



Weather Forecast

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Tension Erupts in Ashoknagar as Bandi Sanjay Arrested During Protest



TPN , Hyderabad: Tension escalated in Ashoknagar on Saturday as Union Minister Bandi Sanjay was arrested while supporting a protest organized by unemployed youth demanding the cancellation of GO No. 29 and the implementation of GO No. 55. The protest, led by Group 1 aspirants, drew large crowds, with BJP leaders and workers joining in to express solidarity with the protestors.

The unrest began when the aspirants, frustrated with the government's refusal to amend the controversial GO, took to the streets. Bandi Sanjay, along with BJP workers, arrived at Ashoknagar to support the protestors. The situation quickly intensified as Sanjay announced plans for a "Chalo Secretariat" march, declaring his determination to reach the Secretariat despite police intervention.

As the protest moved towards the Secretariat, the police intervened, arresting Bandi Sanjay at the Telugu Talli flyover. Tensions flared as scuffles broke out between the police and protesting students. Sanjay was subsequently taken to the BJP office, with further statements expected from him regarding the incident. DGP Jitender issued a firm warning to the protestors, stating that public order must be maintained. He emphasized

that the state government had made all necessary arrangements for the upcoming Group 1 mains exams, scheduled for October 21-27, in line with the High Court's directives. The DGP urged the aspirants to take their grievances to the Supreme Court rather than disrupting public peace through street protests.

Meanwhile, Telangana Chief Secretary Shanti Kumari confirmed that

all preparations for the Group 1 exams were complete, ensuring a smooth and secure testing environment. She reassured that the exams would be conducted without errors, and the government would ensure a fair process for all aspirants. With the High Court upholding the exams, any potential hurdles seem to have been cleared, leaving the aspirants divided between protest and proceeding with the exams.

CM Revanth Reddy Defends Group-1 Exam Process, Urges Protesters to Reconsider



TPN , Hyderabad: Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy addressed the ongoing protests surrounding the Group-1 Mains examinations, which began on Monday. He emphasized that the government had issued GO 29 at the time of the notification and selected 31,000 candidates for the Mains exam based on merit for 563 posts.

Speaking to the media, the Chief Minister pointed out that after the Preliminary exam, some opposition parties began protesting, but once a notification is issued, making changes midway would

lead to legal challenges. He questioned whether the courts would allow any such changes, implying that such actions would result in the cancellation of the exams.

Revanth Reddy also addressed concerns from candidates, especially those from SC, ST, and BC communities, stating that the 1:50 ratio for candidate selection was adopted to ensure justice for these groups. He reassured the candidates that the exams are being conducted to put an end to delays and provide opportunities for those who have been waiting for years.

In a direct appeal to the protestors, the Chief Minister urged them to reconsider their approach and avoid getting misled by false rumors. He advised the youth to focus on preparing for the competitive exams rather than wasting time in protests. Revanth Reddy also cautioned the police to handle the situation with respect and avoid unnecessary actions like lathi charges or filing cases, as this could negatively impact the lives of the protestors.

The Chief Minister concluded by encouraging the candidates to strive for success and grow into responsible citizens, urging them to end the protests peacefully.

DGP: Group-1 Exam Proceeding as Per Court Orders, 144 Section in Place

TPN , Hyderabad: Telangana's Director General of Police (DGP) stated that the Group-1 exams are being conducted strictly according to court orders, with the court having already deliv-

ered its verdict. He expressed concern over the continuous protests by Group-1 candidates, which have caused inconvenience to the public. The DGP advised the protestors to approach the Supreme

Court if they have grievances. He assured that all preparations for the exams are complete, and Section 144 is enforced near examination centers to maintain order.

KTR Slams Congress for Betraying Farmers Amid Monsoon Season Support



KTR has expressed his outrage over the recent statement by Agriculture Minister Tummalapudi Nageswara Rao, which suggests that the monsoon season support for farmers has been effectively cancelled. He has demanded immediate disbursement of the prom-

ised financial aid directly into the farmers' accounts. In a scathing attack, KTR accused the Congress government of fulfilling Chief Minister K. Chandrababu Naidu's warning that if Congress wins, the support for farmers would be withdrawn. He pointed out that the government's actions have completely undermined the monsoon crop season, leaving countless farmers in distress.

While the government is shifting blame and creating doubts, KTR emphasized that the Agriculture Minister's announcements indicate a direct betrayal of farmers. He condemned the government for suggesting the establishment of a sub-committee and guidelines to withhold investment support, arguing that such moves only deepen the farmers' woes.



Telangana Government Announces Farmer Support Measures, Rabi Season Changes

TPN , Telangana : In a recent statement, Minister Tummalapudi Nageswara Rao outlined the Telangana government's decisions regarding farmer support during the upcoming Kharif season. The government, he said, has decided not to offer the "Rythu Bharosa" (Farmer's Assurance) for this season. However, every farmer who cultivates paddy will receive a bonus of ₹500 per quintal of harvested crop. He clarified that only farmers who actively

engage in farming would be eligible for this support, with no assistance extended to those who do not cultivate land. Nageswara Rao also criticized the previous administration for disbursing ₹25,000 crore to lands that did not grow crops. The government, he mentioned, will release the Rythu Bharosa after receiving the recommendations from the Cabinet Sub-Committee, with a focus on transforming the farming community in line with

emerging policy changes.

On the issue of loan waivers, Nageswara Rao expressed that Chief Minister K. Chandrababu Naidu has taken the responsibility, despite financial constraints. The state has already written off ₹18,000 crore in loans for 20 lakh farmers on August 15. An additional ₹31,000 crore will be needed to cover 42 lakh beneficiaries across 25 lakh families.

Additionally, the government has introduced crop insurance, a scheme that did not exist in the past, where the state will bear the premium costs for farmers. The government will also purchase all crops at Minimum Support Price (MSP), and Nageswara Rao urged the central government to purchase 100% of the crops, currently only buying 20%.



Rabi Season Changes

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Kondandareddy, Chairman of the Farmers' Commission, assured that the promises made by the Congress government will be fulfilled, stating that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy had already implemented farmer loan waivers, which is an unprecedented move. He also highlighted that the next two years would bring significant reforms in the agricultural sector, ushering in a new era for Telangana's farming community.

Monsoon Season Support

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KTR criticized the Congress for ignoring farmers' pain, stating that they would rather play politics than support the agricultural community. He pointed out that the absence of funds for the promised support is merely an excuse for the Congress to backtrack on its commitments.

In response to the Congress's failure to deliver on its promises, the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) has called for protest programs across all mandal centers tomorrow. KTR urged party workers to highlight the Congress's betrayal of farmers, reminding them that they had promised ₹15,000 per acre in support but have failed to deliver.

He reaffirmed that the BRS stands firmly with farmers and will not relent until they receive their rightful benefits, including loan waivers and the promised monsoon support. The party is prepared to confront Congress representatives at every level if the situation does not improve.

BRS Leaders Over Water Contamination Concerns- CM Revanth

TPN , Hyderabad: Chief Minister Revanth Reddy attended the commemorative event for the Rajiv Gandhi Sadbhavana Yatra, initiated 34 years ago to promote national integrity. Reddy emphasized the government's commitment to carrying forward the spirit of the yatra each year, honoring the legacy of the late Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi.



At the event, Reddy praised Geeta Reddy, a longtime public servant, for being selected for the Sadbhavana Award, highlighting her integrity and dedication. He contrasted her exemplary character with those in politics who scheme for positions, referencing Geeta Reddy's decision not to contest in the 2023 elections as a mark of her principled stance.

Reddy asserted that genuine welfare for the poor is only achievable through the Gandhi family, commending Sonia and Rahul Gandhi for their sacrifices in giving up prime ministerial positions to demonstrate true leadership. He questioned the compar-

ison of the Gandhi family to those with a history of corruption and looting.

Addressing the issue of illegal encroachments, Reddy expressed a commitment to protecting the Telangana state and its resources. He called out influential figures who have seized government land, drains, and lakes to build large structures, likening their actions to a haunting specter that threatens the state's development.

He assured the real estate sector not to fear, promising governmental support against illegal activities. "The Hyderabad Development Authority will not rest until action is taken against illegal encroachments," he stated. Reddy criticized BRS leaders K.T. Rama Rao and Harish Rao for their political theatrics when faced with government actions against their farmhouses, asserting that their primary concern is the protection of their properties.

Reddy clarified that the efforts to rejuvenate the Musi River are distinct from the actions taken against illegal constructions, emphasizing that the focus is on tackling traffic issues and restoring drains and lakes. He challenged the BRS leaders to bring their concerns to the forefront, urging for an assembly of opposition leaders to clarify the truths behind the allegations against his administration. In conclusion, Reddy reaffirmed his dedication to serving the people of Telangana while addressing illegal encroachments and enhancing the welfare of the underprivileged.

Telangana's IT Exports Surge to Rs 2.68 Lakh Crore: Minister Sridhar Babu



2023-24 financial year, marking a growth rate of 11.2% compared to the previous year. This announcement was made by Telangana's IT and Industries Minister D Sridhar Babu during the inauguration of the Global Capability Centres (GCC) Innovation Summit at T-Hub on Friday, October 18.

Minister Sridhar Babu emphasized the crucial role played by GCCs in this impressive growth, highlighting that numerous international and national IT giants have already set up their operations in Hyderabad. He added that several IT companies are expanding their footprint to tier-2 cities in Telangana, which is expected to further boost the state's IT sector.

The summit also saw eight national and

international IT companies signing mutual understanding agreements with T-Hub. These companies include Medtronic, Toronto's Business Development Centre, the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE), Summit Consulting Services, Transition VC, Fuzzie, New Relic, and PayU.

Key officials, including Jayesh Ranjan, the special chief secretary of IT and Industries, were present at the event, which was seen as a significant step toward enhancing Telangana's position as a global IT hub.

Minister Sridhar Babu reiterated the state government's commitment to further developing the pharmaceutical industry as well, complementing Telangana's growing stature in the tech and innovation sectors.

TPN , Telangana : Telangana has achieved a remarkable milestone in the IT sector, with exports soaring to Rs 2.68 lakh crore in the

Telangana DGP Jitender Announces Police Commemoration Day Events Starting October 21



TPN , Telangana : Telangana DGP Jitender has announced that the state will observe Police Commemoration Day from October 21 to October 31, 2024. This ten-day event will honor the sacrifices made by police personnel who have laid down their lives in the line of duty, reflecting their courage and commitment to ensuring peace and security in the face of anti-national and anti-social forces.

In the past year, 214 police officers across India have sacrificed their lives in service, including one brave officer from Telangana. The day is commemorated annually to remember the valiant efforts of a patrol party led by SI Karam Singh, which was ambushed by Chinese forces in Ladakh at Hot Springs on October 21, 1959. Despite facing extreme conditions, ten soldiers fought courageously, and this day serves as a tribute to their bravery at an altitude of 16,000 feet.

The commemorative events in Telangana will include a range of activities, such as booklets, hoardings, open houses (both physical and online), public awareness programs, short film and photography competitions, cycling rallies, blood donation drives, and community engagement initiatives.

Additionally, DGP Jitender emphasized that the government has made all necessary arrangements for Group 1 examinations, stating that any protests affecting public order will not be tolerated.



Kishan Reddy Urges CM Revanth Reddy to Reconsider Musi River Beautification Plans

TPN , Telangana : Union Minister Kishan Reddy has called for Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to withdraw his plans regarding the beautification of the Musi River, particularly in the Karwan Division and Kesari Nagar Hanuman Temple area. After a visit to the Musi region, Reddy made crucial remarks, emphasizing the concerns of the local residents.

Reddy criticized Revanth Reddy's approach to the Musi beautification, stating that many poor families have built their homes over the past 30 years, brick by brick, and have been living there for decades. These families, he pointed out, were provided basic amenities such as electricity, water connections, ration cards, Aadhar cards, and voter IDs, with the government also collecting taxes from them. He expressed concern over the Chief Minister's proposal to demolish these homes, labeling it unjust and inhumane. "The government, regardless of who is in power, should work for the welfare of the poor," Reddy said. He further criticized the Congress for failing to build homes for the poor during their tenure, highlighting the plight of thousands of people in the Musi area who still lack basic infrastructure.

Reddy pointed out that during the Nizam's rule, retaining walls were built on both sides of the Musi River. He urged the Congress government to focus on constructing these retaining walls as part of the beautification plan. He assured the residents that the BJP stands with them, calling on the public to remain brave and assured of the party's support in the region.

Niranjan Reddy issued a strong rebuttal to Bandi Sanjay's



TPN , Telangana : Former minister Singireddy Niranjan Reddy issued a strong rebuttal to Union Minister of State for Home Affairs and BJP MP Bandi Sanjay's comments, in which he claimed that Congress ministers are attempting to remove Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy.

Niranjan Reddy questioned Bandi Sanjay's involvement in the matter, asking, "Is he a Union Minister or Revanth Reddy's advisor?" He expressed surprise over why Sanjay seemed so concerned about Revanth Reddy's position, questioning, "Why is Bandi Sanjay so worried about Revanth's chair? What difference does it make whether Congress is in power or not, or if Revanth remains CM or not?"

Reddy challenged Sanjay to reveal which Congress leaders were supposedly creating opposition to Revanth within the party. He also questioned why Sanjay has remained silent on pressing local issues, like the Musi River crisis, and why BJP leaders have failed to address the concerns of the affected people. "Does the BJP not care about the plight of the Musi River victims?" he asked.

Niranjan Reddy further criticized Sanjay for his silence on police action against unemployed youth who were peacefully protesting. He pointed out that Sanjay had vocally supported these issues before elections, but now, as a Union Minister, he has not raised his voice. He also noted the continued curfew in Ashok Nagar, asking why BJP leaders are not taking action.

Lastly, Niranjan Reddy suggested that BJP and Congress have a hidden alliance in Telangana. "They fight at the national level, but in Telangana, it's friendship. BJP leaders are giving unofficial support to the Congress government," he concluded.

This statement comes amid rising tensions between political parties in Telangana, with accusations of backdoor alliances and the handling of public issues under scrutiny.

Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy Criticizes KTR and Harish Rao on Multiple Issues

TPN , Telangana : Telangana Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy strongly criticized KTR and Harish Rao, stating that the people of Nalgonda are not easily provoked and that they have historically fought against injustice, including the Nizam and Razakars. He questioned why KTR and Harish Rao seem to have so much resentment toward Nalgonda, calling their remarks about the region baseless and disrespectful.

Venkat Reddy also raised concerns about the fluoride contamination in Nalgonda, which has caused kidney and other health problems for the local population. He accused the previous government of looting thousands of crores over the past decade, particularly under the leadership of KTR, while suggesting that KTR has yet to grasp the gravity of the situation.



On the subject of development, he pointed out that while the BRS government has undertaken some projects, such as a cable bridge over Durgam Cheruvu, it has failed to deliver on significant developmental needs for the people of Nalgonda, including clean water through the Musi River revitalization project. He criticized the government's handling of the Musi project, questioning how real estate developments could be carried out on the river when the aim was to provide clean water to the public.

Venkat Reddy also remarked on the BRS's poor per-

formance in recent elections, including the failure to win even a single seat in the Parliament. He criticized Harish Rao and KTR for their leadership, claiming they are not true leaders and accusing them of focusing on their own wealth rather than the public's welfare.

He concluded by asserting that the Congress government is working for the people, highlighting their commitment to timely salary payments and the development of Telangana, contrasting the past government's performance.

Minister Jupally Krishna Rao Accepts Harish Rao's Challenge for Open Debate

TPN , Telangana : In a recent statement at Gandhi Bhavan, Minister Jupally Krishna Rao declared his acceptance of the challenge issued by Harish Rao, asserting that it is unnecessary for Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to attend. Instead, he would take the initiative to engage in a debate about Telangana's financial situation before the formation of the state, including discussions on corruption and debt.



Krishna Rao proposed holding the debate at Lal Bahadur Stadium, where 50,000 people could witness the discussions. He claimed to possess substantial evidence to prove allegations of corruption against KCR (K. Chandrashekar Rao), KTR (K. T. Rama Rao), and Harish Rao, stating that they have misled the public regarding the alleged ₹1.5 lakh crore embezzlement in the Musi River Front project.

the past ten months and emphasized the importance of developing the Musi River Front while freeing the poor from unsanitary conditions. Additionally, he noted the government's 2016 directive regarding the 50-meter buffer zone along the Musi River, which he stated would impact his own residence.

He criticized the BRS government for failing to acknowledge its electoral defeat over

Harish Rao Criticizes Telangana Government's Actions on Group 1 Candidates

TPN , Hyderabad : Former Minister Harish Rao has strongly criticized the Telangana government, especially Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, over the recent lathi charge on Group 1 aspirants. He condemned the actions as "inhuman" and claimed that the government was using students and unemployed individuals for political gains. Rao pointed out that the police and lathi charges cannot suppress the issue, warning that it would only intensify.



Rao also questioned the Chief Minister's commitment, asking whether Revanth Reddy had the courage to visit Ashok Nagar without security. He further accused the government of exploiting students and unemployed youth for political purposes.

dandaram, who previously spoke for the unemployed, questioning his silence on the lathi charge incident.

He reminded that the BRS party has always stood by the unemployed and students, asserting that their agenda is aligned with the people's issues. Rao also called out Ko-

This criticism comes as tensions rise over the handling of protests by aspirants and unemployed youth, with the former minister vowing to continue supporting their cause.

Secret Ties Between BRS and Congress

TPN , Hyderabad : Union Minister Bandi Sanjay launched a scathing attack on BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao (KTR), accusing him of arrogance and blaming it for the party's downfall in recent elections. Sanjay was responding to a tweet by KTR, countering his statements with strong allegations.



Sanjay claimed that the money Congress spent on the Haryana and Kashmir elections came from BRS. He asserted that KTR's arrogance is the reason for BRS's losses, and KTR is repeating the same mistakes now with his recent statements. He further al-

leged that Congress and BJP are not in alliance, as suggested by KTR, arguing that real alliances don't involve public statements but private discussions.

Bandi Sanjay also accused KCR, the Chief Minister of Telangana, of providing financial support to Congress during the Haryana and Kashmir elections, claiming that KCR delivered cash-filled bags to Delhi for Congress.

He raised the issue of the phone-tapping case, questioning why KCR hasn't been served a notice under Section 41 of the CrPC, despite reports indicating his involvement. Sanjay challenged BRS to hand over the phone-tapping case to the CBI, stating that a full investigation would reveal the truth behind the alleged BRS-Congress alliance.

Minister Ponguleti Announces First Phase of Indiramma Houses by End of Month



TPN , Telangana : Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy made a significant announcement regarding the Indiramma housing scheme, stating that the first phase of houses would be approved by the end of this month. He added that between 3,500 and 4,000 homes will be allocated to each constituency. The government's goal, he said, is to build 20 lakh Indiramma houses over the next four years, ensuring they are provided to the poor regardless of political affiliation.

Reddy criticized the previous BRS government for using 98,000 houses and 58,000 pending distributions for political gains during elections. He pointed out that BRS had only completed projects based on political motives, whether in housing, jobs, or other areas.

The Minister emphasized that the government will not compromise on funding for the poor, promising to complete incomplete homes and issue new house allocations. He also attended a distribution event for double-bedroom house pattas in the Goshamahal constituency.

PCC Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud Criticizes KCR Family and Discusses Telangana's Development

TPN , Telangana : At a public event near Charminar, PCC Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud emphasized that the family of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi is synonymous with sacrifice, and it is in their footsteps that the Congress party continues to walk. He highlighted the sacrifices made by the Gandhi family for the country's unity and federalism, stating that those without a role in the freedom struggle are now leading the nation.



Goud raised concerns over Hyderabad's flood management, suggesting that even the Musi project should not be halted in the face of criticism from individuals like KTR and others. He stressed that Hyderabad's preparedness for floods is critical, and projects like HYDRA must be implemented effectively.

He also criticized the KCR family for allegedly misappropriating Telangana's assets and resources, adding that the state requires

greater development in sectors like healthcare, education, and sports. Goud also challenged KTR to explain the source of the 1.5 lakh crore figure mentioned by him. He concluded by calling for the people's support and reaffirmed his commitment to Telangana's progress.

Attacks on Hindu Temples are Part of a Conspiracy: MP Etela Rajender

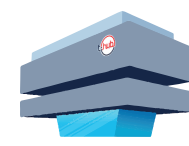


TPN , Telangana : Malkajgiri MP Etela Rajender has raised concerns over the recent attacks on Hindu temples in Telangana, calling them part of a larger conspiracy to disturb peace in Hyderabad. Speaking at a BJP membership registration event in East Anand Bagh under the Neredmet constituency on Saturday, Rajender emphasized that during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's 11 years in office, peace and security have prevailed across the country. However, he alleged that certain forces are trying to disrupt this harmony by targeting Hindu places of worship.

Rajender warned that supporting such elements for the sake of votes or political gains is akin to nurturing a venomous snake. He

stressed that extremism has no connection with caste, religion, or region, and those involved in such activities lack humanity, with innocent people becoming their victims. He pointed out that this kind of fanaticism has disturbed peace in many countries around the world.

The MP urged the Telangana government to take immediate and strict action against these attacks without any delay. He further stated that if the state fails to act, the central government might have to intervene. Rajender reiterated that Modi's primary duty is to ensure the safety and security of the nation and that any attempts to disturb this peace must be dealt with firmly.



Police Lathi Charge Injures Several Protesters in Secunderabad



TPN , Hyderabad: A protest at the Muthyalamma temple in Secunderabad escalated into a violent confrontation on Saturday, as police resorted to a lathi charge to control a large gathering of devotees protesting the recent desecration of the temple's idol. The protest left several people injured, including women, as the crowd clashed with security personnel.

The tension followed a bandh called by local traders in response to the vandalism of the temple earlier this week. Hundreds of devotees, including religious groups, gathered near the temple, chanting slogans and demanding strict action against the culprits.

As protesters grew increasingly agitated, hurling stones and footwear at police officers, authorities responded by using force to disperse the crowd. The situation intensified when part of the rally attempted to storm a local hotel, the Metropolis, on Secunderabad Road. The hotel had been linked to Munnawar Zama, a motivational speaker, who, along with two others, had been implicated in the incident. Police quickly intervened, sealing the hotel and dispersing the mob.

The unrest reached a peak when a 500-strong group gathered in front of the temple and attempted to approach a nearby place of worship. Police, forewarned by intelligence of potential troublemakers in the area, moved in to control the situation.

Rumors circulated that internet services had been shut down in Secunderabad to curb misinformation, though officials attributed any disruptions to technical issues. Authorities have assured the public that those responsible for the desecration will face legal action, and repairs to the temple are already underway.

Man Attacks Woman with Blade in SR Nagar



TPN , Hyderabad : A shocking incident took place in SR Nagar, Hyderabad, where a young man, identified as Madhusudhan Reddy from Chodavaram, Srikalahasti, attacked a woman with a blade in the middle of the road. The victim, who hails from the same area, had recently completed her engineering in Nellore.

Madhusudhan and the woman had become acquainted through Instagram, leading to a relationship. Both had moved to Hyderabad for training courses and were staying in separate hostels. Recently, the woman started distancing herself from Madhusudhan, which reportedly enraged him.

On the pretext of discussing their relationship, Madhusudhan called the woman to meet and then attacked her, slashing her throat with a blade. Passersby quickly responded and rushed the injured woman to the hospital. The police have since taken Madhusudhan into custody.

The incident has caused significant concern in the area, with police continuing their investigation into the matter. The victim is currently receiving treatment, and further details about her condition are awaited.

Double Bedroom House Allotment for Gosha Mahal Constituency Beneficiaries

TPN , Hyderabad: In a significant move to support underprivileged communities, Telangana Ministers Ponnam Prabhakar and Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy distributed double-bedroom house allotments to beneficiaries from the Gosha Mahal constituency at the Hyderabad Collectorate. The event, held on Friday, saw the presence of key political figures, including MLAs Raja Singh and Sri Ganesh, MLCs Balamuri Venkat and Rahmat Beg, and Hyderabad Collector Anudeep Durishetty.



A total of 144 beneficiaries received homes, located in Rampally, Medchal district, through a transparent computer-based selection process. Minister Ponnam

Prabhakar highlighted that the homes were provided at no cost to the beneficiaries, reflecting the government's dedication to the

welfare of marginalized communities.

During his address, Prabhakar

assured that essential amenities like drainage, drinking water, and electricity were available in the new homes. He urged the beneficiaries to maintain cleanliness and protect the provided infrastructure. Prabhakar also condemned attempts to politicize the welfare schemes, stressing that the government remains focused on developmental initiatives despite opposition.

The Minister emphasized that the Indiramma housing scheme, which sanctions 3,500 houses per constituency, is part of the government's broader vision to improve living conditions and offer adequate housing to all.

Forest Officials Confirm Presence of Wild Cat, Not Tiger, in Miyapur



TPN , Hyderabad : Forest officials have clarified that the animal sighted in Miyapur, which sparked fear among residents, was not a tiger but a wild cat. After investigating the area where the animal was spotted, officials collected footprints and hair samples. Based on this evidence, they officially identified the creature as a wild cat.

Divisional Forest Officer (DFO) explained that there is a significant difference between a wild cat and a leopard, both in size and behavior. The wild cat's footprints measured approximately 3.5 cm, further confirming the identification.

The DFO urged Miyapur residents not to panic, reassuring them that the animal in question is not a tiger but a harmless wild cat. The confusion likely arose from a zoomed-in video that made the wild cat resemble a tiger.

The forest department remains vigilant and is closely monitoring the situation to ensure public safety.

Firecrackers Worth Rs 4 Lakh Seized in Abids; Two Arrested

TPN , Hyderabad : In a significant seizure, the Hyderabad police recovered firecrackers worth Rs 4 lakh from a community hall in Gunfoundry, Abids, on Friday, October 18. Two men, identified as N Shiva Kumar (28) from Abids and G Mohit Kumar (24) from Boggulkunta, were arrested for illegally storing the fireworks.

The police revealed that the duo had been operating a seasonal firecracker business without any valid licenses or permissions. They had been using the community hall as a storage facility, which posed a severe safety hazard to residents in the area.

A total of 46 cartons of fireworks were confiscated from the location. The accused had sourced the firecrackers for sale during the upcoming Diwali season.

The police have filed a case and are continuing their investigation into the matter.



Journalist Attacked with Sticks and Beer Bottles in Telangana

TPN , Telangana : In a shocking incident, Nitta Sudarshan, a reporter for the local daily Aadab Hyderabad, was brutally attacked by unidentified assailants wielding sticks and beer bottles in Yellandu town, Bhadradi Kothagudem district, Telangana, on the evening of October 19. Sudar-

shan sustained serious injuries in the attack and was rushed to a private hospital in Khammam, where he is currently in critical condition. Reports indicate that before the assault, Sudarshan had lodged a complaint with the police, claiming that he had received death threats from local

rowdies and politicians. The attack is believed to be connected to his active support for Congress candidate Theenmar Mallanna in the ongoing Graduates MLC elections.

The police have registered a case and are urging witnesses to pro-

vide information to assist in their investigation. This incident follows a similar attack in August, when two female journalists, Sarita Avulu and Vijaya Reddy, were manhandled by Congress workers in Mahbubnagar district while covering a farmer loan waiver event.

Telangana MLA Receives Nude Video Call; Complaint Filed with Police

In a shocking incident, a Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) from the united Karimnagar district of Telangana received an unsolicited nude video call late at night. The call came from an unknown number after midnight on the 14th of this month. When the MLA answered the call, a woman appeared on the screen in a state of nudity.

The MLA promptly filed a complaint with the police, reporting the cybercrime. A case has been registered with the Cyber Security Bureau, and the incident has been reported to the National Cybercrime Reporting Portal. Authorities are currently investigating the matter.

Couple Found Murdered in Amberpet

TPN , Hyderabad: A couple was found murdered at their residence in DD Colony, Amberpet, on Saturday morning. The victims, Linga Reddy, a bank employee, and his wife Urmila Devi, were discovered dead at their home.

Upon receiving the information, the police rushed to the scene and initiated an investigation into the tragic incident. The exact circumstances of the murder remain unclear as

authorities work to gather more details.

Tension escalated briefly at the location when some individuals attempted to protest the crime. However, the police intervened and dispersed the crowd, restoring order.

The police are continuing their efforts to unravel the motive behind the killings and identify any potential suspects.

Former Minister Vemula Prashanth Reddy Criticizes CM Revanth Reddy's Behavior

TPN , Hyderabad : TFormer Minister Vemula Prashanth Reddy launched a scathing attack on Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, accusing him of acting irrationally and irresponsibly in response to questions raised by KTR.

Prashanth Reddy highlighted that Minister Tummala had promised complete farm loan waivers by December 9, coinciding with Sonia Gandhi's birthday, but later backtracked, stating only Rs 2,500 crore would be allocated. He claimed Revanth had deceived the farmers.

When questioned, Revanth reportedly lashed out at KTR and Harish Rao. Prashanth Reddy also criticized Revanth for his inappropriate remarks at the Rajiv Sadbhavana Sabha, stat-



ing that the language used by a sitting CM was unbecoming.

He demanded that the DGP file a criminal case against Revanth for

his threats, particularly remarks about bulldozing Congress leaders. Reddy also urged action against illegal farmhouses, including those owned by ministers.

Authorities Accelerate Investigation into Sex Determination Case in Kamareddy District

TPN , Kamareddy : Kamareddy district authorities have intensified their investigation into a shocking case of illegal sex determination. New and disturbing details have emerged, suggesting the involvement of local healthcare workers. The investigation has revealed that a gang allegedly involved in sex determination had the cooperation of ASHA workers, with reports suggesting that tests were being conducted at pregnant women's homes using portable ultrasound machines.

Recently, district police apprehended a key individual, Ravinder, in Rajampet, leading to significant revelations. It has been confirmed that over 35 illegal abortions were carried out at three private hospitals in Kamareddy. The investigation suggests that the gang charged up to ₹15,000 for sex determination and between ₹50,000 and ₹70,000 for abortions. The probe, led by the police and the Department of Health, is ongoing, with authorities scrutinizing the extent of involvement of both private and government healthcare professionals. A few days ago, following allegations of involvement in illegal sex determination tests, a government medical officer surrendered to the state health department, signaling potential high-level complicity in the operation.

Etela Rajender Criticizes Revanth Reddy's Government at Nizamabad Media Meet



TPN , Nizamabad: In a media interaction at the BJP office, MP Etela Rajender launched a strong critique against Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's administration, accusing him of failing to implement the farm loan waiver promised during the elections. Rajender raised concerns about the government's inability to fulfill its promises, suggesting that public trust in Congress is declining rapidly, and opposition to Revanth Reddy's government is growing.

He also ridiculed the government's plan to allocate one lakh crore for cleaning the Moosi River, calling the proposal absurd. In addition, Rajender condemned GO 29 as "cruel" and demanded

it be revised, asserting that government orders should be in line with constitutional principles.

Further, Rajender expressed strong disapproval of the government's attempts to block Bandi Sanjay's rally and voiced support for the postponement of Group 1 exams, as requested by candidates. He also called for a 50% reservation to be allocated based on merit, emphasizing the need for merit-based policies in recruitment and education.

The remarks come amidst ongoing debates on governance and development in the state, with Rajender continuing his criticism of the ruling party's priorities.

SI's Harsh Behavior Leads to Shaving of Youths' Heads and Suicide Attempt

TPN , Nagarkurnool : A shocking incident of abuse of power by a Sub-Inspector (SI) has surfaced in Lingala Mandal, Nagarkurnool district. According to reports, three local youths got into a quarrel with staff members at a petrol pump. The staff informed the police, prompting SI Jagan to reach the spot and take the three youths into custody.

The SI then transferred the youths to the police station with the help of his staff. During this time, one of the youths was combing his hair in front of the SI. Enraged by this act, the SI ordered the heads of all three youths to be shaved as a form of punishment.

Humiliated by this treatment, one of the youths attempted suicide, unable to bear the shame. Locals rushed him to the Nagarkurnool Government Hospital, where his condition is reported to be critical. It is learned that higher authorities have reprimanded the SI for his inappropriate conduct towards the youths.



Minister Ponnam Prabhakar Honored at Gopal Mitra Meeting

TPN , Hyderabad : A grand felicitation event was held at the RTC Kala Bhavan in Hyderabad, organized by the Telangana State Gopal Mitra Association. The event honored Minister of Transport and BC Welfare Ponnam Prabhakar. Key participants included CEO of the Livestock Development Corporation Malleshwari, retired IAS officer MV Reddy, and the president of the Veterinary Doctors Association, Ramesh Babu, among other officials.



Addressing the gathering, Minister Ponnam Prabhakar emphasized the close link between dairy farming and agriculture, noting that healthy livestock is essential for the prosperity of the state. He expressed his personal connection to farming, sharing that even as a Minister, he keeps livestock at his official residence. He reiterated that the government would serve as a bridge between farmers and the state, ensuring their concerns reach the Chief Minister.

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Farmers Burn Effigy of Agriculture Minister in Protest Over Rythu Bharosa Delay

TPN , Siddipet: Farmers across the erstwhile Medak district took to the streets in protest after Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageshwara Rao announced there would be no disbursement of the Rythu Bharosa financial input assistance for the Kharif season. In Chinna Kodur, farmers set an effigy of the Agriculture Minister on fire at the mandal headquarters, expressing their anger over the government's failure to release the promised funds.

Earlier, Former Minister T. Harish Rao criticized Nageshwara Rao, demanding an apology from him to the farmers. Rao pointed out that Congress had come to power promising to increase the Rythu Bharosa assistance to Rs. 15,000 from the Rs. 10,000 provided under the BRS government's Rythu Bandhu scheme. However, despite the harvesting of the Kharif crop already underway, the government had not released the Kharif installment, he added.



Bhadrachalam Temple EO Issues Memos to Two Staff Members

TPN , Bahadrachalam : In a new controversy at the Bhadrachalam Ramalayam, Executive Officer (EO) Ramadevi has issued memos to two temple staff members following the temporary closure of two subsidiary temples. The incident involved the Anjaneya Swamy Temple and the Lakshmi Thayar Temple, both of which were reportedly shut down for several hours on Thursday morning, causing unrest among devotees.

The EO took swift action by issuing memos to the temple superintendent and inspectors, seeking an explanation for the closure. Additionally, Assistant Executive Officer (AEO) Bhavani has been appointed as the investigating officer to look into the matter.

EO Ramadevi stated that based on the investigation report, the issue will be escalated to higher authorities in the Endowments Department for further action. The closure of temple services, particularly the halt in daily rituals, has been a point of concern for devotees and temple management alike.

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.



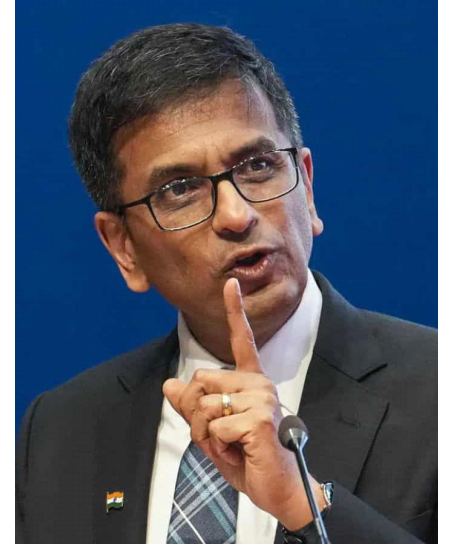
In addition to official discussions, the visit will emphasize India's commitment to multilateralism and its role within BRICS, a grouping that continues to gain significance in global affairs. The interactions with other leaders are expected to foster deeper collaboration and mutual understanding among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

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.

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.

In the previous elections, the 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.



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 cease-work 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."

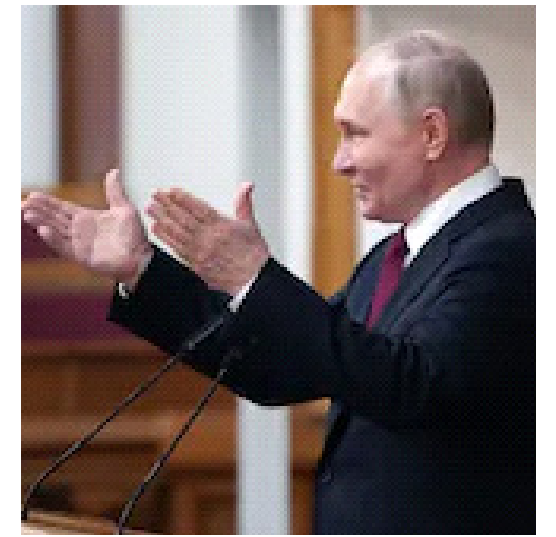
Sinwar, who played a pivotal role in orchestrating Hamas' October 7, 2023, attack on Israel, was killed in a confrontation with Israeli forces after a prolonged manhunt. His death was confirmed on Thursday. Khamenei hailed Sinwar as a "shining face of resistance and struggle," commending his steadfastness 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.

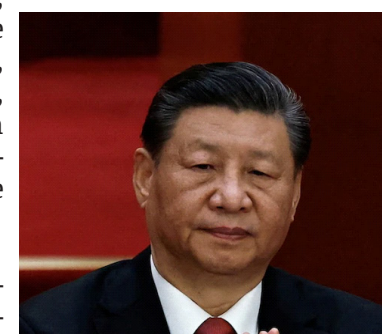
China's Religious Persecution: The Sinicization Campaign Intensifies

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.

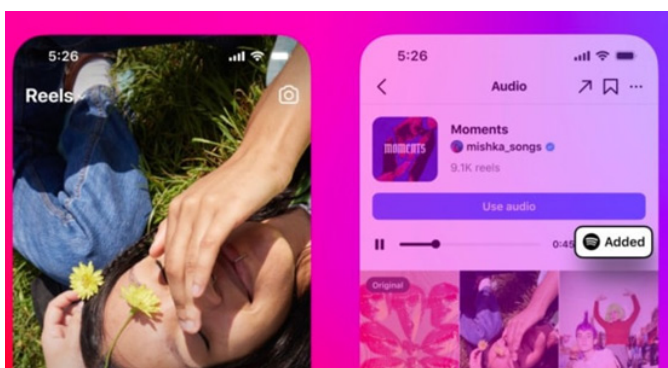
Avoid Late-Night Snacking: Limit food intake during the evening to help your body digest food more efficiently while you sleep.

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.

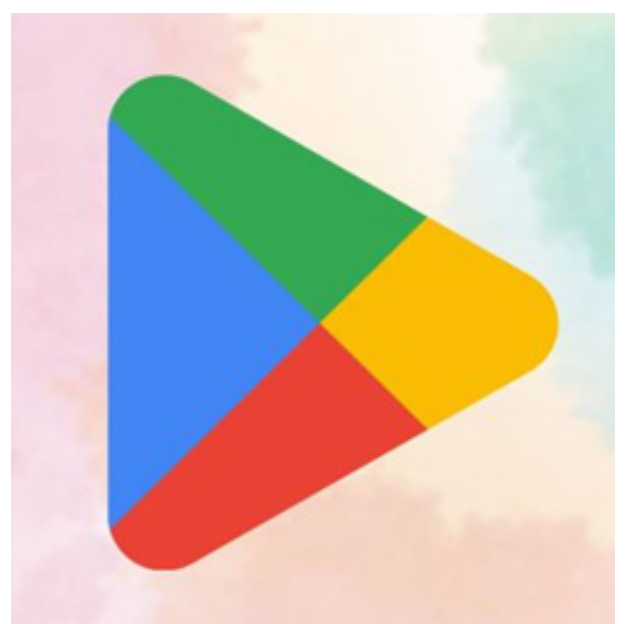
Jason Weston, one of the researchers involved, expressed optimism about the future capabilities of AI, stating, "We hope, as AI becomes more and more super-human, that it will get better and better at checking its work, so that it will actually be better than the average human." He emphasized that the 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.

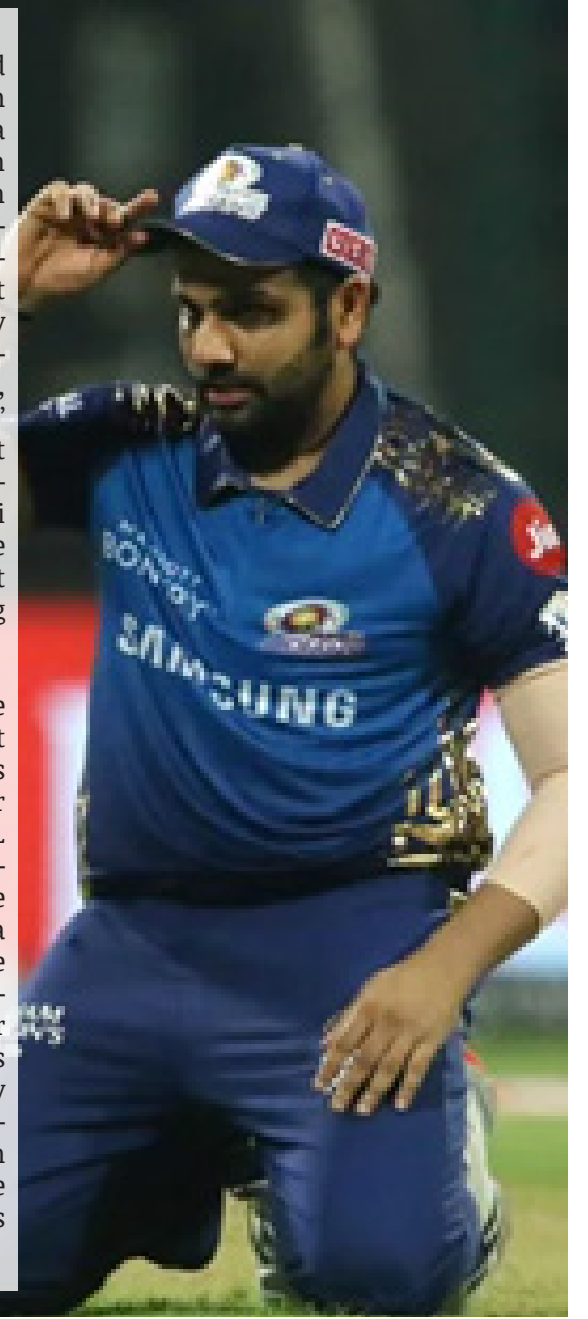
Rohit Sharma Receives Plea To Join RCB In IPL 2025

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.