



## CM Chandrababu Naidu Launches Amaravati Capital Construction 2.0



**TPN, Amaravati:** Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has announced the resumption of construction for the Amaravati capital, branding it as "Construction 2.0." During a ceremonial event in Rayapudi, the CM performed rituals to kick off the project, which aims to complete the remaining 20% of the Amaravati Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) office building, originally budgeted at ₹160 crores.

Reflecting on his previous initiatives in Hyderabad, Chandrababu emphasized his vision for Amaravati, stating, "When I came from Hyderabad, I started an innovative idea with the 8-lane ring road connected to the metro. Despite initial criticism over allocating 5,000 acres for the Hyderabad airport, that land has since been developed, contributing significantly to the city's growth."

He commended the farmers who contributed their land for the capital, particularly praising Minister Narayana for his effective land acquisition strategy. "The women farmers have shown heroic resilience in this movement, facing tremendous challenges for the sake of our community," he noted, adding that around 4,300 acres had been acquired for the project.

Chandrababu also addressed the need for infrastructural improvements, stating, "Amaravati is positioned as the heart of the state, with essential facilities planned for 12 parliamentary constituencies." He underscored his commitment to completing key projects, including the Assembly and Secretariat, within the next three years, pro-



moting a green and sustainable urban environment.

Highlighting economic initiatives, he noted, "The capital will operate on a self-financing model without requiring funds from Hyderabad." He also expressed aspirations for Amaravati to become a significant urban center, with expectations of a population reaching one crore in the future.

Additionally, CM Chandrababu shared his vision for the state, emphasizing the importance of population growth and government support for families with more than two children. He urged MLAs to be accountable, stating, "If you do something wrong, let me know, but if you ignore me, I will have to take action."

Overall, CM Chandrababu Naidu's announcement sets the stage for renewed efforts in developing Amaravati, showcasing a blend of innovation, community engagement, and infrastructural advancement.

## Mudragada Daughter Kranti Joined the Janasena

DCM Pawan Kalyan Cordially Invited



**TPN, Mangalagiri:** AP Deputy Chief Minister Konidela Pawan Kalyan emphasized the need for integrity in governance, stating that the term "bribery" should not even be uttered in the context of his administration. He asserted that transfers within the Panchayat Raj system have been executed for the first time without any bribes or recommendations, ensuring complete transparency from the state to the district levels.

During a recent gathering where new members joined the Janasena party, Pawan Kalyan reiterated his commitment to a corruption-free administration. "We are clarifying the rules as they stand, particularly regarding the recommendations made by ministers and MLAs. Some transfers that contravene these rules have been halted," he explained.

At the event, notable figures such as Kranti Bharti, daughter of former minister and activist Mudragada Padmanabham, joined the Janasena party, marking a significant political shift. Pawan Kalyan welcomed the newcomers, adorning them with Janasena scarves, and expressed gratitude to all who placed their faith in the party's vision for a better state.

Kranti Bharti announced her decision to join the Janasena, stating that she had initially intended to do so during the elections to maintain family unity. She made her move after 100 days, alongside her husband, strengthening the party's local representation. Additionally, representatives from Guntur, Jaggayapet, and Pedana local bodies also joined Janasena, demonstrating growing support for Pawan Kalyan's political agenda.

Pawan Kalyan also highlighted ongoing initiatives aimed at village development, including the Gram Sabha Week Festivals, which are intended to engage communities and address their basic needs. He assured constituents that the government is actively addressing issues like freshwater shortages, a problem neglected by previous administrations. "We are taking immediate action to ensure that people receive their minimum necessities," he stated.

As the Janasena party continues to expand, Pawan Kalyan's focus on transparency and accountability stands at the forefront of his leadership.

## I DONT CARE, PAYMENT IS MANDATORY

**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:**

TDP MLA Bonda Umamaheswara Rao Allegedly Demands Monthly Payments from Liquor Shops In a controversial move, TDP MLA Bonda Umamaheswara Rao has allegedly begun demanding monthly payments from liquor shop owners in the Central constituency. This demand has stirred significant concern among local business owners, who are already facing tough competition and syndicate pressures that are impacting their profit margins.

Despite a warning from Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Bonda appears unfazed by the potential backlash, leading to growing anxiety among liquor shop proprietors. Many of these business owners have expressed their frustration, stating that if they are required to pay a monthly fee to Bonda, the viability of their operations could be severely compromised. "There's no use in running a liquor business if we have to pay additional fees on top of what we already owe," one shop owner lamented.

While Bonda's demands have raised eyebrows, other local MLAs such as Sujana Chowdary from the West constituency and Gadde Ramohan from the East constituency have reportedly not exerted similar pressures on li-



quor shop owners. As a result, some liquor business operators are contemplating negotiating with shop owners in these constituencies to exchange licenses, although the likelihood of such arrangements materializing seems slim.

Concerns have also been raised about Bonda's alleged ties to individuals previously aligned with the YCP in other business ventures, further complicating the local political landscape. Supporters of Bonda have expressed worry over his apparent disregard for ethical boundaries, suggesting that his decisions are motivated solely by commercial interests rather than the welfare of his constituents.

This situation has sparked discussions within the TDP about the implications of Bonda's actions and the potential fallout for the party. As allegations of misusing his position for personal gain surface, the party may need to address these issues to maintain its credibility and support among the electorate.

With the situation still developing, the coming days could see further scrutiny of Bonda's actions and their impact on the local business community.

## YCP MLC Botsa Urges NDA Govt to Implement Promises Immediately

**TPN, Visakhapatnam:** YCP MLC Botsa Satyanarayana has called on the NDA government to fulfill its promises without delay, expressing concern over the lack of progress on key issues. He pointed out that the YCP had refrained from criticizing the new government initially, allowing time for the coalition to deliver on its guarantees. However, he now insists that the promises must be implemented immediately.



He also raised concerns over the liquor policy, pointing out that the coalition had promised lower prices compared to previous governments and other states. However, alcohol prices and essential goods have risen, contradicting the coalition's commitments. Botsa Satyanarayana urged the government to address the farmers' issues, questioning whether the agriculture sector is being properly monitored and why the Agriculture Minister has not provided support to farmers in need.

Botsa recalled that after coalition leaders returned from Delhi, they suggested elections would be held in 2026, but it has become clear that the timeline has been shortened. He emphasized the need for swift action, particularly in providing free sand, a promise made by the coalition. He questioned the current high prices of sand, comparing them to the YCP government's rate of ₹475 per tonne, and asked when the public could expect the free sand policy to be enforced.

Additionally, he criticized the government's handling of the drug case in Visakhapatnam and called for transparency. Botsa also expressed disappointment over recent incidents involving the deaths of young girls and blamed the situation on mismanagement and conflicts in government contracts. He demanded immediate action from the government on these pressing issues, urging them to fulfill their guarantees and provide solutions to the people's problems.





# Nara Lokesh Surprise Inspections in Visakhapatnam



**TPN, Visakhapatnam:** On Saturday, Education and IT Minister Nara Lokesh conducted a surprise inspection of the Nehru Bazar Municipal Elementary Schools in Visakhapatnam. During his visit, he engaged with children at the Anganwadi, enjoying their company and encouraging them in their learning activities. He asked the teachers to ensure that eggs and nutritious food were provided to the students

and took the time to distribute chocolates, capturing memorable moments with the children through photographs.

Following his visit to the schools, Minister Lokesh made his way to the Nehru Bazar Regional Library. He expressed his disappointment upon finding the library closed at 9:45 AM, even though it was scheduled to open at 8

AM. This prompted him to take decisive action to improve library management, announcing the appointment of a special officer to supervise public libraries across the state. He stressed the importance of strengthening the public library system, particularly to support students and the unemployed in their preparation for competitive exams.

# Construction of Amaravati to Be Completed in Three Years - Minister Narayana



**TPN, Amaravati:** The construction work for Amaravati, the capital of Andhra Pradesh, has officially resumed, with Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu set to inaugurate the next phase of development. Minister Narayana addressed the media, expressing confidence that the remaining construction will be completed within three years.

Narayana emphasized that the foundation for the Amaravati Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) building was laid during the previous TDP government, and now the focus is on completing the remaining projects efficiently. He noted that the land in Amaravati was allocated exclusively to those willing to invest in its development, highlighting the government's commitment to fostering a robust infrastructure for investors.

"Investors require solid infrastructure," Narayana stated, adding that the government will ensure that all essential facilities, including roads and water supply, are provided to support business growth and community development in the region.

With the construction efforts back on track, there is renewed optimism about the future of Amaravati as a thriving capital that meets the needs of both its residents and investors.

# Rain Forecast for Andhra Pradesh, Heavy Showers Expected Today

**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** The weather forecast for Andhra Pradesh indicates heavy rainfall today, driven by ongoing surface periodicities in the region. A surface circulation is currently situated over the southwest and west-central Bay of Bengal, along the northern coast of Tamil Nadu. Additionally, a surface trough extending from the low-pressure area in the Arabian Sea is influencing weather patterns in South Karnataka and Rayalaseema, leading to rainfall across several areas in AP.

districts.

Moreover, the Amaravati Division of the India Meteorological Department (IMD) has reported that another surface circulation is active in the Andaman Sea. This could lead to the formation of a low-pressure area in the North Andaman Sea and East Central Bay of Bengal by October 21. Forecasts suggest that this system may move northwestward and potentially develop into a cyclone by October 23.

The State Disaster Management Department (APSDMA) has advised that rain will continue across Andhra Pradesh tomorrow, with light to moderate showers expected in the South Coast, Rayalaseema, and North Andhra dis-

Residents are advised to stay updated on weather conditions and take necessary precautions in light of the anticipated heavy rainfall and potential cyclone development.



# YCP Leaders Met Governor Over Flood Victims in Vijayawada



**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** In Vijayawada, On Saturday Leaders of the Yuva Jana Sramika Rythu Congress Party (YCP) have met with the Governor to bring attention to the injustices faced by flood victims in Vijayawada. The delegation included NTR District YCP President Devineni Avinash, former Minister Velampally Srinivasa Rao, Central Constituency In-Charge Malladi Vishnu, MLC Ruhulla, Mayor Rayana Bhagyalakshmi, and Deputy Mayors Sailaja Reddy and Bellandurga.

Avinash and other YCP leaders pointed out that while the government has focused on collecting donations, it has failed to help those who suffered due to the floods. Malladi Vishnu further highlighted the lack of proper enumeration, claiming that many victims were left out of the records and their needs were not addressed.

"Despite knowing that floods were imminent, the government did not alert the public. There is a doubt whether there is any governance in this state," he said.

The YCP leaders assured the Governor that their party would continue to stand by the flood victims and fight for justice. They indicated that they would persist in submitting petitions until adequate support is provided to those affected.

In conclusion, the leaders called for comprehensive enumeration and proper distribution of the funds collected, urging the government to prioritize the welfare of the flood victims over other interests. They pledged to continue their efforts until every victim receives the help they need.

During the meeting, the leaders expressed their concern that flood victims have yet to receive any compensation for their losses. They accused the government of neglect, stating that women protesting on the roads were met with police brutality. Despite reports of ₹500 crores in donations for flood relief, the victims received no assistance.

"The Governor was surprised to learn that the flood victims did not receive help," said Devineni Avinash. He criticized the government for failing to act swiftly, stating, "If you can't provide compensation even today, then why is your government in power? This is not a good government; it's an incompetent one."

# No Permit Rooms, Govt Faces Revenue Loss of ₹170 Crores

**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** The new liquor policy implemented by the Andhra Pradesh government has sparked controversy and economic repercussions, particularly due to the exclusion of permit rooms next to liquor shops. As a result of this decision, the government has reported a loss of approximately ₹170 crores in revenue.



Previously, the policy allowed for permit rooms, where customers could consume alcohol within a designated area adjacent to liquor shops. This arrangement not only generated additional income for shop owners—estimated at ₹5 lakh per shop—but also contributed to government revenue. However, under Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy's administration, the permit room policy was abolished as part of a broader initiative to curb alcohol consumption.

With the introduction of the new coalition government's liquor policy, although private liquor sales have been reinstated,

the permit rooms remain absent. Critics argue that this decision favors bar owners, as the lack of permit rooms pushes customers to drink on the streets, fostering a culture of public intoxication and associated disturbances. The absence of designated drinking areas has reportedly led to an increase in public altercations and issues with intoxicated motorists.

Historically, permit rooms provided a controlled environment for alcohol

consumption, allowing shop owners to sell water, snacks, and other refreshments, thus enhancing sales. The previous YCP government's abrupt prohibition of permit rooms has now prompted calls for their reintroduction, with bar owners warning that the current setup could jeopardize their business.

In addition to the ₹170 crore loss, another ₹17 crore in revenue is anticipated from 340 shops reserved for specific castes, which will further impact the state's finances. The Excise Department's decision to not allow permit rooms has sparked debates, with some arguing that it was motivated by the interests of bar owners and the recommendations of a ministerial subcommittee.

As the situation develops, the government faces mounting pressure to reconsider its stance on permit rooms to stabilize its revenue and address the concerns of shop owners and the public.

# AP Govt Cancels Land Permission for Visakha Sarada Peetha

**TPN, Visakhapatnam:** The Andhra Pradesh government has issued a significant order canceling the land permissions granted to Visakha Sarada Peetha during the previous YCP administration. This decision has come as a shock to the organization, which had been allocated 15 acres of land in Visakhapatnam, valued at approximately ₹220 crores, for a nominal fee of just ₹15 lakhs.



The NDA government conducted an investigation into the land allocation and based its cancellation of the permits on the findings of the investigat-

ing officers. This action raises questions about the previous government's deci-

sion-making process regarding land use and allocations.

Additionally, the government has directed the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) to take action against the ongoing construction of Sarada Peetha on Tirumala Hill, citing violations of established regulations.

This development highlights the ongoing scrutiny and reassessment of land allocations by the current government, reflecting its commitment to addressing perceived irregularities from previous administrations.



# 50 Lakhs Of People Suffered from Liver & Kidney Issues Due to Jagan Adulterated Liquor – Minister Kollu

**TPN, Amaravati:** On Saturday, Speaking to media Minister Kollu Ravindra has sharply criticized YSR Congress Party (YCP) chief and former Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy for his recent remarks on alleged corruption in liquor and sand tenders. Ravindra called Jagan's accusations "ridiculous" and accused him of damaging the state's economy for personal gain.

of the current government's liquor policy, stating, "Jagan has no right to criticize when his own regime weakened the excise department and allowed rampant illegal liquor trade under the guise of the SEB (Special Enforcement Bureau). Isn't it true that YCP looted the state through government liquor shops, causing harm to over 50 lakh people with adulterated alcohol?" he questioned.

Speaking in Amaravati, Minister Ravindra defended the transparency

Ravindra also pointed out the rising number of MRP violations in gov-

ernment liquor stores under Jagan's rule. He alleged that YCP's policies drained state revenue while filling the party's coffers. "We are working towards making affordable liquor available and have established a transparent system with a retired judge overseeing tenders," Ravindra said.

Turning to sand mining, Ravindra accused Jagan of mismanaging the sector, leading to the deaths of 70 construction workers and embez-

zling over ₹1,000 crore through benami companies. He also highlighted that the National Green Tribunal (NGT) had imposed a ₹100 crore fine on the state due to irregularities under Jagan's leadership.

The minister concluded by affirming the current government's free sand policy and the implementation of an online booking portal for easier access, dismissing Jagan's claims as "baseless" and a result of his "loss of income."



## MP CM Ramesh Claims YCP Leaders Scams Will Soon Be Exposed



**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** BJP MP CM Ramesh has made bold accusations against YSR Congress Party (YCP) leaders, alleging massive embezzlement and corruption. He revealed that complaints have been lodged with the Enforcement Directorate (ED) and the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) to expose the financial irregularities of YCP members. "Soon, all the hideouts of YCP criminals, including former Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, will be uncovered. This is just the beginning," Ramesh stated.

The MP referred to the recent ED searches at the residence of former YCP MP MVV Satyanarayana in Visakhapatnam, linking them to broader efforts to retrieve the corrupt wealth accumulated by YCP leaders. "The goal of the alliance government is to recover all the money looted by the YCP and redirect it for public welfare," Ramesh added.

### ED Searches in Madhurawada Land Case

In connection with the Madhurawada land purchase case, ED officials have been conducting extensive searches at the home of MVV Satyanarayana and several other properties. These searches include inspections at Satyanarayana's residence in Lawsons Bay Colony, his auditor's home, and the offices of Hygriva Infratech and Constructions. The investigation centers on transactions involving ₹12.5 crore between 2006 and 2008.

MVV Satyanarayana, who has also produced notable Telugu films such as Gitanjali, Abhinetri, and Neevevaru, was not present at his residence during the searches. ED officials continue to investigate various connections in the case, with further inspections underway at the homes of other involved parties.

## Minister Kondapalli Srinivas Blames YCP Negligence for Diarrhea Outbreak in Vizianagaram

**TPN, Vizianagaram:** Minister Kondapalli Srinivas has blamed the previous YSR Congress Party (YCP) government for the diarrhea outbreak that has claimed seven lives in Vizianagaram district. He alleged that the negligence of YS Jagan Mohan Reddy's administration, especially regarding the drinking water system, is the primary cause of the current crisis.

The minister revealed that 41 people are currently receiving treatment for diarrhea in the hospital. He further accused the previous YCP government of failing to maintain sanitation and allowing



groundwater contamination, which led to the spread of the disease. Minister Srinivas also alleged that YCP leaders

diverted funds from the central government's Jal Jeevan Mission, which was intended to improve drinking water and sanitation infrastructure.

Minister Srinivas assured the public that the current government is taking all necessary steps to restore normal conditions in Gurla. Medical and health department teams are closely monitoring the situation, and tankers are providing clean water to affected villages. He urged residents to avoid using polluted water for a few days and rely on government-supplied water to prevent further loss of life.

## Nandigam Suresh to Be Taken into Police Custody in Murder Case



**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** Former YSR Congress Party (YCP) MP Nandigam Suresh will be taken into police custody On Saturday, following court orders in connection with the murder case of a woman named Mariamma from Velagapudi village in Tulluru mandal. Suresh, currently a remand prisoner at Guntur district jail, is implicated in the case as the 78th accused.

The police sought and received permission from the Mangalagiri court to take Suresh into custody for interrogation. The court has allowed the police to question him from 11:30 AM on Saturday until 12:30 PM on Monday. The interrogation is linked to an incident in December 2020, when a clash between two social groups in Velagapudi led to the death of Mariamma. Based on a complaint filed by her family, a case was registered at the Tulluru police station, ultimately including Suresh as an accused.

The police will conduct the two-day interrogation to gather further details related to the incident and Suresh's alleged involvement.



## Kakani Govardhan Reddy Accuses TDP of Corruption in Liquor and Sand Sectors

**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** YCP leader and former minister Kakani Govardhan Reddy has sharply criticized the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) and its leadership, accusing them of large-scale corruption in the liquor and sand sectors. He alleged that while TDP chief Chandrababu Naidu claims one thing publicly, the reality on the ground is quite different.

Kakani stated that although Naidu instructs party leaders not to exploit sand and liquor businesses, at the field level, TDP leaders have turned them into major sources of income. He also alleged that wine shop owners were kidnapped in the process of conducting lotteries for liquor shop licenses, suggesting that tenders were floated without their consent, creating fear among business owners.

Further criticizing the current government's approach, Kakani accused them of filing cases against the media for highlighting their misdeeds. He also pointed out that none of the promises made under the "Super Six" agenda during the elections had been fulfilled.

## Varudu Kalyani Slams Govt Inaction on Rising Crimes Against Women



**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** YCP Leader Varudu Kalyani has strongly criticized the government's failure to address the increasing violence against women and girls in Andhra Pradesh. She expressed outrage over the government's lack of response, which she believes has contributed to daily incidents of rape and murder across the state. Kalyani cited two horrific incidents as exam-

ples: the tragic death of Premon-madi Ashwini, a student from Nagarur in Kurnool district, who was killed by being forced to ingest insecticide, and another shocking case in which an intermediate student was kidnapped, raped, and set on fire while on her way to college. These brutal crimes have sparked widespread anger, yet Kalyani condemned the silence of key officials, partic-

ularly Home Minister Mekathoti Sucharitha, for not addressing the issue.

"It's shameful that despite these atrocities against women, the Home Minister, a woman herself, has not responded," Kalyani said, urging the government to take immediate and concrete action to prevent such incidents and protect women across the state.

## ED Raids Former YCP MP MVV Satyanarayana's Properties

**TPN, Visakhapatnam:** The Enforcement Directorate (ED) is currently conducting searches at the residences and offices of former YCP MP MVV Satyanarayana in Visakhapatnam. The raids are taking place at his residence and office located in Lawson's Bay Colony, as well as at his city office in Maduravada.

In addition to MVV's properties, the ED is also inspecting the residence of his auditor, Jeevi. Reports indicate that these inspections are related to allegations concerning land purchases in Maduravada.

At the time of the raids, MVV was reported-



ly not at home. MVV Satyanarayana, who has also gained recognition in the Telugu film industry as a producer, is under scrutiny as the ED investigates potential irregularities linked to real estate transactions.

The raids mark a significant step in the ongoing investigations by the ED, highlighting concerns over financial dealings and compliance with regulations in land acquisitions. Further details regarding the findings of these searches and the implications for MVV Satyanarayana are awaited as the investigation unfolds.



# Festive Atmosphere in Tenali as Minister Nadendla Launches Development Works

**TPN, Tenali:** Tenali witnessed a festive atmosphere as Andhra Pradesh State Minister for Food, Civil Supplies, and Consumer Affairs Nadendla Manohar launched various development initiatives under the 'Palle Festival-Panchayat Week' program. The minister laid the foundation stone for the construction of an 11.050 km CC road in Kollipara Mandal, funded by ₹1 crore 30 lakh from the MGNREGS.



During the event, Minister Nadendla highlighted the coalition government's commitment to rural development, stating that the initiative aims to create essential infrastructure and benefit farmers in the region. He emphasized that the NDA grand coalition government has set the stage for substantial progress in rural areas. "We are working diligently to restore the former glory of our villages," he noted, adding that development works would be executed in phases.

From the National Rural Employment Guarantee Fund, ₹2 crore 55 lakh has been allocated for the development of CC roads in 19 villages of Kollipara Mandal and 17 villages of Tenali Mandal, encompassing a total of 21.675 km of CC roads.

As part of today's launch, specific allocations were made for various CC road construction projects, including ₹5 lakh for Annavaram village, ₹5 lakh for the road near Rama Temple in Hanuman Palem village, ₹15 lakh for the Mary Mata Temple in Tummalur village, and ₹5 lakh for Siripuram village. Additionally, ₹15 lakh was earmarked for CC road development

near the State Bank of India in Atthota village.

The launch of these projects marks a significant step towards improving infrastructure and enhancing the quality of life for residents in the Tenali and Kollipara regions.

# Vijayawada Municipal Corporation Urges Residents Near Krishna River to Evacuate

**TPN, Vijayawada:** In response to rising water levels and potential flooding, Vijayawada Municipal Corporation Commissioner Dhyanchandra has issued an urgent appeal for residents living in low-lying areas along the Krishna River to evacuate to safer locations.



On Saturday, Commissioner Dhyanchandra announced the establishment of a dedicated 24/7 control room at the municipal corporation headquarters to address flood-related complaints and inquiries. Residents are encouraged to report any issues or seek assistance via WhatsApp at 8181960909 or by calling 0866-2427485 and 0866-2424172.

The warning comes as the Executive Engineer of the Krishna Central Division reported that the water level at the Prakasam Barrage is currently at 57,500 cusecs, with the Pulichintala Project Dam experiencing an increase to one lakh cusecs. It is anticipated that the water level at the Prakasam Barrage may also rise to one lakh cusecs by the end of the day. Residents

in the Krishna river basin are urged to remain vigilant and take precautions.

During discussions with department heads, Commissioner Dhyanchandra emphasized the need for preparedness and continuous monitoring of the situation. He instructed officials to implement necessary safety measures and ensure that residents are promptly moved to safer areas as a precaution against flooding.

The municipal corporation is committed to ensuring the safety of its citizens during this critical time and is actively coordinating efforts to mitigate potential hazards related to the rising water levels.

# NTR District Prepares for Record-Breaking Drone Show at Krishnamma Chenta

**TPN, Vijayawada:** In anticipation of the prestigious drone conference set to take place in Amaravati on October 22 and 23, district authorities are implementing extensive arrangements for a spectacular drone show at Krishnamma Chenta. Scheduled to commence at 6:30 PM on the 22nd, the event promises to be a highlight with over 5,000 drones participating in a record-breaking display.



District In-charge Collector Dr. Nidhi Meena emphasized the importance of coordinated efforts for the success of the drone summit and accompanying cultural events. "We are organizing a cultural evening on the banks of Krishnamma, featuring a laser beam show, live music performances by renowned bands, and a grand fireworks display," she stated during a coordination meeting held at the Collectorate.

The drone conference, to be hosted at the CK Convention in Mangalagiri, aims to position the state as a leader in drone technology. As part of the event, the drone show will showcase advanced drone capabilities like never seen before in India, accompanied by performances from the dance group V-Unbeatable.

Security is a top priority for the event, with Police Commissioner SV Rajasekhara Babu announcing strong security measures to ensure a safe and enjoyable experience for all attendees. Special arrangements are being made for VIPs, in-

cluding parking and barricading, to facilitate smooth access to the venue on the banks of the Krishna River.

Dr. Meena also stressed the need for uninterrupted power supply, efficient drinking water management, sanitation facilities, and medical camps to cater to the health needs of attendees. Boats and lifeguards will be on standby to prevent any untoward incidents.

After the coordination meeting, officials, including Dr. Meena and Commissioner Rajasekhara Babu, inspected the Babburi grounds and Punnamighat areas to oversee the final preparations.

The event is expected to draw significant attention from government officials, delegates, and the public, marking a significant milestone for the state's aspirations in drone technology and cultural showcases.

# NTR District Hosts Job Drive to Support Unemployed Youth

**TPN, Vijayawada:** The Andhra Pradesh State Skill Development Corporation (APSSDC), in collaboration with the District Employment Department, DRDA - Cdap, and Ramesh Hospitals, organized a "Job Drive" on Saturday to provide employment opportunities for the district's unemployed youth.

connect a significant number of young men and women with potential job openings.

Held at the Government ITI College in Vijayawada, the event was spearheaded by District Employment Officer D. Victor Babu (FAC) and District Skill Development Officer S. Srinivasa Rao. They emphasized the initiative's goal: to

During the job drive, renowned companies, including DAIKIN, participated and conducted interviews. Out of the 40 candidates who attended the interviews, 17 were not selected, highlighting the competitive nature of the job market.

Victor Babu encouraged the youth to remain optimistic about employment opportunities, stating, "It is essential not to view jobs as small or big.

# MLA Venigandla Ramu Laid the Foundation Stone, Development of Gudivada Constituency



**TPN, Gudivada:** Gudivada MLA Venigandla Ramu recently laid the foundation stone for road construction works worth ₹1.23 crores, emphasizing his commitment to bringing development to the remote villages of Gudivada constituency. During his participation in a village festival in Nandiwada Mandal, MLA Ramu articulated his vision of improving the lives of the people in his constituency.

From Saturday afternoon to night, MLA Ramu actively engaged with residents across various villages, including Tamarisha, Dandiganapudi, Anamanapudi, Polukonda, and Rudrapaka. He received a warm welcome from the villagers, who were eager to dis-

cuss the government's welfare programs. Ramu took this opportunity to inform them about upcoming development works and encouraged open dialogue regarding the challenges faced by the communities.

The funds allocated for the village projects are as follows: ₹39.60 lakhs for Tamarisha, ₹10 lakhs for Dandiganapudi, ₹9.09 lakhs for Anamanapudi, ₹9.09 lakhs for Polukonda, and ₹30 lakhs for Rudrapaka. The MLA, alongside alliance leaders, conducted Bhoomi Puja and laid the foundation stones for these essential road projects.

In his address to the people, MLA Ramu highlighted the gov-

ernment's commitment to addressing pressing issues such as drinking water scarcity and road infrastructure. He underscored the priority given to solving these problems and urged the public to actively participate in the development programs within Gudivada constituency.

The event was graced by notable figures, including former minister Pinnamaneni Venkateswara Rao, Janasena party in-charge Booragadda Srikanth, senior TDP leaders, and various government officials. A large number of residents also attended the festivities, demonstrating community support for the development initiatives being launched in the region.



# Redevelopment of Railway Stations in Andhra Pradesh Under Amrit Bharat Station Scheme



**TPN, Bhimavaram:** The Indian Railways is undergoing a significant transformation aimed at modernizing railway stations across the country, with a focus on enhancing passenger amenities and comfort. Under the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme (ABSS), a total of 53 railway stations in Andhra Pradesh, served by the South Central Railway, are currently being redeveloped to provide modern facilities for passengers and to serve as growth centers for local communities.

## Key Highlights of the Amrit Bharat Station Scheme:

**Foundation Laid:** The scheme received a substantial boost when Prime Minister Narendra Modi laid the foundation stones for the redevelopment of stations in Andhra Pradesh in August 2023 and February 2024. **Major Projects:** Significant redevelopment work is underway at the Tirupati and Nellore railway stations, with the Tiruchanur Railway Station being upgraded to accommodate the increasing passenger traffic. **Vision:** The primary goal is to provide worldclass amenities to passengers while ensuring that these stations contribute to regional development.

## Planned Developments Under the Scheme:

**1. Infrastructure Improvements:** Attractive entrances and facades.

Widened access roads and improved traffic flow. Dedicated pedestrian paths and proper parking spaces.

### 2. Enhanced Passenger Experience:

Improved lighting, landscaping, and greening of the premises. Emphasis on local arts and culture, with the "One Station One Product" initiative. Facilities like second entrances, higher platforms, and better public announcement systems.

### 3. Modern Facilities:

Upgraded waiting halls and customer signage. Development of stations as 'City Centres' with twoway connectivity. Comprehensive intermodal integration for smooth traffic flow.

### 4. Additional Considerations:

Special attention to landscaping and cultural symbols to provide a pleasant environment for users. Ongoing proposals for further development at Renigunta and Guduru stations, with a TechnoEconomic Feasibility Study for Vijayawada Railway Station nearing completion.

**Total Cost for All Stations: ₹1,397.04 Crores**  
**Total Number of Stations: 53**

This ambitious initiative aims to provide passengers with modern, efficient, and comfortable railway facilities, aligning with the Indian Railways' commitment to enhancing the travel experience across the nation.

## Public Welfare is the Aim of Govt – MLA Dr. Gottipati Lakshmi



**TPN, Prakasam:** Dr. Gottipati Lakshmi, TDP Constituency In-Charge, emphasized that public welfare remains the primary objective of the coalition government during the foundation stone-laying ceremony for CC roads at the Shanivaram Palle festival program. The construction, funded by the Employment Guarantee Scheme, will benefit the villages of Shankarapuram, Nujendlapalli, Marella, Jamma Lamadaka, and Purimetla.

Dr. Lakshmi highlighted the significant developments undertaken in the 120 days since the coalition government took office, noting a commitment to delivering large-scale welfare programs. She assured that the ongoing construction of CC roads and sewer systems will be completed by January, providing essential facilities for local residents. "Development and welfare benefits will reach all deserving individuals," she stated, reiterating the government's focus on infrastructure improvements.

During the event, Dr. Lakshmi inspected the flat land near the Edara River, discussing potential funding and construction plans for a bridge with R&B Minister BC Janardhan Reddy. She also announced that farmers in Shankarapuram would receive subsidized repairs for their agricultural needs.

The event was attended by several dignitaries, including MPDO R. Janardhan, APO K. Nagaraju, APM Hanumantha Rao, former TDP mandal president Sunkara Raghavareddy, and TDP mandal president Koorpati Srinivasa Rao, among others. This initiative reflects the government's commitment to enhancing rural infrastructure and supporting the local populace through targeted development projects.

## Minister Vasamshetty Subhash Collects a Urge From People



## Complaints Against the Jagan Government and Local Leaders

**TPN, Mangalagiri:** Citizens in Andhra Pradesh are voicing serious concerns about injustices faced by disabled individuals and violent actions taken by political leaders' followers. During a recent grievance meeting held at the TDP Central Office, many accused the Jagan Mohan Reddy government of favoritism in job appointments, particularly for assistant professor positions at Tadepalligudem Horticulture University. Naresh from Emmiganoor, a disabled applicant, claimed that YCP supporters were favored during the hiring process, leaving many qualified individuals overlooked.

The meeting also highlighted allegations of violence against locals by followers of former MLA Bolla Brahmanaidu. Kama Venkateswarlu reported a brutal attack on his home, where a mob reportedly used a JCB to demolish his property. Additional complaints included accusations of land occupation and crop destruction by YCP supporters, raising fears of escalating violence in the region.

Citizens also expressed concerns over fraudulent practices, with claims that revenue officers colluded with politicians, cheating them out of significant sums through dubious land transactions. Farmers in Chapadu Mandal reported crop destruction allegedly orchestrated by YCP leaders, exacerbating the already dire situation for local agriculture.

Residents sought assistance for various issues, including illegal constructions, land seizures, and a lack of financial support for community leaders and religious figures.

## Fake Accused Attempt Foiled in Guntur Special Court



**TPN, Guntur:** A shocking incident unfolded in the Guntur Special Court when a man attempted to impersonate an accused in a high-profile case involving Nandigam Suresh, a former YCP MP. The court was investigating an attack on the residence of Suresh's brother, which occurred in 2020. The case centers around the accused, Venkateswara Rao, who was implicated in the incident.

Instead of Venkateswara Rao, a man named Sunil appeared in court, hoping to substitute himself as the accused. However, Judge Sarath Babu immediately recognized the impersonation attempt, prompting a swift response from law enforcement. The judge's keen observation prevented what could have been a significant legal breach, highlighting the integrity of the judicial system.

The incident raises serious concerns about attempts to manipulate the legal process and underscores the importance of vigilance within the justice system. Legal experts have expressed their astonishment at the audacity of such an attempt, emphasizing that impersonating an accused can have severe legal consequences.

As the situation unfolds, police have been alerted and are investigating the matter further. The judiciary's role in maintaining the integrity of the legal system is paramount, and this incident serves as a reminder of the challenges faced in upholding justice.



## Farmers Market Inspected by Marketing Govt Department Officials

**TPN, Kurnool:** JD Ramanjaneyu of the Marketing Department conducted an inspection of the C. Camp Rythu Bazar, commending the efforts of Estate Officer Harish Kumar for establishing the market. The JD expressed satisfaction that the Rythu Bazar is providing essential services to the community, especially as prices in external markets continue to rise.

During the visit, Ramanjaneyu interacted with local farmers to discuss the sale of vegetables, emphasizing the importance of direct markets for consumers and producers alike. Officials and staff at the Rythu Bazar reported that thousands of consumers frequent the market daily for their vegetable needs.

The team highlighted the need for expansion, mentioning that they had previously handed over revenue quarters to the Rythu Bazar to facilitate growth. They appealed for immediate funding to support the expansion of the Farmers Bazar.

DEE Raghunatha Reddy, present during the inspection, directed Marketing Department ADM Narayanamurthy to prepare proposals for demolishing dilapidated buildings in the area. This step aims to provide Rythu Bazar with the necessary space and resources for further development.

Joining JD Ramanjaneyu on the inspection were Estate Officer Harish Kumar, Parks Department Field Assistant Siva Kumar, and security personnel Guruvayya, Srinivasa Reddy, Gopal, Hanumanthu, and Chinnaswamy. The collaborative effort underscores the commitment to enhancing local markets and supporting farmers in the region.

## Karampudi Residents Demand End to Corruption and Call for Development

**TPN, Karampudi:** The people of Karampudi have long been burdened by rampant corruption and illegal activities, with many voicing their frustration and calling for immediate change. Local residents have pointed to ongoing corruption by both the government and long-serving officials, alleging that the situation has persisted for years without improvement.

The latest grievances center around claims that officials are engaging in corrupt practices, demanding bribes under the guise of executing public works, and neglecting their duties. Locals report that despite promises of development, they continue to suffer from poor governance and lack of progress.

The frustration is particularly directed toward the local MLA and the ruling coalition government, with citizens expressing their disappointment in the lack of accountability and transparency. Residents are calling for a thorough investigation into the corruption allegations and immediate steps to bring about development in the region.





# The Census Conundrum: Delays and Political Narratives

The much-anticipated Census in India, originally scheduled for 2021, has faced an alarming series of delays, now totaling ten postponements over the past four years. The most recent development occurred on October 15, when Mritunjay Kumar Narayan, the Registrar General of India and Census Commissioner, received an extension until August 2026.

According to reports, the Census is expected to commence this September, lasting 16 months and yielding results by March 2026. Yet, as we approach the end of October, there's still no clarity on the status of this vital exercise, raising questions about the government's commitment to accurate population data.

Amid these delays, politicians have begun to voice concerns about "demographic disorder," seemingly leveraging this issue for electoral gain rather than prioritizing the Census itself. Recently, Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar highlighted the potential consequences of such demographic shifts, warning that they could threaten democratic integrity. His comments coincided with upcoming Assembly elections in Jharkhand, indicating a possible political motivation behind his alarmist rhetoric.

This narrative echoes statements made by Prime Minister Narendra Modi and RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat. Modi recently underscored the dangers posed by "infiltrators" from Bangladesh and Rohingya refugees, asserting that their presence is altering the demographics of regions in Jharkhand. Similarly, Bhagwat



lamented the population imbalance caused by illegal immigration, urging the Hindu community to unite against perceived threats.

Amidst this backdrop of rising political tensions, the Census has been largely overlooked. Despite assurances from Home Minister Amit Shah to senior journalists that Census operations will begin soon, the definition of "soon" remains nebulous.

Various obstacles have impeded the Census process, including the COVID-19 pandemic and contentious discussions around a caste census and the National Population Register (NPR). Additionally, the ongoing delimitation process, which aims to redraw constituency maps based on Census data, adds another layer of complexity.

The repercussions of this delay extend beyond politics; they significantly

affect marginalized communities. With government planning based on outdated 2011 data—now estimated to represent a population of 121 crore, compared to today's 142 crore—millions remain unaccounted for in welfare programs. Economists estimate that around 100 million people have been excluded from crucial support systems like the Public Distribution System.

In summary, the Census delays illustrate a troubling intersection of political will and governance. As leaders emphasize demographic narratives for short-term electoral benefits, the lives of countless Indians hang in the balance, uncounted and unsupported in their struggles. This hiatus marks a stark departure from India's historical commitment to conducting the Census, which has been a consistent feature for 130 years, even through the tumultuous fight for independence.

## The Complex Interplay of Democracy and Globalization in India

The relationship between democracy and globalization invites a critical examination: has globalization genuinely enhanced democratic prospects worldwide? While the early 21st century witnessed a surge in democratic movements coinciding with globalization, recent trends suggest a troubling democratic backslide, characterized by rising nativism, ultra-nationalism, and racism. This shift challenges the notion that globalization inherently supports democracy.



India, a nation that has benefited from globalization, does not actively promote democracy abroad. Many Indians regard their parliamentary democracy as an indigenous construct, albeit rooted in British colonial history. They value it for its ability to govern a diverse populace without imposing democratic models on others.

India's foreign policy is firmly anchored in realpolitik rather than shared values. Historically, during the Cold War, India maintained a unique stance by adopting democracy without aligning with capitalism, distinguishing itself from its Western allies. Post-colonially, while India has engaged in global trade, it has remained cautious about fully embracing globalization, linking economic growth more closely to social development than mere wealth generation.

Since initiating economic reforms in 1990-91, India has gradually opened its economy to global markets. Despite rising to become one of the world's fastest-growing economies, with GDP increasing from \$270 billion in 1991 to \$3.4 trillion today, India's protectionist tendencies have intensified in recent years. For example, import duties surged from 13.5% to over 18%

between 2014 and 2021, highlighting a paradox of protectionism amid global integration.

Critics often label India's approach as hypocritical. While seeking foreign investment and advanced technology, India also insists on retaining control and facilitating technology transfer to bolster its industrial base. Foreign Minister S. Jaishankar's statement reflects this dichotomy: India aims to engage with major powers while reassessing trade agreements without explicit mention of democracy or globalization.

On the global stage, India aspires to be recognized as a significant player, drawing on its civilizational legacy and strategic position. It actively participates in existing international institutions like the UN and IMF while contributing to new groupings such as BRICS, seeking to reshape the post-World War II order to better reflect contemporary realities.

Ultimately, India's path will significantly influence the future of both democracy and globalization. Despite being a model of post-colonial democracy that has avoided military coups and civil unrest, India's commitment to democracy does not necessarily hinge on globalization.

## Enhancing Household Surveys: Capturing Wealthy Data in India



Household surveys often struggle to accurately gather data from affluent households, not just in India but globally. Wealthy individuals tend to be elusive, frequently declining to participate or providing incomplete information, especially regarding income and expenditure. This underreporting poses significant challenges for a rapidly developing nation like India, where rising incomes must be reflected in policy decisions. Failing to account for these households skews estimates towards low-income groups, undermining evidence-based policymaking.

Recognizing this issue, the Indian government is taking steps to improve data collection from high-income segments. The Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation (MoSPI) recently held a brainstorming session, inviting stakeholders to propose strategies for enhancing survey responses from affluent individuals and gated communities. This initiative marks a pivotal moment for the ministry, indicating a commitment to addressing the barriers hindering accurate data collection.

Understanding the hesitance of wealthy households is crucial. Various factors contribute to their reluctance, including a lack of awareness about the purpose of surveys and skepticism regarding data usage. Additionally, distrust in society often leads individuals to be wary of hosting strangers and answering their questions. When survey participants are unwilling to engage, the integrity of household data collection is compromised.

The Collection of Statistics Act 2008 empowers the government to gather comprehensive data on various socio-economic aspects while safeguarding respondents' information. It includes penalties for non-com-

pliance and false statements. However, with an increasing number of non-responses, there is a pressing need to explore alternative data collection methods.

As technology permeates everyday life, innovative data points can be harnessed to capture vital socio-economic information. The rapid rise of Unified Payments Interface (UPI) transactions exemplifies this shift. UPI has revolutionized payment preferences in India, with digital transactions skyrocketing from 220 crore in 2013-14 to an astounding 18,592 crore in 2023-24. This growth, valued at over Rs 3,658 lakh crore, offers a wealth of data that, when integrated with e-commerce trends, can illuminate spending behaviors among affluent consumers.

The government has already begun leveraging unconventional data sources, including e-commerce data from 12 towns to inform the new Consumer Price Index (CPI). Additionally, insights from the digitization of Banking, Financial Services, and Insurance (BFSI) sectors can provide a clearer picture of consumer preferences and expenditures.

Moreover, the increasing reliance on travel apps and online platforms for ticket bookings and accommodations presents another avenue for gathering relevant data. Real estate platforms and the Real Estate Regulatory Authority (RERA) can further contribute to understanding pricing and consumption patterns in housing.

By embracing these technological advancements, India can enhance its data collection efforts, ensuring that affluent households are accurately represented in surveys, thereby supporting effective policymaking that reflects the entire population's dynamics.

## Rethinking the Right Against Climate Change: Limitations of MK Ranjithsinh

The Supreme Court of India's recognition of the Right Against the Adverse Effects of Climate Change (RAAECC) in MK Ranjithsinh may initially seem like a significant victory. However, the judgment reflects a narrow, anthropocentric view of climate change mitigation, prioritizing human interests while sidelining essential ecocentric concerns. It oversimplifies the energy transition by equating a shift from fossil fuels with a seamless move to renewables, neglecting broader implications such as land use conflicts, community displacement, and access to renewable energy for marginalized groups. By focusing solely on mitigation, the court overlooks critical aspects of adaptation and resilience that are vital for vulnerable populations, thereby perpetuating a hierarchy that favors anthropocentric over ecocentric interests.

At its core, MK Ranjithsinh was about protecting the Great Indian Bustard (GIB) from harmful economic activities, specifically overhead transmission lines associated with renewable energy projects. Initially, the case concentrated on habitat preservation, but the state later weaponized climate change rhetoric to justify these installations. This shift framed the debate around energy transition efficiency rather than ecological protection, effectively greenwashing a damaging agenda. The court's ruling elevated the RAAECC to a constitutional right while neglecting the GIB's

plight and failing to address the rights of communities displaced by renewable energy projects.

Moreover, the court's judgment oversimplifies the complexities of the energy transition. It assumes that phasing out coal will be straightforwardly replaced by solar and wind energy, ignoring the role of gas and nuclear power, which are not climate-friendly. Instances of local protests against renewable energy projects, such as those in Ladakh, demonstrate that the transition often leads to development-induced displacement without adequate legal protections for affected communities.

By selectively engaging with international treaties, the court prioritized the Paris Agreement while ignoring other critical frameworks focused on biodiversity and habitat protection, such as the Convention on Biological Diversity. This narrow focus reflects India's fragmented legal approach to climate action, where environmental protections are routinely diluted.

Ultimately, the court's endorsement of the RAAECC lacks real substance and risks perpetuating environmental degradation and social injustice. The pressing question remains: will this newly minted right empower communities, or will it serve merely as a façade for continued ecological harm?





# Modi and Xi Set to Shine at BRICS Summit in Kazan

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to visit Russia from October 22-23 at the invitation of President Vladimir Putin to participate in the 16th BRICS Summit in Kazan, the capital of Tatarstan. The announcement was made by the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) on Friday.

This upcoming visit marks Modi's second trip to Russia this year; he previously attended a bilateral summit in Moscow on July 8-9. During his time in Kazan, the Prime Minister is anticipated to engage in bilateral discussions with fellow BRICS leaders as well as other invited dignitaries.

The BRICS Summit serves as a crucial platform for member countries—Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa—to collaborate on various global issues, including economic cooperation, trade, and sustainable development. The discussions are expected to address current challenges and opportunities in the international arena, reflecting the collective interests of the member nations.

As part of his itinerary, Modi is likely to focus on enhancing trade ties and strengthening partnerships in sectors such as technology, energy, and security. The summit will also provide an opportunity for India to showcase its initiatives and leadership in addressing pressing global challenges, such as climate change and economic recovery post-pandemic.



In addition to official discussions, the visit will emphasize India's commitment to multilateralism and its role within BRICS, a grouping that continues to gain significance in global affairs. The interactions with other leaders are expected to foster deeper collaboration and mutual understanding among the nations.

ly evolving, Modi's visit to Russia and participation in the BRICS Summit highlights India's strategic approach to international relations and its focus on building strong alliances. The outcomes of the summit could pave the way for enhanced cooperation among the BRICS nations, ultimately contributing to a more balanced and inclusive global order.

With the geopolitical landscape rapid-

## Maharashtra Leaders Meet Amit Shah on Seat-Sharing



Leaders from the Mahayuti coalition, Maharashtra's ruling alliance, met with Union Home Minister Amit Shah last night to strategize the seat-sharing plan for the upcoming state Assembly elections scheduled for November 20. The meeting comes at a critical time, with Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde of the Shiv Sena and Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis of the BJP discussing the coalition's electoral strategy in Delhi.

During the meeting, Shah held a one-on-one conversation with Shinde on the sidelines of a National Democratic Alliance (NDA) Chief Ministers' gathering chaired by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in Chandigarh. According to sources, the BJP, the largest party in the Maharashtra Assembly with 105 seats, is expected to take a dominant role in the seat-sharing arrangement, aiming to contest at least 155 of the 288 available seats. The remainder will be allocated to Shinde's Shiv Sena and Ajit Pawar's faction of the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP).

The Mahayuti coalition faces significant challenges in retaining power, especially after the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, where it won only 17 of the state's 48 constituencies compared to the Maha Vikas Aghadi's 30. Despite the uphill battle, recent electoral outcomes in Haryana, where the BJP performed strongly, have provided some optimism for the ruling alliance.

Since the last Assembly elections in 2019, the political landscape has changed dramatically. Eknath Shinde led a rebellion in 2022 that split the Shiv Sena, with the majority of MLAs supporting him over Uddhav Thackeray.

## Congress-JMM announce seat sharing agreement for Jharkhand polls

Chief Minister Hemant Soren announced today that the INDIA bloc will contest the upcoming Jharkhand assembly elections as a united front. The ruling Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) and the Congress party will field candidates in 70 out of the 81 assembly segments, with ongoing negotiations regarding seat-sharing with other alliance partners, including the Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD) and Left parties for the remaining 11 seats.

"We can't delve into the specifics of the seat-sharing at this moment. Our alliance partners are not present right now. Once they are here, we will finalize the number of seats and other details," Soren told reporters. Jharkhand is set to vote in two phases on November 13 and 20, with results expected on November 23.

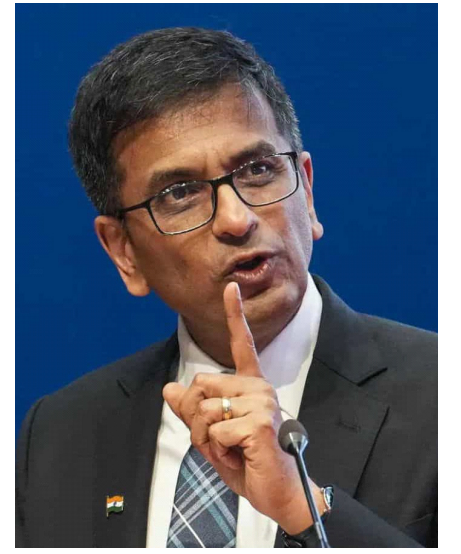


JMM contested 43 seats while the Congress took on 31. This time, however, sources suggest the Congress may contest around 27 to 28 seats, while the JMM anticipates an increase in its share, banking on Soren's popularity as a key figure in Jharkhand politics.

Additionally, the Communist Party of India (Marxist-Leninist) and the Marxist Coordination Committee are looking to ally with the JMM and Congress for this election. Meanwhile, the RJD, which had fought on seven seats in the last assembly polls, is expected to contest fewer seats this time, potentially ceding the Bagodar seat to CPI (M-L) and the Nirsa seat to the MMC.

## No place for derogatory language against women in court: CJI

Chief Justice of India (CJI) D.Y. Chandrachud emphasized the need to eliminate derogatory language, particularly against women, from courtrooms during the inauguration of the North Goa District Courts Complex on October 19. He highlighted that insensitive language can perpetuate harmful stereotypes and disproportionately affect women and marginalized communities.



CJI Chandrachud addressed complaints from women judicial officers regarding the use of derogatory terms by some members of the administrative establishment. He stated, "All forms of derogatory language, especially towards women, have no place in our courts." He urged for a language that reflects inclusivity, respect, and empowerment, and called for a re-examination of legal terms to ensure they do not reinforce stereotypes related to gender, caste, or socioeconomic status.

To raise awareness about gender stereotypes in legal discourse, the Supreme Court has developed a handbook. CJI Chandrachud reminded judicial officers at the district level of their responsibility to uplift legal discourse, stating, "Litigants come before the court with a sense of trust and vulnerability; practices within the court should enhance this dignity, as the future of the individual is in your hands."

He also advocated for democratizing legal access by making judgments and orders available in regional languages. He announced that Supreme Court orders are

being translated into Konkani and urged the Chief Justice of the Bombay High Court to expedite similar translations for its judgments.

CJI Chandrachud described the concept of a "conscientious court" that recognizes societal realities and the challenges faced by those seeking justice. He mentioned the redesigning of the statue of the Lady of Justice, which no longer carries a sword but instead holds the Constitution of India, a document that embodies the transformative power to dismantle social hierarchies.

He concluded by stating that the law is not blind; it acknowledges individual experiences and historical disadvantages. "Every individual who walks through the doors of our courts brings their own experiences, struggles, and hopes," he noted, reinforcing the importance of understanding the diverse backgrounds of those seeking justice.

## Lieutenant Governor Approves J&K Cabinet Resolution

Jammu and Kashmir's Lieutenant Governor Manoj Sinha has approved a resolution from Chief Minister Omar Abdullah's cabinet, which urges the Union government to restore statehood to the Union Territory. This unanimous resolution was passed during a cabinet meeting chaired by Abdullah on Thursday, according to an official spokesperson.

The spokesperson highlighted that the restoration of statehood is viewed as a vital step toward healing and reclaiming the constitutional rights of the people of Jammu and Kashmir, as well as preserving their unique identity. The cabinet has empowered Abdullah to engage with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Government of India regarding this matter.

The spokesperson further emphasized that the newly-elected gov-

ernment prioritizes protecting the distinct identity and constitutional rights of Jammu and Kashmir's residents. In the coming days, Abdullah is expected to travel to New Delhi to meet with Prime Minister Modi and other Union ministers to discuss the statehood issue.

Additionally, the Jammu and



Kashmir cabinet has announced that the assembly session will convene on November 4. The spokesperson advised the Lieutenant Governor to address the assembly during this session, indicating a commitment to re-establish a legislative dialogue.

## Call Off Hunger Strike: Mamata Banerjee Speaks To Doctors After Ultimatum



West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has urged junior doctors in Kolkata to withdraw their hunger strike and return to the negotiation table with the government. In a phone call on Saturday, Banerjee expressed her willingness to meet with the protesting doctors on Monday to further discuss their demands.

Addressing the doctors, Banerjee stated, "Most of your demands have been fulfilled," but requested an additional three to four months to address the remaining issues. She emphasized her support for their cause but insisted that it is not acceptable for the doctors to dictate terms to the government.

While acknowledging the right to protest, Banerjee stressed that it should not disrupt healthcare services, saying, "Please withdraw the agitation." Her comments came during a visit by Chief Secretary Manoj Pant to the site where the junior doctors were staging their fast.

The doctors have been protesting in response to the rape and murder of their colleague at RG Kar Medical College and Hospital, demanding justice and enhanced safety measures for medical professionals. Their specific requests include the establishment of a centralized referral system for hospi-

tals, the implementation of a bed vacancy monitoring system, and the formation of task forces to ensure essential facilities like CCTV, on-call rooms, and washrooms in their workplaces.

The junior doctors initially went on strike following the tragic incident on August 9, concluding a 42-day ceasework after receiving assurances from the government to address their concerns. However, their recent hunger strike began when they felt their demands remained inadequately addressed, leading to six doctors being hospitalized due to deteriorating health conditions.





## Drone Attack Targets Netanyahu's Residence Amid Escalating Conflict

A drone was launched toward Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's residence in Caesarea on Saturday, shortly after the death of Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar. Netanyahu's spokesperson confirmed that he was not at home during the incident, and there were no injuries reported. The prime minister's office stated, "A UAV (unmanned aerial vehicle) was launched toward the prime minister's residence... the prime minister and his wife were not at the location."

Israeli military sources indicated that the drone originated from Lebanon and struck a building. Additionally, two other drones that crossed into Israeli airspace were intercepted. No militant group, including Hezbollah, which has been in conflict with Israel since last October, has claimed responsibility for the drone attack.

This incident occurs amid ongoing hostilities between Israel and Hezbollah, which have intensified since the conflict began in October. Following the October 7 attacks by Hamas, which resulted in over 1,200 Israeli deaths and the abduction of more than 250 hostages, Israel has escalated military operations against both Hamas in Gaza and Hezbollah in Lebanon.

The Israeli military recently reported the destruction of Hezbollah's regional command center in an airstrike. The conflict has resulted in significant casualties, with at least 1,418 people dead in Lebanon, according to the Lebanese health ministry, although the actual number may be higher.

On the same day as the drone attack, Israeli strikes in Jounieh, north of Beirut, killed two people. This marked the first Israeli strike in the area since hostilities resumed last year, with reports indicating that an "Israeli enemy raid" targeted a vehicle on a major highway connecting Beirut to northern Lebanon.

As tensions rise in the region, the situation is likely to escalate further following Sinwar's death, who had been a key figure in orchestrating Hamas's operations against Israel.

## Iran's Supreme Khamenei: Sinwar's Death Won't Halt 'Axis of Resistance'

Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei stated on Saturday that the recent death of Hamas leader Yahya Sinwar will not diminish the strength of the "Axis of Resistance." In a statement, Khamenei expressed that Hamas would endure despite the loss of its prominent figure, asserting, "His loss is undoubtedly painful for the Axis of Resistance, but this front did not cease advancing with the martyrdom of prominent figures. Hamas is alive and will remain alive."

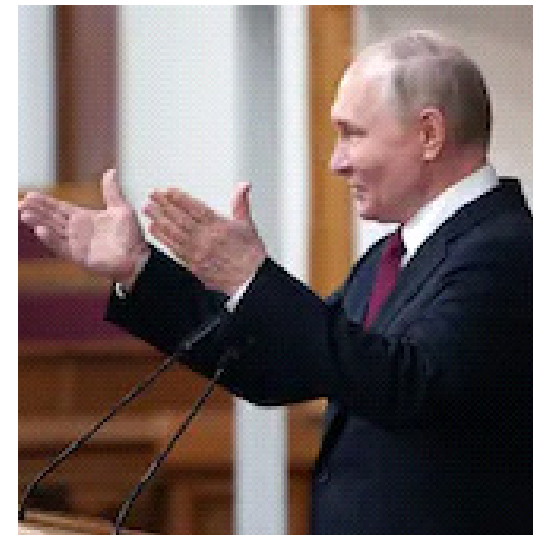
Sinwar, who played a pivotal role in orchestrating Hamas' October 7, 2023, attack on Israel, was killed in a confrontation with Israeli forces after a prolonged manhunt. His death was confirmed on Thursday. Khamenei hailed Sinwar as a "shining face of resistance and struggle," commending his steadfastness against perceived oppression. He characterized the October 7 attack as an "irreparable blow" to Israel, highlighting Sinwar's legacy in the region's history.



The "Axis of Resistance," a coalition backed by Iran, encompasses Hamas, Hezbollah in Lebanon, the Houthi movement in Yemen, and various Shi'ite groups in Iraq and Syria. These groups position themselves as opponents to Israeli and U.S. influence in the Middle East.

Khamenei reinforced Iran's commitment to support these factions, stating, "As always, we will

remain by the side of the sincere fighters and combatants, by God's grace and help." His remarks underscore Iran's ongoing role in the regional dynamics and its steadfast support for groups opposing Israel. The loss of Sinwar is seen as a significant moment, but Khamenei's assurances reflect Iran's belief in the resilience of Hamas and its allies in the broader struggle against their adversaries.



## Putin Praises Bollywood, Plans Collaboration at BRICS Summit

Russian President Vladimir Putin expressed his admiration for Bollywood during a media briefing ahead of the upcoming BRICS Summit, highlighting the popularity of Indian films in Russia. When asked about potential incentives for BRICS member states to film in Russia, Putin noted, "If we look at BRICS member states, I think Indian films are most popular. We have a special TV channel dedicated to Indian movies, broadcasting them round the clock. There is significant interest in Indian cinema."

Putin emphasized the importance of cultural exchanges, mentioning the BRICS film festival and the Moscow International Film Festival's inclusion of films from BRICS countries. He stated, "If Indian films are interested, we will find common ground to promote them in Russia." He also expressed a desire to discuss this with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who is scheduled to visit Kazan for the summit from October 22-23. Putin expressed confidence in reaching an agreement, saying, "I'm sure we will come to terms 100 percent. No difficulties."

The Russian president highlighted the potential for collaborative projects that feature actors from various BRICS nations, stating, "It would be fascinating to see films featuring actors representing their cultures." He reiterated discussions with BRICS colleagues about organizing a festival of theatrical arts and establishing a cinema academy.

Bollywood has a rich history in Russia, with films resonating deeply with Russian audiences. The highest-grossing Indian film in the former Soviet Union was "Disco Dancer" (1982), which, along with "Awaara," is estimated to have sold over 100 million tickets overseas. Iconic figures like Raj Kapoor have significantly impacted Russian culture, inspiring generations of artists and thinkers.

In addition to film initiatives, Putin mentioned plans for music festivals among BRICS nations, emphasizing the need for cultural collaboration. "We will pursue this track in the future, creating open fields for work and ensuring media coverage and participation," he said. The upcoming BRICS Summit is poised to strengthen cultural ties and foster greater cooperation among member states.

## North Korea Troop Deployment Locks In Russia Military Alliance



North Korea's recent decision to send thousands of soldiers to the front lines in Ukraine marks a significant escalation in its military alliance with Moscow, according to experts. This move solidifies the contentious military agreement between North Korean leader Kim Jong Un and Russian President Vladimir Putin, which included a mutual defense clause, signaling that their partnership is more than just rhetoric.

Reports indicate that around 1,500 North Korean special forces soldiers are already in Russia acclimatizing, with plans for thousands more to follow. This deployment represents North Korea's first significant military operation overseas since the Korean

War. Analysts suggest that this arrangement creates a framework where Russia could automatically intervene on behalf of North Korea if it faces an attack or crisis.

The presence of North Korean soldiers fighting alongside Russian forces in Ukraine demonstrates the strength of the Putin-Kim alliance. Experts believe that these troops could assist Moscow in maintaining occupied territories or even aid in further territorial expansion.

The ongoing tensions between North and South Korea remain heightened, with the two nations technically still at war since the 1950-1953 conflict ended in an armistice rather than a peace

treaty. While Kim has focused on building up a nuclear arsenal, South Korea relies on the US nuclear umbrella for protection, leading to joint military exercises that provoke Pyongyang.

Kim's troop deployment may be an attempt to foster a more integrated North Korean and Russian military strategy, akin to the US-South Korea alliance, which could significantly alter security dynamics on the Korean Peninsula. A video released by Ukraine's state-run Centre for Strategic Communication purportedly shows North Korean soldiers preparing for combat in a Russian military camp.

Experts view this move as an opportunity for North Korea's elite soldiers to gain firsthand experience in modern warfare while testing their homegrown weaponry in real battle conditions. Additionally, it could enhance Kim's international standing and negotiating power as the US elections approach.

For Russia, the influx of North Korean soldiers addresses its acute manpower shortages, while North Korea positions itself as a potential supplier of military support, potentially sidelining its traditional ally, China. This development could perpetuate a state of tension on the Korean Peninsula.

## Obamas And Kamala Harris Team Up In Historic Campaign Appearance

With just three weeks left in the presidential campaign, polls indicate a tight race between Kamala Harris and Donald Trump, prompting the Vice President to seek support from the Obamas as she navigates waning momentum.

Recent polling data reveals a near-even split among voters. An NBC News poll shows both candidates locked in a dead heat, each garnering 48% support nationally. Harris holds a slim lead in some surveys, with the latest ABC News/Ipsos poll showing her at 50% compared to Trump's 48%, while a CBS News/YouGov poll places her slightly ahead at 51% to 48% among likely voters.

To bolster her campaign, the Obamas are set to take to the trail starting next week. Both Barack and Michelle Obama remain influential figures within the Democratic Party, and their appearances are expected to rally support, particularly in crucial swing states. Michelle Obama will join Harris on October 26 in Michigan, while Barack Obama is scheduled to appear with her



in Georgia the following Thursday and will also campaign solo in other states.

Despite these efforts, the campaign faces significant challenges. While Harris leads among women voters across demographics, she struggles to resonate with men, including key Hispanic and African American voters. Barack Obama recently addressed this concern, expressing disappointment at the lack of enthusiasm among Black men for Harris, a sentiment that has drawn criticism.

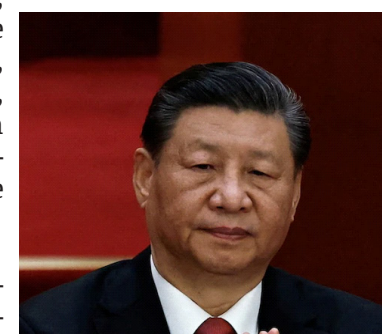
## China's Religious Persecution: The Sinicization Campaign Intensifies

China's government has intensified its crackdown on religious groups, furthering its agenda of "Sinicization" — a process aimed at aligning all religions with the ideologies of the Chinese Communist Party (CCP). According to a recent U.S. government report, this campaign includes the removal of religious images, such as those of Jesus Christ, which are being replaced with portraits of President Xi Jinping in churches across the country.

Under President Xi's leadership since 2013, the government has sought to reshape religious practices to reflect CCP values, emphasizing Mandarin Chinese and rejecting foreign influences. Sinicization involves the integration of non-Chinese cultures into the dominant Han Chinese identity and is a strategy to ensure that all religious practices are subordinate to state ideology.

Actions taken under this policy include appointing CCP loyalists as religious leaders, altering the architecture of religious sites to conform to state standards, and censoring religious texts. Although China officially recognizes five religions — Buddhism, Catholicism, Daoism, Islam, and Protestantism — the practice of other faiths is strictly forbidden.

The government's crackdown is particularly severe against Christians and Muslims. Reports indicate that over a million Uyghurs and other Muslim ethnic minorities in Xinjiang have been detained in "re-education camps," with widespread human rights abuses, including forced sterilizations and labor exploitation. The Hui Muslim community has also faced increased scrutiny, with authorities demolishing mosque domes and minarets to eliminate foreign religious influences.





# Sitharaman Discusses Strengthening India-Mexico Economic Ties

New Delhi, Oct 19 (PTI) – Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman met with her Mexican counterpart Rogelio Ramirez de la O in Mexico City on Saturday to discuss enhancing economic relations between India and Mexico. During the meeting, Sitharaman congratulated Ramirez on his reappointment as Secretary of Finance and Public Credit and praised Mexico's strong economic performance over the past six years, attributed to prudent fiscal policies.



and collaboration.

Sitharaman proposed a mutually beneficial partnership centered around India's burgeoning startup ecosystem, highlighting the potential for innovative solutions from the youth of both countries. She emphasized the importance of sharing ideas to foster growth

The Finance Minister also outlined India's commitment to infrastructure development and improving the Ease of Doing Business by eliminating ap-

proximately 1,500 outdated laws and around 6,000 compliance regulations. She expressed India's willingness to share its experiences with Mexico, particularly regarding digital trans-

In her address at the India Mexico Trade and Investment Summit, Sitharaman noted that cooperation could span multiple sectors, providing opportunities for growth and investment, especially in pharmaceuticals and automotive manufacturing. She emphasized India's political stability, a large skilled workforce, and ongoing infrastructure enhancements as key factors for collaboration.

Sitharaman highlighted the potential for joint efforts to diversify supply chains, particularly for critical components like semiconductors and high-tech electronics. She suggested that the partnership could facilitate deeper market penetration through investment incentives, particularly in

emerging sectors such as 5G, artificial intelligence, and consumer electronics.

Moreover, Sitharaman pointed out India's leadership in the digital economy, showcasing an 87 percent adoption rate in the FinTech sector with initiatives like UPI and India Stack. She proposed that collaboration in digital payments and FinTech could provide fertile ground for cross-border innovation.

Finally, the Finance Minister extended an invitation to Mexican entities to explore collaboration and investment opportunities in various sectors, including banking, fund management, and the establishment of foreign universities in GIFT-IFSC.

## HDFC Bank FY25 Profit Rises 5% to ₹16,821 Crore, Surpassing Estimates



HDFC Bank has reported a 5% year-on-year increase in its net profit for the second quarter of FY25, reaching ₹16,821 crore, which exceeds market expectations. Analysts had anticipated a profit of ₹16,570 crore based on a poll of seven brokerages. The bank's net interest income (NII) also saw a solid 10% growth, totaling ₹30,114 crore. However, this figure fell slightly short of the forecasted ₹30,306 crore. HDFC Bank reported a core net interest margin

of 3.46% on total assets and 3.65% based on interest-earning assets, as detailed in its stock exchange filing. In terms of other income, HDFC Bank recorded ₹11,480 crore for the quarter ending September 30, 2024, compared to ₹10,710 crore in the same period last year, indicating strong growth in non-interest revenue.

### Asset Quality Analysis

The bank's asset quality remains

relatively stable, with gross non-performing assets (GNPA) reported at 1.36% at the end of September, a slight increase from 1.33% in the previous quarter. Net NPAs also rose marginally, standing at 0.41%, up from 0.39% in the prior quarter.

HDFC Bank continues to show resilience in a competitive banking landscape, driven by robust loan growth and improved operational efficiency. As the largest private sector bank in India, its performance serves as a significant indicator of the overall health of the banking sector. Analysts and investors will be keenly observing the bank's strategies in managing asset quality and maintaining growth in the upcoming quarters.

## Kotak Mahindra Bank's Response to RBI Credit Card Directive



Kotak Mahindra Bank has taken proactive steps to address the issues that prompted the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to halt the bank's ability to issue fresh credit cards and onboard new customers through digital channels. During a recent post-Q2 results press conference, the bank provided an update on its efforts to comply with the RBI's directives issued in April 2024.

The bank has emphasized its commitment to maintaining ongoing communication with the RBI, regularly updating the regulatory body on the progress of its remedial measures. This commitment reflects the bank's dedication to resolving the concerns raised by the RBI, which include improving its operational and compliance frameworks.

In the wake of these challenges, Kotak Mahindra Bank has reiterated its focus on enhancing core banking resilience. The bank is actively working on its business continuity action plan to ensure that its operations remain robust and effective. Strengthening cybersecurity measures and digital payment frameworks has also been a priority, as the bank recognizes the increasing importance of secure and reliable financial transactions in today's digital landscape.

To validate these improvements, Ko-

tak Mahindra Bank has engaged external auditors. This independent review aims to provide assurance to stakeholders, including regulators and customers, that the necessary changes are being implemented effectively. By involving external experts, the bank is taking an additional step to bolster its credibility and demonstrate its commitment to addressing the RBI's concerns thoroughly.

Furthermore, the bank is exploring innovative solutions to enhance its digital onboarding processes while ensuring compliance with regulatory standards. This approach not only aims to restore its capability to issue credit cards but also to enhance customer experience through secure and efficient services.

In conclusion, Kotak Mahindra Bank is actively working to resolve the issues highlighted by the RBI. Through ongoing communication, operational improvements, and external validation, the bank aims to reinforce its standing in the market while ensuring that it meets the regulatory expectations. The bank's commitment to enhancing its digital frameworks and cybersecurity will be crucial as it navigates this challenging period and strives to regain its competitive edge in the banking sector.

## India's Forex Reserves See Significant Drop Amid FPI Outflows

India's foreign exchange reserves experienced one of the largest declines in recent history, dropping by \$10.746 billion to \$690.43 billion for the week ending October 11, according to the latest data from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). This marks the second consecutive week of decline, following a decrease of \$3.709 billion in the previous week, when reserves stood at \$701.176 billion. The latest figures indicate that gold reserves also fell, decreasing by \$98 million to \$65.658 billion. Special drawing rights (SDRs) saw a decline of \$86 million, bringing them down to \$18.339 billion. Additionally, foreign currency assets—a major component of the re-

serves—dropped by \$10.542 billion to \$602.101 billion. These assets are influenced by fluctuations in non-US currencies like the euro, pound, and yen.

India's forex reserves had reached a peak of \$704.885 billion at the end of September, but the recent outflows have significantly impacted this figure. The reserve position with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) also declined by \$20 million to \$4.333 billion during the reporting week.

The primary reason for the decrease in forex reserves is attributed to substantial outflows by for-

eign portfolio investors (FPIs) from the Indian equities market. With recent stimulus announcements in China making it a more attractive investment destination, FPIs have begun reallocating their funds. In October alone, FPIs have withdrawn approximately ₹78,190 crore from Indian markets.

The RBI's ongoing monitoring of these developments will be crucial, as the decline in forex reserves may impact India's economic stability and currency strength. As the situation unfolds, analysts are keeping a close watch on the trends in foreign investments and their effects on the broader economy.

# GoM Recommends Lower GST on Essentials, Hikes for High-End Goods



The Group of Ministers (GoM) on GST rate rationalisation has recommended lowering the tax rates on certain essential items, including 20-litre packaged drinking water bottles, bicycles, and exercise notebooks, from 18% to 5%. This decision aims to alleviate the financial burden on consumers and enhance accessibility to these goods, according to a PTI report citing unnamed officials.

The GoM was established following a decline in the average GST rate, which fell below the revenue neutral rate of 15.3%. This committee, led by Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Samrat Chaudhary, is tasked with addressing specific issues within the Goods and Services Tax framework.

In addition to the reductions, the GoM has proposed increasing taxes on luxury items, such as high-end wristwatches priced over ₹25,000 and shoes costing more than ₹15,000, raising their GST rates from 18% to 28%. These changes are expected to generate a revenue boost of approximately ₹22,000 crore, balancing the impact of the lowered rates on essential items.

The six-member GoM also includes prominent finance ministers from various states, such as Suresh Kumar Khanna from Uttar Pradesh, Gajendra Singh from Rajasthan, Krishna Byre Gowda from Karnataka, and K N Bala-gopal from Kerala. This diverse representation aims to ensure a comprehen-

sive approach to GST rationalisation.

During its previous meeting, the GoM reviewed potential tax rate adjustments on over 100 items, reflecting a broader strategy to streamline GST and enhance compliance. The focus on essential goods signifies a commitment to consumer welfare, while the hike on luxury items underscores a push for greater tax equity.

As the recommendations move forward, they will undergo further scrutiny before final approval by the GST Council. If implemented, these changes could significantly reshape the GST landscape, impacting both consumers and the revenue system in India.





## New NASA research suggests possibility of life on Mars

The quest for extraterrestrial life has intrigued humanity for centuries, leading scientists and astronomers to explore the cosmos for signs of life beyond our planet. Despite technological advancements and relentless efforts, definitive evidence of life has remained elusive. However, recent research from NASA indicates that we may be closer to unraveling this age-old mystery than previously thought.

The latest findings suggest that conditions conducive to photosynthesis might exist beneath the dusty ice in the mid-latitude regions of Mars. For context, Mars' mid-latitudes are defined as the areas situated between 30 and 60 degrees latitude in both the northern and southern hemispheres. These regions are thought to harbor substantial quantities of

water ice located beneath layers of lithic material, which can be several meters thick.

The presence of water ice is particularly significant, as water is a fundamental requirement for life as we know it. The subsurface ice could create a suitable environment for microbial life, assuming it exists. If photosynthesis is indeed possible in these regions, it opens up exciting possibilities for the existence of life forms that could utilize sunlight to produce energy.

NASA's research highlights the importance of further exploration of these mid-latitude areas. The discovery of accessible water ice combined with sunlight exposure could present a unique opportunity for microbial life to thrive, offering a

compelling reason to prioritize missions aimed at investigating these regions.

As scientists continue to analyze data from Mars rovers and orbiters, the hope is that future explorations will provide more insights into the planet's potential for supporting life. The implications of such discoveries could not only transform our understanding of Mars but also reshape our perceptions of life in the universe.

As we stand on the brink of potentially groundbreaking revelations, the excitement surrounding the search for extraterrestrial life continues to grow, making Mars a focal point in the ongoing quest to answer one of humanity's most profound questions.

## Syncing Meals With Your Bodys Natural Clock Could Improve Metabolic Health

In the realm of health and wellness, fasting has surged in popularity, with intermittent fasting often taking center stage. However, a lesser-known yet impactful approach called circadian fasting is garnering attention for its potential to enhance metabolic health. This concept revolves around aligning your eating patterns with your body's natural circadian rhythms, optimizing nutrient processing, improving digestion, and regulating metabolism more efficiently.



Circadian fasting, also referred to as time-restricted eating or chrononutrition, focuses on syncing meal times with your body's internal clock, which governs sleep, wakefulness, and various bodily functions. Unlike traditional fasting methods that prioritize caloric restriction, circadian fasting emphasizes the timing of meals to align with the body's biological processes.

Research suggests that when meals are consumed in accordance with circadian rhythms, it can lead to improved metabolic health. Eating during the day, when your body is primed for digestion, allows for better nutrient absorption and energy utilization. Conversely, late-night

eating has been linked to metabolic disturbances and weight gain, as the body is less equipped to process food effectively during these hours.

Implementing circadian fasting into your daily routine can be straightforward. Here are some actionable tips to get started:

**Set a Meal Window:** Aim to consume all your meals within a specific time frame, typically 8 to 10 hours, and avoid eating outside this window.

**Prioritize Breakfast:** Start your day with a nutritious breakfast to kickstart your metabolism, and try to have dinner at least 2-3 hours before bedtime.

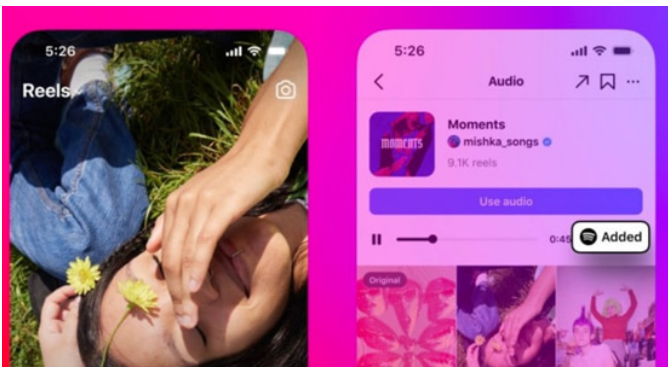
**Avoid Late-Night Snacking:** Limit food intake during the evening to help your body digest food more efficiently while you sleep.

**Listen to Your Body:** Pay attention to how your body responds to different meal timings, adjusting your schedule to suit your individual needs.

By incorporating circadian fasting into your lifestyle, you may find not only improved metabolic health but also enhanced overall well-being. As you align your eating habits with your body's natural rhythms, you could unlock a powerful tool for optimizing your health.

## Instagram's new Spotify integration lets you add songs

Social media platforms have been rapidly evolving to cater to the growing popularity of short-form videos, with Instagram, YouTube, and TikTok leading the charge. In a bid to enhance user experience and keep pace with its competitors, Instagram has rolled out a new feature inspired by TikTok, allowing users to seamlessly add songs from other users' posts, reels, and shorts directly to their Spotify playlists.



In a recent announcement on X, Instagram revealed that this feature is now available to all users. This integration is particularly convenient for those who discover new music while scrolling through their feeds. Instead of navigating away from Instagram to find the song on Spotify, users can simply add it to their playlists with just a few taps.

This move is part of Instagram's broader strategy to enhance its mul-

timedia offerings and maintain its relevance in the competitive social media landscape. With the rise of platforms like TikTok, which have successfully integrated music into their content, Instagram aims to attract and retain users by providing similar functionalities.

The feature not only streamlines the process of discovering and saving music but also encourages more interaction with the platform's music-related content. Users can now curate their Spotify playlists while

engaging with their favorite posts on Instagram, creating a more immersive and integrated experience.

As the music industry continues to evolve alongside social media, this new feature positions Instagram as a vital player in the convergence of these two realms. By making it easier for users to save music they encounter online, Instagram enhances its value as a platform for both content creators and consumers.

Overall, this integration is expected to boost user engagement on Instagram while also benefiting Spotify by driving more listeners to the platform. As social media continues to shape how we discover and interact with music, features like these will likely become increasingly important in attracting and retaining users.

## Meta Releases AI Model That Can Check Other AI Models' Work

Meta, the parent company of Facebook, announced on Friday the release of several new AI models from its research division, including an innovative "Self-Taught Evaluator." This development may pave the way for reduced human involvement in the AI development process.

The Self-Taught Evaluator builds on techniques outlined in an August research paper, where Meta highlighted its reliance on the "chain of thought" methodology. This approach, similar to that used in OpenAI's latest models, breaks down complex problems into smaller, logical steps, which enhances the accuracy of responses in challenging areas such as science, coding, and mathematics.

In a notable shift, Meta's researchers trained the evaluator model using entirely AI-generated data, removing human input during the training phase. This ability to leverage AI for evaluating other AI systems presents a promising avenue toward creating autonomous agents capable of learning from their own mistakes, according to the researchers behind the project.

Many experts in the AI field envision a future where digital assistants possess the intelligence to handle a wide range of tasks independently, mini-

mizing the need for human oversight. The development of self-improving models could significantly reduce reliance on the traditional and often costly Reinforcement Learning from Human Feedback (RLHF) process, which typically requires skilled human annotators to label data accurately and verify the correctness of responses to complex queries.

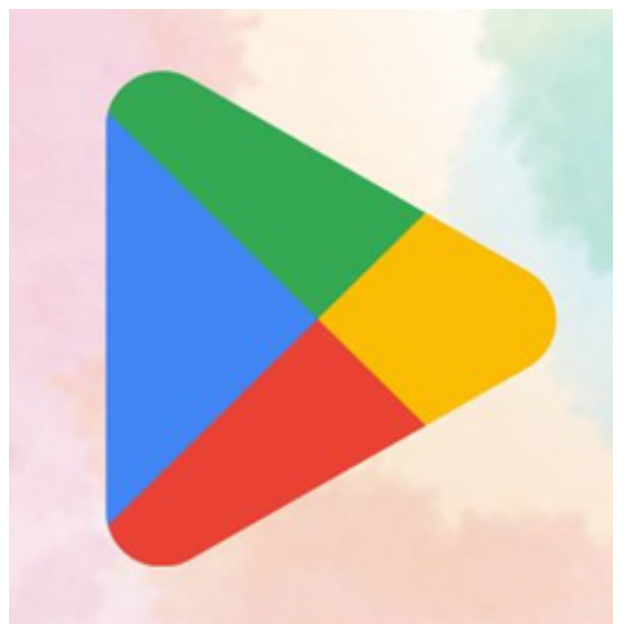
Jason Weston, one of the researchers involved, expressed optimism about the future capabilities of AI, stating, "We hope, as AI becomes more and more super-human, that it will get better and better at checking its work, so that it will actually be better than the average human." He emphasized that the concept of being self-taught and capable of self-evaluation is crucial for achieving a super-human level of AI.

In addition to the Self-Taught Evaluator, Meta released other AI tools, including updates to the Segment Anything model for image identification and a tool designed to accelerate response generation times for large language models (LLMs). These advancements mark a significant step forward in AI development and its potential applications across various fields.



## Google granted request to pause order on Play store overhaul

A federal judge in California has granted Google a reprieve, temporarily pausing an order requiring the company to revamp its Android app store, Google Play, by November 1. The decision comes amid an ongoing antitrust lawsuit filed by Epic Games, the creator of "Fortnite," which challenges Google's practices in the app distribution market.



US District Judge James Donato made the ruling on Friday, citing Google's concerns that the injunction issued on October 7 could negatively impact the company and introduce significant safety, security, and privacy risks into the Android ecosystem. Google had argued that complying with the order could compromise user experience and security measures that are integral to its platform.

The judge's decision allows the 9th US Circuit Court of Appeals time to review Google's request to pause the injunction while the case is still being litigated. The outcome of this legal battle could have far-reaching implications for how app stores operate and for consumer choice in software downloads.

Epic Games initiated the lawsuit against Google in 2020, claiming that the company unfairly monopolizes the market for app distribution on Android devices. The case centers around claims that Google imposes restrictive

policies that limit developers' ability to offer alternative payment methods, thus maintaining its dominance and collecting hefty commissions from app sales.

This pause is significant as it not only affects Google's operational strategies but also the broader competitive landscape for app developers and consumers. If upheld, the order could pave the way for more choices in how users download and purchase apps, potentially shifting the power dynamic in favor of developers who wish to offer alternatives to Google's payment system.

As the appeals process unfolds, the tech industry will be closely monitoring the developments, which could set a precedent for other app store operators and reshape the market for digital applications.



## Rishabh Pant Becomes Fastest Indian Wicketkeeper to 2,500 Test Runs

Rishabh Pant made headlines on Day 4 of the first Test against New Zealand by becoming the fastest Indian wicketkeeper to reach 2,500 Test runs. Achieving this remarkable milestone at M Chinnaswamy Stadium, Pant completed the feat in just 62 innings, breaking the previous record held by former captain MS Dhoni, who reached the landmark in 69 innings. Notably, Farokh Engineer had previously held the record with 82 innings.



Pant's achievement came during a crucial phase of the match as India mounted a spirited comeback, reaching 344/3 before rain forced an early lunch. The team is just 12 runs shy of New Zealand's first-innings total of 469. Pant's aggressive innings of 53 runs off 56 balls played a pivotal role in India's resurgence, complementing Sarfaraz Khan's impressive maiden Test century.

Starting Day 4 at 231/3, Pant and Sarfaraz were tasked with steering India closer to their target. Despite nursing a knee injury sustained while keeping on Day 3, Pant showed no signs of discomfort. He quickly shifted gears after a cautious start, launching a counter-attack that included two sixes off left-arm spinner Ajaz Patel, along with a series of elegant drives and sweeps.

Pant reached his 12th Test fifty in just 55 balls, marked by a stunning cover drive off Glenn Phillips that demonstrated his controlled aggression. His partnership with Sarfaraz, worth 113 runs in 22 overs, was instrumental in guiding India out of a precarious position and setting the stage for a potential lead.

While Sarfaraz stole the limelight with a sublime century in only his fifth Test, Pant's contribution was equally crucial in stabilizing the innings. Since his debut in 2018, the 26-year-old wicketkeeper-batter has become a cornerstone of India's Test lineup, delivering several match-winning performances in challenging overseas conditions, particularly in Australia and England. With this record, Pant continues to solidify his status as one of India's key players in the format.

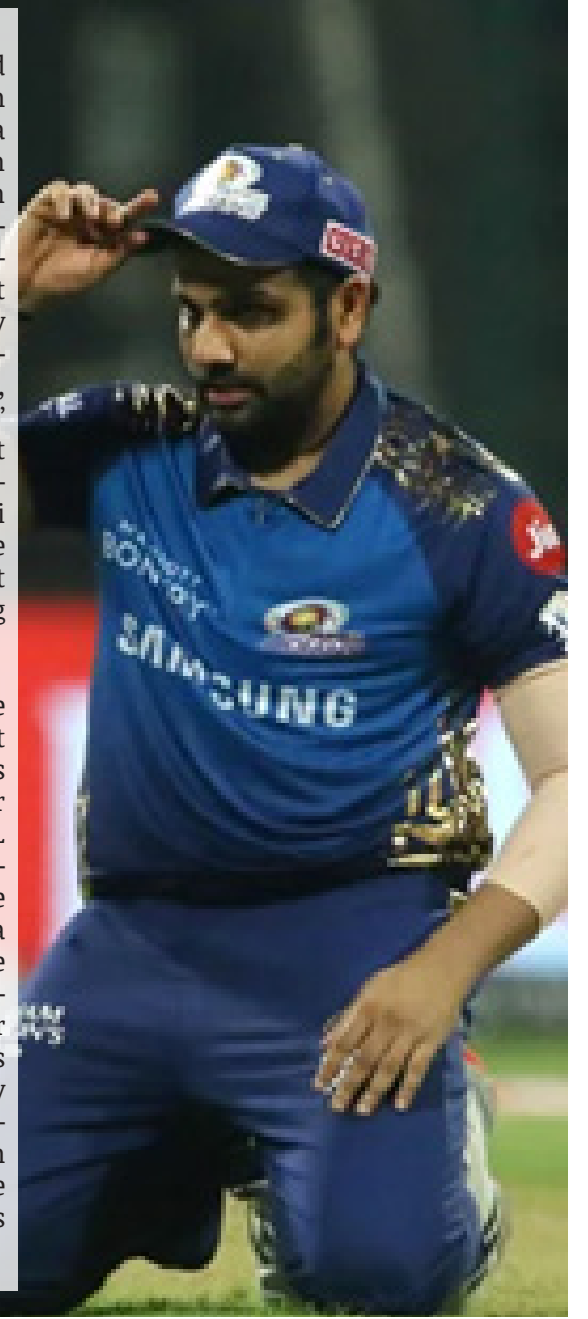
## Rohit Sharma Receives Plea To Join RCB In IPL 2025

During the ongoing Test match between India and New Zealand at M Chinnaswamy Stadium in Bengaluru, Rohit Sharma found himself at the center of a light-hearted moment with a fan who urged him to join the Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) for the IPL 2025 season. This interaction occurred amid rising speculation regarding Rohit's future with the Mumbai Indians (MI), a franchise he has captained to five IPL titles.

With the IPL 2025 retention list expected to be released soon, the upcoming mega auction has sparked considerable interest among fans and franchises alike. Many are questioning whether Rohit will remain with MI, particularly following a tumultuous year that included a captaincy change where Hardik Pandya stepped in for him. However, reports suggest that MI plans to retain Rohit along with key players such as Hardik Pandya, Jasprit Bumrah, and Suryakumar Yadav, which may put an end to rumors about his departure.

As Rohit continues to lead the Indian cricket team in the first Test, he took a moment during the match to interact with fans. In a video that has gone viral, one fan posed a playful question, asking Rohit which team he would play for in the IPL. To this, Rohit responded with a smile, "Kaunsa chahiye bol" (Which one do you want me to say?). The fan enthusiastically replied, "Bhai RCB Ajao Yaar" (Bro, come to RCB), prompting Rohit to chuckle before heading back to the pavilion.

This humorous exchange underscores the fervent passion of cricket fans and their hopes for player transfers ahead of the IPL auction. While Rohit's future with MI seems secure for now, the playful plea from the fan highlights the excitement and unpredictability surrounding player movements in the IPL. As the cricket world eagerly awaits the retention announcements and auction outcomes, all eyes will be on Rohit Sharma and his next steps in the league.



## PV Sindhu Exits Denmark Open After Losing to Gregoria Mariska Tunjung

In a gripping quarterfinal match at the Denmark Open, PV Sindhu faced a challenging contest against Indonesia's Gregoria Mariska Tunjung, ultimately succumbing despite a spirited effort in the second game. The match concluded with scores of 13-21, 21-16, 9-21, lasting 57 minutes in Odense.

Sindhu started the match slowly, struggling to find her rhythm against Tunjung's sharp shot-making and tactical gameplay. The Indonesian, a bronze medalist from the Paris Olympics, effectively exploited Sindhu's weaknesses, employing a strategy designed to keep her opponent off balance. Tunjung's ability to maneuver Sindhu into awkward positions was a consistent theme throughout the match, leading to numerous errors from the Indian star.

However, Sindhu displayed resilience in the second game, making a mid-match defiance that showcased her competitive spirit. She rallied back, displaying improved focus and precision, ultimately clinching the second game 21-16. This brief resurgence offered a glimmer of hope for

her supporters, suggesting that she could turn the tide in her favor.

Unfortunately, the momentum did not carry into the deciding game. Tunjung quickly regained control, applying relentless pressure that left Sindhu struggling to keep pace. The Indonesian's tactical simplicity proved effective as she continued to force Sindhu into uncomfortable positions, ultimately sealing the match with a decisive performance in the third game.

This loss underscores the challenges Sindhu faces as she aims to regain her top form. While her second-game effort highlighted her potential, the inconsistency and vulnerability in her game were laid bare under Tunjung's strategic play. As the tournament progresses, Sindhu will need to reassess her approach and refine her skills if she hopes to return to the winning ways that once saw her dominate the badminton circuit. The Denmark Open served as a reminder of the fierce competition in women's badminton and the importance of adaptability in high-stakes matches.

## New Zealand vs. South Africa Set for Women's T20 World Cup

In a thrilling climax to the Women's T20 World Cup, New Zealand and South Africa will face off, guaranteeing a first-time champion. New Zealand, led by the dynamic Sophie Devine, has not won a major ICC event since the 2000 ODI World Cup. This match offers a final chance for the seasoned stars, including Suzie Bates and Lea Tahuhu, to secure a global title, as all three may be playing their last tournament together.

The Kiwis have shown resilience throughout the competition, bouncing back from a tough streak of ten consecutive losses before the tournament. After a strong start against India and a narrow semifinal victory over the West Indies, they have demonstrated their ability to perform under pressure. Amelia Kerr has emerged as a key player with 12 wickets in the tournament, supported by an impressive bowling lineup.

Conversely, South Africa is equally determined to claim their first title after narrowly missing out in the 2023 World Cup final against Australia. Having recently toppled the formidable Australian team, they come into the final with renewed confidence. Key players like Laura Wolvaardt and Tazmin Brits are at the top of the batting charts, providing a strong offensive threat that New Zealand will need to counter.

Both teams are poised for a closely contested final, with New Zealand's experienced core looking to finally capture a global trophy and South Africa eager to complete their journey from runners-up to champions. As the two sides prepare to clash, the



excitement builds for a memorable showdown that promises to be a historic moment in women's cricket.

**\*New Zealand\*:** Sophie Devine (c), Suzie Bates, Eden Carson, Isabella Gaze (wk), Maddy Green, Brooke Halliday, Fran Jonas, Leigh Kasperk, Amelia Kerr, Jess Kerr, Rosemary Mair, Molly Penfold, Georgia Plimmer, Hannah Rowe, Lea Tahuhu.

**\*South Africa\*:** Laura Wolvaardt (c), Anneke Bosch, Tazmin Brits, Nadine de Klerk, Annerie Dercksen, Mieke de Ridder (wk), Ayanda Hlubi, Sinalo Jafta (wk), Marizanne Kapp, Ayabonga Khaka, Sune Luus, Nonkululeko Mlaba, Seshnie Naidu, Tumi Sekhukhune, Chloe Tryon.

## Shreyas Iyer Hits First First-Class Century in Three Years

Out-of-favor Indian batter Shreyas Iyer made a significant comeback by scoring his first First-Class century in three years during the second round of the Ranji Trophy match between Mumbai and Maharashtra on Saturday. Coming in at number five after the early dismissal of captain Ajinkya Rahane, Iyer played a pivotal role in steering Mumbai past Maharashtra's first-innings total.

Partnering with young opener Ayush Mhatre, Iyer showcased his batting prowess as the duo formed a formidable partnership. Together, they constructed an impressive 200-run stand on Day 2, pushing Mumbai past the 300-run mark. This performance was not only crucial for the team but also marked a personal milestone for Iyer, who has faced challenges in recent times with his form and selection in the national squad.

Iyer's innings was characterized by patience and precision, as he navigated the Maharashtra bowling attack with confidence. His ability to anchor the innings while also scoring briskly was a testament to his skill and determination to reclaim his place in the team. As the innings progressed, Iyer displayed a variety of strokes, combining classic technique with aggressive shots that kept the scoreboard ticking.

The 200-run partnership with Mhatre



proved vital, as it helped stabilize Mumbai's innings after the initial loss of wickets. Their collaboration not only put Mumbai in a commanding position but also highlighted the depth of talent in the team, with Iyer's experience complementing Mhatre's youthful exuberance.

As Iyer continues to find his rhythm, this century could serve as a turning point in his career. With the ongoing Ranji Trophy providing a platform for players to showcase their abilities, Iyer's performance will undoubtedly catch the attention of selectors as they look ahead to future series. His resurgence in form could be pivotal for both Mumbai and the Indian national team as they seek consistency and stability in their batting lineup.





## Vijay Deverakonda Grand Comeback with "VD12"

Tollywood heartthrob Vijay Deverakonda is gearing up for a major comeback after a series of underperforming films at the box office. His upcoming action drama, tentatively titled "VD12," promises to be a game-changer for the actor, who is determined to reclaim his spot in the spotlight. Directed by Gowtam Tinnanuri, the film also stars Bhagyashri Borse, known for her work alongside Mr. Bachchan.

The production team recently completed a month-long shoot in the breathtaking locales of Kerala, where they filmed several key action sequences and pivotal scenes. This stunning backdrop has set the stage for an engaging visual experience, elevating the film's appeal. After wrapping up the Kerala schedule, Vijay took a moment to connect with his devoted fans, gathering a large group to celebrate the occasion.

In a heartfelt gathering, Vijay cut a cake and engaged with his fans, snapping selfies and delivering an emotional

speech. "VD12 is very special to me," he expressed. "It has given me so many beautiful memories. We filmed some breathtaking action sequences in Kerala. Dear Rowdies, we are working quite hard to offer you all the best theatrical experience." His words were met with enthusiastic cheers, showcasing the excitement of fans who have eagerly awaited his return to the big screen.

Adding to the film's anticipation, the soundtrack for "VD12" will be composed by the talented Anirudh Ravichander, ensuring that the musical elements will complement the film's high-octane narrative. Produced by Naga Vamsi and Sai Soujanya under the banners of Sithara Entertainments and Fortune 4 Cinemas, "VD12" is slated for release on March 28, 2025.

As Vijay Deverakonda embarks on this new journey, fans can look forward to a captivating cinematic experience that promises action, emotion, and unforgettable moments.

## Sunny Deol Shines in Action-Packed "Jaat"

Bollywood superstar Sunny Deol is set to dazzle audiences once again in a thrilling collaboration with dynamic director Gopichand Malineni for their upcoming Hindi film, "Jaat." This much-anticipated project is being produced jointly by Mythri Movie Makers and People Media Factory. On the occasion of Sunny Deol's birthday, the filmmakers unveiled the film's title along with an electrifying first-look poster.

The title "Jaat" encapsulates the essence of the film, which promises to showcase Sunny Deol in a powerful mass avatar. The striking first-look poster features the actor in an intense pose, wielding a massive fan, exuding an air of seriousness that hints at the film's gripping narrative. The title logo, designed with bold typography, adds to the film's dramatic flair, with splashes of blood suggesting that "Jaat" will be an action-packed experience.

Scheduled for a lavish production, "Jaat" is currently being filmed in Hyderabad, with the crew pouring significant resources into creating an engaging cinematic experience.

Director Gopichand Malineni aims to present Sunny Deol in a way audiences have never seen before, blending high-octane action with compelling storytelling.

The film features an impressive ensemble cast, including Randeep Hooda, Vineet Kumar Singh, Saiyami Kher, and Regina Cassandra, each bringing their unique talent to enrich the film's narrative. Their performances are expected to add depth and dynamism to the storyline.

Behind the scenes, "Jaat" boasts a talented team of leading technicians. Music maestro S Thaman is set to compose the film's score, while cinematographer Rishi Punjabi will capture its visuals. Editing will be handled by Navin Nooli, and production design is in the capable hands of Avinash Kolla.

With a motion poster scheduled for release today at 4:05 PM, anticipation is building for what promises to be a landmark film in Sunny Deol's career. "Jaat" is poised to redefine action cinema in Hindi films.



## First Song "Jai Bajrangbali" Released from 'Singham Again'

The anticipation is finally over as the makers of 'Singham Again' have unveiled the first song titled "Jai Bajrangbali." Directed by Rohit Shetty, this latest installment in the popular cop drama series features a stellar cast, including Ajay Devgn, Ranveer Singh, Deepika Padukone, Akshay Kumar, Tiger Shroff, Arjun Kapoor, and Jackie Shroff, among others.

The song serves as a powerful tribute to Lord Hanuman, infusing the film with a spiritual and energetic vibe that perfectly complements the festive season. Inspired by the Hanuman Chalisa, "Jai Bajrangbali" features an impressive lineup of vocalists, including Srikrishna, Kareemullah, Arun Koundinya, and many more, all contributing to this dynamic track.

Composed by Thaman S, with lyrics penned by Swanand Kirkire, the song skillfully blends devotional fervor with an exhilarating beat, setting the stage for the action-packed sequences that fans can expect in the film. The trailer for 'Singham Again' was released on October 7, providing a glimpse into the captivating storyline that awaits viewers.

In this third installment, the fearless Bajirao Singham, played by Ajay Devgn, embarks on a high-stakes cross-border mission to rescue his wife, Avni, who has been kidnapped by a formidable antagonist. The film draws inspiration from the Hindu epic Ramayana, reimagining its iconic characters with a modern twist.



Ajay Devgn's character embodies a contemporary version of Lord Ram, while Tiger Shroff takes on the role of Lakshman. Ranveer Singh channels the spirit of Lord Hanuman, and Akshay Kumar portrays Jatayu, creating a powerful ensemble united against the modern-day villain, 'Danger Lanka,' played by Arjun Kapoor.

As the fifth installment in the franchise, 'Singham Again' is set to hit theaters on November 1, promising an exhilarating experience for fans of the Cop Universe. With its blend of action, spirituality, and a star-studded cast, the film aims to captivate audiences across the nation.

## Dulquer Salmaan's "Lucky Baskhar" Set for Release

Mollywood star Dulquer Salmaan is set to make waves in the film industry with his upcoming project "Lucky Baskhar," directed by Tollywood's Venky Atluri. This unique film is scheduled to hit theaters on October 31, 2024, and is generating significant buzz among fans and film enthusiasts alike. Meenakshi Chaudhary takes on the lead female role, promising an engaging performance alongside Dulquer.

As the release date draws near, excitement is building with the announcement of the trailer's release, slated for October 21, 2024. Fans are eagerly anticipating this first glimpse into the film, which aims to blend engaging storytelling with star power. The collaboration between Dulquer Salmaan and Venky Atluri has already piqued interest, and many are curious to see how their creative visions will unfold on screen.

"Lucky Baskhar" is being produced by Sithara Entertainments and Fortune Four Cinema,



further enhancing its credibility and appeal. The film will be released in multiple languages, including Telugu, Malayalam, Tamil, and Hindi, making it accessible to a wider audience. This multi-lingual approach is expected to broaden its reach and resonate with diverse viewers across the country.

Adding to the film's allure is the music composed by the talented GV Prakash Kumar, known for his exceptional work in the industry. His score is anticipated to complement the film's narrative and elevate the overall cinematic experience.

With its star-studded cast, experienced director, and multi-language release, "Lucky Baskhar" is poised to become a significant entry in the upcoming film slate. As fans await the trailer and further updates, the excitement surrounding Dulquer Salmaan's latest venture continues to build. Stay tuned for more news as we approach the film's much-anticipated release!

## Jiiva's "Black" Marks Successful Comeback in Kollywood

Kollywood star Jiiva, well-known among Telugu audiences for his films \*Rangam\* and \*Snehithudu\*, has faced a challenging period in his career with several films failing to resonate at the box office. However, he has finally turned the tide with the sci-fi horror thriller \*Black\*, which has emerged as a commercial success.

Written and directed by KG Balasubramani, \*Black\* features Priya Bhavani Shankar as the female lead. Initially, the film had a limited release due to its competition with Superstar's \*Vettaiyan\*. Despite this, \*Black\* garnered a positive response from audiences on its opening day. Thanks to enthusiastic word-of-mouth, the film gained momentum, steadily increasing its viewership day by day.

At the success meet, Jiiva expressed his gratitude, stating, "After many years, a film of mine is having a success meet. I thank the audience for all their love. I will do more good films. I have more



responsibility on my shoulders now." He emphasized that \*Black\* is not a typical mass or comedy film, noting, "People are watching the film on the edge of their seats, thinking what will happen next. \*Black\* has a back-and-forth screenplay with elements such as quantum physics."

The film has continued to perform well, starting its second weekend strongly, with many shows selling out across Tamil Nadu. Following this success, \*Black\* is now set to release in Hyderabad, sparking interest among local audiences. Fans are eager to see if the makers will also consider a Telugu release, further expanding the film's reach.

Jiiva's comeback with \*Black\* showcases his resilience and commitment to delivering engaging content, signaling a promising new chapter in his career. As the film continues to attract viewers, it highlights the potential for more successful projects in the future for the talented actor.