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# **WHY THIS** CONFUSION, Mr. JAGAN?



Sekhar: Ex-Chief Minister Mr. YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has been strategic making mistakes continuously, which led to his loss of power, and he seems to be repeating the same errors now. Regarding the Tirumala laddu adulteration issue, the alliance has attempted to

they were somewhat successful in this operation. In defending himself, Jagan has made mistakes again. He announced a program at Tirumala but later canceled it to avoid signing and make speeches based on a declaration. He tried to conthe mood of the people rather vince the public that the government forced him to cancel the program, but people have Contrary to public expectations understood that Jagan has no respect for the rules of Tirumala. When he was in power, he attended all the temples officially as the Chief Minister, including Tirumala, Durga Temple, and others. In contrast, he did not take his wife, Bharati, along with him for all these programs. If he wants to establish that he respects the Hindu religion, he should continue to attend these temples after losing power. However, Mr. Jagan did not attend Durga Temple during the Vijayadashami season this year. Attending Durga Temple while in power and not going while in opposition will not send a positive signal to the public. He needs to notice this, as political circles have opined.

Additionally, he has been trygovernment and their victory.



He has attempted to minimize the significance of their victory and has not reviewed his own strategies. To boost his cadre's morale, he keeps saying that elections are coming soon and that he will regain power again. However, this may have negative consequences for him. The people

portray him as anti-Hindu, and of Andhra Pradesh are observing the ruling of the alliance government and are not in the mood to face elections, even in their thoughts. In one word, Mr. Jagan needs to adopt a strategy than his own.

> regarding the alliance government, they are failing in certain aspects, such as the free sand and liquor policy. Mr. YS Jagan Mohan Reddy is expected to expose these failures, which he is already doing. If he focuses on this and patiently waits to regain power, it would be better for him and his party.

Regarding the volunteers' issue, Mr. Chandrababu Naidu is not fulfilling his promise of raising their salaries to ₹10,000. The government has even put the volunteer system on hold. This further proves that Mr. Naidu frequently changes his words. Mr. Jagan needs to address this issue and rally all volunteers to advocate for a salary increase and to safeguard their jobs. However, Mr. Jagan is not focusing not to recognize the alliance ing on this; why, nobody knows.

# **Nara Lokesh's Fierce Allegations Against Jagan**

"A Demon Who Drinks Raw Blood"

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: In a series of sensational accusations, Education and IT Minister Nara Lokesh unleashed a scathing attack on YCP chief and former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, calling him a "monster who drinks raw blood." Lokesh took to social media platform X to voice his criticism, claiming Jagan orchestrated the murder of his uncle, Y.S. Vivekananda Reddy, and allowed rampant lawlessness during his tenure.



# HANDOVER ALL SHOPS TO ME, I WILL GIVE YOU A SHARE

#### **BASHYAM PRAVEEN'S LIQUOR DEAL**

MLA Bhashyam **Praveen trying** to get all the shops

**First** tried through syndicate, but got only 4 shops

Later called up the people, who got shops

He is threatening everybody to handover shop

One person got 8 shops in Dharanikota

Now, he is facing heat from MLA

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Mr. Bhashyam Praveen, MLA of Pedakurapadu in Guntur District, has taken a controversial approach to the liquor business. While shop-sharing is common across districts and constituencies, MLA Bhashyam Praveen has introduced a new tactic in his constituency. He reportedly summoned all those who won liquor shop licenses in the lottery and asked them to hand over the shops to him. He assured them that his office would handle the accounts, and 50% of the profits would be shared with the original license holders. This news has been circulating widely throughout the constitu-

The liquor traders were shocked by the MLA's demand and are now seeking an appointment with Chief Minister Mr. N. Chandrababu Naidu. They are expected to meet with the Chief Minister in the next two days. Bhashyam Praveen, who is a first-time MLA, won the seat riding the alliance wave. His brother, Bhashyam Jagadish, reportedly manages all of the MLA's affairs on the ground, despite having a rowdy sheet filed against him. It was Jagadish who allegedly led the discussions with the liquor shop owners on behalf of the MLA.

According to sources, MLA Praveen threatened many potential bidders, allegedly discouraging them from submitting tenders for the liquor shops. His plan was to monopolize the shops by forming a syndicate with his associates. However. Chief Minister Naidu's insistence on online bidding led hundreds of people Chief Minister's response to the liquor to file tenders online, despite Praveen's efforts. Before the online bidding, only 40 applications had been submitted. Ul-

began calling those who had secured shops, allegedly threatening them to hand over control. In one instance, a person from Vijayawada who won licenses for eight shops in Dharanikota was reportedly subjected to intense pressure. Under the proposed deal, the Bhashyam family would take over the liquor shops without paying any fee or deposit, manage the business, and split 50% of the profits with the orig-

inal license holders. These shop

owners would effectively become

spectators, forced to accept whatever

share is released by the MLA.

timately, Praveen's syndicate secured

only four shops in the constituency, fail-

ing in their attempt to dominate the

market. After this setback, Praveen

Chief Minister Naidu has already issued serious warnings to MLAs regarding involvement in the liquor business. He made it clear that neither TDP nor Janasena MLAs should participate in liquor-related ventures. Despite this, MLA Bhashyam Praveen allegedly held meetings both before and after Naidu's directive. Now, everyone is waiting for the shop owners of Pedakurapadu and how he will address MLA Bhashyam Praveen's actions.

# DCM Pawan Kalyan to Visit Gurla Village Amid Diarrhea Outbreak



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: AP Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan is set to visit Gurla village in Vizianagaram district today, October 21, in response to a severe diarrhea outbreak affecting the area. The visit comes as the village grapples with a health crisis, where a significant number of residents are suffering from vomiting and diarrhea, leading to the unfortunate deaths of four individuals in just one day.

During his visit, Pawan Kalyan plans to review the local situation firsthand and engage with As the situation unfolds, the officials to assess the response measures being implemented. The outbreak has raised alarm among villagers, prompting con-

cerns about the health and safety of the community.

Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has already reached out to inquire about the circumstances in Gurla, emphasizing the government's commitment to addressing the urgent health issues at hand. Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan's visit aims to provide reassurance to the residents and ensure that appropriate actions are taken to control the outbreak and support those affected.

community remains hopeful that timely interventions will help alleviate the health crisis and prevent further casualties.

#### Free Gas Cylinders to Be Provided from Diwali -Minister Nadendla

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: In a significant announcement, Andhra Pradesh Civil Supplies Minister Nadendla Manohar stated that the state government is set to provide free gas cylinders to eligible households starting from Diwali. This initiative is part of the "Super Six" promises made during the recent elections, where the TDP alliance pledged to offer three free gas cylinders per year to women.

Minister Nadendla emphasized that the implementation of this scheme is a priority for the coalition government. "We will provide three gas cylinders free of charge per year to eligible households," he confirmed. The initiative is expected to incur an annual cost of approximately ₹3,000 crores.

The minister noted that the approval for this scheme will be sought in the upcoming cabinet meeting, which is anticipated to take place shortly. By fulfilling this prom-



ise, the government aims to alleviate the financial burden on families and improve access to essential cooking fuel.

This decision comes as part of the government's broader commitment to support the welfare of women and ensure that every household has access to vital resources. The announcement has been welcomed by many, as it reflects the administration's dedication to keeping its electoral promises.

As Diwali approaches, the government is making preparations to roll out the free gas cylinder scheme, which is expected to have a positive impact on the lives of numerous families across the state.

# **ANDHRA PRADESH**

# **Kollu Ravindra Challenges YS Jagan to Collect Sand Himself Using a Tractor**

Kollu Ravindra Advocates for Rs 264 Crore Income from **Sand Management** 

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Minister of Excise and Mines Kollu Ravindra has emphasized the need for Rs 264 crore in revenue from sand management to effectively implement the free sand policy and enhance convenience for the common man. Speaking at the TDP central office in Mangalagiri, he stated that only operational charges would be collected, allowing residents to transport sand at no cost using tractors, a new option that expands on the previous policy which permitted free transport only via dump trucks.

Ravindra invited former Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy to come and collect sand himself using a tractor, highlighting the ease of the new system. He criticized the previous administration for allegedly enabling rampant corruption in the sand and liquor sectors, accusing YCP leaders of pilfering Rs 1,000 crore in sand revenues. He also noted that the National Green Tribunal

had imposed a fine of Rs 100 crore on illegal sand mining activities during Jagan's tenure.

Regarding liquor regulation, Ravindra pointed out that under the YCP government, there were 856 cases registered for the sale of adulterated liquor and an additional 930 cases for selling liquor above the maximum retail price (MRP) in government-run shops. He revealed that about 40 lakh individuals reportedly fell ill due



to adulterated alcohol during that period.

To address these issues, Ravindra announced plans to establish a committee, led by a retired judge, to determine liquor pricing. He also indicated that applications would soon be invited for 340 shops designated for stone cutters, as part of the government's broader strategy to improve oversight and management in both the sand and liquor sectors.

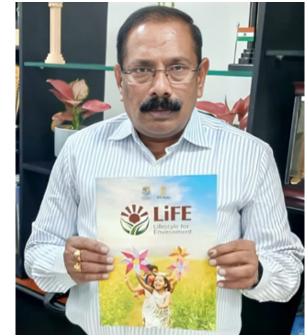
# **Special Book on Mission LIFE Released** in Amaravati by K. Vijayanand

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Shri K. Vijayanand, Special Chief Secretary of the Energy Department, released a special book today highlighting the significance of Mission LIFE (Lifestyle for Environment) in Amaravati.

The event was attended by various officials and stakeholders who gathered to discuss the pivotal role of Mission LIFE in promoting sustainable practices and enhancing environmental awareness among citizens. The book aims to educate the public on how individual actions contribute to a larger goal of environmental conservation.

During the launch, K. Vijayanand emphasized the importance of collective efforts in addressing climate change and fostering a culture of sustainability. He urged citizens to adopt eco-friendly habits in their daily lives, underscoring that every small action can lead to significant positive changes for the environment.

The release of this book marks a step forward in Andhra Pradesh's commitment to sustainability and environmental stewardship, aligning with the broader goals of Mission LIFE. It aims to inspire communities to take proactive



measures in protecting their environment for future generations.

The event concluded with a call to action for all citizens to engage in sustainable practices, reinforcing the message that protecting the planet is a shared responsibility.

# **Cyclone 'Dana' Develops in Bay of Bengal, Heavy Rains Expected in AP**

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Regional Meteorological Organization (RMC) in Chennai has announced that a low-pressure area forming in the Bay of Bengal is expected to strengthen and develop into a cyclone named 'Dana' in the coming days.

The RMC indicated that this low pressure will form over the east-central Bay of Bengal, adjacent to the North Andaman Sea, within the next 24 hours. The system is projected to move northwestward and enter the southwestern Bay of Bengal.

According to the India Meteorological Department (IMD), this depression is likely to transform into a full-fledged cyclone by October 22 and could further intensify by October 23.

As a result of these developments, heavy rainfall is anticipated across various regions in Andhra Pradesh. Coastal Andhra and Yanam can expect heavy rains on the 20th and 24th of this month, while scattered rainfall is also likely in the Rayalaseema region on the 20th.



Authorities have advised fishermen to return to shore by October 21, as conditions in the sea are expected to deteriorate with the approaching cyclone. Local residents are urged to stay alert and take necessary precautions in anticipation of the severe weather.

Officials continue to monitor the situation and will provide updates as more information becomes available.

### MP CM Ramesh Criticizes Lack of Development in Villages Under Jagan's Govt

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: MP CM Ramesh has strongly criticized the YSRCP government, stating that there has been no visible development in Andhra Pradesh's villages over the past five years. Addressing the media after participating in a village festival in Anakapalli district, Ramesh emphasized that under the YCP administration, villages have seen a stagnation in progress, with no significant improvements to infrastructure or living conditions.

Ramesh highlighted that during the previous administration, 34,000 kilometers of roadwork was completed in 2018 alone. He noted that the Madugula Constituency had received ₹30 crores, allocated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi for development projects. He reassured that in the



upcoming period, the coalition government plans to spend ₹50 crores on improving village roads and infrastructure.

Ramesh also promised that if the alliance government comes to power, there will be no sand or land mafias, unlike under the YCP's rule. He vowed to fulfill all election promises, including providing fresh water to every household. Additionally, Ramesh announced that mineral water would be

made available in every village, underscoring the coalition's commitment to improving the quality of life in rural areas. He also pointed out the stark difference between former Deputy Chief Minister Budi Mutyala Naidu and current Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan, emphasizing that the new leadership will bring positive change.

# **Home Minister Anitha Responds to Borugadda Arrest 'Law Has No Caste'**

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: AP Home Minister Vangalapudi Anita has addressed the arrest of Borugadda Anil Kumar, emphasizing that legal action will be taken against individuals regardless of their caste. Her comments come in response to claims that Anil's arrest was influenced by caste dynamics.

During a press conference, Anita pointed to previous incidents of injustice, including the humiliating treatment of Dr. Sudhakar, who was made to sit on

the road and subsequently died from the humiliation, and the brutal beheading of a young man named Varaprasad. She questioned why there was no outcry from Dalit communities during those events, stating, "Now those who are bringing the Dalit card forward, why didn't they respond then?"



Anita, a Dalit herself, noted that she was appointed as Home Minister by Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu. She reiterated, "Law has nothing to do with caste. We will take legal action against any caste." She further highlighted her own challenges in the previous government, where she faced 23 cases, questioning, "What is the caste of the real criminals?"

The minister's statements reflect a broader conversation about caste dynamics in Andhra

Pradesh, particularly concerning law enforcement and justice. She called for accountability and urged the public to focus on the legal implications rather than the caste identities of those involved. The ongoing dialogue raises important questions about how caste influences public perception and the administration of justice in the

### "AP Govt Launches Spiritual Journey for Tourists" - Minister Durgesh

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Andhra Pradesh government has announced an exciting new initiative for tourists, set to launch on October 26. State Tourism, Culture, and Cinematography Minister Kandula Durgesh revealed plans for a one-day spiritual journey designed to provide devotees with an opportunity to visit renowned temples and Pancharama Kshetras in the East Godavari district.





formation and Reservation Counter Office (IRO) at Rajamahendravaram's Saraswati Ghat at 6 AM, concluding the tour at around 7 PM after visiting the temples. Tickets are priced at ₹1,000 for adults and ₹800 for children aged 3 to 10 years.

The spiritual journey will commence at the Kurukonda Swayam Bhu Sri Lakshmi Narsimhaswamy Devasthanam, followed by visits to other significant temples including Annavaram Sri Veer Venkata Satyanarayana Swamy Temple, the Sri Chalukya Kumararama Sri Bhimeswaraswamy temple in Samarlakota, and the ancient Bhimeswara Swamy Temple in Draksharam. The tour will culminate with a visit to the Vadapally Venkateswara Swamy Temple, known as Konaseema Tirupa-

Minister Durgesh emphasized the importance of this initiative in promoting cultural and historical awareness, as well as enhancing spiritual experiences for tourists. He also mentioned that arrangements can be made for groups of 18 or more who wish to participate in the tour, and encouraged devotees to contact the IRO for further details.

This new initiative aims to enrich the spiritual journey of devotees while showcasing the natural beauty and cultural heritage of Andhra Pradesh.

# **Nara Lokesh's Fierce Allegations Against Jagan**

Lokesh accused Jagan of profiting from the spread of drugs and ganja across Andhra Pradesh, labeling his governance as one that enabled criminals. He further claimed that Jagan shielded criminals, including his own party members involved in serious offenses like murder and gang rape. Highlighting the increasing crime rates, Lokesh pointed to over 2,000 murders of women and the disappearance of 30,000 women during Jagan's rule, alleging that the former CM did nothing to address these issues.

Lokesh also criticized the lack of effective implementation of the Disha Act, aimed at punishing rapists, accusing Jagan of creating a false narrative around its success. He slammed the ganja mafia that thrived under Jagan's rule, claiming that it had deep roots across the state and contributed to rising crime rates.

Furthermore, Lokesh praised Chandrababu Naidu's leadership in combating factionalism, religious strife, and crimi-

nal activities, while contrasting it with Jagan's alleged failure to maintain law and order. Lokesh pledged that under the current TDP government, they would eradicate the "poisonous seeds" planted by Jagan's administration and work towards a crimefree Andhra Pradesh.

The comments have stirred political controversy, raising questions about law enforcement and governance in the state under the previous and current administrations.



### **YCP Eyes Replacement for Grandhi Srinivas** as Bhimavaram Politics Heat Up

TPN, Sekhar: Grandhi Srinivas, the former YCP MLA of Bhimavaram who won the 2019 elections by defeating Pawan Kalyan. Now facing uncertainty about his political future. Despite being seen as a "trendsetter" and having high hopes of securing a cabinet position, Srinivas was never given a ministerial role, leading to growing dissatisfaction within the party. After losing in the 2024 elections, his hopes for political advancement seem to have diminished.

Recently, rumors have circulated that Grandhi Srinivas is in touch with leaders of the TDP alliance, fueling speculation about his political alignment. Adding to the intrigue, a donation of one crore rupees was made to the Vijayawada flood victims on behalf of Srinivas, but notably, the check was handed to Chandrababu Naidu, rather than YS Jagan Mohan Reddy. This move has raised eyebrows and intensified



speculation about a potential rift between Srinivas and the YCP lead-

In response, the YCP has started focusing on finding a replacement for Grandhi Srinivas in Bhimavaram. The party is considering fielding a new candidate, with Narasimharaju, a close associate of Srinivas, emerging as a potential contender.

Reports suggest that Narasimharaju recently met with Jagan Mohan Reddy to discuss local politics, signaling that the YCP leadership may be preparing to officially announce him as the new in-charge for Bhimavaram.

However, this move could create tensions between Grandhi Srinivas and Narasimharaju, especially given their close relationship. Political analysts are also questioning how the Kapu vote bank, which leans heavily towards Janasena in Bhimavaram, will react to this potential shift in leadership. There is also speculation that the YCP is considering dividing the Bhimavaram constituency, potentially boosting their chances in future elections.

With these developments, the political dynamics in Bhimavaram are expected to shift, as the YCP weighs its options for leadership in the constituency.

### **Jagan Criticizes Chandrababu's Govt for Public Health Collapse Amid Vizianagaram Tragedy**



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: YSR Congress Party (YCP) leader and former Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has fiercely criticized the public health crisis under the governance of N. Chandrababu Naidu, pointing to the recent diarrhea outbreak in Vizianagaram district as a glaring example of systemic failure. In an emotional post on X (formerly Twitter), Jagan expressed his frustration, highlighting the deaths of 11 people and the hospitalization of over 100 others due to the outbreak in Gurla mandal.

Jagan stated that this incident illustrates the collapse of the state's public health system, accusing the government of failing to provide quality healthcare to the victims. Despite the proximity of well-equipped hospitals in Vizianagaram and Visakhapatnam, he lamented that patients were forced to receive treatment in makeshift conditions, such as on benches in local schools. This, he claimed, reflected the government's negligence in managing emergency medical responses.

In his criticism, Jagan accused the government of being distracted by scandals related to liquor and sand, while essential services such as the 104 and 108 ambulance systems had deteriorated. He also took aim at the government's handling of the Arogya Sri health scheme, noting that Rs. 1,800 crore in dues had been pending since March, and specialist doctors had been removed from critical health centers, weakening village clinics and public hospitals.

Jagan condemned the "zero vacancy policy" touted by the Chandrababu government, pointing out that it has led to a severe shortage of medical professionals. He also alleged that the establishment of new medical colleges has been mismanaged, claiming they are being privatized. Jagan called for urgent government intervention, emphasizing the need for better medical care and clean drinking water in the affected villages.

# Telangana Janasena Leaders Thank **Pawan Kalyan for His Contributions**

TPN, Hyderabad: In a media conference held at the Somajiguda Press Club in Hyderabad, Telangana Janasena leaders expressed their special thanks to party chief Pawan Kalyan. The event, attended by key figures such as Telangana Janasena State Incharge Nemuru Shankar Goud and Greater Hyderabad Janasena Party President R. Rajalingam, highlighted Pawan Kalyan's continuous support for the people of Telangana.

During the conference, the leaders recalled how Pawan Kalyan often mentions that Telangana has given him a new lease on life. They noted that visiting the Anjaneyaswamy temple in Kondagattu has become a personal and spiritual ritual for Pawan before undertaking any significant program. This tradition continued before the upcoming Andhra Pradesh elections, as the Varahi Vahana, his campaign vehicle, was worshiped at made possible through Pawan's ef-



forts.

the Kondagattu Hanuman temple.

A notable achievement credited to Pawan Kalyan was securing funds from the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) for the construction of 100 rooms to accommodate devotees at the Kondagattu Anjanna temple. The Telangana Janasena leaders clarified that this development was

Several prominent leaders participated in the event, including Damodar Reddy, General Secretary of Greater Hyderabad Janasena; Mandapaka Kavya, Chairman of the Veera Women's Wing; General Secretary Shirisha Ponnuru; Vice President Niharika; and Organizing Secretary Tadikonda Likhita.

### **Botsa Criticizes NDA Govt Over Diarrhea Outbreak** in Gurla Village



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: In Gurla village, Vizianagaram district, a severe outbreak of diarrhea has claimed multiple lives, sparking criticism from YCP MLC Botsa Satyanarayana. Alleging that 16 people have died due to the spread of the disease, Botsa accused the NDA government of negligence, stating that these were not natural deaths but a result of poor governance and failure to maintain basic hygiene standards.

During his visit to the village, Botsa demanded immediate compensation for the families of the deceased, highlighting the need for accountability. He emphasized that the situation in the village had deteriorated due to the government's failure to provide safe drinking water and maintain proper sanitation. The YCP leader pointed out that such a dire situation had never occurred in the past, criticizing the current administration for allowing the outbreak to escalate to this level.

Botsa's remarks have intensified calls for urgent government intervention, as residents of Gurla continue to grapple with the impact of the diarrhea outbreak.



# **Over Girl's Tragic Death in YSR District**

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: In a shocking incident in YSR district, a young Intermediate student died after her ex-boyfriend poured petrol on her and set her on fire. The incident, which took place in Badvel, has drawn widespread condemnation, with former minister and YCP leader R.K. Roja strongly criticizing the state government for failing to protect girls.

Roja expressed deep anguish over the tragedy, condemning the coalition government for turning Andhra Pradesh into what she referred to as "Achyachandhra Pradesh" and "rape Andhra Pradesh," highlighting the alarming increase in crimes against women. In a video shared on social media, she pointed to the heart-wrenching scene of the deceased girl's mother, who was seen grieving the loss of her daughter. Roja questioned whether the government was hearing the cries of such mothers who have lost their children to violence.

She criticized Chandrababu Naidu, Home Minister Anita, and Pawan Kalyan, holding them responsible for the deteriorating law and order situation in the state.

### **TDP Announces Candidates for Two Graduate MLC Posts**

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Telugu Desam Party (TDP) has officially announced its candidates for the upcoming elections to two graduate Member of Legislative Council (MLC) posts in Andhra Pradesh. The MLC seats for the Krishna-Guntur and East Godavari-West Godavari districts are set to expire in March 2025.

TDP has selected Alapati Rajendra Prasad as the candidate for the Krishna-Guntur Graduate MLC seat, while Perabattula Rajasekhar will represent the party for the East and West Godavari districts. TDP state president Palla Srinivasa Rao released an official statement confirming these selections.



Meanwhile, the YSR Congress Party (YCP) has named Ponnuru Gautam Reddy as its candidate for the

Krishna-Guntur Graduate MLC seat, setting the stage for a competitive election.

### Notices Issued to Duvvada Srinivas and Divvala Madhuri On Tirumala Photoshoot Controversy

**TPN**, **Andhra Pradesh**: The romantic saga of Duvvada Srinivas and Divvala Madhuri, which started in Uttarandhra, has now become a hot topic across Andhra Pradesh. The latest development in their story revolves around an alleged controversial photoshoot at the Tirumala temple during the Srivari Brahmotsavam festival. This incident has drawn the ire of devotees and temple authorities alike, leading to a police investigation.

The Tirumala One Town Police have issued 41A notices to both Duvvada Srinivas and Madhuri, speeding up the investigation into their actions at the sacred site. The Tirumala Tirupa-

ti Devasthanams (TTD) raised objections, accusing the couple of hurting religious sentiments by conducting a pre-wedding photoshoot and creating reels at the holy shrine. TTD vigilance officials filed a formal complaint, prompting the police to register a case on October 10th.

Allegations surfaced that on October 4th, during the Srivari Brahmotsavam, Madhuri and Srinivas engaged in a photoshoot in public areas of the temple, including Mada Streets and Pushkarini. This led to social media outrage, with critics accusing them of desecrating the sanctity of the temple. TTD filed complaints under three sections, and a team of police has

been dispatched to Tekkali, Srikakulam district, to serve notices directly to Madhuri.

While Duvvada and Madhuri claim they did not engage in any inappropriate behavior or reels, suspicions of a political conspiracy have emerged. Hindu organizations have also joined the protest, demanding strict action and calling for the couple to be permanently barred from visiting Tirumala.

The controversy has fueled heated debates, with Srinivas defending Madhuri and challenging those who filed cases. Meanwhile, the TTD investigation continues, with more drama likely to unfold in the coming days.



# **VIJAYAWADA**

# BJP MP Purandheswari Demands Severe Punishment for Kadapa Murder Culprit



TPN, Vijayawada: BJP Andhra Pradesh President Daggubati Purandheswari has strongly condemned the gruesome murder of a student in Kadapa district, where she was set on fire by her lover. Addressing the media on Sunday at the BJP office, Purandheswari called for stringent action against the culprit and anyone who may have aided him in this heinous crime.

The incident, which has sent shockwaves across the state, involved Vignesh, a resident of Badvel town, who allegedly killed the young student by pouring petrol on her and setting her on fire after she refused his advances. Despite being married for six months, Vignesh continued to pursue his ex-girlfriend and lured her into

meeting him under false pretenses. The victim, a firstyear intermediate student, tragically succumbed to her injuries after being rushed to Kadapa RIMS with over

Purandheswari expressed her deep anguish over the incident and stressed that such acts of violence against women must be dealt with severely to deter future occurrences. "The accused must face the full extent of the law, and anyone complicit in this crime must also be held accountable," she stated.

The young man's obsession with his ex-girlfriend, despite being married and expecting a child with his wife, led to this horrific act. He allegedly pressured the girl to marry him, and when she resisted, he set her on fire. A lorry driver passing by attempted to save the girl by using a blanket to extinguish the flames, but it was too late to prevent her from sustaining fatal injuries.

Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu has taken a serious stance on the matter, ordering Kadapa SP Harshavardhan Raju to take immediate action. Special police teams have been formed to apprehend Vignesh, who remains at large. The tragic incident has sparked widespread outrage, with calls for swift justice for the young

# Union Bank Manager Prabhavathi Hari Accused of Fraud in Nujiveedu



TPN, Nujiveedu: Union Bank manager Prabhavathi Hari has been accused of trapping a local man, Kavuluri Yogeeswara Rao, and allegedly swindling him out of money and gold. Yogeeswara Rao expressed his grief, claiming that Prabhavathi's actions have caused him significant financial loss.

Yogeeswara Rao lodged a formal complaint with the Nujiveedu po-



lice, who revealed during their investigation that Prabhavathi has been involved in multiple cases of fraud. Disturbing details about her alleged misconduct have emerged, suggesting that she has deceived several others in the past.

During a media debate on the matter, it was stated that Yogeeswara Rao had always treated Prabhavathi with respect, referring to her as his elder sister. However, he has challenged her to confront him in a live debate to clear the accusations she made against him. Yogeeswara Rao also revealed that another victim, Tara Chaudhary, has accused Prabhavathi of similarly trapping her and stealing her gold and money.

It is alleged that Prabhavathi has a history of fraudulent activities, with several cases registered against her during the previous government. Many victims in the Nujiveedu area have reportedly fallen into her trap, losing their valuable assets.

Yogeeswara Rao shared his frustration, stating that Prabhavathi's false allegations have compelled him to speak out. He claims to have evidence of Prabhavathi's deceptive actions, including incidents in Goa and hotels where she allegedly carried out fraudulent activities. He has urged women's groups to investigate the matter thoroughly, not only to help the victims but also to prevent further suffering caused by her actions.

### Film Star Sudheer Babu Urges Continued Commitment to 'Swachhta Hi Seva'

TPN, Vijayawada: Film actor and badminton player Sudheer Babu called for sustained commitment towards cleanliness, stating that the "Swachhta Hi Seva" initiative should extend beyond events like walkthons and become a part of daily life. Speaking as the chief guest at a walk-thon organized by the Income Tax Department in Vijayawada on Sunday, Sudheer Babu expressed happiness over the participation of students in this cause.

Sudheer Babu, who hails from Vijayawada, shared his pride in seeing the city's clean streets. He emphasized that maintaining cleanliness is a shared responsibility, encour-

aging everyone to take proactive steps to keep their homes and surroundings clean. He also urged participants to spread awareness about cleanliness among family, friends, and neighbors, ensuring that future generations benefit from these efforts.

Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, Vijayawada, Virender Mehta, commended the students' enthusiasm, while Hyderabad's Chief Commissioner of Income Tax, Suresh Battini, highlighted Prime Minister Modi's leadership in promoting the cleanliness initiative. Battini stressed that awareness and habit formation are crucial for creating a cleaner India.

Principal Commissioner of Income Tax, Mrs. Sunita Billa, reminded students that they are the future citizens of India and must actively contribute to creating



a clean and green nation. She praised the students for their large turnout and noted that initiatives like the walk-thon help raise awareness about cleanliness.

The event began with participants taking a pledge for "Swachhta Hi Seva," followed by Sudheer Babu flagging off the walk-thon from the Income Tax Department office on Bandar Road. The walk concluded at the Mughal Rajpuram Income Tax Department office.

Prominent attendees included Press Information Bureau Director Rajendra Chaudhary, Additional Commissioner Mrs. Supriya, Joint Commissioner Abhinaya N, and Assistant Commissioner Donepudi Vijay Babu. Numerous students, NSS and NCC participants, and Income Tax officials also joined the rally.



### Village Festival Celebrated in Jakkampudi and Shabad, Bhumi **Puja for Road Development**

**TPN, Vijayawada:** A village festival was celebrated on Sunday in Jakkampudi and Shabad villages of Vijayawada Rural Mandal. Mylavaram MLA Vasantha Venkata Krishnaprasad participated as the chief guest at the event. The festivities included a Bhumi Puja ceremony for the development of cement roads in both villages.

During the program, MLA Krishnaprasad announced the allocation of funds for the construction of new roads under the National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (NREGS). He revealed that Rs. 36.3 lakhs had been sanctioned for the construction of three roads, spanning 428 meters, in Jakkampudi village. Additionally, Rs. 3.70 lakhs had been approved for the construction of one road, measuring 85 meters, in Shabad village.

Krishnaprasad emphasized the government's commitment to improving infrastructure in rural areas to enhance the quality of life for the villagers. He expressed his gratitude for the continued support of the people and pledged to work towards further development projects in the region.

Mylavaram Constituency Janasena Party In-Charge, Akkala Rammohana Rao (Gandhi), along with other leaders from the NDA Grand Alliance, also participated in the program. They praised the efforts of MLA Krishnaprasad in ensuring better infrastructure for rural communities.

The event saw enthusiastic participation from the villagers, who expressed their appreciation for the initiatives taken to improve road connectivity in the area. The village festival was marked by a festive atmosphere, as residents gathered to celebrate the commencement of these much-needed development projects.

### Vijayawada Municipal Commissioner **Inspects Arrangements for Police** Martyrs' Remembrance Day



TPN, Vijayawada: Vijayawada Municipal Corporation Commissioner Dhyanchandra conducted an inspection at the Indira Gandhi Municipal Corporation Stadium on MG Road on Sunday morning to review the arrangements for the upcoming Police Martyrs' Remembrance Day, which is set to be observed on October 21, 2024.

During the visit, Commissioner Dhyanchandra closely examined key aspects such as parking arrangements, ground setup, parade marking tracks, and the provision of drinking water and temporary toilet facilities. He emphasized the importance of ensuring seamless coordination to prevent any disruption during the event and issued instructions for thorough sanitation measures during the ceremony.

The inspection team included Estate Officer T Srinivas, Assistant Medical Health Officer Dr. Ramakoteswara Rao, and staff from the engineering and sanitation departments. Commissioner Dhyanchandra directed all officials involved to make the necessary preparations for a smooth and respectful commemoration of the sacrifices made by police martyrs.

### Tragedy at Madalavari Gudem, Two **Engineering Students Drown in Pond**

TPN, Gannavaram: A tragic incident eling the frustration and anger of the occurred when seven final-year B.Tech students from Lingayas Engineering College in Madalavari Gudem went to The parents criticized the management,

started as a carefree outing ended in disaster as two students, Paladugu Durga Rao and Jay Venkatesh, lost their lives while attempting to take selfies by the water.

The bodies of the two students were recovered and shifted to Gannavaram Government Hospital. Their

grieving parents rushed to the scene, devastated by the loss and questioning why their children had left the college premises unsupervised.

The parents expressed deep concern about the college's responsibility, as they demanded answers from the management. However, the college administration provided vague and unsatisfactory explanations, further fu-

grieving families.

a nearby pond for a fun bath. What accusing them of collecting exorbitant

fees while neglecting the safety and well-being of students. "The management of Lingayas College must take full responsibility for this tragedy," the parents cried, their voices filled with anguish.

When media representatives arrived at the college to seek more information, they were

met with hostility. College security personnel locked the gates, preventing anyone from entering the premises, further adding to the outrage surrounding the incident.

The tragedy has raised serious questions about the college's role in ensuring the safety of its students, and the grieving families are demanding accountability from the institution.

# **Development of Villages is the Mission of the Govt - Giddalur MLA**

TPN, Giddalur: MLA Muthu Mula Ashok Reddy emphasized that the development of villages is a primary focus of the TDP government during the inauguration of a cement road connecting the local Komarolu Sachiwa Layam-3 road to the MPDO offices. He highlighted that the credit for laying cement roads in the Komarolu mandal, funded with ₹2.5 crores, belongs to the NDA coalition government.

Speaking at the event, Ashok Reddy remarked that the TDP government had initiated significant infrastructure projects, including cement roads and community halls in every village. With the coalition government now in power, he noted that more cement roads are being constructed across all village panchayats as part of the village festival Warotsaval, utilizing the allocated funds.

He assured residents that pending projects such as the Mini Stadium and various community buildings for BC, Kapu, and Minority groups will be completed soon. The inauguration ceremony was attended by several dignitaries, including MPDO Syed Mastanvali, TDP mandal president Boneni Venkate Swarlu, and various local leaders.

Additionally, MPDO Shobhanbabu conducted Bhoomipuja for new roads in Mallavaram and Koshtalapalli villages, supported by an investment of ₹11 lakh as part of the Pallepandaga week



celebrations. He reiterated the state government's commitment to rural development and encouraged officials to coordinate with villagers for effective implementation of development pro-

Markapuram MLA Kandula Narayana Reddy also voiced his support for village development efforts, stating that the TDP alliance government is dedicated to improving rural areas in the state. During his visit to Nayudipet, Pedarikatla, and Siddavaram villages, he announced the allocation of ₹20 lakhs for CC roads in Gotlagattu panchayat and further investments in Pedarikat and Siddhavaram, amounting to ₹30 lakhs and ₹25 lakhs, respectively. He reaffirmed his commitment to enhancing the living standards in all villages within his constituency.

# **Registration of Teacher Voters**

tarandhra Combined Districts.

In a video conference, he emphasized the importance of this registration process.

Apparao noted that the notification for voter registration was issued on September 30, in accordance with the rules set by the Election Commission. The registration process began on the same day and will remain open until November 6. A draft list of registered voters will be published on November 23, with objections accepted until December 9. The final list of voters will be released on December 30.

registration process, stating that teachers and

lecturers working in government, aided, and priwithin the last six years are qualified to apply.

Importantly, Apparao clarified that previous votes are no longer valid, meaning even those who have voted in the past must re-register. He was joined in the conference by DEO Tirumala Chaitanya, Regional Intermediate Officer Taviti-He urged authorities to pay close attention to the did, and C-Section Superintendent Rajeswara Rao, who all supported the initiative.

# **CPM - All Ponds in the District Should Be Filled with Water**

TPN, Raptadu: The CPM district secretary, Rambhupal, has called for immediate action to fill all ponds in the district to assist farmers facing agricultural challenges. During a bus jatha organized by the CPM at the Rapatu bus stand on Saturday, Rambhupal emphasized the urgent need to address issues

related to cultivation, drinking water, and farmer welfare.

Rambhupal stated that a dharna will be held on Monday at the district collectorate office to highlight the problems faced by farmers. He warned that without sufficient water in the ponds and ayakattu (irrigation canals), farmers would encounter significant difficulties.

In addition to advocating for the filling of ponds, Rambhupal urged the installation of new gates at the Tungabhadra Dam and called for the modernization of existing facilities. He emphasized the need to expedite the lift irrigation scheme from Jedipalli to the Bhairavanithippa project.

provide subsidized drip irrigation systems and agricultural equipment to all farmers. Rambhupal highlighted the importance of allocating funds for the management of drinking water schemes, such as the Sathya Sai and Sri Ramireddy schemes. He also urged the government to compensate farmers who have suffered losses due to recent heavy rains.

The program saw participation from CPM mandal president Potulayya, district committee member Ramanjineyulu, Sathya Sai district president Jangalapalli Pedanna, Sivakumar, and various farmers, all expressing their support for these initiatives.



# **Extended Until November 6**

TPN, Srikakulam: District Revenue Officer (DRO) M. Apparao has announced that all eligible teachers should register for voting in the upcoming Upadhyaya MLC elections for the Ut-



vate secondary educational institutions are eligible to register. However, part-time teachers are not eligible for voter registration. Only those who have worked for at least three years in any educational institution beyond the secondary level

## Plant a Sapling in the Name of Minister Satya Kumar's Mother

TPN, Anathapuram: State Medical and Health Minister Satyakumar Yadav has urged everyone to plant a sapling in their mother's name to honor nature and contribute to environmental preservation. Speaking at the 'A Plant in the Name of Mother' program organized at KSA Government Women's Degree College on Saturday, Minister Yadav highlighted the significance of the initiative.

The event, organized by BJP SC Morcha State Secretary Mandala Shanthakumar and BJP District President Sandireddy Srinivasulu, featured Minister Satyakumar Yadav, National Dalit Morcha President er, Hiraben, in naming the initiative. Lalsingh Arya, State President Gudise Devanand, and National Secretary S. Kumar as chief guests, who led the tree-planting activity.

In his address, the minister noted that Prime Minister Narendra Modi has launched this program as a response to growing concerns over cipal Lakshmirangaiah, and other teachers also pollution, climate change, and erratic weather participated, supporting the cause of environpatterns. He further mentioned that Prime Min- mental protection through tree planting.

ister Modi took inspiration from his own moth-

Other dignitaries present included BJP SC Morcha State Vice President Sakesivashankar, District President Prabhu Kumar, and BJP leaders Lalithakumar, Surya, Nagendra, and Jayalakshmi. The college's Principal Satyalatha, Vice Prin-

#### Let's Unite to Stop **Human Trafficking, DSP Somanna and MLC Madhusudan**



TPN, Kurnool: Adoni DSP Somanna and MLC Madhusudan have called for collective efforts to combat human trafficking. Speaking at a rally organized at Arts College, under the auspices of The Moment of India, the leaders emphasized the urgency of addressing this growing menace. Human trafficking, the third-largest organized crime globally after drug and arms trafficking, continues to claim innocent lives. They stressed the importance of awareness, noting that eight people are abducted daily, with 90% of victims being women and girls.

College students were urged to remain vigilant and report suspicious activities. After the rally, which saw active participation from students, the community marched through the town to raise awareness. Key participants included Dr. Daniel Prem Kumar, Vice Principal Balaswamy, NSS Officers Jonathan, Umadevi, and Venkatamreddy, as well as NCC Officers Captain Govindu and Veeramma, along with teachers Prem Kumar, Manoj, Salomi, and Usha.

This initiative aims to create a safer society by encouraging public involvement in preventing human trafficking.

### **Pregnant Woman Carried** for Five Kilometers Due to **Lack of Roads In Alluri Dist**

TPN, Alluri: In a heart-wrenching incident from Alluri Sitaramaraju District, a full-term pregnant woman, Badnaini Ramulamma from Karri Gada village in Gumma Panchayat, had to be carried in a makeshift dolly for five kilometers due to the absence of road access. Her husband, Badnaini Sanyasi Rao, and his elder brother, Badnaini Bojjanna, carried her from their hilltop village to the Gumma Panchayat center. From there, they managed to take her to the S Kota Area Hospital in Vizianagaram dis-

This incident highlights the continued struggles of tribal communities in the district, where road facilities remain non-existent, making it extremely difficult for residents to access essential services, particularly healthcare. Despite changes in government over the years, the tribals' hardships have not eased. Without proper road facilities, even ambulances are unable to reach these remote areas, forcing villagers to carry patients over long distances in precarious situations.

The tribals have expressed their frustration, urging the government to prioritize the construction of roads in hill villages. Many areas still rely on dollies to transport the sick to hospitals, especially pregnant women, whose access to timely medical care is critical. The lack of basic infrastructure continues to endanger the lives of both mothers and newborns, and the tribals are once again appealing to the government to provide much-needed road and transport facilities.



### **Moderate Rainfall Recorded Across Chittoor District**



TPN, Chittoor: Chittoor district experienced light to moderate rains over the past 24 hours, with rainfall recorded in all but four mandals. Airal mandal saw the highest rainfall at 58.2 mm, while SRpuram and Chittoor mandals registered the lowest, with just 2.4 mm.

Other mandals received varying amounts of rainfall, including 20.4 mm in Bangurapally, 18.6 mm in Palasamudra, 16.8 mm in Penumur, 14.6 mm in Soma, and 11.8 mm in Chittoor Rural. Additional rainfall data included 10.6 mm in Karvetinagar and Gangavaram, 10.2 mm in Peddupanjani, and 9.8 mm in Punganur and Baireddypally. Other mandals saw rainfall ranging from 9.2 mm in Gudipala to 2.6 mm in Nindra.

The rainfall provided much-needed relief to farmers, helping with agricultural activities across the district.

### **Memo to Rayalaseema University Professor**

Issuance of Memo and Investigation into **Allegations of Misconduct** 

TPN, Kurnool: It has come to the attention of the university administration that certain actions on your part have raised concerns and led to controversy. Specifically, you invited students from the university hostels to your home to celebrate your birthday without obtaining prior permission from the hostel wardens. This incident, along with past allegations of misbehavior when you were an assistant professor at an engineering college, has led to further complaints from students.

It has been reported that you engaged in a confrontation with a hostel warden over taking female students out of the women's dormitory without approval. Additionally, there are allegations that you organized an unauthorized excursion for students and are forming a group within the university to target certain professors.

In response to these serious concerns, the university has issued this memo as a formal notice of investigation. A committee of three professors has been established to thoroughly review the allegations. Once the committee completes its investigation, appropriate actions will be taken based on the findings of their report.

We expect your full cooperation during this process. Please note that any further actions that violate university policies or put students at risk will be taken seriously and may lead to further disciplinary measures.



# The Consequences of Yahya Sinwar's Death



The recent death of Yahya Sinwar, the chief of Gaza. Hamas, on October 17, marks a significant turning point in the protracted Israel-Hamas conflict, which reignited dramatically after the October 7 attacks. Sinwar, who rose to prominence after the assassination of Ismail Haniyeh earlier this year, was responsible for orchestrating brutal assaults that resulted in over 1,200 Israeli fatalities. In response, Israeli military actions have led to approximately 42,000 Palestinian deaths in Gaza.

Following Sinwar's assassination, U.S. President Joe Biden and European leaders have once again called for a ceasefire, suggesting that this could be a chance to seek a path toward peace. However, Israel remains steadfast against a ceasefire, arguing it would allow Hamas to regroup and rearm. Israeli UN Ambassador Danny Danon articulated that the IDF will not relent until all hostages are freed and Hamas is thoroughly dismantled.

There are two key aspects to consider regarding Sinwar's death. On one hand, the circumstances surrounding his assassination highlight significant damage to Hamas's extensive underground tunnel systems. This degradation may indicate a weakening of the organization, potentially prompting remaining members to contemplate surrender and the release of hostages still held in

Conversely, Israel's history of targeting high-profile leaders is well-documented, and such actions have, at times, led to a resurgence in Hamas's military capabilities. Sinwar's deputy has already claimed that his death will only strengthen Hamas's resolve to resist Israeli actions.

Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has not indicated any intention to pursue a ceasefire, emphasizing that the conflict is ongoing. His government faces considerable internal opposition, particularly concerning the unresolved hostage situation. The war has taken a heavy toll on Israeli soldiers and has severely impacted the economy, further complicating public sentiment.

Looking ahead, Netanyahu's government may benefit from continued U.S. support, especially given the approaching elections. With both major political parties unlikely to oppose Israel's military operations, the potential for a ceasefire seems remote. As tensions rise, particularly with increased military engagements in Lebanon, both Israel and Hamas appear locked in a cycle of violence with no clear resolution in sight. This ongoing conflict underscores the complexities and challenges of achieving lasting peace in the region.

### **Misconception of Power: Extra-Territorial** Assassinations and International Law

As diplomatic tensions rise between India and Canada over allegations of India targeting Khalistani activists—claims that India firmly denies—some segments of Indian media suggest that the ability to conduct extra-territorial assassinations signifies international power. This perspective fundamentally misinterprets how power interacts with international law and its evolution.

The post-World War II international legal framework is built upon two key principles: non-aggression, which seeks to limit unilateral use of force, and the legal equality of sovereign states, regardless of their relative power. These principles have often been contentious for the United States, which has historically aimed to reshape international law to establish a "first among equals" status, particularly concerning the use of force.

Detlev Vagts coined the term "hegemonic international law" to describe a scenario in which, despite formal equality among sovereign states, the legal framework inherently serves the interests of a dominant power—the hegemon, in this case, the US. This dynamic is particularly relevant in the realm of customary international law, where state practices shape evolving norms. When the hegemon disregards customary international law, its influence often results in its interpretations becoming the new standard. As former US Attorney General William H. Barr noted, "the way to change international law is to break it."

The historical evolution of customary international law regarding extra-territorial assassinations illustrates this concept well. For decades, such actions were viewed as severe violations of the territorial sovereignty of the host nation. Notably, in 1985, when Israel targeted PLO offices in Tunisia, the UN Security Council condemned the action. Despite 14 member states voting in favor of the resolution, the US abstained. A similar pattern emerged in 1988 when Israel assassinated PLO leader Khalil Al Wazir in Tunisia, leading to widespread condemnation, again with the US abstaining from censure.

The US has often flouted these legal restrictions. In 1986, Secretary of State George Shultz asserted the US right to use military force against states "supporting" terrorism, a position that faced international backlash but nonetheless justified US military action in Libya. In 1993, the US bombed Iraqi targets after an assassination attempt on President George H.W. Bush, further claiming self-defense with minimal international support. As late as 1998, US strikes against Al Qaeda were condemned by the Non-Aligned Movement for violating territorial sovereignty.

These incidents underscore the complexities of international power dynamics and the evolving nature of customary international law, highlighting the disparity between the actions of powerful states and the legal frameworks that ostensibly govern them.





# The Historic Conversion of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar: A Day of Hope and Liberation

On October 14, 1956, Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, a prominent leader and advocate for the rights of the Dalit community, orchestrated one of the largest religious conversions in history, converting to Buddhism along with approximately 500,000 followers in Nagpur. This monumental event, marked by its peaceful nature, came after Ambedkar's lifelong battle against caste discrimination.

Born into a Hindu 'untouchable' caste, Ambedkar faced systemic oppression but rose to become one of the most educated and revered figures of his time, earning degrees from prestigious institutions such as Columbia University and the London School of Economics. He returned to India and emerged as a key leader during significant movements advocating for the rights of Dalits, including the Mahad water tank movement and the Kalaram temple entry movement. His resolve to fight against the entrenched caste system was unwavering.

Ambedkar chose Nagpur as the site for this transformative event, though Mumbai was also a contender. In his address, he emphasized the historical significance of Nagpur, linking it to the Nagas—ancestors who resisted Aryan dominance. His conversion was not merely a personal choice but a collective act of empowerment for the oppressed.

Rejecting the hierarchical caste system detailed in Hindu scriptures like the Manusmriti, Ambedkar criticized the societal norms that relegated Shudras to menial roles, advocating instead for education and equality for all. He saw Buddhism as a path to liberation, offering a framework for equality that resonated deeply with the downtrodden.

Despite political apprehensions regarding the timing of the conversion amid upcoming elections, the event in Nagpur drew significant attention. Ambedkar acknowledged the disappointment of his supporters in Mumbai but reassured them that further ceremonies would follow.

Tragically, Ambedkar passed away just weeks after the Nagpur conversion, on December 6, 1956. His death prompted an outpouring of grief, with an estimated one million people attending his funeral in Mumbai. During this somber occasion, many of his followers seized the moment to embrace Buddhism, fulfilling his wishes for a mass conversion.

The second wave of conversion in Mumbai saw approximately 1.3 million people convert to Buddhism on December 7, further solidifying Ambedkar's legacy. Each year, thousands commemorate this historic day by visiting Deekshabhoomi in Nagpur, reaffirming their commitment to the path laid out by Dr. Ambedkar and Gautam Buddha, a testament to their ongoing quest for dignity and equality.



### India, Canada, and the Five Eyes: **Navigating Geopolitical Tensions**

The recent geopolitical tensions between India and Canada over allegations of extraterritorial killings have sparked varied perspectives in Indian media. Some commentators argue that India lacks the capability to discreetly eliminate threats, contrasting it with Israel's efficient operations through Mossad. Others refute these claims entirely, asserting that India does not engage in such practices.

Another narrative suggests that Western powers are leveraging these accusations to undermine India's rise as a significant global player, especially as a non-white, non-Anglospheric nation. Proponents of this theory often highlight the Five Eyes intelligence alliance—comprised of the United States, United Kingdom, Canada, Australia, and New Zealand—as a key player in this alleged conspiracy.

The Five Eyes serves as an established intelligence-sharing network among its member countries. Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's accusations against India are said to rely on intelligence gathered through this alliance, raising suspicions about the motives behind such information, especially given its covert

Intelligence, a vital tool of statecraft, allows countries to monitor one another within a

fundamentally anarchic global system. It's alleged that the Five Eyes countries even engage in mutual espionage, bypassing domestic laws by collecting intelligence on each other and sharing it to circumvent legal restrictions.

Despite the inclusion of additional countries in intelligence collaborations after World War II, the alliance retains its original name due to the initial signatories of the UK-US

The theory that the Five Eyes is intent on destabilizing India's ascent is particularly intriguing. Observers note that, while India has navigated accusations from the U.S. regarding the assassination of Sikh separatist Gurpatwant Singh Pannu without significant fallout, Trudeau's handling of the issue has led to strained relations. India has reportedly engaged in diplomatic pragmatism, with National Security Advisor Ajit Doval meeting his Canadian counterpart to discuss long-standing extradition requests.

While some in India focus on the idea of Western powers conspiring against the nation, historical context reveals a complex relationship. During the Cold War, India's strategic mindset was heavily influenced by its ties to the Soviet Union, which has shaped its interactions with Western nations.





# PM Modi Inaugurates Eye Hospital In Varanasi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi visited Varanasi, his Lok Sabha constituency, on Sunday, where he inaugurated the RJ Sankara eye hospital and announced a series of developmental projects totaling ₹6,100 crore. The day-long visit included the laying of the foundation stone for the expansion of the airport runway and the construction of a new terminal at Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport, with an estimated investment of ₹2,870 crore.

Before the hospital's inauguration, PM Modi met with the Shankara-charya of Kanchi Math and visited a local exhibition, accompanied by Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and Governor Anandiben Patel.

Key projects unveiled during his visit aim to enhance infrastructure and connectivity in the region. These include plans for a refurbished terminal at Lal Bahadur Shastri International Airport and the establish-



ment of new civil enclaves at Agra, Darbhanga, and Bagdogra airports, with allocations of ₹570 crore, ₹910 crore, and ₹1,550 crore, respectively.

The Prime Minister also announced the inauguration of new terminal buildings at Rewa, Maa Mahamaya, Ambikapur, and Sarsawa airports, costing over ₹220 crore. These developments are expected to boost passenger handling capacity to more than 2.3 crore annually.

In addition to aviation projects, PM Modi prioritized sports and tourism. He inaugurated phases 2 and 3 of the redevelopment of the Varanasi Sports Complex, valued at ₹210 crore, which will feature a National Centre of Excellence, player accommodations, a sports science center, and various practice fields.

For tourism, initiatives aimed at enhancing the Buddhism pilgrimage in Sarnath were launched, including improvements to pedestrian pathways, sewer systems, and vending zones to support local artisans.

To mark the occasion, over 500 party banners and flags were displayed throughout the city, welcoming PM Modi to Varanasi.



#### Infiltrator nabbed, sent back to Bangladesh: Assam CM

Assam Chief Minister Himanta Biswa Sarma announced on Sunday that a Bangladeshi national, identified as Mohibulla, was apprehended while illegally entering India in Karimganj district. Following his arrest, Mohibulla was promptly sent back across the border.

In a post on X, Sarma highlighted the incident, stating, "A Bangladeshi infiltrator, Mohibulla, was apprehended near the international border and pushed back across the border in Karimganj." The region is notable for its international border with Bangladesh, spanning 267.5 kilometers across the districts of Karimganj, Cachar, Dhubri, and South Salmara-Mankachar.

The Chief Minister commended the efforts of local law enforcement, saying, "Our forces of @assampolice and @BSF\_India are alert 24/7 to thwart all infiltration attempts along the border. Good job Team." This remark underscores the commitment of both the Assam Police and the Border Security Force (BSF) to maintain vigilance and security along the sensitive border.

Karimganj is equipped with an Integrated Check Post (ICP) at Sutarkandi, one of three ICPs in the Northeast, with others located at Dawki in Meghalaya and Akhaura in Tripura. These posts play a crucial role in monitoring and managing border activities.

Assam's Director General of Police, G P Singh, previously emphasized the collaboration between state police and the BSF in preventing illegal crossings from Bangladesh. Singh assured that all necessary measures would be taken to uphold the law and protect national security.

# Omar Abdullah Completes 21 km in Kashmir Half Marathon

Omar Abdullah, recently sworn in as the Chief Minister of Jammu and Kashmir, took to the streets for the Kashmir Half Marathon, achieving a personal milestone by completing 21 kilometers. Sharing his excitement on X, he expressed his pride: "I'm so damn pleased with myself today. I completed the Kashmir Half Marathon - 21 KM at an average pace of 5 min 54 sec per KM."

Remarkably, this was Abdullah's first time running more than 13 kilometers, a feat he had accomplished only once before. He credited the energy of fellow amateur runners for his perseverance: "No proper training, no running plan, no nutrition. Picked up a banana & a couple of khajoor along the way." The scenic route around Dal Lake was made even more special as he ran past his home, where family and friends cheered him on.



Throughout the race, the Chief Minister documented his experience, noting the fun atmosphere. "It was such fun running with others. Lots

of selfies & videos along the way. I even had a few requests for appointments and one or two job-related problems highlighted along the way," he shared, highlighting interactions with journalists eager for interviews.

Encouraging others to embrace running as a way to relieve stress, Abdullah stated, "You don't need drugs to feel good or beat stress. A good run, whether a kilometer or a marathon, is enough to clear the cobwebs & achieve a natural feeling of euphoria & enthusiasm. Try it, you won't regret it. Let's start running for a drug-free J&K."

Responding to a participant's concerns about air quality in Delhi, he invited them to experience the fresh air of Kashmir: "Come and run in the Kashmir marathon next time, air quality will be better & the scenery is pretty good too."

# BJP Unveils First List of 99 Candidates for Maharashtra Assembly Elections

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has officially announced its first list of 99 candidates for the upcoming Maharashtra assembly elections, with notable figures set to contest in key constituencies. Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis will seek re-election from his stronghold, Nagpur South West, solidifying his position as a crucial player in the party's strategy.

Maharashtra BJP president Chandrashekhar Bawankule has been nominated to contest from Kamthi, while Shrijaya Chavan, daughter of BJP leader and Rajya Sabha MP Ashok Chavan, will stand for election from Bhokar, marking a significant entry into politics for the young candidate.

The list features prominent names including Ashish Shelar, the Mumbai BJP president, who will contest from the Vandre West seat. Additionally, Nitesh Rane, the son of senior party leader and Lok Sabha MP Narayan Rane, is set to represent Kankavli, a constituency he currently holds in the assembly.



Other key candidates include Girish Mahajan from Jamner, Sudhir Mungantiwar from Ballarpur, Mangal Prabhat Lodha from Malabar Hill, and Rahul Narwekar from Colaba. The list also highlights Chhatrapati Shivendra Raje Bhosale, a descendant of the legendary Chatrapati Shivaji, contesting from Satara, adding a historical dimension to the BJP's campaign.

The announcement comes amid political speculation surrounding the leadership dynamics in Maharashtra. Eknath Shinde is expected to be the Mahayuti's chief min-

isterial face for the elections, as hinted by Fadnavis. The BJP's strategic selections aim to strengthen its foothold in the state as it prepares for a competitive electoral battle.

As the election date approaches, the BJP is positioning itself to appeal to a wide voter base with this diverse candidate list. The party's focus on both established leaders and new faces reflects its intention to maintain its influence and potentially expand its reach in Maharashtra's political land-



#### Delhi Blast : AAP's Atishi Blames BJP for Law and Order Issues

In the wake of a mysterious blast in Rohini, Delhi, Chief Minister Atishi has sharply criticized the ruling BJP, emphasizing concerns over the law and order situation in the national capital. The explosion occurred at 7:47 AM, damaging a wall at the Central Reserve Police Force (CRPF) school in Prashant Vihar. Fortunately, no injuries were reported, but the blast shattered nearby car windows and damaged shop hoardings. A multi-agency investigation is currently underway, involving the Delhi Police Special Cell, the National Investigation Agency (NIA), the CRPF, and the National Security Guard (NSG).

Atishi took to social media platform X to express her concerns, stating that the incident highlights Delhi's "crumbling" law and order system. She pointed out that the Union Home Ministry, which controls the Delhi Police, bears responsibility for the current situation. "The responsibility to maintain law and order in Delhi is with BJP's central government," she argued, adding that the BJP's focus on undermining the elected government has led to a deterioration akin to the lawlessness seen in Mumbai during the Underworld era.

The Chief Minister warned that if the BJP were to gain control of the Delhi government, basic services like hospitals, power, and water supply would suffer, paralleling the current law and order crisis.

In response, BJP leader Shazia Ilmi dismissed Atishi's claims as political posturing. She criticized her for consistently blaming the Centre and urged her to focus on the serious nature of the incident rather than engaging in a blame game. "The situation is totally in control," she stated, emphasizing the need for maturity in addressing such issues.



# Manipur Minister Denies Leadership Change Amid Violence

Manipur Minister Th Biswajit Singh has refuted claims regarding a letter purportedly signed by 19 MLAs calling for a change in leadership amidst ongoing violence in the state. This denial comes after leaked excerpts of the alleged letter, which reportedly includes calls for the removal of Chief Minister Biren Singh, surfaced in the media.

Speaking to reporters in Imphal, Singh stated, "I have no knowledge of any such occurrences and I am not an expert to comment on the matter." He added that he could not confirm the validity of the two-page memorandum mentioned in the media, emphasizing his lack of information regarding any leadership transition.

The leaked letter purportedly expresses concern from the 19 BJP MLAs about the Chief Minister's handling of the violence that has plagued Manipur. It highlights the growing dissatisfaction among the public regarding the government's inability to restore peace and normalcy. The MLAs have stated that if a solution is not found soon, they believe the Chief Minister's removal may be the only option.

Among the signatures on the letter were those of Speaker Th Satyabrata, Minister Y Khemchand, and Biswajit Singh. Both Singh and Khemchand have previously been vocal critics of Biren Singh, having called for his resignation on multiple occasions. Satyabrata, however, has been viewed as a loyalist to the Chief Minister.





# **Do Not Boo, Go: Barack Obama To Trump Supporters At US Election Rally**

Former President Barack Obama rallied support for Democrat presidential candidate Kamala Harris and her running mate, Tim Walz, at a public event in Nevada today, sharply criticizing Republican candidate Donald Trump. Obama argued that Trump is primarily concerned with "his ego, money, and status," rather than the needs of the American people.

"We are ready for President Kamala Harris. This is a leader who has dedicated her life to fighting for those in need," Obama stated, emphasizing Harris's background as a middle-class worker and her commitment to the values that underpin the nation. He praised her readiness for the presidency, calling her as prepared as any nominee in his-

In his remarks, Obama also highlighted Walz's qualifications, describing him as a veteran, teacher, and effective governor who collaborates with both Democrats and Republicans. He humorously questioned Trump's practicality, asking if the former president could change a tire without calling for help, contrasting this with Harris and Walz's commitment to addressing the people's problems.

Addressing economic concerns,



many Americans face due to price increases post-COVID-19. He criticized those seeking change by supporting Trump, stating there's no evidence that the former president prioritizes anyone's needs but his own. "Donald Trump is a 78-yearold billionaire who has been complaining about his problems since he first entered politics," Obama remarked, emphasizing Trump's self-serving nature.

He also referenced Trump's controversial merchandise, like the "Trump Bible," humorously noting

Obama acknowledged the struggles its production in China, which contradicts Trump's tough stance on the country. Obama argued that Trump's tactics promote division among Americans, fostering an "us versus them" mentality to boost his electoral chances.

> Finally, Obama warned that unchecked power in the hands of someone like Trump could have dire consequences, urging voters to embrace a new chapter in American politics. With the Democrats now rallying behind Harris, he asserted, "America is ready to turn the page. We are ready for a better story."

### **US Intelligence Documents Leak Reveals Israel's Military Preperation on Iran**

Two highly classified US intelligence documents have reportedly leaked, exposing Israel's military preparations for a potential strike on Iran, according to a report by the New York Times. The documents, originating from the National Geospatial-Intelligence Agency (NGA), which analyzes data from American spy satellites, detail Israeli military exercises and operational readiness.

Dated October 15 and 16, the documents were shared on Telegram by accounts linked to pro-Iran sentiments. They provide insights into Israel's military maneuvers that appear to be geared towards a retaliatory strike against Iran. This escalation follows a missile barrage from Iran on October 1, which was a response to a prior Israeli attack.

One of the leaked documents, titled "Israel: Air Force Continues Preparations for Strike on Iran," outlines recent military exercises that simulate a possible operation against Iran. These preparations reportedly involve air-to-air refueling operations, search-and-rescue missions, and the repositioning of missile systems in anticipation of Iranian responses. The second document highlights Israel's logistical efforts to relocate munitions and military assets to strategic locations.

While the documents offer a glimpse into Israeli military activities, they do not include actual satellite images. US intelli-

gence suggests that Israel is indeed preparing for a strike, but the documents may not reveal the complete scope of Israel's operational plans.

The leaks have raised immediate concerns within the US government. Officials are split on the severity of the situation; some believe the leak is less impactful as it does not unveil new American capabilities, while others worry about the exposure of sensitive Israeli military strategies during a time of heightened tensions in the Middle East.

When questioned during a recent trip to Germany about his awareness of Israel's plans, President Joe Biden affirmed, "Yes and yes," but refrained from providing further details. The source of the leak remains uncertain, with early indications suggesting it may involve a lower-level US government employee. A joint investigation by the Pentagon, US intelligence agencies, and the FBI is underway to determine the leak's origins and the potential for further disclosures.



### **Kamala Harris Sparks Backlash with Campaign Ad Targeting Black Male Voters'**

As Kamala Harris intensifies her efforts to engage Black voters ahead of next month's presidential election, her campaign has come under fire for a new digital ad that has sparked controversy regarding its portrayal of Black men's love lives. The ad, released following former President Barack Obama's comments about the need for Black male voter support, aims to resonate with young voters through a dating game format.

Promoted on platforms like Instagram and Snapchat, the ad features a male character being quizzed by a group of women about his height, income, and workout routine. The interaction takes a turn when one woman asks if he has a "plan to vote." Despite positive responses to the earlier questions, the man admits, "Uh, I didn't plan on it." The screen then flashes a caption urging viewers, "Don't get popped. Vote. Election Day is November 5," along with a note that the ad is paid for by Harris for President.

While intended to encourage voter turnout, the advertisement has attracted significant criticism online, particularly for its implications about Black men and their voting habits. Some users on X (formerly Twitter) expressed their disapproval, with one commenting, "Wow. I don't know what to say. Screams desperate." Others mocked the campaign's strategy, highlighting that approximately 65% of the ad spending was directed towards women, suggesting a misalignment with the target demographic.

The ad has also been screened at university campuses in battleground states like Arizona, where young voters are crucial. However, the backlash raises questions about the effectiveness of the campaign's approach to reaching Black male voters, a demographic that has shown varying levels of support for Harris.

As the election date approaches, the Harris campaign will need to navigate these criticisms and refine its messaging to foster a broader connection with the Black community, particularly among young Black men, in a landscape that remains increasingly competitive.

### Hezbollah Deputy Chief Naim Qassem Flees Lebanon Amid Assassination Fears

Naim Qassem, the deputy secretary general of Hezbollah, has reportedly fled Lebanon due to safety concerns and is currently residing in Tehran, according to local media sources. This move comes amid fears that Qassem could become a target for assassination by the Israeli government.

According to a report by UAE-based Erem News, Qassem left Beirut on October 5 on an aircraft associated with Iranian Foreign Minister Abbas Araghchi during his state visit to Lebanon and Syria. The decision to relocate him was made by top leaders of the Islamic Republic, citing assassination risks.

Qassem, who has recently emerged as Hezbollah's top official following the death of its chief, Sayyed Hassan Nasrallah, in an Israeli strike, has been vocal about the need for a ceasefire in the In recent speeches, Qassem has sup-



ongoing conflict. He has warned that Hezbollah would not be defeated and emphasized the group's right to retaliate against Israeli targets across the region.

ported efforts by Lebanese parliament speaker Nabih Berri to broker a ceasefire without preconditions, marking a shift from previous demands that the end of the Gaza conflict be a prerequisite for halting hostilities in Lebanon. He stated, "The solution is a ceasefire... the resistance [Hezbollah] will not be defeated because this is its land."

The conflict between Israel and Hezbollah has intensified in recent weeks, resulting in significant casualties and displacing over a million people in Lebanon. Qassem's departure underscores the heightened tensions and the potential for further escalation in the region.

As the situation develops, Qassem's role and statements will likely continue to be pivotal in shaping Hezbollah's response to the ongoing conflict and its strategies moving forward.

#### **Pakistan Cabinet Approves Controversial 26th Constitutional** Amendment

The Pakistan Cabinet, chaired by Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif, has approved the draft of the contentious 26th Constitutional Amendment, paving the way for its presentation in both the Senate and National Assembly. This decision follows extensive discussions with coalition partners, including the Pakistan Peoples Party (PPP).

During a meeting with President Asif Ali Zardari, Prime Minister Sharif provided a detailed briefing on the proposed amendment. Federal Minister Musadik Malik confirmed that the draft was collaboratively prepared with input from coalition



partners. The cabinet's endorsement marks a significant step towards the amendment's parliamentary consideration.

The government is optimistic about securing passage for the amendment, which has been a subject of speculation regarding its intent to dilute the powers of an independent judiciary. Reports suggest that the amend-

ment may involve raising the retirement age for judges and establishing fixed tenures for the Chief Justice of the Supreme

The legislative process is set to be closely monitored, with sessions scheduled for both houses of parliament. Security measures have been heightened, and access for guests has been restricted. Recent discussions with key coalition figures, including Jamiat Ulema-e-Islam-Fazl (JUI-F) chief Maulana Fazlur Rehman, indicate a concerted effort to garner the necessary support.

#### Canadian Police: No Immediate Threat Amid India-Canada Tensions

Canadian police officials have stated that there is "no imminent threat" to the public from a "network of criminals" operating within Canada, following recent tensions stemming from allegations against the Indian government regarding the assassination of pro-Khalistan activist Hardeep Singh Nijjar. This announcement was made during an interview broadcast on October 20 by the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation (CBC).



The remarks come in the wake of Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's government publicly accusing agents of the Indian government of involvement in Nijjar's shooting, which has intensified diplomatic strains between the two nations. The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) had previously asserted that these agents were linked to

various acts of violence, including homicides in Canada. RCMP Assistant Commissioner Brigitte Gauvin clarified that the agency had undertaken numerous efforts before making these claims public, including sharing evidence with Indian authorities and holding discussions between senior officials from both countries. However, these efforts reportedly did not yield any cooperation.

Gauvin emphasized during the interview that the RC-MP's public announcement was not prompted by an immediate threat, referring to a surprise press conference held on October 14.



# **ECONOMY**

# Stock Markets Brace for Volatility as FIIs Exit and Geopolitical Tensions Escalate; Nifty Stuck in a Narrow Range

Domestic stock market indices may fluctuate this week. Geopolitical tensions

and disinvestment by FIIs have led to negative sentiment in the market. Indices are falling as supply is high. Nifty has support at 24,850 and resistance at 25000. The index is likely to move in the same MURTHY NAIDU PAADAM range for a few more sessions. Last



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week there was a buying frenzy in bank and finance shares. Auto, FMCG, oil and gas and media stocks are under selling

#### **Stock recommendations**

Mazdac: These are the stocks that have rebounded strongly despite weak market sentiment. 34% correction from lifetime



highs. Currently the accumulation continues with huge volume. This counter took support at the level of Rs.4000 and closed at Rs.4526 last Friday with a gain of 6.81%. Investors should buy Rs.4850/5000 with a target price of Rs. Position should be taken in 4550/4500 range. Stoploss should be set at Rs.4400.

NNDC: These shares, which continued in an uptrend from last October to May, are now seeing a correction. After taking support





at Rs.206 level, formation of two higher highs indicates strength. Momentum investors should enter the range of Rs.230/220 with a target price of Rs.265/290 on this counter which gained 3.31% last Friday to close at Rs.231. Choose a tight stoploss at Rs.210.

Bata India: Momentum and relative Rs.2050/2110 in this counter which closed strength are currently increasing in these stocks which have been in a downtrend for a

long time. Investors are keen on

expectations of a 173% increase in EPS in the last quarter and good results again. Investors should take a position at Rs.1450 level with a target price of Rs.1550/1600 in this counter which closed at Rs.1464 last Friday with a gain of 2.09%. Stoploss should be set at Rs.1420.

**Torrent Power:** Currently these shares 2.4%. A strict stoploss should be placed at are fetching good risk reward ratio. Chill-Rs.720.

ing at lifetime highs. It is performing better compared to Nifty. Investors should enter



Hindalco: These shares are outperforming Nifty. Relative strength is good. These shares have also gained momentum in the week market. Investors should take a



position in the range of Rs.730/750 with a target price of Rs.810/840 in this counter which closed at Rs.753 last Friday by

## India's Automobile Exports Surge 14% in First Half of Fiscal Year



have shown a robust 14% increase in the first six months of the current fiscal year, buoyed by significant gains passenger vehicle and two-wheeler shipments. According to data from the Society of Indian Automobile Manufacturers (SIAM), total exports reached 2,528,248 units from April to September, compared

India's automobile exports to 2,211,457 units during the same period last year.

> Shailesh Chandra, President of SIAM, attributed this rebound in vehicle exports to the recovery of key markets, particularly in Latin America and Africa, which had previously experienced slowdowns. "This has been the main reason for exports coming back," Chan

the devaluation of currencies segment, exporting 147,063 in several African nations had units, marking a 12% increase earlier constrained vehicle from 131,546 units the previous shipments as these countries prioritized essential imports.

The overall export performance reflects a significant contrast to the previous fiscal year's challenges, where automobile exports had dipped by 5.5%, primarily due to monetary crises in various international markets. In FY24, total automobile exports stood at 4,500,492 units, a decline from 4,761,299 units in FY23.

Passenger vehicle exports rose by 12% year-on-year to 376,679 units in the first half of this fiscal year, up from 336,754 units during the same quarter last year. Maruti Suzuki

To the leader in this many the leader in this year. Hyundai Motor India, on the other hand, saw a slight decline, exporting 84,900 units, down 1% from 86,105 units in the previous fiscal year.

Two-wheeler exports also experienced a notable rise, increasing 16% to 1,959,145 units compared to 1,685,907 units a year earlier. Within this category, scooter exports grew by 19% to 314,533 units, while motorcycle exports increased by 16% to 1,641,804 units.

Conversely, commercial vehicle exports rose by 12% to 35,731 units, while three-wheeler shipments saw a slight decline of 1% to 153,199 units during the same period.



# **RBI Lifts Restrictions on Financial Products Against** Shares and **Debentures**

JM Financial announced on Friday that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has lifted the restrictions imposed on its subsidiary, JM Financial Products Ltd (JMFPL), concerning financing against shares and debentures. This decision follows the RBI's previous order dated March 5, 2024, which had prohibited JMFPL from providing loans against these financial instruments.

In a regulatory filing, JM Financial stated, "We wish to inform you that the RBI, via its letter dated October 18, 2024, has removed the restrictions imposed on JM Financial Products Ltd." With this development, JMFPL is now authorized to engage in financing activities related to shares and debentures, effective immediately, provided they comply with all applicable laws and regulations.

The earlier restrictions had significant implications for JMFPL's operations, especially as it curtailed the company's ability to sanction loans for initial public offerings (IPOs) and other related financial services. The lifting of these restrictions signals a renewed operational capacity for JM Financial, allowing them to resume lending activities that are crucial for facilitating investments and liquidity in the market.

This change comes at a time when the demand for financial products linked to equities and corporate bonds is witnessing an upward trend. Analysts view the RBI's decision as a positive step for JM Financial, enabling the firm to capitalize on opportunities in the financial market while providing essential services to investors.

JM Financial's proactive approach and compliance with regulatory requirements appear to have played a role in this favorable outcome. As the company re-establishes its financing capabilities, it is expected to enhance its service offerings and support market participants looking to navigate the complexities of share and debenture financing.

The financial sector will closely watch how JM Financial leverages this opportunity to strengthen its position and contribute to the overall growth of India's capital mar-

# Switching to UPI Wallets for Small Payments

As digital payments in India grow increasingly popular, choosing between UPI (Unified Payments Interface) and UPI Wallets for small transactions has become essential. While UPI facilitates direct bank-to-bank transfers, UPI Wallets offer a safer alternative for everyday payments. Here's why making the switch to UPI Wallets for small transactions could be a wise choice.

#### **Understanding UPI and UPI Wallets**

UPI is a payment system enabling instant transfers between bank accounts via mobile apps like Google Pay, PhonePe, and Paytm. In contrast, UPI Wallets are prepaid wallets associated with these UPI apps, allowing users to store a balance and make small payments without directly accessing



their bank accounts.

**Enhanced Security for Small Transactions** 

UPI Wallets are generally regarded as

safer for low-value transactions. By utilizing a wallet, you minimize the risk of exposing your primary bank

account, especially when making pur-

chases from small merchants or in

unfamiliar environments. This added

eryday shopping.

#### No Overdrafts or Failed **Transactions**

A common drawback of UPI is the potential for overdrafts or transaction failures if your bank account lacks sufficient funds. UPI Wallets address this issue by permitting only the use of pre-loaded balances, ensuring smooth transactions without unexpected hiccups.

#### Flexibility with Transaction Limits

UPI transactions often come with daily limits imposed by banks, which can restrict how much you can spend. UPI Wallets typically have separate limits, offering more flexibility for frequent

layer of security can be crucial for ev- small purchases like groceries, utility bills, or online subscriptions.

#### Cashback and Rewards **Opportunities**

Another advantage of UPI Wallets is the abundance of cashback offers, discounts, and rewards compared to standard UPI transactions. Many wallet providers collaborate with merchants and e-commerce platforms, making wallet usage particularly beneficial for routine purchases.

In summary, as digital payment methods continue to evolve, opting for UPI Wallets for small transactions can enhance your security, provide greater flexibility, and offer attractive rewards.



# OFF BEAT

### Meta AI Upgrade: New Chat Memory Feature on WhatsApp

Meta AI is set for a significant upgrade on WhatsApp, aimed at transforming the AI chatbot into a more personalized assistant tailored to user preferences. This upgrade will introduce a new feature called Chat Memory, currently under development, which is designed to enhance the relevance and customization of responses provided by Meta AI.

According to a report from WABetainfo, the Chat Memory feature will enable Meta AI to remember specific details from user conversations, including dietary preferences, birthdays, conversational styles, allergies, and personal interests. By retaining this information, Meta AI can deliver responses that align more closely with the user's lifestyle and preferences. For example, when a user requests food recommendations, Meta AI could automatically filter out options that the user dislikes or is allergic to, creating a more tailored experience.

Screenshots shared by WABeta-info indicate that Meta AI will come with a disclaimer stating it "automatically remembers certain parts of your chat to give you more relevant responses." Users will also have the option to specify what information they want the AI to retain by using the command "remember this."



For privacy-conscious individuals, the report emphasizes that WhatsApp users will maintain full control over the information Meta AI holds. Users can choose to update or delete specific information at any time, ensuring a comfortable balance between personalization and privacy.

The Chat Memory feature was spotted in the WhatsApp beta for Android version 2.24.22.9, and it is anticipated that the update will soon be rolled out to a wider audience. However, as of now, Meta has not made an official announcement regarding this feature, and some users have yet to independently verify its presence in the beta version of WhatsApp.

As this exciting development unfolds, users can look forward to a more intuitive and customized interaction with Meta AI on WhatsApp, potentially enhancing their overall messaging experience.

# CDC Names As the Dirtiest Cruise Ships of 2024

The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has released a concerning list of the top 10 dirtiest cruise ships for 2024, highlighting alarming hygiene issues discovered during health inspections of 114 vessels. The findings revealed conditions described as "maggots, slime, and disease," raising serious concerns about the sanitation standards on these ships, which are supposed to offer a relaxing getaway for tourists.

The CDC's Vessel Sanitation Program, which assesses cruise ships on a clean-liness scale from 0 to 100, found that 10 vessels scored below 89. According to the agency, a score of 85 or lower is categorized as "not satisfactory," indicating se-

vere hygiene issues that could potentially lead to disease outbreaks among passengers.

Travelers are urged to thoroughly review a cruise ship's health inspection history before making reservations, as the risks associated with unsanitary conditions can significantly impact vacation experiences. The CDC emphasizes that these inspections are vital for ensuring the safety and well-being of cruise guests, helping them avoid unpleasant surprises during their holidays.

Cruising exposes individuals to new environments and large crowds, increasing the risk of illness from contaminated

food, water, and person-to-person contact. The CDC aims to assist the cruise industry in preventing and controlling gastrointestinal (GI) illnesses, ensuring that vacations are enjoyable and safe for all.

In light of these findings, potential cruisers are advised to prioritize hygiene and sanitation records when selecting a cruise line, taking proactive steps to safeguard their health while enjoying the voyage. As the cruise industry continues to navigate these challenges, public awareness regarding ship cleanliness remains paramount for a safe travel experience.

# Hiding Likes on Instagram: A Step Towards Mental Well-Being

Instagram users now have the option to hide the number of likes on their posts, a feature designed to alleviate the pressure associated with social media validation. Studies have indicated that receiving 'Likes' triggers the release of dopamine in our brains, the chemical linked to feelings of pleasure. This creates a cycle where users seek out more 'Likes' to experience that rush again, making it a significant part of our online lives.

However, this pursuit of validation can come with its downsides. When posts don't receive the anticipated number of likes, it can lead to feelings of disappointment and self-doubt. The constant comparison to others can contribute to anxiety and a diminished sense of self-worth. This is where the new feature of hiding likes can play a vital role.

By allowing users to conceal the number of likes on their posts, Instagram aims to shift the focus from validation to content creation. This can encourage individuals to express themselves freely without the pressure of seeking approval from others. When the emphasis is placed on sharing experiences, creativity, and authenticity







rather than numerical validation, users may find more joy in the process.

Moreover, hiding likes can foster a healthier online environment. It can reduce the competitive atmosphere that often leads to anxiety and insecurity. Users can focus on meaningful interactions rather than the superficial metric of likes. This change can create a more supportive community, where content is appreciated for its value rather than its popularity.

In a world where social media plays an integral role in our daily lives, the ability to hide likes represents a significant shift towards prioritizing mental well-being. By alleviating the stress associated with likes, users can engage more positively with the platform, ultimately enhancing their overall social media experience. As this feature gains popularity, it may pave the way for a more balanced approach to social media engagement.

# Remove Beard: Indore Girls Rally for Clean-Shaven Boyfriends



Avideo making waves on social media features a group of girls in Indore rallying under the humorous slogan "Remove Beard, Save Love." Reported by the \*Free Press Journal\*, the event showcases the girls holding placards with playful messages advocating for clean-shaven boyfriends, such as "No Clean Shave, No Love" and "Keep a Beard or Keep a Girlfriend, the Choice is Yours."

The rally has sparked a range of reactions online, drawing both laughter and skepticism. While many viewers found the event entertaining, others labeled it a publicity stunt aimed at social media engagement. The true intent behind the rally remains unclear, leading to speculation that it may be a promotional campaign for an upcoming product or service.

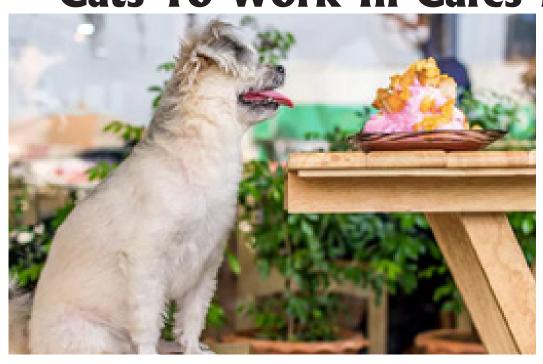
The video was shared on X by user Ghar Ke Kalesh and quickly went viral, amassing over 800,000 views. The comments section has been filled with diverse reactions, from amusement to disbelief. One user exclaimed, "This is priceless! Who

knew grooming could spark such a debate?" Another questioned the seriousness of the protest, stating, "Are we really protesting beards now? What's next?"

Critics of the rally voiced their concerns, with one viewer remarking, "This seems like a desperate attempt for attention—what happened to genuine activism?" On the flip side, some users supported the initiative, arguing, "Everyone has preferences! Let them express it." Curiosity about the rally's underlying intent also surfaced, with one user asking, "Is this part of some promotional event? It's so unusual!" Another quipped, "I wonder if they'll actually get their message across or just attract more attention."

As speculation swirls, some users humorously pondered future rallies, with one asking, "What's next? A rally for or against moustaches?" Regardless of the mixed reactions, the event has certainly captured attention, highlighting how quirky expressions of personal preferences can ignite conversations online.

# Chinese Pet Owners Send Dogs And Cats To Work In Cafes For Treats



Pet cafes have emerged as a beloved retreat for animal enthusiasts, providing a cozy space for visitors to cuddle, play, and unwind with their furry companions. This trend is rapidly gaining momentum in China, where pet owners are now sending their dogs and cats to work in these cafes, allowing them to socialize and "earn snack money." This

phenomenon, known as "Zhengmaotiaoqian," has captivated the nation's pet-loving community.

As pet cafes continue to flourish, owners are seizing the opportunity to capitalize on this trend by charging entrance fees and offering a variety of snacks and drinks. Customers typically pay between

30-60 yuan (approximately Rs 540- Rs 1,080) for entry, or they can opt to order a drink while enjoying the company of the animals. The concept has proven popular, with recruitment advertisements and CVs for pet "employees" flooding social media platforms like Xiaohongshu.

Jane Xue, a pet owner from Fuzhou, has been sending her two-year-old Samoyed, OK, to a local dog cafe. "She gets to play with other dogs and won't feel so lonely," Ms. Xue shared with CNN. The arrangement not only benefits OK, providing her with social interaction, but also helps Ms. Xue save on air conditioning costs during the sweltering summer months typical of Fuzhou.

As more pet owners embrace this trend, pet cafes are becoming vibrant hubs for animal lovers and their companions. The cafes provide a unique environment where pets can thrive socially, and owners can enjoy a stress-free outing. With the popularity of these establishments on the rise, it's clear that the bond between pets and their humans is evolving in exciting ways, fostering a community that cherishes the joy and companionship that animals bring into our lives.



# **PLAYZONE**

# **Washington Sundar** Rejoins India Squad

Washington Sundar has made a trium- spin bowling and versatile bat-phant return to India's Test squad for ting, will be keen to make his the upcoming matches against New Zealand, as confirmed by the Tamil Nadu Cricket Association (TNCA) on Sunday during the Ranji Trophy match between Delhi and Tamil Nadu. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) officially announced the updated squad for the remaining Tests in the series.

Sundar's selection comes on the back of an impressive performance, having scored a century—his second in Test cricket after a seven-year hiatus—while batting at No. 3 against Delhi on Saturday. This remarkable innings not only showcased his batting prowess but also put him back on the radar for the national team after three years away from the longest format of the game.

The 24-year-old all-rounder, known for his off- lineup and bowling attack.

mark if given the opportunity in the Tests, particularly in Pune where the Kiwis will face a formidable Indian side. Sundar's experience in the domestic circuit, combined with his skills, makes him a valuable addition to the squad.

Having faced challenges in recent years, including injuries and limited opportunities, Sundar's inclusion signifies a chance for redemption and to prove his mettle at the international lev-

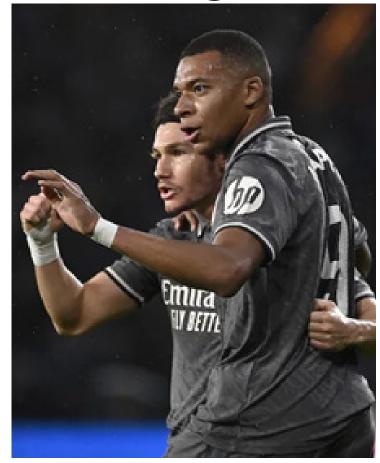
el. The Indian team will be looking to build on their performance against New Zealand, and Sundar's return adds depth to both the batting



comeback in a crucial series that could shape the future of Indian cricket. With expectations high, Sundar is set to play a pivotal role in the

# Fans and cricket pundits alike will be watching closely as Sundar prepares to potentially take the field in the Test matches, marking his team's strategy against New Zealand.

# **Mbappe Shines as Real Madrid Edges** Celta Vigo 2-1



Kylian Mbappe and Vinicius Junior led Real Madrid to a thrilling 2-1 victory over Celta Vigo on Saturday, pulling the Spanish champions level with La Liga leaders Barcelona. Despite ongoing off-field controversies surrounding him, including reports of an alleged incident in Sweden, Mbappe started strong, scoring the opening goal with a stunning long-range effort in the first half.

Celta Vigo's Williot Swedberg equalized shortly after halftime, giving the home side a glimmer of hope. However, Vinicius found the net in the 66th minute, securing the win for Madrid. Real Madrid remains unbeaten in their last 42 La Liga matches, setting the stage for an upcoming Clasico against Barcelona.

Coach Carlo Ancelotti expressed satisfaction with the team's performance post-international break, stating, "I'm happy because we won after the international break which is not always easy." He highlighted the positive impact of substitutions, noting that the changes injected new energy into the team.

With captain Dani Carvajal sidelined for an extended period, Ancelotti adapted his strategy, employing a three-centre-back formation to accommodate Lucas Vazquez as a wing-back. Despite some defensive lapses, Madrid looked dangerous in attack, with Mbappe's opening goal marking his sixth league strike since joining from Paris Saint-Germain this summer.

Celta Vigo had their chances, with Swedberg's calm finish in the 51st minute briefly leveling the match. However, Vinicius responded effectively, scoring after a brilliant assist from veteran midfielder Luka Modric, who made an instant impact after coming on. Ancelotti praised Modric, calling him a "top professional."

Celta Vigo pressed for another equalizer but fell short, with midfielder Jonathan Bamba thwarted by Thibaut Courtois, and a late chance squandered by substitute Anastasios Douvikas. Celta midfielder Fran Beltran lamented their missed opportunities, stating, "We played a very good game," despite the loss.

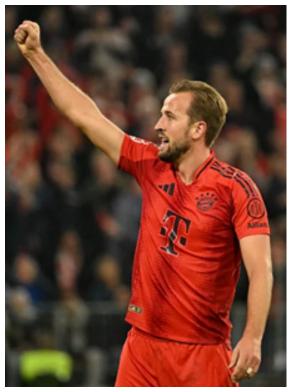
Earlier in the day, Athletic Bilbao solidified their position in the top four with a convincing 4-1 victory over Espanyol. As the La Liga season heats up, all eyes will be on the upcoming clash between Real Madrid and Barcelona.

# Harry Kane's Hat-Trick Propels Bayern

Bayern Munich sporting director Max Eberl hailed striker Harry Kane as a "killer" after his stunning 23-minute hattrick secured a commanding 4-0 victory over Stuttgart on Saturday. This decisive win marked a crucial turnaround for Bayern, ending a frustrating three-game winless streak across all competitions. Prior to this match, RB Leipzig had temporarily claimed the Bundesliga summit with a 2-0 win against Mainz, but Bayern's victory allowed them to reclaim the top spot on goal difference.

The match was evenly poised at 0-0 until the 57th minute when Kane unleashed a powerful long-range shot to break the deadlock. This goal came after a four-game scoring drought for the England captain, his longest since joining the Bundesliga. Kane's hat-trick, his sixth for Bayern in league play, brought his total to 57 goals for the club across all competitions.

Eberl praised Kane's performance, stating,



"It was nice with that first goal, and the two afterwards showed what a killer he

face when they go without scoring, saying, "There's always talk when you don't score for a while as a striker. I always believed in myself, my abilities, and my teammates that was clear today."

The 31-year-old striker humorously mentioned that he took the match ball home and joked that his teammates were "probably a bit sick of signing them." He added, "From there, the game opened up, and we took them to a level they couldn't sustain."

Bayern's head coach, Vincent Kompany, emphasized his unwavering faith in Kane, saying, "He's always hungry, even in training. He's always scored goals and always will that will never change." Looking ahead, Bayern will face a challenging midweek matchup against Barcelona in the Champions League, where they will meet former coach Hansi Flick, now managing the Catalans. Kompany remarked, "We can celebrate a bit, but then it keeps going against Barcelona."

### Djokovic Urges Nadal to **Delay Retirement After Exhibition Match**

Tn what could be the final Lchapter of their storied rivalry, Novak Djokovic urged his long-time adversary Rafael Nadal to postpone his planned retirement following a straight-sets victory at the "Six Kings Slam" exhibition in Saudi Arabia. After defeating Nadal 6-2, 7-6 (7/5), Djokovic expressed his desire for Nadal to continue playing, saying, "Don't leave tennis, man." He reflected on their intense battles over the years and hoped

they could one day relax together on a beach with a drink.

Nadal, 38, had announced his intention to retire after the upcoming Davis Cup Finals in Malaga next month, making Saturday's match potentially his last singles contest as a professional. He mentioned uncertainty about his fitness to play singles in Malaga, adding to the emotional weight of the exhibition.

Before this exhibition, Djokovic and Nadal had faced each other 60 times, with Djokovic holding a narrow 31-29 advantage. Their most recent encounter was during the Paris Olympics on the same Roland Garros courts where Nadal has won 14 French Open titles, although Djokovic won that match comfortably 6-1, 6-4.

The exhibition match was largely one-sided, with Nadal struggling with errors, allowing Djokovic to take the first set in just 31 minutes. However, fueled by a supportive



crowd, Nadal fought back to push the second set to a tie-break, showcasing a few last iconic moments, including an emotional fist pump.

After receiving a golden tennis racket as a tribute, Nadal thanked Djokovic for the "amazing rivalry" and all the memorable moments they shared on the court. Djokovic, reflecting on the day, described it as "very emotional" and acknowledged the difficulty of seeing his biggest rivals, including Andy Murray and Roger Federer, step away from the sport.

In the exhibition final, Jannik Sinner triumphed over Carlos Alcaraz, avenging his earlier loss in Beijing. Sinner expressed his eagerness for their rivalry to continue, while the tennis community watches Saudi Arabia's growing role in the sport, despite some criticism regarding the country's human rights record. Djokovic emphasized focusing on the positives, noting, "It just depends on the perspective, like anything in life."

### **New Zealand Breaks 36-Year Winless Streak in India with Historic Test Victory**

 $\mathbf{N}^{\mathrm{ew}}$  Zealand celebrated a their dismal first innings. historic achievement on Sunday in Bengaluru, secur- However, the Kiwis reing their first Test victory in India in 36 years. The match was marked by dramatic swings in momentum, culminating in a decisive win for the Kiwis.

India suffered a shocking collapse in their first innings, bowled out for just ing the win and breaking a

runs—marking their lowest total at home. The New Zealand bowlers, led by a fierce attack, exploited the conditions expertly, leaving the Indian batting lineup in disarray. Following this, the Kiwis demonstrated their batting strength, amassing an impressive 402 runs, highlighted by Rachin Ravindra's brilliant

century. His performance long-standing drought. laid a solid foundation for New Zealand, putting them in a commanding position.

In response, India fought back on Day 4, posting a robust total of 462 runs. Sarfaraz Khan played a pivotal role in the recovery with an outstanding 150 runs, supported by Rishabh Pant, who narrowly missed a century with 99 runs. Their efforts instilled hope among the home crowd, as India aimed to mount a comeback after

mained resolute, setting a target of 107 runs in the final innings. India's ace bowler, Jasprit Bumrah, delivered a fierce morning attack, but New Zealand's batsmen held their nerve. The visitors chased down the target with skill and composure, seal-



This victory not only boosts New Zealand's confidence but also serves as a reminder of their resilience in challenging conditions. As they celebrate this landmark achievement, the team looks forward to building on this momentum in future encounters. The match will be remembered as a turning point, revitalizing New Zealand's presence in Test cricket on Indian soil.

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### **Balakrishna** and Chandrababu Naidu **Reunite for Unstoppable**



Tn October 2022, Aha Video's hit **L**talk show \*Unstoppable\* featured a landmark episode with none other than Chandrababu Naidu as its guest. At the time, the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) was in the opposition in Andhra Pradesh, yet the conversation between Naidu and host Balakrishna, affectionately known as Balayya, bravely navigated serious topics. They discussed pivotal moments in TDP's history, including the influential legacy of Sr NTR and the early days of the party, making for a compelling episode.

Fast forward to today, after a twoyear hiatus, the dynamic duo is back together for another episode of \*Unstoppable\*. Chandrababu Naidu, now back in the Chief Minister's seat, arrived in Hyderabad to film a special segment for the show's fourth season. This eagerly anticipated episode is set to stream on Aha Video starting October 25.

donned his iconic khaki outfit, symbolizing his political stature,

while Balayya showcased a more polished, suave look. The shift in their political landscapes is remarkable; when they last filmed, Balayya was serving as a Member of the Legislative Assembly (MLA) and Naidu was the leader of the opposition. Now, Naidu is the Chief Minister once more, and Balayya has cemented his status as a respected figure within the Andhra Pradesh governance framework.

The evolution of their careers reflects the changing political dynamics in the state. This reunion promises not only nostalgia but also insights into their perspectives on governance, challenges, and future aspirations. With both men at significant junctures in their political journeys, viewers can expect an engaging dialogue that will resonate with audiences eager to understand the intricacies of Andhra Pradesh's political landscape. The upcoming episode is poised to be a highlight of the For this latest taping, Naidu season, showcasing the chemistry and camaraderie between these two influential leaders.

# Vikram's Veera **Dheera Sooran: Part 2 Set to Dazzle**

into the production of \*Veera Dheera the anticipation among fans eager Sooran: Part 2\*, directed by SU Arun to see the final product. Kumar. This highly anticipated film features Dushara Vijayan in a pivotal role, adding to the excitement scene showcases the creative visurrounding its release.



Recently, Malayalam actor Suraj Venjaramoodu, who plays a key character, shared an intriguing insight about the film. He revealed that there's a remarkable police station scene featuring Vikram, SJ Suryah, and himself, which stands What's particularly noteworthy is that the entire scene was captured in a single continuous shot lasting 18 minutes. Suraj expressed that he

 $\mathbf{F}$  ollowing the success of \*Thangahad never encountered such a filmlaan\*, Chiyaan Vikram is diving ing experience before, heightening

The innovative approach to this sion of director SU Arun Kumar,

promising a captivating experience. cinematic Continuous shots often add a layer of intensity and realism to storytelling, and fans are excited to see how this technique enhances the film's narrative.

\*Veera Dheera Sooran\* is produced by Riya Shibu under the HR Pictures banner, ensuring a high-quality production value. The film features a score by GV Prakash Kumar, known for his ability to elevate films with his music. Additionally, the cinematography by Theni Eswar is expected to bring stunning visuals to the storytelling.

As the release date approaches, the buzz around \*Veera Dheera Sooran: Part 2\* continues to grow. With Vikram at the forefront and a talented cast backing him, this film is poised to make a significant impact in the industry. Keep an eye out for out for its unique filming technique. further updates on this exciting project, set to hit theaters next year, as fans eagerly await what promises to be a memorable cinematic experience.

# Vishwak Sen's "Mechanic Rocky" **Trailer Released**

Vishwak Sen is set to make waves with his upcoming film "Mechanic Rocky," scheduled for release on November 22. Directed by Ravi Teja Mullapudi and produced by Ram Talluri of SRT Entertainments, the film's trailer 1.0 was recently unveiled, generating excitement among fans.

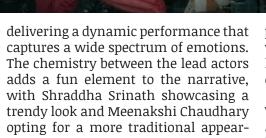
The trailer begins with a light-hearted banter between Vishwak Sen and his father, played by veteran actor Naresh. In a humorous twist, Vishwak's character aspires to be a civil engineer despite studying computer science. This comedic setup leads him to work at his father's mechan-

ic shop, where he also manages a driving school and indulges in flirtatious exchanges with co-stars Shraddha Srinath and Meenakshi Chaudhary. However, the tone shifts dramatically with the entrance of a menacing villain, portrayed by Sunil, setting the stage for a compelling conflict.

Ravi Teja Mullapudi has crafted a story rich in commercial appeal, incorporating a blend of humor, action, and emotion. Vishwak Sen shines in his role,

The trailer also highlights strong performances from Naresh, who brings comedic relief, while Sunil's portrayal of the villain adds a ferocious edge to phy, handled by Manojh Katasani, is visually striking, and Jakes Bejoy's lively score amplifies the overall viewing experience.

With its promising mix of humor and action, "Mechanic Rocky" appears to be an entertaining ride, and the trailer assures audiences that it will deliver a captivating cinematic experience when it hits theaters next month. As anticipation builds, fans eagerly await the chance to see Vishwak Sen in this action-packed adventure.



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Dulquer Salman's 'Srimathi Garu' Video Song Released from Lucky Bhaskar Meenakshi Chaudhary is undenished by one of the most promising when Meenakshi was cast in \*The the most promising when Meenaks

talents in the film industry. She made her mark with her debut in \*Ichhata Vahanamulu Niluparadu\*, showcasing her acting skills and captivating audiences. Since then, she has appeared in a variety of films, each time demonstrating her potential. However, she has yet to break into the upper echelons of the industry, where roles alongside leading stars are often seen as crucial career milestones.

Her recent casting in \*Guntur Kaaram\* alongside Mahesh Babu has garnered attention, but unfortunately, her role appears to be overshadowed by co-star Sreeleela, who plays the lead. This imraised concerns about how this role will influence Meenakshi's career trajectory. While appearing in a film with a star like Mahesh Babu is an achievement, the impact of her character design seems minimal, leaving her fans wanting more.

Greatest of All Time\* opposite Vijay. Many believed this would be her breakout role. However, the film's narrative focused heavily on Vijay's dual role, pushing her character into the background. Compounding the issue, her initially intriguing negative role was written out during the second half of the film, significantly diminishing her presence and impact.

These experiences highlight the challenges Meenakshi Chaudhary faces in a highly competitive industry. While she has the talent and charisma to succeed, the roles available to her have not vet allowed her to fully showcase balance in character prominence has her abilities. As she navigates her career, fans are hopeful that future projects will provide her with the opportunities she needs to shine alongside the industry's biggest stars. With her determination and skill, there's still plenty of time for Meenakshi to carve out her place among the leading heroines of her generation.



# Naveen Chandra Shines in "Snakes & Ladders"

Naveen Chandra, known for his standout performance in \*Andala Rakshasi\*, continues to carve a niche for himself in the entertainment industry. Following his success as a lead actor, he is gaining recognition for his versatility, taking on roles as a character artist and even portraying negative shades. His latest project, the web series \*Snakes & Ladders\*, directed by Ashok Veerappan, marks another significant milestone in his career.

In a recent interview, Chandra expressed his excitement about \*Snakes & Ladders\*, highlighting its unique premise centhat dramatically impacts the lives of four teenage children. The series showcases the journey of these young characters as they navigate the challenges posed by their circumstances. Filmed in the scenic backdrop of Kodaikanal, the project features four new talents, making it a fresh and engaging watch.

\*Snakes & Ladders\* is available for tered around an unexpected incident streaming in six languages on Amazon Prime Video, broadening its reach to a diverse audience. Chandra noted the collaborative effort that went into the series, produced jointly by Stone Bench and Amazon Prime, under the direction of Karthik Subbaraju and Kalyan Subramanian.

The series, which began streaming

on October 18, promises to captivate

viewers with its compelling storyline and performances. As Naveen Chandra takes on this new venture, fans and critics alike are eager to see how he brings these characters to life and adds to his already impressive portfolio. With each project, he continues to prove his mettle as a versatile actor, making him a notable figure in contemporary cinema.