. She criticized the BJP's decade-long rule, questioning what the party has given in return for the sacrifices made by the citizens. "Instead of respect, they have disrespected you on every front," she said.

Highlighting the struggles of Haryana's farmers during the protests against the three controversial farm laws, she pointed out the brutal measures they faced, such as tear gas and lathi charges. "Despite the announcement of Minimum Support Price (MSP) for various crops, many of those are not cultivated here. They have betrayed your trust," she emphasized.

Gandhi also addressed the issue of high unemployment in the state, lamenting that young people are forced to migrate to cities like Delhi for job opportunities. She criticized the Agnipath scheme, stating, "The youth are asked to guard the borders for four years with no job security afterward, only to return to unemployment."

The rally also focused on the plight of athletes who, despite their contributions to national pride, have felt ignored. "Our sportspersons were protesting on the streets, but the Prime Minister didn't even take a moment to meet them," she remarked.

Absolutely distasteful, disgraceful: Amit Shah reacts to Kharge's comments on PM Modi

Union Home Minister Amit Shah condemned Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge's comments regarding Prime Minister Narendra Modi, labeling them as "absolutely distasteful and disgraceful." Shah's remarks followed Kharge's statement during a rally in Jammu and Kashmir, where he suggested he would not die until Modi was removed from power.

Amit Shah responded strongly to Kharge's comments, accusing him of engaging in "a bitter display of spite" by dragging Modi into his personal health matters. In a post on X, Shah expressed his concern over the negativity within Congress, stating that Kharge's remarks reflect the party's deep-seated fear and hatred towards Modi.



Kharge, who is 83 years old, suffered a "syncopal attack" during his speech but quickly resumed, emphasizing his intent to outlive Modi's tenure. "I am 83 years old. I am not going to die so early. I will stay alive till PM Modi is removed from power," he stated, requesting forgiveness for his brief pause due to dizziness.

Shah added that while Kharge's health is a matter of concern, Modi and the entire nation wish him a long and healthy life. He expressed hope that Kharge would witness the realization of a "Viksit Bharat" (Developed India) by 2047.

The exchange highlights the escalating tensions between the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the opposition Congress as the election season heats up. Shah's comments underscore the BJP's strategy of portraying Congress leaders as out of touch and driven by animosity rather than constructive politics.

With the upcoming elections, such remarks are likely to intensify the political discourse as both parties vie for public support in a highly competitive environment.

Delhi Chief Minister Atishi Leads Initiative to Inspect Roads



Delhi Chief Minister Atishi and her cabinet ministers took to the streets today to assess the condition of roads across the national capital. This effort is part of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government's initiative to make Delhi pothole-free ahead of Diwali.

Starting early at 6 AM, the entire cabinet was deployed to various locations to conduct on-ground inspections of public works department (PWD) roads. Atishi emphasized the government's commitment to improving road conditions, stating, "The whole cabinet has been on Ground Zero to ensure that all PWD roads in Delhi are made pothole-free."

During her inspection, Atishi highlighted several key areas that are receiving attention, including NSIC Okhla, Modi Mill flyover, Chirag Delhi, Tughlakabad extension, Mathura Road, Ashram Chowk, and various underpasses. The initiative aims not only to address the imme-

diately concerns of road safety and accessibility but also to enhance the overall infrastructure of the city.

The Chief Minister's hands-on approach reflects the government's determination to tackle the long-standing issue of potholes that have plagued Delhi's roads, especially during the monsoon season. By committing to a deadline before Diwali, the AAP government aims to reassure residents and improve their daily commuting experience.

As part of the broader initiative, the government is also seeking to engage with citizens, encouraging feedback on road conditions and maintenance efforts. This approach aligns with AAP's vision of responsive governance and community involvement. Atishi's leadership in this project showcases her proactive stance in addressing infrastructure challenges while also demonstrating the AAP's commitment to making tangible improvements in the lives of Delhi residents.

Kumari Selja Stands with Rahul Gandhi Dismissing BJP Switch Rumors

Congress leader Kumari Selja publicly reaffirmed her loyalty to the party by sharing the stage with Priyanka Gandhi Vadra and Rahul Gandhi in Haryana, dispelling speculation about a potential switch to the BJP. The event featured Selja standing hand-in-hand with the Gandhis, alongside other senior leaders, including former Haryana Chief Minister Bhupinder Singh Hooda.

This show of unity comes amid ongoing concerns about infighting within the Haryana Congress, highlighting the party's efforts to present a united front. In a symbolic gesture, Rahul Gandhi joined the hands of Selja and Hooda, reinforcing their collective commitment to the party and its agenda.

Selja's presence with the Gandhis serves to reassure party supporters of her dedication to Congress, especially as tensions have flared within the Haryana unit. The event was seen as an important step in quelling rumors and strengthening party cohesion in a critical political landscape.



Hezbollah confirms death of senior leader Ali Karaki in Israeli airstrikes

Hezbollah has confirmed the deaths of senior leaders, including Ali Karaki and Secretary-General Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah, in recent Israeli airstrikes targeting Beirut's southern suburbs. In a statement released on Sunday, the group announced that Karaki, who led Hezbollah's southern front, was "martyred with a group of his jihadist brothers" during the air raid on Haret Hreik.

The airstrikes occurred on Friday evening, with Israeli warplanes targeting Hezbollah's main headquarters in Dahieh. Reports indicate that multiple commanders, including Nasrallah, were killed during these operations, significantly impacting the group's leadership.

In addition to Karaki's and Nasrallah's deaths, the Israel Defense Forces (IDF) reported on Sunday that they had killed Nabil Qaouk, commander of Hezbollah's Preventive Security Unit and a member of its central council. The IDF did not specify the location of this airstrike but stated that Qaouk was involved in promoting terrorist activities against Israel, labeling him a close associate within Hezbollah. The U.S. designated him a global terrorist in October 2020.



The Israeli airstrikes have resulted in considerable casualties, with local media reporting at least six deaths and 91 injuries, along with extensive damage to infrastructure in the targeted neighborhoods. The attacks reflect a significant escalation in the ongoing conflict between Israel and Hezbollah, which intensified on October 8, 2023, when Hezbollah began launching rockets into Israel in solidarity with Hamas in Gaza. This prompted Israeli retaliatory actions, including artillery fire and airstrikes in southeastern Lebanon.

The recent developments highlight the ongoing volatility in the region, raising concerns about further escalations and the humanitarian impact on local populations amid the conflict.

Saudi Arabia Voices Concern Over Lebanon Conflict

Saudi Arabia has expressed significant concern regarding the escalating conflict in Lebanon, emphasizing the need for the country's "sovereignty and territorial integrity" to be respected. In a statement released by the foreign ministry, Riyadh stated, "The Kingdom of Saudi Arabia is following with great concern the developments taking place in the Republic of Lebanon."

This announcement comes in the wake of severe violence, with Lebanon's health ministry reporting over a hundred fatalities from Israeli airstrikes on various targets throughout the country on Sunday. The Saudi statement urged the international community to take action in safeguarding regional peace and security, calling for efforts to prevent further dangers and tragedies associated with warfare.

Israel's recent military operations have resulted in numerous casualties, including the killing of senior figures in the Iran-backed Hezbollah group, which has heightened tensions in the region. The strikes included the death of Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah on Friday, prompting international calls for restraint as fears mount over a potential ground offensive by Israel against Hezbollah in Lebanon.

The situation has sparked widespread concern about the possibility of an all-out war in the Middle East, with various nations urging for a diplomatic resolution to avoid further escalation. As the conflict unfolds, Saudi Arabia's emphasis on respecting Lebanon's sovereignty reflects a broader anxiety about regional stability and the humanitarian consequences of continued violence.

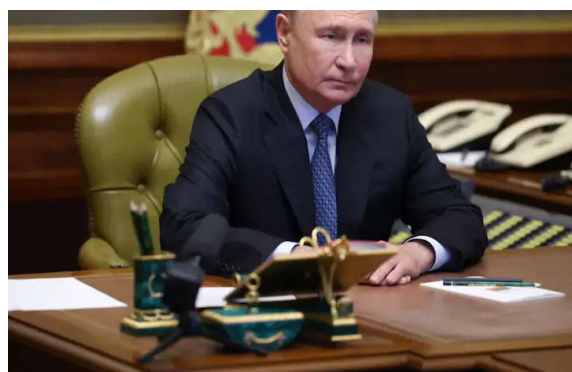
SpaceX Crew-9 Successfully Docks with ISS to Retrieve Stranded Astronauts

The SpaceX crew tasked with rescuing two astronauts stranded on the International Space Station (ISS) successfully docked with the orbiting laboratory on Sunday. The Falcon 9 rocket lifted off from Cape Canaveral, Florida, at 1:17 PM (1717 GMT) on Saturday, with the Crew-9 mission aboard a Dragon spacecraft making contact with the ISS at 5:30 PM Sunday. Following the docking, NASA astronaut Nick Hague and Russian cosmonaut Alexander Gorbunov boarded the ISS around 7:00 PM, warmly embracing their floating colleagues. "What a fabulous day it was today," NASA Deputy Administrator Pam Melroy remarked at a news conference.

Hague and Gorbunov's mission is set to bring back two seasoned astronauts, Butch Wilmore and Suni Williams,

when they return from the ISS in February. Wilmore and Williams have had their stay extended for several months due to issues with their Boeing-designed Starliner spacecraft. The Starliner, which was making its first crewed flight, successfully delivered Wilmore and Williams to the ISS in June. However, technical challenges have delayed their planned return, leading to the current rescue mission.

This successful docking underscores SpaceX's crucial role in transporting astronauts to and from the ISS, especially as NASA relies on commercial partners for space travel. The Crew-9 mission highlights the ongoing collaboration between NASA and SpaceX, ensuring continuous support for the ISS and its crew members.



All Goals Set For Ukraine Will Be Achieved, Says Russian President Putin

Russian President Vladimir Putin pledged on Monday that Moscow will achieve all objectives set for the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, marking the third year since the invasion began. In a video message commemorating the second anniversary of what Russia refers to as "Reunification Day"—the date of its annexation of four Ukrainian regions—Putin asserted, "The truth is on our side. All goals set will be achieved."

Following the military intervention that began in February 2022, Russia annexed the regions of Lugansk, Donetsk, Zaporizhzhia, and Kherson. However, it does not maintain full control over all areas within these regions.

In his address, Putin reiterated his rationale for the invasion, claiming it was necessary to protect Russian speakers from a "neo-Nazi dictatorship" that aimed to sever their ties to Russia, their historical homeland. He criticized "Western elites," accusing them of transforming Ukraine into a "colony" and a military base directed against Russia, while also promoting "hate" and "radical nationalism."

"Our fight today is for a secure, prosperous future for our children and grandchildren," he stated, framing the conflict in terms of national security and familial legacy.

Putin's remarks come amid ongoing military actions and a complex geopolitical landscape, as Ukraine continues to resist Russian advances. The conflict has drawn widespread international condemnation and has resulted in significant humanitarian and economic challenges for both nations.

Ukraine Claims Over 650,000 Russian Soldiers Killed Since 2022 Invasion

Since the beginning of its full-scale invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, Russia has reportedly lost 651,810 troops, according to the General Staff of Ukraine's Armed Forces. This figure, announced on September 29, includes 1,170 casualties recorded in just one day.

In addition to troop losses, the report details significant losses of military equipment: 8,869 tanks, 17,476 armored fighting vehicles, and 25,495 vehicles and fuel tanks have been destroyed. Other critical losses include 18,795 artillery systems, 1,204 multiple launch rocket systems, 962 air defense systems, 369 aircraft, 328 helicopters, 16,186 drones, 28 ships, and one submarine.

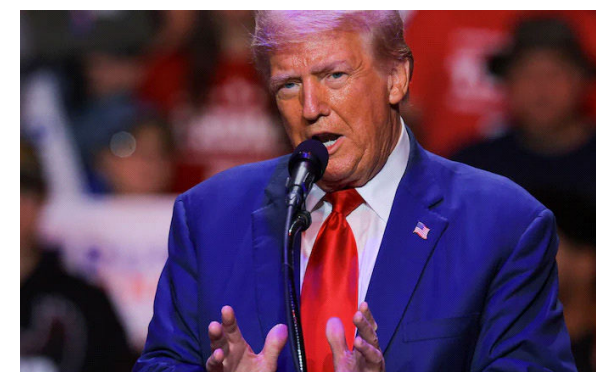
On the same day, Russian strikes on Zaporizhzhia in southern Ukraine resulted in at least 16 injuries, including two children aged eight and 17. The attacks involved multiple "massive aerial strikes" early in the morning, which destroyed a multi-story building and several homes. Reports indicate that Ukrainian emergency services are working to rescue individuals trapped under the rubble in the neighbor-

ing Donetsk region, where three fatalities and additional injuries occurred due to Russian attacks on Pokrovsk.

Regional officials noted extensive damage from the strikes, with Governor Ivan Fedorov confirming that a train station in Zaporizhzhia was also targeted. Andriy Yermak, head of President Volodymyr Zelenskyy's office, condemned the assaults, accusing Russia of attempting to "terrorize" civilians. He reiterated calls for increased military support from Western allies, including advanced weaponry to help intercept Russian missile strikes.

In response to the ongoing conflict, Denmark has pledged \$194 million to support Ukraine's military efforts, while Norway is considering measures to enhance border security.

Meanwhile, former US President Donald Trump met with President Zelensky at Trump Tower, emphasizing the need to end the war. Zelensky extended an invitation for Trump to visit Ukraine, while Trump claimed he could swiftly resolve the conflict if re-elected.



Trump Urges Violent Police Crackdown, Calls Harris Mentally Impaired

Donald Trump delivered a fiery speech in Pennsylvania on Sunday, urging a "violent" crackdown on crime as he campaigned for the upcoming presidential election. Speaking in a crucial swing state, Trump echoed his previous rally in Wisconsin, portraying the United States as a nation under siege from violent migrants and criminals.

During his address, Trump recounted highly publicized incidents of brazen thefts in major cities, eliciting cheers from the crowd when he suggested that police should be "extraordinarily rough." He claimed that a single "violent day" of policing would send a strong message to criminals, stating, "The word would get out, and it would end immediately." Trump argued that law enforcement is hindered by "the liberal left," which he accused of preventing police from doing their jobs effectively.

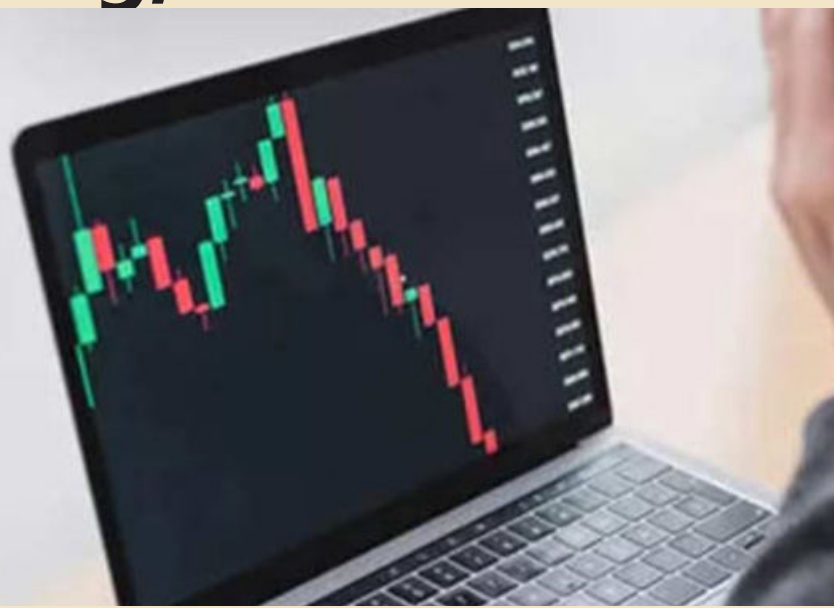
In contrast, Vice President Kamala Harris addressed supporters at a rally in Nevada, focusing on the need for comprehensive immigration reform and better border security. She criticized Trump's record on immigration, asserting, "We know Donald Trump won't solve them. When he was president, he did nothing to fix our immigration system." Harris promised to double funding for the Department of Justice to combat transnational cartels. Trump's rhetoric continued to heighten as he described a nation inundated with what he called "savagely criminal aliens," blaming Harris for allowing this "invasion." He alleged that terrorists were entering the country and even referenced a prison in the Congo as a source of criminals.

Markets Plummet Amid Global Concerns and Profit Booking, Worst Losses in Two Months

The domestic stock market experienced a significant downturn, marking the worst losses in two months on the last day of September. The Sensex dropped 1,272 points, closing at 85,299, while the Nifty fell by 368 points to settle at 25,810. Factors contributing to this decline include profit booking by investors, negative global cues, concerns over China's economy, and uncertainty surrounding potential updates from the US Federal Reserve. The Nifty's psychological support level of 26,000 also played a role.



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Market breadth favored sellers, with 2,201 stocks declining and 1,837 advancing on the BSE. India VIX, a measure of market volatility, rose by 11%, while the rupee weakened by 10 paise, settling at 83.80 against the dollar. Bank Nifty also tumbled, losing 856 points to close at 52,978.

In the Nifty50, only nine companies gained, including JSW Steel, NTPC, Hindalco, and Britannia, while 41 companies, such as Heromoto, Axis Bank, and Reliance, saw losses. Except for media and metal, all sector indices

recorded losses, with banks, autos, and financials among the hardest hit.

On the corporate front, Bharti Airtel repaid loans early, Mahindra & Mahindra Logistics signed a joint venture agreement with Japan's Seino Holdings, and Tata Power announced an MoU with the Rajasthan government. Meanwhile, Paras Defense received orders worth ₹305 crore from IT, and NMDC shares rose due to positive de-

velopments in China's property sector.

Investors are advised to consider JSW Steel, Kalyani Jewellers, Crisil, BDL, and IGL for short-term investments.

1. JSW Steel
JSW Steel has been performing well in recent sessions due to a recovery in global steel prices and



positive demand outlooks. It's one of the top gainers in the Nifty50 index. The stock is showing strength above its 50-day moving average, indicating bullish momentum. With strong support around ₹1000 levels, the stock could target ₹1260 in the near term.

2. Kalyani Jewellers

The stock has shown steady gains amid improving consumer demand in the retail sector. Festive season sentiment and strong quarterly results have driven recent buying. The stock has been trading in a consolidation phase, with resistance around ₹700. Breakout above this level could signal further upside.



3. Crisil

Crisil, a leading credit rating and research agency, is benefiting from stable revenue growth from its research and advisory services. Its financial health is solid, and investors are positive on long-term prospects. The stock has support at ₹4550, with resistance



at ₹4650. It is currently trading near its correct levels, which could make it attractive for entry.

4. BDL (Bharat Dynamics Ltd.)

BDL, engaged in manufacturing missiles and ammunition, is witnessing increased demand with defense spending on the rise. It has secured new orders recently, boosting investor confidence. The stock has seen a breakout from the ₹1155 level, with continued bullish momentum. It is trading well above its moving averages.



5. IGL (Indraprastha Gas Ltd.)

IGL has been under pressure due to rising natural gas prices and regulatory challenges. However, the long-term outlook remains positive due to growth in the clean energy sector. The stock is near its support level of ₹540 and could face resistance at ₹560.



India's Fiscal Deficit Hits ₹4.35 Trillion in April-August



India's fiscal deficit for the period from April to August reached 4.35 trillion rupees (approximately \$51.93 billion), accounting for 27% of the annual target set for the financial year, according to government data released on Monday.

During this period, net tax receipts amounted to 8.74 trillion rupees, representing 34% of the projected annual goal. This figure marks an increase compared to 8.04 trillion rupees recorded in the same timeframe last year. Government spending, however, totaled 16.52 trillion rupees, which is also about 34% of the annual budget but slightly lower than the 16.72 trillion rupees spent in the previous year.

The decline in spending can largely be attributed to the ongoing general elections, which have influenced the government's expenditure patterns.

Capital expenditure, specifically for building physical infrastructure, reached 3.01 trillion rupees during the first five months, or 27% of the annual target. This figure is a decrease from 3.74 trillion rupees for the same period in the previous year.

The Indian government has set its fiscal deficit target at 4.9% of GDP in its latest budget, a reduction from 5.6% in the previous fiscal year. This target aims to strengthen fiscal discipline while accommodating necessary spending for growth and development.

As the government navigates the implications of the elections and strives to meet its fiscal goals, these figures will be closely monitored. The performance of tax revenues and expenditure trends will play a crucial role in shaping India's economic landscape in the months to come.

RBI Urges Small Finance Banks appointing more whole-time directors

During a keynote address at the Conference of Directors of Small Finance Banks in Bengaluru on September 27, Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Deputy Governor Swaminathan J emphasized the importance of robust leadership structures in small finance banks. He noted that some of these banks still lack the requisite presence of at least two Whole Time Directors (WTDs) and urged them to expedite the appointment of additional WTDs.

Swaminathan highlighted that having only one WTD can lead to vulnerabilities, particularly during times of transition or unexpected events. A lack of effective succession planning can result in leadership gaps that might disrupt operations and hinder strategic decision-making. "A broader pool of experienced leaders also contributes to better



governance and more resilient management structures," he stated.

Small finance banks have seen remarkable growth since their establishment, now representing 1.18% of total banking

assets as of March 2024, a significant increase from just 0.44% in March 2018. Over the past five years, the deposit base has expanded at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 32%, while net advances recorded a CAGR of 26%.

Swaminathan's remarks underscore the need for these banks to focus on solid governance frameworks as they continue to grow and evolve in the competitive banking landscape. Strengthening the leadership team with more WTDs not only enhances stability but also fosters better strategic planning and risk management.

As small finance banks play an increasingly vital role in the Indian banking sector, ensuring they have the right governance structures in place will be crucial for their sustained success and the overall health of the financial system.

SEBI Approves IPO Plans for Swiggy, Hyundai Motor India

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has granted approval for several companies, including Swiggy, Hyundai Motor India, Acme Solar Holdings, Vishal Mega Mart, and Mamata Machinery, to proceed with their initial public offerings (IPOs). The approval marks a significant step for these firms as they prepare to enter the capital markets.

SEBI issued observation letters to Swiggy and Hyundai Motor India on September 24, followed by Vishal Mega Mart on September 25. Acme Solar Holdings and Mamata Machinery received their letters on September 27. In SEBI terminology, an observation letter signifies that a company can launch its IPO within a year from the



date of receipt.

Swiggy, which is backed by Prosus and SoftBank, is the second-largest food delivery service in India. The company sub-

mitted confidential papers for its IPO in April 2023 and recently updated its draft red herring prospectus on September 26. Swiggy's IPO plan includes a fresh issue of equity shares worth up to ₹3,750 crore, alongside an offer-for-sale of 18.52 crore equity shares from existing shareholders.

As these companies gear up for their market debuts, the approvals from SEBI indicate a growing interest in the Indian IPO market, which has seen a mix of established firms and newer entrants seeking to capitalize on investor appetite. The upcoming offerings are expected to attract significant attention from investors, as they navigate the evolving landscape of the Indian economy.

Adani Group Firms Join WEF's Decarbonisation Initiative with Green Hydrogen Hub

Three companies from the Adani Group—Adani Enterprises Ltd (AEL), Adani Ports and Special Economic Zone Ltd (APSEZ), and Ambuja Cements Ltd—have joined the World Economic Forum's 'Transitioning Industrial Clusters' initiative, forming the 'Adani Mundra Cluster.' This initiative aims to establish one of the largest integrated green hydrogen hubs in the world, with a planned production capacity of 1 Million Metric Tonnes Per Annum (MMTPA) by 2030, potentially expanding to 3 MMTPA by 2040.

The World Economic Forum's initiative seeks to harness the economic

and energy potential of industrial clusters through structured financing, policy support, technology, and partnerships. This collaborative approach aims to foster cooperation and develop a unified vision for energy transition, job creation, and economic growth.

Karan Adani, Managing Director of APSEZ and Director of Ambuja Cements, highlighted the opportunity for collaboration with global industry peers, policymakers, and experts to drive innovative decarbonisation strategies. He stated that the Adani Mundra Cluster aims to decarbonise hard-to-abate sectors in India and decrease reliance



on energy imports.

The initiative is seen as a vital step towards economic growth and decarbonisation, supported by the World

Economic Forum's efforts in facilitating collaboration among stakeholders. Roberto Bocca, Head of the Centre for Energy and Materials at the WEF, welcomed the Adani Mundra Cluster

as one of the first two clusters in India and emphasized Gujarat's renewable energy potential.

The Adani Group's strategy includes a fully integrated value chain featuring 10 GW of solar modules, 5 GW of wind turbines, and 5 GW of electrolyser manufacturing. The cluster will also produce green hydrogen derivatives like ammonia, enhancing its role in the green energy transition. APSEZ aims to power its operations with renewable electricity by 2025, while Ambuja Cements targets net-zero emissions by 2050.



Jammu & Kashmir Elections: A Decade Later, Which Direction Will the Tide Turn?

After a gap of 10 years, Jammu and Kashmir is gearing up for the third and final phase of assembly elections, scheduled for October 1. This marks the first assembly election since 2014 in the region, which has witnessed transformative political and constitutional changes over the past decade.

The landscape of Jammu & Kashmir has changed dramatically since the last assembly elections. The most significant shift came in 2019, when Article 370 — the constitutional provision that granted special autonomy to Jammu and Kashmir — was abrogated. The erstwhile state was then bifurcated into two Union Territories: Jammu & Kashmir and Ladakh.

As the polls unfold, political parties are vying for influence in a region that remains a focal point of both national and international attention. The ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has promised to restore Jammu and Kashmir's statehood, while regional players like the National Conference (NC) and the People's Democratic Party (PDP) are calling for the restoration of Article 370. The Congress, meanwhile, remains vague on the matter, not committing fully to either stance.

Lok Sabha Elections Set the Stage

The assembly elections follow on the heels of the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, where the BJP claimed two seats in Jammu, strengthening its foothold in the region. In contrast, the National Conference dominated the Kashmir valley, securing two out of three seats, while an independent candidate clinched the remaining one. The PDP, once a formidable force, failed to secure any wins.

In a surprising turn of events, two prominent regional leaders—Omar Abdullah of the NC and Mehbooba Mufti of the PDP—both suffered defeats. Abdullah lost to an independent candidate, Engineer Rashid, who was in jail at the time of the election, while Mufti was ousted by NC's Mian Altaf Ahmed Larvi. Both faced significant margins, falling behind by over 200,000 votes.

Had the Lok Sabha results been translated into assembly seats, the NC would have led in 36 out of 90 assembly segments, with its ally, the Congress, leading in seven, bringing the alliance close to a majority. Meanwhile, the BJP led in 29 segments, while the PDP only held a lead in five. Independents and smaller parties filled the remaining 13 segments. This represents a marked improvement for the NC and the BJP compared to 2014, while the Congress and PDP have seen their influence wane considerably.

Why This Election Matters

Three key factors make the 2024 Jammu & Kashmir assembly election particularly significant. First and foremost is the turnout, widely regarded as a measure of the people's engagement with the democratic process post-Article 370. The first two phases of voting saw a respectable 61% and 57% turnout, respectively. While this

is slightly lower than the 65% turnout seen in 2014—despite a boycott call at the time—it still signifies a strong voter response, particularly as both phases were largely free from violence and disruptions.

The second reason this election is so pivotal lies in the emerging generation of voters. With a decade having passed since the last assembly election, a new cohort of voters, aged 18-28, will be casting their ballots for the first time. For these young voters, pressing issues such as development, employment, inflation, and peace are key factors driving their decisions at the polls. This election represents their first opportunity to voice their priorities and influence the future of the region.

Lastly, this election will be a test of whether traditional political forces like the NC, PDP, Congress, and BJP maintain their grip on power or if new players will emerge to reshape the political landscape. In recent years, several new local parties and independent candidates have entered the fray, adding an unpredictable element to the election outcome. Whether these new players can make inroads or if the established parties will hold on to their influence remains a key question. This dynamic could signal a shift in the balance of power and provide insight into the evolving political scene in Jammu & Kashmir.

Old Guard Faces New Challenges

The political dynamics of Jammu and Kashmir have always been marked by the stark contrast between the Jammu region and the Kashmir valley. The BJP has long held sway in the Hindu-majority Jammu region, while the NC and PDP have historically dominated the Muslim-majority Kashmir valley. As these elections unfold, the results will offer a clearer picture of whether these traditional political allegiances hold firm or if newer forces are beginning to erode the old order.

The BJP's promise of restoring Jammu & Kashmir's statehood remains a central plank of its campaign, but its electoral dominance in the Jammu region will be closely scrutinized. In contrast, the NC and PDP are doubling down on their demand for the reinstatement of Article 370 and statehood, focusing on rallying support from the valley. Meanwhile, the Congress faces the challenge of regaining lost ground while maintaining a delicate balancing act between national policy and local sensitivities.

As the dust settles on the 2024 Jammu & Kashmir elections, the results will not only provide a snapshot of the current political climate but also serve as a referendum on the major political shifts that have taken place in the last decade. With new voters, new parties, and a region that has experienced significant change, this election promises to be a critical moment in Jammu & Kashmir's history.

Counting is scheduled for October 8, when the political winds of the region will become clear.

Moon's Temperature Dropped During COVID-19 Lockdown Due to Reduced Human Activity

A groundbreaking study conducted by Indian researchers has revealed an unexpected consequence of the COVID-19 lockdowns in 2020: a significant reduction in lunar surface temperatures. The research, published in the *Monthly Notices of the Royal Astronomical Society: Letters*, found that the Moon's nighttime temperatures decreased by 8-10 Kelvin, pointing to a surprising link between human activities on Earth and the Moon's climate.

Unveiling the Earth-Moon Connection

The study, spearheaded by K. Durga Prasad and G. Ambily from India's Physical Research Laboratory (PRL), analyzed data from NASA's Lunar Reconnaissance Orbiter (LRO). The researchers focused on lunar surface temperature data collected from six different locations on the Moon between 2017 and 2023. The temperature dip observed in 2020 was unprecedented and coincided with the global COVID-19 lockdowns, during which human activities and industrial emissions were significantly reduced.

As the world shut down to curb the spread of the virus, a dramatic decrease in greenhouse gas emissions, aerosols, and other pollutants was recorded across the globe. This reduction altered the radiation balance between Earth and space, influencing the amount of energy emitted from Earth into the atmosphere and beyond. The study suggests that this shift may have led to a cooling effect on the Moon's surface, highlighting an intricate and previously unnoticed connection between Earth's atmosphere and its closest celestial neighbor.

Significant Findings and Implications

Anil Bharadwaj, director of PRL, emphasized the importance of the study in further understanding the dynamic relationship between Earth and the Moon. According to Bharadwaj, the temperature drop in 2020 provides a unique opportunity to study how changes in human activity on Earth can extend beyond the planet and influence the lunar environment. This research opens up new avenues for exploring the broader cosmic effects of global human actions.

What makes this discovery even more remarkable is that lunar temperatures returned to their pre-lockdown levels as human activities resumed in 2021 and beyond. This fluctuation suggests that human activity on Earth may have a measurable impact on the lunar environment, offering a fresh perspective on the interconnectedness of our planet and the Moon.

Methodology and Data Analysis

The research team utilized thermal data from the LRO to track temperature changes across

six different lunar sites. The team observed a significant drop in nighttime temperatures during 2020, which corresponded with the sharp decrease in Earth's industrial activities, transportation, and energy consumption. The study demonstrates a correlation between reduced emissions and the Moon's thermal behavior, although the exact mechanisms behind this connection are still under investigation.

The research raises important questions about how Earth's atmospheric changes, influenced by human behavior, might extend their reach to other celestial bodies. It also underscores the necessity for further exploration of how human activities may influence the broader cosmos.

A New Horizon for Lunar Exploration

This study, while offering compelling evidence of the Earth-Moon link, also highlights the need for continued research to fully understand this dynamic. While the findings are based on robust data, more extensive observations and data from future lunar missions will be crucial in determining the precise relationship between Earth's environmental changes and their effects on the Moon.

Future lunar observatories and spacecraft may play a key role in deepening our understanding of how human-induced changes on Earth could affect the solar system. This research serves as a reminder that the consequences of our actions on Earth might not be confined to our planet alone, but could ripple outward into space, impacting other celestial bodies in ways we are only beginning to comprehend.

Broader Implications

The study not only sheds light on the Earth-Moon relationship but also offers a fresh perspective on the global impact of human activities. It highlights the far-reaching effects of reduced pollution and emissions, suggesting that Earth's atmospheric changes could have unanticipated consequences on other celestial bodies in the solar system.

As researchers continue to examine this newly discovered connection, the findings may also contribute to broader discussions about the importance of reducing greenhouse gas emissions and pollution for the sake of preserving both Earth's environment and potentially influencing the space around us.

In conclusion, the study underscores the interconnectedness of Earth and the Moon, revealing that even minor changes on our planet can have significant effects beyond its boundaries. The COVID-19 lockdowns provided a rare glimpse into the potential cosmic consequences of global human activity, offering valuable insights for future lunar research and exploration.



Spotify Resumes Service After Three-Hour Outage Affecting Thousands



Spotify faced a significant outage on Sunday, lasting approximately three hours and impacting over 40,000 users in the United States at its peak, according to Downtetector.com. By 3 p.m. ET, fewer than 600 users were still experiencing issues.

In a post on social media platform X, Spotify reassured users, stating, "Everything's looking much better now!" However, the company has not yet provided an explanation for the outage.

During the downtime, users reported various streaming difficulties. Many were unable to access their playlists, with some stating they could only play songs they had recently listened to. Others experienced random interruptions in playback, leading to frustration and confusion among listeners.

Downtetector tracks outages through various sources, including user reports, and the spike in reports during the outage indicated widespread disruption. While Spotify's service has since been restored,

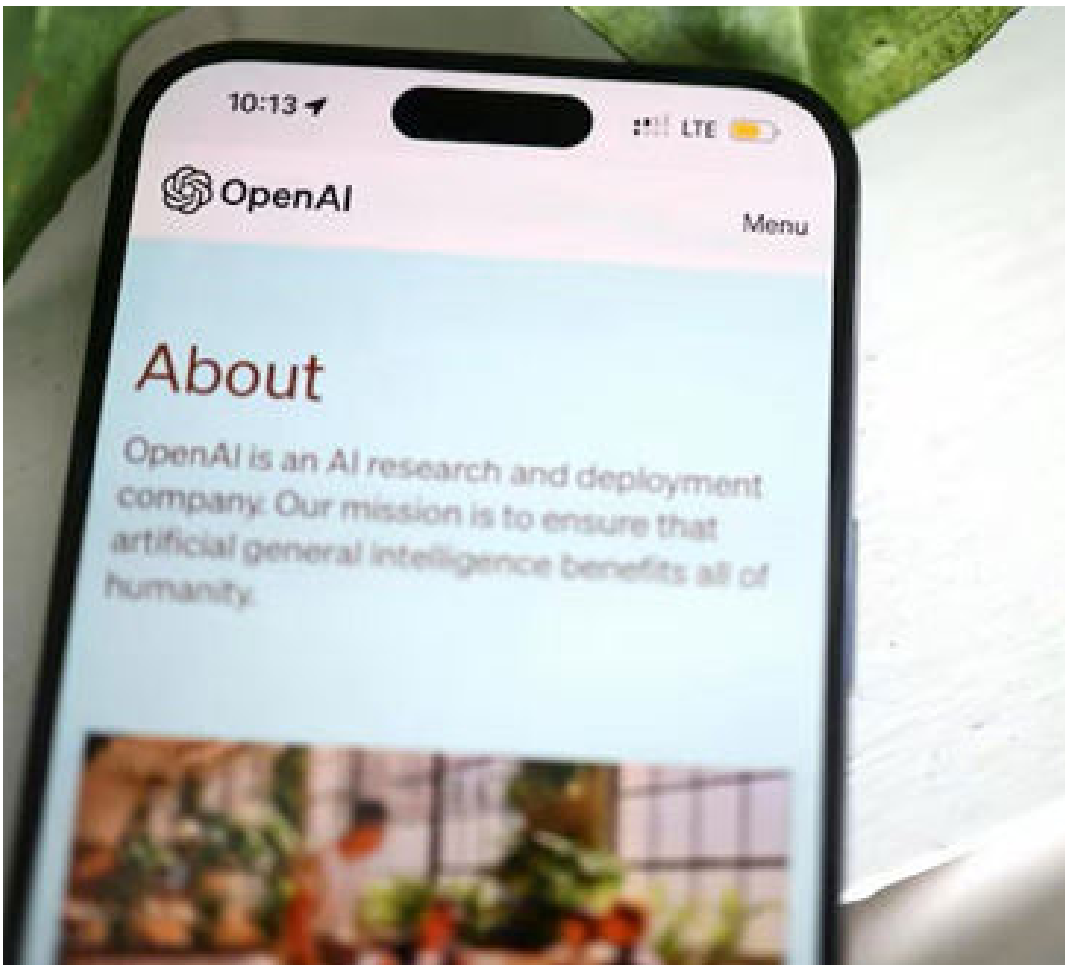
the incident highlights the challenges streaming platforms face in maintaining consistent availability.

This outage follows a trend seen in recent months, where streaming services have occasionally faced technical difficulties, affecting user experience. As Spotify continues to grow its user base and expand its services, ensuring reliable performance remains a top priority for the company.

Spotify's ability to quickly resolve the issue likely helped mitigate further user dissatisfaction, but the lack of immediate communication regarding the cause of the outage left many users seeking answers. In a digital age where streaming services are integral to daily life, maintaining smooth and uninterrupted service is crucial for user retention and satisfaction.

As of now, users are back to enjoying their music, but they remain hopeful that such outages will be addressed proactively in the future.

OpenAI to Increase ChatGPT Subscription Prices for Users



OpenAI is reportedly set to raise the subscription fee for ChatGPT Plus users by \$2 per month, bringing the total to \$22 by the end of 2024. According to a report from The New York Times, this price hike is part of a larger strategy that could see the monthly cost escalate to \$44 by 2029. This planned increase aligns with OpenAI's ambitious revenue goals, aiming to generate \$100 billion by that year, predominantly through subscription services.

Currently, ChatGPT Plus subscriptions cost \$20 per month in the U.S. and approximately ₹1,950 in India. The potential rise in fees reflects OpenAI's need to cover operational expenses, which are reportedly significant. The company is projected to lose about \$5 billion this year due to high costs associated with AI services, employee salaries, and office rent.

OpenAI has around 10 million ChatGPT

Plus subscribers, and the revenue from this user base is critical to achieving its financial targets. The company aims to mirror the annual revenue of major corporations like Reliance Industries and Nestlé if it meets its projections.

In the meantime, OpenAI is closing a funding round and has already secured about \$13 billion annually through its partnership with Microsoft for cloud computing services. However, much of that income is funneled back into the costs of running its AI-powered services.

The recent discussions around pricing come amid a backdrop of regulatory scrutiny, as exemplified by California Governor Gavin Newsom's veto of a contentious AI safety bill. OpenAI's financial strategies and potential price increases could significantly influence the landscape of AI service subscriptions in the coming years.

80-Year-Old Model Makes History as Miss Universe Korea Finalist

Choi Soon-hwa, an 80-year-old South Korean model, has made history by becoming the oldest participant in the Miss Universe Korea pageant. Standing proudly among contestants young enough to be her grandchildren, Choi is determined to challenge perceptions about aging and showcase that age is just a number.

"I want to stun the world, like, 'How is an 80-year-old lady so healthy? How did she maintain that body? What's your diet?'" she shared with CNN ahead of the grand finale on September 30. Choi aims to demonstrate that healthy living is possible at any age, countering the common belief that aging leads to inevitable weight gain.

Born nearly a decade before the first Miss Universe contest in 1952, Choi Soon-hwa now has the chance to represent South Korea on the international stage. If she succeeds against 31 other finalists, she could become the oldest contestant ever at the Miss Universe pageant, set to take place in Mexico City this November.



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This year marks a significant shift for the Miss Universe Organization, which has lifted age restrictions on contestants. Previously, only women aged 18 to 24 were eligible to compete. In a move to modernize the pageant, the organization also removed bans on pregnant, married, and divorced women.

"Now that the age restriction has been lifted, I said, 'I should give it a try,'" Choi explained. She began her modeling career at the age of 72 to help pay off debts, showing that it's never too late to pursue one's dreams. Choi's participation is not just about winning; it's about inspiring others to embrace healthy aging and break stereotypes surrounding beauty and age.

Beat Hangovers with Zebra Striping: The Smart Drinking Trend

Feeling rough after a night of partying? Say goodbye to hangovers with the hottest new trend: zebra striping! This clever drinking method involves alternating between your favorite alcoholic beverages and non-alcoholic ones, like water. It's a hydration hack that lets you sip responsibly while still enjoying the vibes.

Clinical dietician Simrat Kaur Bhui explains that this method helps reduce excessive alcohol consumption and its negative effects on the body. "Alternate drinking doesn't stress the liver and improves hydration," she notes, adding that the dehydration caused by alcohol can impair decision-making and lead to dizziness and headaches.

Dietician Mariyam Bano from Shalby Hospital in Indore emphasizes that switching between alcoholic and non-alcoholic drinks aids hydration, slows alcohol absorption, and can help prevent typical hangover symptoms. She advocates for a mindful drinking



approach, allowing you to enjoy social events without overindulging.

Plan Ahead Before heading out, decide how many drinks you'll have and commit to alternating between alcoholic and non-alcoholic options.

Choose Fun Alternatives Opt for enjoyable non-alcoholic drinks, such as mocktails or flavored water, to

avoid the pressure of continuous alcohol consumption.

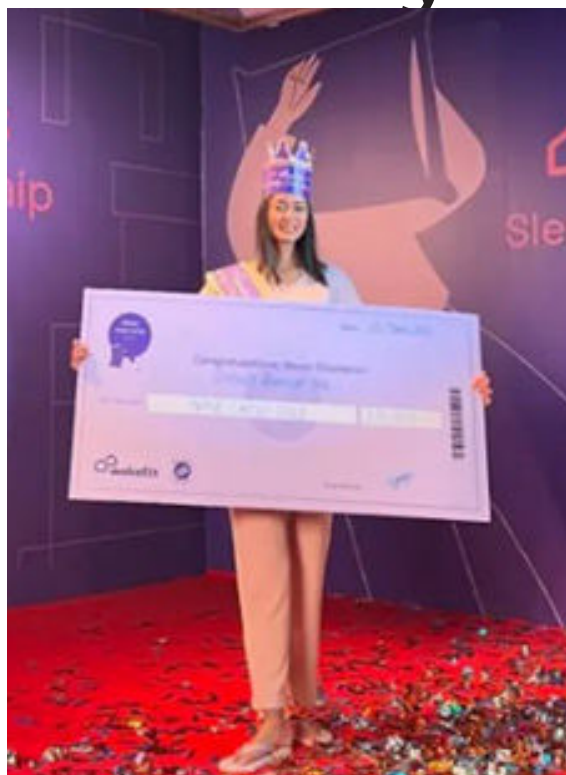
Pace Yourself Take your time, pay attention to how you're feeling, and don't rush through your drinks. By adopting the zebra striping technique, you can enjoy your nights out while minimizing the risk of hangovers and feeling your best the next day. Cheers to responsible sipping!

Bengaluru Woman Wins ₹ 9 Lakh Just By Sleeping

Saishwari Patil, a Bengaluru-based investment banker, turned her passion for sleep into a lucrative opportunity, winning ₹9 lakh as the 'Sleep Champion' in Wakefit's sleep internship program. This unique initiative encourages individuals to prioritize their sleep, emphasizing the importance of getting eight to nine hours of rest each night.

Patil was one of 12 selected 'sleep interns' in the program, which provides participants with premium mattresses and contactless sleep trackers to monitor their sleep quality. The interns also attended workshops led by sleep experts, designed to enhance their sleeping habits and improve their chances of claiming the coveted title.

Wakefit's initiative has attracted over 1 million applicants across three seasons, engaging 51 interns and distributing a total of ₹63 lakh in stipends. The 2024 edition of Wakefit's Great Indian Sleep Scorecard revealed that nearly 50% of Indians wake up feeling tired, with contributing factors including long



work hours, poor sleep environments, and stress.

Patil emphasized the need for discipline in sleep management. "To maintain a good score, you have to be consistent with your sleep and wake-up times," she explained, highlighting the challenge of cutting down on late-night distractions like binge-watching and so-

cial media. She admitted that the pressure of the competition sometimes added stress, affecting her ability to sleep well.

Reflecting on her journey, Patil noted how the pandemic disrupted her sleep routine, with her demanding job as an auditor contributing to irregular sleep patterns. "This internship taught me how to become a disciplined sleeper," she stated.

Patil humorously recalled her reason for applying: "I think I'm a good sleeper. I can sleep anywhere—even on a bike ride!" She initially applied with a friend for fun, intrigued by the program's unusual concept.

Throughout the internship, she gained valuable insights into sleep science, learning about the importance of different sleep cycles for overall well-being. "This experience has sparked my interest in advocating for better sleep," she concluded, eager to continue her journey into the fascinating world of sleep.



Bumrah takes three wickets as India bowls out Bangladesh for 233

The Day 4 of the second Test between India and Bangladesh saw Indian bowlers reassert control after two rain-affected days at the Green Park Stadium in Kanpur as the host dismissed Bangladesh's first innings for 233 in 73.2 overs in the second session.

Bumrah struck early after the lunch session when he removed Mehidy Hasan Miraz (20) after a brief cameo. Hasan played some aggressive shots, including a boundary off Siraj, but soon fell to Bumrah, who induced an edge that was comfortably taken in the slip cordon by Shubman Gill. Bumrah's dominance continued as he clean-bowled Taijul Islam (5) with a superb delivery that jagged back into the batter, crashing into the stumps.

Earlier, Bumrah, who went wicketless on Day 1, was back in action with a fiery spell on Monday. He soon found success in the first session when he bowled Mushfiqur Rahim (16), who had survived some early scares, leaving Bangladesh at 112/4, with a peach of a delivery that clipped the top of the off stump.

Despite a defiant unbeaten century from Mominul Haque, the Bangladeshi batters were unable to mount a significant challenge as the hosts wrapped up the innings swiftly.

Resuming the second session on 205/6, Bangladesh relied heavily on Haque, who played a determined knock of 107 off 194 balls. His resilient innings was the only notable resistance, as skipper Najmul Hossain

Shanto's 31 from Day 1 remained the second-highest scorer in the innings. Jasprit Bumrah was the standout performer for India, finishing with the figures of 3/50.

Mohammed Siraj then picked up two wickets, including Hasan Mahmud, who was trapped LBW on a sharp in-swing. Bangladesh's review didn't change the outcome, leaving the visitors with just one wicket remaining.

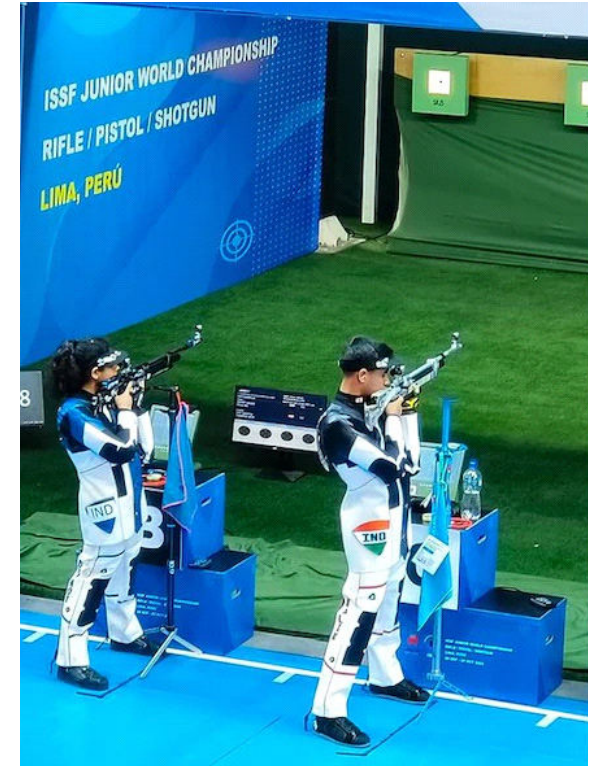
Ravindra Jadeja claimed his 300th Test wicket when he bowled Khaled Ahmed, sealing India's dominance. The left-arm spinner joined an elite club of Indian bowlers, becoming the seventh and second fastest to reach the milestone, and doing so in just 17,428 balls – the second fastest after

R Ashwin.

India's disciplined bowling, backed by sharp fielding, left Bangladesh with no room to accelerate. Mominul Haque, despite his excellent century, was starved of strikes in the final stages of the innings, as India's bowlers tightened their lines and lengths. His valiant effort allowed them to reach 233.

After the rain washed out two days, play finally resumed on Day 4 at 9:30 am with Bangladesh at 107/3. Akash Deep and Bumrah started with tight maiden overs, continuing India's grip over the proceedings. Brief scores: Bangladesh 233 all out in 74.2 overs (Mominul Haque 107 not out, Najmul Hossain Shanto 31; Jasprit Bumrah 3-50, Akash Deep 2-43) against India.

Indian Shooters Claim Two Bronze Medals at Junior World Championships



Indian rifle and pistol shooters made a strong impact at the ISSF Junior World Championship in Lima, Peru, securing two bronze medals in the 10m mixed team events. This achievement on day two of the competition raised India's overall medal tally to five, comprising two gold and three bronze medals.

The rifle event featured the talented duo of Gautami Bhanot and Ajay Malik, who showcased impressive skills throughout the competition. They shot a combined score of 628.9 after 30 shots each, placing them third among a competitive field of 34 pairs. Their performance secured a spot in the bronze medal match against the Croatian team of Anamarija Turk and Darko Tomasevic, which they won decisively with a score of 17-9.

The success of Bhanot and Malik reflects the growing strength of Indian shooters on the international stage. Their ability to perform under pressure in the mixed team event highlights their potential for future competitions.

In addition to the rifle team, Indian pistol shooters also made their mark by clinching a bronze medal in their respective mixed team event. This ongoing success is a testament to the rigorous training and preparation undertaken by these young athletes, contributing to India's rising profile in the shooting sports arena.

Napoli Jump To Top Of Serie A With Win Over Monza

Napoli secured a decisive 2-0 victory against lowly Monza at home on Sunday, propelling them to the top of the Serie A table. Goals from Matteo Politano and Khvicha Kvaratskhelia sealed the win, marking a significant turnaround for the team this season.

After a lackluster finish last year, where they ended up in a disappointing 10th place despite starting as champions, Napoli has shown remarkable improvement under the guidance of coach Antonio Conte. With four wins in their last six matches, the team is looking to reclaim its status among Italy's elite.

Politano opened the scoring in the 22nd minute, showcasing his skill as he drove in from the right flank and expertly slotted the ball past the Monza goalkeeper from a tight angle. His goal set the tone for the match, as Napoli dominated possession and created numerous scoring opportunities.

Khvicha Kvaratskhelia added to the scoreline later in the game, further solidifying Napoli's control over the match. The Georgian winger's performance has been a highlight of the season, demonstrating his play-making abilities and goal-scoring prowess.

Monza struggled to mount a serious challenge throughout the match, failing to convert their limited chances into meaningful threats. The loss leaves them in a precarious position at the bottom of the table,



raising concerns about their survival in the top flight.

With this victory, Napoli not only climbs to the top of the Serie A standings but also builds momentum as they continue their quest for a strong season. The team's resurgence has reignited the hopes of their fans, who are eager to see them compete for the title once again.

As the season progresses, Napoli's blend of experienced players and emerging talent will be crucial in maintaining their form and challenging for honors. With their current trajectory, the team looks poised for a successful campaign ahead.

Antoine Griezmann Announces Retirement from International Football

Antoine Griezmann, a key player in France's 2018 World Cup victory, has announced his retirement from international football, concluding a remarkable 10-year career with the national team. The 33-year-old forward shared the news on X, expressing his gratitude and nostalgia: "It is with a heart full of memories that I am closing this chapter of my life."

Griezmann made his debut for France in March 2014 and accumulated an impressive 137 caps, ranking third in the team's history, surpassed only by goalkeeper Hugo Lloris and 1998 World Cup hero Lilian Thuram. Throughout his

tenure, he became known for his significant contributions on the pitch, scoring 44 goals and establishing himself as one of France's all-time leading scorers, behind only Olivier Giroud, Thierry Henry, and current captain Kylian Mbappé.

His decision to retire marks the end of an era for French football, as Griezmann leaves behind a legacy defined by key performances in major tournaments and a steadfast commitment to his country. As he transitions away from international play, fans and teammates alike will remember his skill, dedication, and the memorable moments he created on the field.



Marseille Stumble as Lyon Snatch Last-Minute Victory

Marseille missed a golden opportunity to level points with Ligue 1 leaders Paris Saint-Germain on Sunday, suffering a disappointing defeat at Strasbourg. Meanwhile, Lyon secured a thrilling 2-1 win at Toulouse with a dramatic goal in the 95th minute, further complicating Marseille's title ambitions.

Under the guidance of new Italian coach Roberto De Zerbi, Marseille had shown signs of resurgence this season, but their momentum was halted by a well-timed strike from Diego Moreira just before halftime. This goal marked Strasbourg's first victory over Marseille in 17 attempts, adding to the disappointment for the visitors who were



eager to keep pace with the leaders PSG and Monaco, both sitting at 16 points.

Despite controlling much of the play, Marseille struggled to convert their

chances into goals. Their failure to capitalize on opportunities allowed Strasbourg to maintain their defensive shape and strike when it mattered most. The loss was a wake-up call for Marseille, highlighting the need for consistency as they navigate the competitive landscape of Ligue 1.

In contrast, Lyon's late heroics at Toulouse underscored their determination to challenge for the title this season. After falling behind early, Lyon rallied to secure all three points with a late winner that sent their fans into a frenzy. This result not only boosted Lyon's confidence but also put them in a strong position in the standings.



Thandel Shivaratri Song To Offer Goosebumps

Naga Chaitanya's upcoming film, **Thandel**, is shaping up to be a monumental project, showcasing his dedication through a remarkable transformation for the role of a fisherman from Srikakulam. The actor is meticulously adjusting his body language and dialect to authentically portray this character, which speaks volumes about his commitment to the project.

Directed by Chandoo Mondeti, **Thandel** draws inspiration from real events, aiming to capture the essence of Srikakulam's rich cultural heritage. The production team is leaving no stone unturned, with resources dedicated to ensuring an authentic and impactful narrative. A key highlight is the

incorporation of the ancient Sri Mukhalingam Shiva temple, which serves as a pivotal backdrop for the film's depiction of the Maha Shivaratri festival.

The festival scenes are being crafted to reflect the traditional rituals and grandeur of the celebrations, promising a visually stunning experience. Recently, the team completed filming a massive Shivaratri song featuring thousands of dancers, capturing the festival's vibrant spirit on a grand scale. This devotional number, composed by the renowned Devi Sri Prasad, is not only the film's most expensive song, with a budget of ₹4 crore, but it also holds special significance for Chaitanya.

Choreographed by Sekhar Master, the song is expected to provide audiences with an exhilarating and fresh experience, blending spiritual themes with visual opulence. Stills from the shoot showcase Naga Chaitanya and Sai Pallavi striking the Shiva Thandavam pose, surrounded by dancers and a depiction of Lord Shiva, all while clad in traditional attire.

Produced by Bunny Vas under the Geetha Arts banner and presented by Allu Aravind, **Thandel** is nearing the completion of its shoot, and anticipation is building for this extraordinary cinematic tribute to Srikakulam's heritage.

Satya Dev, Dhananjaya's Zebra Teaser



Hero Satya Dev is set to take the spotlight alongside Daali Dhananjaya in the highly anticipated crime and action thriller **Zebra**, directed by Eashvar Karthic. The film's release date was recently unveiled through a captivating motion poster, with Natural Star Nani introducing the teaser, which has already generated buzz among fans.

One of the standout features of the teaser is its innovative approach to introducing the lead characters, providing a glimpse into the intriguing world of **Zebra**. Satya Dev portrays a seemingly sly white-collar worker whose life takes unexpected turns. His love interest is played by Priya Bhavani Shankar, adding an emotional layer to the narrative. Dhananjaya takes on the role of the menacing antagonist, while veteran actors Sunil and Sathyaraj infuse humor into their characters as cunning villains, creating a dynamic balance of tension and wit.

The teaser is visually engaging, showcasing elements like a chess game, various vehicles, and even a ship and airplane, all of which contribute to the film's suspenseful atmosphere. A humorous exchange of a Wi-Fi password between Sathyaraj, Satya Dev, and Satya serves as a memorable highlight, adding a light-hearted touch amidst the action.

Produced by Padmaja Films Private Ltd and Old Town Pictures, **Zebra** features cinematography by Satya Ponmar, ensuring a visually striking experience. The music, composed by Ravi Basrur, adds depth and intensity to the film's tone, further enhancing its appeal.

With its fresh narrative style and gripping storyline, **Zebra** is poised to leave a lasting impression on audiences. The film is set for release on October 31st, just in time for Diwali, promising an exciting cinematic experience for the festive season. Fans eagerly await this thrilling venture, anticipating the action and drama it will bring.



Kangana Ranaut Agrees To Censor Board's Cuts On 'Emergency'

Amid the ongoing controversy surrounding the release of **Emergency**, the film about former Indian Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, lead actress and co-producer Kangana Ranaut has agreed to make cuts suggested by the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC). This information was relayed to the Bombay High Court on September 30.

According to legal news platform Bar and Bench, the CBFC informed the court that Ranaut accepted the proposed edits following a hearing in the case of Zee Entertainment Enterprises Limited vs. Central Board of Film Certification. Senior Advocate Sharan Jagtiani, representing Zee, communicated the actress's agreement to the court, indicating a willingness to address the concerns raised.

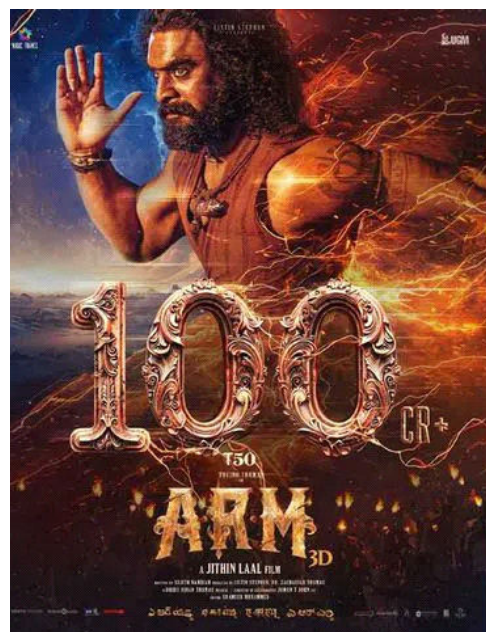
The Bombay High Court, presided over by Justices BP Colabawalla and Firdosh Pooniwalla, has adjourned the case until October 3 to allow both parties to finalize instructions. Following Ranaut's agreement, the filmmakers are expected to submit a format detailing how the suggested changes will be implemented.

The controversy began when the CBFC initially proposed nearly 13 cuts to the film, which included removing certain violent scenes and altering a reference to Jarnail Singh Bhindranwale, labeled as 'saint' in a dialogue. The film faced backlash from various Sikh organizations, including the Shiromani Akali Dal, which accused it of misrepresenting the community and distorting historical facts.

Tovino Thomas' fantasy action movie 'ARM' grosses Rs 100 crore worldwide

Tovino Thomas, who captured hearts with his performance in **Minnal Murali**, has solidified his star status with his latest release, **Ajayante Randam Moshanam (ARM)**. This Fantasy-Action-Adventure-Romantic-Sci-Fi film, directed by Jithin Lal and written by Sujith Nambiar, hit theaters on September 12 and has been a massive hit across all languages.

The film has not only emerged as the Onam winner but has also rejuvenated the Mollywood box office, proving the strength of compelling content. As it nears the ₹100 crore mark, **ARM** underscores Tovino Thomas's appeal and versatility, with him portraying three distinct characters: Kunjikkelu, Maniyan, and Ajayan. Featuring a talented ensemble cast including Krithi Shetty, Surabhi Lakshmi, Aishwarya Rajesh, and more, **ARM** delivers a thrilling cinematic experience enhanced by the evocative music of Dhibu Ninan Thomas.



Rooted in Kerala's rich fantasy and folklore, the film has garnered positive word of mouth, ensuring its continued success at the box office.

Sree Vishnu's Swag Trailer: Offers A Whole New Experience

Sree Vishnu and director Hasith Goli are back with their intriguing film **Swag**, set for theatrical release on October 4th. The makers have recently unveiled a trailer that offers a deeper insight into the film's compelling narrative.

Swag explores the evolution of gender dynamics across centuries. The story begins in 1551, where a Swaganika king is determined to uphold male dominance. This ambition faces challenges in the 1970s through Yayathi, a descendant struggling to bear a son despite repeated efforts. In the present day, SI Bhavabhuthi emerges as a determined character who discovers that Singa, another descendant of the Swaganika lineage, could be crucial to the future of the dynasty.

Hasith Goli deserves commendation for crafting such a complex



storyline while ensuring it remains accessible to audiences. The writing and characterization showcase a special skill, bringing depth to each role. Sree Vishnu shines in multiple

roles, portraying the King, Yayathi, Bhavabhuthi, and Singa, with Bhavabhuthi proving to be the most challenging character, reflecting his versatility and range.

Ritu Varma seizes the opportunity to demonstrate her acting prowess in a varied role, while Meera Jasmine and Daksha Nagarkar deliver impactful performances in significant parts. The film's visual aesthetic is elevated by cinematographer Vedaraman Sankaran, with music by Vivek Sagar perfectly complementing the storytelling.

Produced by TG Vishwa Prasad under the People Media Factory banner, **Swag** boasts high production values, enhancing the film's overall appeal and scale. Overall, the trailer sets high expectations for **Swag**, promising a unique cinematic experience that thoughtfully addresses shifting gender dynamics across time. Audiences are eagerly anticipating the film's release, looking forward to how these themes unfold on screen.