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# Arrangements Complete for Telangana Group-1 Mains Exams



**TPN , Hyderabad :** The Telangana Public Service Commission (TSP-SC) has finalized all arrangements for the Group-1 Mains Examination, which is scheduled to take place from October 21 to 27. A total of 31,382 candidates, who cleared the Prelims, will compete for 563 posts in this crucial examination.

As of now, 90% of candidates have downloaded their hall tickets, while the remaining 10%, many of whom are involved in ongoing protests demanding the postponement of the exams, are yet to do so. Protests against the controversial GO 29 and demands

to delay the Mains exams have sparked tensions in Hyderabad, with some violent incidents occurring on Friday and Saturday.

In response, the state ministers held a meeting with the candidates on Saturday, but the exams will proceed as scheduled. Group-1 exams have already been postponed twice, leading to concerns among candidates about potential further delays.

TSPSC has set up 46 examination centers across Hyderabad, Rangareddy, and Medchal-Malkajgiri districts. Police are maintaining strict security

at all centers, with District Collectors overseeing the conduct of the exams. To prevent any irregularities, CCTV cameras have been installed in each examination hall and are monitored through a control room in the TSPSC office.

Key guidelines for the exam include mandatory biometric attendance, a strict entry cutoff at 1:30 PM, and an extra hour allocated for disabled candidates. Special medical camps have been set up at all exam centers, and authorities have ensured a continuous power supply to prevent disruptions.

## Telangana Chief Minister Sets Ambitious Goal for USD 1 Trillion Economy



**TPN , Hyderabad :** Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has outlined an ambitious vision to transform the state into a USD 1 trillion economy, with Hyderabad playing a pivotal role in achieving this target. Speaking at the Leadership Summit held at the Indian School of Business (ISB) on October 20, Reddy emphasized the importance of turning Hyderabad into a 600 billion-dollar economy to reach the broader goal.

Reddy stressed that Hyderabad should aim to compete not just with other Indian cities but with major global financial hubs such as New York, London, Paris, Tokyo, and Seoul. He acknowledged the challenges ahead but expressed confidence, saying, "It is difficult but not impossible. The spirit of New India is to become the best in the world, and no dream

is too big."

The Chief Minister also called on the summit participants, including students and business leaders, to spread the message of Telangana's economic potential globally. He encouraged them to engage with investors and business communities worldwide, highlighting the state's future opportunities. Reddy assured that the Telangana government is committed to providing the necessary support and environment for growth and innovation.

In his address, the Chief Minister urged future collaboration with the Telangana government, promising new challenges and opportunities for those willing to contribute to the state's development.

## GO 317 Subcommittee Submits Report to CM Revanth Reddy

**TPN , Hyderabad :** The cabinet subcommittee on Government Order (GO) 317 submitted its report to Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy on Sunday, October 20, outlining its findings and recommendations regarding job allocations in the state.

Introduced in December 2021, GO 317 implemented a zonal system for job allocations, following the reorganization of Telangana into 31 districts from the previous 10 in 2016. This system allows district collectors and department heads to be part of the job allocation committee for district-level posts, while for zonal and multi-zonal posts, decisions rest with higher officials, including the principal secretary and senior consultants.

Over the past three months, the subcommittee, chaired by Telangana Health Minister C. Damodar Raja Narasimha, and com-



prising IT Minister D. Sridhar Babu and Transport Minister Ponnamm Prabhakar, held discussions with teachers' unions, professionals, and intellectuals, receiving grievances from government employees through email.

One of the significant concerns raised was by Adivasis, who feared that the order would undermine protections under the Fifth Schedule of the Consti-

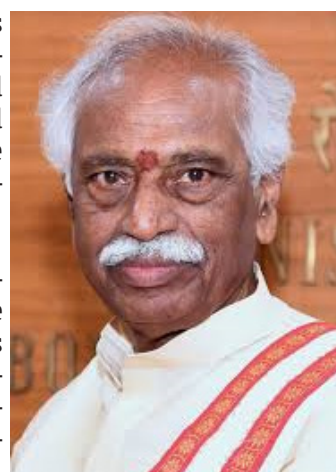
tution, particularly in Adivasi agency areas. GO 317 does not specifically address the allotment of cadres in these protected regions, leading to concerns about dilution of their rights.

The government has promised to consider these concerns as it reviews the report and continues to seek ways to address grievances.

## Haryana Governor Dattatreya's Convoy road accident

**TPN , Hyderabad:** A major mishap was averted when Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatreya's convoy met with a road accident while traveling from Hyderabad to Delhi. The incident occurred on the main road leading to Shamshabad Airport.

As per reports, a pedestrian suddenly appeared in front of the convoy, forcing the vehicles to apply emergency brakes. This led to three vehicles in the convoy colliding with each other. Fortunately, no serious injuries were reported, and the accident was avoided by a narrow margin.



Police swiftly arrived at the scene and registered a case. An investigation into the exact circumstances of the accident is underway. Despite the scare, Governor Bandaru Dattatreya and his entourage are safe.

The incident caused some traffic disruption near the airport, but the situation was quickly brought under control. Authorities have assured that proper measures will be taken to prevent similar incidents in the future.

## KTR Criticizes Musi Riverfront Delegation's Seoul Study Trip



**TPN , Hyderabad :** Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) working president K. T. Rama Rao (KTR) on Sunday, October 20, criticized the Telangana government's decision to send a delegation to Seoul, South Korea, to study the riverfront development project. The delegation, constituted by the Municipal Administration and Urban Development (MA&UD) department, will study the Cheonggyecheon Riverfront development in Seoul as a model for the Musi Riverfront project in Hyderabad.

KTR took to X (formerly Twitter) to sarcastically commend the government, saying, "My compliments to the Telangana Govt on sending a team of Experts, Environmentalists, Hydrologists, Engineers & Bureaucrats to study the River Front Development in Seoul. I am sure they will come back with excellent results and justify spending ₹1.5 Lakh Crores (approximately USD 20 Billion) of public mon-

ey." His remarks reflect growing concerns over the project's costs, with KTR previously stating that the Musi Riverfront could be completed for just Rs 25,000 crore instead of the proposed Rs 1.5 lakh crore.

KTR also questioned the decision to include journalists in the delegation, instead of experts and engineers, prompting further scrutiny. Earlier this week, he highlighted the previous BRS government's approach to the Musi redevelopment, noting that former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao had opted against displacing residents near the river.

He pointed out that the BRS administration had already invested Rs 3,866 crore to install sewage treatment plants, with 90% of the work completed under the current government's efforts to revitalize the Musi River.



# Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Urges CM Revanth Reddy to Withdraw GO 29, Reschedule Group 1 Exams



**TPN , Hyderabad:** In an open letter to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay has called for the immediate withdrawal of GO 29, which he claims is unjust and has caused significant distress among Group 1 aspirants. He urged the Chief Minister to act with compassion and treat the unemployed youth as members of his own family, understanding their plight as they prepare for crucial exams.

Bandi Sanjay highlighted that 5,003 SC, ST, and BC candidates were disqualified from the Group 1 exam process due to

the implementation of GO 29. He argued that it is unfair to announce candidates for 563 posts at a ratio of 1:50 when 354 of these are reserved positions. The minister expressed concern that the order places reserved candidates, who qualify under the open category, back into the reserved category, which he described as a violation of the spirit of the Constitution and the Rule of Reservation.

He also emphasized that the GO disproportionately affects candidates from the open category, who qualify at a rate of 1:65, compared to reserved category

candidates who qualify at a rate of 1:50. This discrepancy, Sanjay claimed, has created widespread fear and confusion, with some candidates even contemplating extreme measures, including suicide.

In his letter, Sanjay urged CM Revanth Reddy to reschedule the Group 1 exams to alleviate the pressure on the aspirants and immediately withdraw GO 29 to protect the integrity of the state's reservation system. He warned that failure to act could lead to further unrest and despair among the unemployed youth in Telangana.

## Golf City in South Hyderabad to Create 10,000 Jobs: Telangana Minister



**TPN , Hyderabad:** The Professional Golfers' Association (PGA) of America, in collaboration with Stone Craft and the Shapoorji Pallonji Group, plans to develop a Golf City in southern Hyderabad, expected to create 10,000 jobs over the next decade, Telangana IT and Industries Minister D. Sridhar Babu announced.

During a meeting at the Secretariat on October 19, a delegation from the PGA of America, based in Texas, discussed the ambitious project with the minister.

The proposed development will feature golf courses, residential areas, hotels, and entertainment venues, pending final approval from the Telangana government.

Minister Babu highlighted that the PGA, known for its century-long promotion of golf globally, is working alongside local firms to bring this project to fruition. Stone Craft has committed to making significant investments in the venture. The Golf City will include an 18-hole standard golf course, which

will be the first of its kind in South India, spanning nearly 200 acres.

The project aligns with Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's vision for the "Fourth City," a net-zero city free from pollution. The initiative aims to increase green spaces, enhancing the area's natural beauty by integrating the Miyawaki method of afforestation, which promotes large-scale planting of indigenous trees.

"This project will also enhance the local environment by preserving Deccan rocks and water resources, creating a more pleasant living environment," said Minister Babu.

The meeting was attended by key representatives including Stone Craft CEO Keerthi Chilukuri and PGA members Tim Labb, Alex Hay, David Blum, Ken Sager, and Radha Kishore.

This development marks a significant step toward transforming the region into a world-class destination.

## BJP Accuses Telangana Government of Conspiracy to End Reservation, Demands Rollback of TSPSC Exam Amendments

**TPN , New Delhi:** Senior BJP leader K Laxman on Sunday criticized the Congress-led Telangana government over recent amendments to the Telangana State Public Service Commission (TSPSC) examination rules, alleging that these changes are a "conspiracy to end reservation." He called for an immediate rollback of the revised rules and urged the government to reschedule the TSPSC Group 1 recruitment exam, which is set to begin on Monday.

Laxman, who also serves as the chairman of the BJP OBC Morcha and is a Rajya Sabha MP, expressed support for the students protesting against the amendments introduced by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's government. He also



demanding a response from Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, accusing him of hypocrisy. "You roam the country with the Constitution in hand, but your party's government is turning Telangana into a laboratory for ending reservations," Laxman said.

The BJP leader's remarks come amid widespread protests by students and aspirants of the TSPSC Group 1 services, who are calling for a postponement of the Mains exam. Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar and BRS leaders also held protests in Hyderabad, showing solidarity with the aspirants.

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, however, urged students to appear for the exam without any misconceptions, stressing that his government is committed to safeguarding the interests of SC, ST, and BC communities. He criticized opposition parties for demanding the exam be conducted as per the 1:100 ratio, arguing that altering the process midway could lead to legal complications.

## Disparity in Krishna Water Sharing Continues Between Telangana and Andhra Pradesh

**TPN , Hyderabad:** The ongoing disparity in water sharing between Telangana and Andhra Pradesh over Krishna basin projects remains a significant issue. Telangana has made its stance clear, rejecting the 34:66 water-sharing ratio in favor of a 50:50 split. However, despite this demand, the State has struggled to fully utilize its allocated share of water during the current water year.

By mid-October, Telangana has utilized only 37 TMC of Krishna River water, compared to Andhra Pradesh's 85 TMC. Most of Telangana's usage—around 27 TMC from the Nagarjuna Sagar Project and 10 TMC from the Srisailem Project—has gone toward meeting drinking water needs. Andhra Pradesh, on the

other hand, has drawn heavily from the Krishna through the Pothireddypadu Head Regulator, filling its reservoirs beyond the basin.

Telangana's limited ability to harness floodwaters is due to the incomplete Palamuru Rangareddy Lift Irrigation Scheme and the Dindi project. Additionally, canal breaches have hampered its water distribution, reducing its capacity to store flood flows. Telangana also faces challenges from malfunctioning telemetry systems at key locations like the Nagarjuna Sagar and Srisailem outlets, leading to potential underreporting of Andhra Pradesh's draws.

These telemetry systems, many of

which are outdated, have not provided accurate readings for a significant period, putting Telangana at a disadvantage in monitoring water distribution. A team from the Central Water Commission (CWC) recently inspected these systems, but financial constraints have delayed necessary upgrades.

The Telangana government is expected to raise the issue of inaccurate telemetry readings at the upcoming Krishna River Management Board meeting on October 23. Officials are likely to emphasize the need for a fair and equitable water-sharing arrangement, as the State continues to demand a 50:50 split of Krishna River water to meet its agricultural and drinking water needs.

## ED Summons Former Rangareddy Collector Amoy Kumar Over Land Complaints



**TPN , Hyderabad:** The Enforcement Directorate (ED) has issued a notice to senior IAS officer D Amoy Kumar, following multiple complaints, including those related to land allocations. The agency has initiated an inquiry into his conduct.

Kumar, who previously served as the collector of Rangareddy and Medchal Malkajgiri districts under the BRS government, has been summoned to appear for ques-

tioning on either October 22 or 23. The ED's investigation is focused on various allegations regarding land dealings during his tenure as a district collector. The outcome of this inquiry could have significant implications for Kumar's career and could provide further clarity on the complaints against him.

Kumar is expected to cooperate with the agency's probe and clarify his role in the alleged land allocation issues.

## HYDRA Chief Ranganath Addresses Concerns Over Demolitions in Hyderabad



**TPN , Hyderabad :** HYDRA Commissioner AV Ranganath reassured the public that the organization will not target structures built with legal permissions. Speaking at an event, Ranganath emphasized that there is no truth to the rumors that HYDRA is demolishing sanctioned buildings near ponds or catchment areas, and assured citizens that those with proper documentation have nothing to fear.

HYDRA, formed as part of the government's effort to reclaim encroached land around the Musi River, ponds, and canals, continues to carry out its mandate to remove illegal constructions in Hyderabad. Ranganath clarified that HYDRA's actions are in line with Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's directives, and the demolitions will strictly focus on unauthorized structures.

The organization, which has been the subject of criticism from opposition parties, including the BJP and BRS, has faced public backlash over the demolitions. Some residents have expressed concern that more families may lose their homes, generating panic in the city. However, Congress leaders have denied these allegations, assuring that the demolitions are limited to illegal constructions.

Ranganath's statement came in the wake of increasing tension around the demolition campaign, with opposition parties criticizing the government's actions. The Telangana government has set up a dedicated office for HYDRA in Hyderabad, with key senior officials from various police departments assigned to oversee the operations. The efforts aim to ensure that Hyderabad's water bodies and catchment areas remain protected from illegal encroachments.

# Kishan Reddy Accuses CM Revanth Reddy of Anti-Hindu Stance

TPN , Hyderabad: Union Minister and BJP State President Kishan Reddy has accused Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy of adopting an "anti-Hindu stance." Speaking to the media, Kishan Reddy criticized the state government for failing to address the concerns of unemployed youth who have been protesting in Ashok Nagar for the past week. He claimed that the promises made to the unemployed, farmers, and the poor, including the "six guarantees" from the election campaign, are not being fulfilled.

Reddy further accused the Chief Minister of filing cases against individuals during Hindu festivals such as Vinayaka Chavithi, Bonalu, and Devi Navratri, while ignoring similar activities at other religious centers. He questioned the government's response to the recent desecration of the Muthyalamma temple and the police's handling of the protesters, asking why there was no condemnation from the CM or the Congress party when the temple was attacked by an individual from another state.

Kishan Reddy also criticized Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, questioning why the



construction of the Ram temple and other Hindu festivals seem to be a point of contention for the Congress leadership. He concluded by expressing the anger and outrage felt by Hindus following the attack on the temple.

## Congress Leader Jupally Krishna Rao Emphasizes Strengthening Libraries and Winning MLC Elections



TPN , Kamareddy: State Department of Tourism leader Jupally Krishna Rao emphasized the need to strengthen libraries in every gram panchayat, stating that they are essential for the intellectual growth of rural communities. Speaking on the upcoming MLC elections, he urged Congress supporters to focus on securing a victory, noting that if the ruling BRS party had adequately developed the state over the past decade, Congress wouldn't need to rectify the current challenges.

Rao criticized the BRS party for its frequent attacks on Congress and reminded voters that Telangana owes its

statehood to the Congress party and Sonia Gandhi. He urged graduates across Telangana to support the party that made the state possible, highlighting the 7 lakh crore debt incurred under the previous government.

Rao also pointed out that another 4 lakh farmers in the state are awaiting loan waivers after Diwali, and while there might be delays in clearing cropland assurances, the Congress party is committed to implementing these schemes. He called on Congress supporters to use social media to expose the BRS government's failures and ensure a Congress win in the MLC elections.

## Harish Rao Challenges CM Revanth Over Mallannasagar Rehabilitation

TPN , Hyderabad: Siddipet MLA Harish Rao has taken a strong stance against Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, accusing the Congress government of failing to deliver justice to the victims of the Mallannasagar project. Rao, in a statement, questioned what CM Revanth has done for the displaced residents of Musi, highlighting that the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS) government, under KCR's leadership, had provided better compensation and rehabilitation for those affected by the Mallannasagar and Kondapochamma Sagar projects.

Rao emphasized that the Congress government's claims of supporting displaced people are hypocritical, stating that the TRS had already built more than 3,000 houses in Gajwel for the displaced residents. He also noted that when Mallannasagar's land was acquired, the KCR-led government had offered double compensation, amounting to Rs. 694 crore, along with em-



ployment opportunities for the affected families. House owners received Rs. 7.5 lakh each, while unmarried individuals above 18 were given Rs. 5 lakh for employment. Additionally, 250 yards of land were provided to unmarried residents, and they were compensated with Rs. 30,000 to Rs. 50,000 for their expenses.

Rao also criticized CM Revanth for taking credit for houses built by KCR and offering a double bedroom home for just Rs. 25,000. He challenged the Congress government to match the scale of KCR's efforts and build similar homes in Gajwel.

## MLC Kodandaram Slams KCR Government for Ignoring Unemployment Crisis

TPN , Nizamabad: MLC Kodandaram has strongly criticized the KCR-led BRS government for failing to address the growing unemployment crisis in Telangana. Speaking at a congratulatory meeting in Nizamabad on Sunday, Kodandaram said the number of unemployed individuals in the state has doubled due to the government's ineffective policies. He expressed concern that no meaningful efforts have been made to fill job vacancies, despite raising the issue multiple times.

Kodandaram also criticized the BRS government's lack of moral authority to comment on the Group-1 exams, noting its failure to issue job notifications or conduct proper recruitment. He emphasized that the Congress party is committed to solving the unemployment problem and will prioritize filling job vacancies when it comes to power.

He pointed out that court directives played a crucial role in implementing Job Orders (JIOs), such as JIO 55 and JIO 29, which the current government has not adequately addressed. Kodandaram warned that the BRS government is misleading the unemployed and vowed that such misinformation would not be tolerated.

He urged the people to recognize the BRS government's failure to address unemployment and to support the Congress party's efforts to create jobs and provide a brighter future for Telangana's youth.

## Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao's Strong Rebuttal to BRS Leaders' Criticism

TPN , Hyderabad: Telangana Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao strongly condemned the criticism of the state government by BRS leaders, calling it a shameful act by those who neglected key welfare schemes during their tenure.

He questioned the BRS leaders' audacity in criticizing the current government, which, despite inheriting a financially strained state, has paid Rs. 7,600 crores under the Rythu Bandhu scheme. He emphasized that the current administration cleared all pending dues, including seed subsidies, which were neglected by the previous government.

Tummala highlighted that during the BRS regime, crop compensation was either delayed or ignored, and they even restricted MLAs and officials from visiting affected farmers. In contrast, the current government has already released Rs. 15 crores for hailstorm-affected farmers in March and Rs. 79 crores for flood-hit farmers in August within just ten months of coming to power.

He added that the Congress government has revived several abandoned schemes, such as agricultural mechanization, crop insurance, and drip irrigation. The minister urged BRS leaders to focus on constructive suggestions for the farming sector instead of resorting to baseless allegations, warning that history will not forgive those who continue to mislead farmers.

## CPI MLA Koonanneni Accuses BRS and BJP of Dark Deal, Conspiracy to Create Riots



TPN , Hyderabad: CPI MLA Koonanneni Sambhashivarao has made sensational remarks, alleging a "dark deal" between the BRS and BJP aimed at creating artificial unrest in the state. Speaking to the media at the CPI state office, Koonanneni claimed that both parties, along with MIM, are conspiring to target the government and protect their interests, particularly in the face of the ongoing HYDRA operations.

Koonanneni alleged that the BRS, BJP, and MIM are working together, plotting to undermine the government for their own benefit, and that their efforts are aimed at causing riots in the state. He accused the opposition of not caring about the public and using these tactics to safeguard their property and interests.

He emphasized that the opposition's true agenda is to create chaos and overthrow the government by exploiting the vulnerabilities of the poor. Koonanneni urged the public not to fall into the opposition's trap, stressing that these actions are designed to protect the powerful while keeping the common people under pressure.

## TPCC Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud Criticizes BJP on Group-I Exam and Job Promises

TPN , Hyderabad: TPCC Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud has condemned the BJP for creating doubts and misleading students regarding the Group-I exams. He addressed the issue in a statement, asserting that there is no collusion in the examination process and that students, especially those from reserved categories, should be assured of a fair selection process. Goud emphasized that the Congress government is committed to ensuring transparency and fairness in the recruitment process.



Refuting BJP's claims about the government's failure to deliver jobs, Goud pointed out that the BRS government had given 70,000 jobs over the past 10 years, and the Congress party had provided 50,000 jobs in just 10 months. He criticized the BJP, asking how many jobs

Union Minister Bandi Sanjay has delivered during his tenure, questioning their commitment to employment issues.

He highlighted the BJP's sit-ins and protests as futile, emphasizing that the BRS government had been transparent in issuing job notifications, with 35,000 jobs made available through TSPSC over the last decade. Goud noted that while the BJP had been accusing the government of failing to deliver jobs, they themselves had not provided accurate results for intermediate exams, adding to the disarray.

Goud also dismissed the controversy surrounding GO 29 as a myth, asserting that it was being exaggerated for political gain. He assured the public that the Congress is dedicated to providing fair and equal opportunities for all, regardless of caste or background.



## 5 Booked for Violence During Protest Over Temple Desecration in Secunderabad

**TPN , Hyderabad :** Five cases have been registered against individuals involved in violent protests following the desecration of a deity at the Muthyalamma temple near Secunderabad's passport office on Saturday, October 19. The protest, led by right-wing activists, resulted in heavy stone pelting, injuring 15 policemen.

Protesters damaged Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC) buses and attempted to vandalize the Metropolis Hotel, where Salman Thakur, who allegedly desecrated the temple, was staying. The mob also tried to march towards a nearby mosque, with some calling for its demolition. When the situation escalated and the crowd became violent, police resorted to a lathi charge to disperse them.

Authorities faced challenges in controlling the unrest, which involved individuals from various Hindu organizations. In response, a heavy police presence, including the Rapid Action Force and Commissioner's Task Force, was deployed to maintain order in Secunderabad.

BJP leader and Goshamahal MLA T. Raja Singh was placed under house arrest to prevent him from joining the protest. The desecration incident occurred when a man allegedly broke into the temple and vandalized the idol, leading to his arrest. Protests followed, demanding stern action and a thorough investigation.

## Raja Singh Placed Under House Arrest Again Amid Temple Desecration Protests



**TPN , Hyderabad :** Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) MLA T. Raja Singh was placed under house arrest again on Sunday, October 20, to prevent him from visiting the Muthyalamma Temple in Secunderabad. A team of police officers arrived at his residence in Goshamahal to enforce the order.

Following his house arrest, Raja Singh took to social media, questioning the Congress government's actions. He stated, "Why is the Congress government stopping me from visiting the Matha Muthyalamma Temple? Is the government acting on orders from Darussalam to silence me?"

This marks the second time in a week that Singh has been placed under house arrest. The first instance occurred when he attempted to visit the temple following the desecration incident on October 19, when a man broke into the temple and vandalized an idol. The suspect was apprehended by local residents and handed over to the police.

Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy also voiced concern over the desecration, urging the Telangana government to take stringent action against the culprits. He criticized the government for downplaying the incidents and demanded better protection for temples across the state. Protests by local leaders and residents continue, calling for a thorough investigation.

# Unemployed Youth Detained at Gandhi Bhavan During Protest Against GOMs 29



**TPN , Hyderabad :** Tension escalated at Gandhi Bhavan, the Telangana Congress headquarters, on Sunday as police detained several unemployed youth attempting to protest against Government Order (GO) Ms 29. The protest was organized under the leadership of the Osmania University Joint Action Committee (OUJAC) to demand the scrapping of the controversial GO, which has raised concerns over its impact on reservations for SC, ST, and BC candidates.

Anticipating unrest, a large police force was deployed at the venue early in the morning. OUJAC leader Motilal Naik had called for the protest, accusing police of using excessive force against peaceful demonstrators at university hostels on Friday and Saturday, where several youth were allegedly caned. Despite the efforts of the OUJAC leaders and Group I aspirants to reach Gandhi Bhavan, police intercepted them before they could gather and took them

into custody. In a video message shared on social media, Motilal Naik claimed he was beaten by police and relocated to another location. He urged fellow youth to continue peaceful protests in their areas, emphasizing that the issue extends beyond reservations to broader constitutional rights.

The Telangana government has faced growing criticism for its handling of the concerns raised by unemployed youth. TPCC president

Mahesh Kumar Goud held a meeting with ministers and senior officials at BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar's residence on Saturday, where it was resolved to ensure no injustice would be done to candidates from any community.

Arrangements have been made to ensure the smooth conduct of the Group I Main exams, scheduled to begin on Monday, despite ongoing protests.



## Sensational Revelations in Banjara Hills Toss Pub Case

**TPN , Hyderabad:** Shocking details are emerging in the Banjara Hills Toss Pub case. The pub, which is operating without proper permits, is running under a restaurant and bar license but has set up a dance floor to attract customers and make money illegally.

The pub management has reportedly been using women as bait to attract customers, offering them commissions based on the number of customers they engage with. According to reports, each woman is being paid between Rs. 5,000 and Rs. 10,000 for their services. These women are being made to perform semi-nude dances to

draw in money from patrons.

Further investigations have revealed that unethical activities are being conducted at the pub to entice customers, including male entry fees of Rs. 1,000 and alcohol charges of Rs. 500. The women are paid commissions based on their performances, and some of them have previously been involved in similar incidents at other establishments like Urvashi Bar and Pub 9.

The police have arrested 10 women involved in the case and have remanded them into custody, with further investigations underway.

## Telangana: Group-I Aspirants Vow to Punish Congress for Ignoring Demands



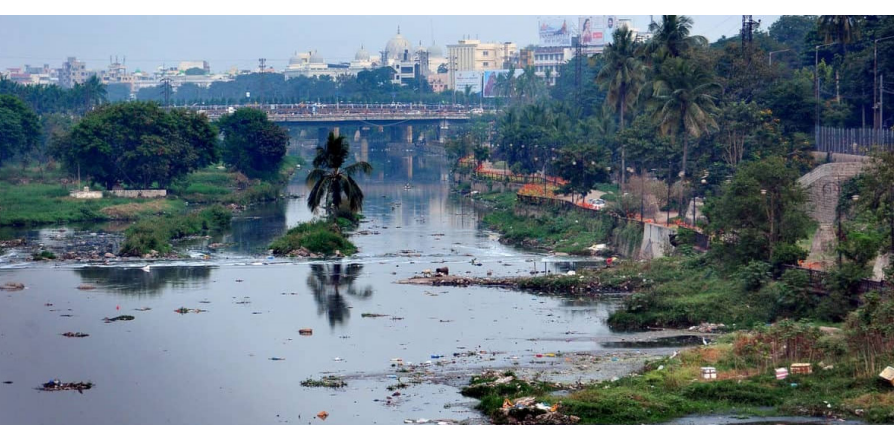
**TPN , Hyderabad :** Disgruntled Group-I services recruitment aspirants and unemployed youth have expressed their determination to teach the Congress party a "befitting lesson" for its handling of their issues. In a social media post circulated on Sunday, October 20, the aspirants stated that the Congress's downfall in Telangana had begun, and they vowed never to vote for the party again.

The Group-I aspirants have been demanding the postponement of the Group-I Main exams, scheduled from October 21 to 27, until ongoing court cases are resolved. They are also calling for the scrapping of the controversial Government Order (GO) 29 and clarity on study materials for exam preparation.

Aspirants accused the Congress of deceiving them during previous elections, when they were allegedly instigated to hold unemployment awareness yatras. They now plan to organize similar protests, aiming to unseat Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and ensure the defeat of the Congress in the upcoming local body and Maharashtra assembly elections.

"We will ensure the Congress party is buried in Telangana," said the aspirants, vowing to hold the party accountable for what they view as deceitful tactics by the Chief Minister. The unemployed youth pledged to work toward dethroning Reddy and ensuring the Congress's defeat in future elections.

# Telangana Govt's Media Delegation for Musi River Study Tour to Seoul Sparks Controversy



**TPN , Hyderabad :** The Telangana government's decision to send a team of journalists on a study tour to Seoul, South Korea, to examine the Cheonggyecheon Riverfront Development has drawn

criticism, with many questioning the selection of participants. The study tour, aimed at gaining insights into the riverfront project, has sparked controversy over the absence of experts, engineers, and

bureaucrats in the delegation.

The team consists of a Parliament member, an MLA, the Information and Public Relations Commissioner, the Director of Media and Communications, and 16 journalists from various media organizations. They will spend four days in Seoul, excluding travel time. However, the exclusion of professionals from relevant departments like town planning, urban development, and tourism has raised eyebrows.

Netizens and critics have expressed frustration, questioning the purpose of sending journalists instead of experts who could

better contribute to such a project. BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao took a sarcastic jab at the government, "complimenting" it for sending a team of "experts, environmentalists, hydrologists, engineers, and bureaucrats" to study the riverfront. He remarked, "I am sure they will come back with excellent results and justify spending Rs 1.5 lakh crore (approximately USD 18 Billion) of public money."

The controversy has fueled concerns about the government's priorities, as many argue that sending specialists would have been more appropriate for such a study.



## Uneasy Calm in Secunderabad After Protests at Muthyalamma Temple, Heavy Police Deployment

**TPN , Hyderabad:** An uneasy calm prevails in Secunderabad on Sunday, a day after violent protests erupted over the alleged vandalism and desecration of the Muthyalamma temple near the Clock Tower. In response, a heavy police force has been deployed to maintain peace in the area.

Over 150 security personnel, including paramilitary and task force officials, have been stationed around the temple and its surroundings. The entire area has been barricaded, and locals are only allowed to pass through after providing proof of residency. Shops near the temple have been closed, and vehicle movement has been restricted.

A few visitors, including youngsters from Dilsukhnagar, were turned away by the police despite their claim of regular temple visits for prayers. Meanwhile, local residents expressed frustration with the situation. "We want peace and for the crisis to end. This has been affecting us for over a week," said Srinivas Chary, a nearby resident.

The protests were fueled by the alleged desecration of the temple's idol by Salman Salim Thakur, an engineering graduate from Maharashtra. The Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) has called for state-wide protests, accusing the government of neglecting temple safety.

## Tahsildar Arrested for Illegal Land Transfer in Sircilla

**TPN , Sircilla :** Former Chandurthy Tahsildar D. Naresh was arrested on charges of illegally transferring land to another person by uploading fake registration documents on the Dharani portal. Naresh was produced before the court on Saturday.

According to police, Salendra Malleshham, a resident of Ananthapalli in Chandurthy mandal, owned agricultural land in survey numbers 104 and 105 on the village outskirts. However, Malleshham's land was illegally transferred to Salendra Lakshmi, a resident of the same village, with the help of Tahsildar Naresh. Lakshmi produced fake registration documents to effect the transfer and, on July 25, 2024, obtained a loan from Chandurthy Grameena Bank using the fraudulent documents.

After Malleshham filed a complaint, the police launched an investigation. By examining bank records and data from the Dharani portal, authorities confirmed that the land was transferred illegally. The police allege that Naresh, while working as Tahsildar in Chandurthy, was encouraged by Salendra Gopi and five others to carry out the illegal transaction. Naresh was working at the district collectorate at the time of his arrest.



## Cannabis Seized in Dulpet; Four Arrested, One Absconding

**TPN , Hyderabad:** In a major drug bust, the police have seized 3.693 kg of cannabis from the Dulpet area, arresting four individuals in connection with the illegal sale of ganja. The operation was carried out by the Special Task Force (STF) police after receiving accurate information about the drug trade near Shiv Mandir in Purana Pool, Jiyaguda, a locality near Dulpet.

The arrested suspects, identified as Devaraj Singh, Ajay Singh, Deepak, and Praveen Singh, were found in possession of the narcotics. Two two-wheelers and two cell phones were also seized during the raid. However, one individual, Nitish, remains absconding and is currently being sought by the authorities.

The STF has vowed to continue their efforts in cracking down on illegal drug activities in the city and to ensure that those involved in the trade are brought to justice.

## KTR Alleges Revanth Reddy's Involvement in Fourth City Real Estate Plans



**TPN , Hyderabad:** BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) has made sensational allegations against Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, accusing him of promoting the Fourth City project for the benefit of his four brothers and their real estate ventures. During the Dussehra Sammelanam Alai Balay program, KTR took a swipe at Revanth Reddy's administration, suggesting that the Fourth City proposal is a cover for his family's real estate interests.

KTR also criticized the Congress government over a contentious pharmacy issue. He claimed that while Revanth Reddy had stated that the pharmacy project had been canceled, court documents suggest otherwise. KTR vowed to continue challenging the matter in the High Court and, if necessary, escalate the issue to the Supreme Court, exposing what he described as a series of fraudulent actions by Revanth Reddy.

Furthermore, KTR alleged that after Congress took over in Telangana, the real estate sector has seen a significant decline. He demanded that if the pharmacy project is not shut down, the land should be returned to the people. KTR warned that BRS would not tolerate the appropriation of lands for real estate deals benefiting the Congress leadership, promising to continue fighting for the interests of the people.

## Farmers and BRS Protest Over Delay in Rythu Bharosa Payments

**TPN , Hyderabad :** Protests erupted across Telangana as farmers and BRS (Bharat Rashtra Samithi) supporters took to the streets, demanding the immediate release of the Rythu Bharosa investment support for the Vanakalam (Kharif) season. The demonstrations came in response to Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao's announcement that the State government could not disburse the funds due to the Cabinet sub-committee's delay in submitting its guidelines.



Protests were held in Assembly constituencies, mandals, and districts across the state, including Adilabad, Nizamabad, Karimnagar, Warangal, Nalgonda, Mahabubnagar, and Rangareddy. Farmers and BRS cadres burned effigies of the State government and Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, criticizing the Congress government for failing to fulfill its electoral promise of

providing Rs 15,000 per acre per annum in investment support.

Tensions were high in Gajwel, Siddipet, and a few other locations as police tried to prevent the protesters from burning effigies. Despite the police's efforts, the protesters managed to carry out their symbolic acts of defiance.

The protesters accused the Congress government of deceiving farmers, highlighting that the government had previously promised to increase the Rythu Bharosa amount from Rs 10,000 to Rs 15,000 per acre. With the delay in payments, they have warned of intensifying their protests unless the funds are released promptly.

## Tragedy in Sangareddy: Farmer Couple Commits Suicide in Jharasangam Village

**TPN , Sangareddy:** In a tragic incident on Sunday evening, a farmer couple from Jharasangam village in Sangareddy district committed suicide by consuming pesticide. The deceased have been identified as Bondili Pratap Singh (60) and his wife Kalavathi (50).

The incident occurred at their agricultural field, where they had been working. Despite efforts from locals to save them, the couple had already passed away by the time help arrived.

While the exact reason for the suicide is yet to be confirmed, it is suspected that the couple may have been facing financial difficulties, which could have led them to take this extreme step.

Upon receiving information, the police arrived at the scene and registered a case. The bodies have been sent to the local government hospital for post-mortem examination.

This incident highlights the growing concern over farmer suicides, often linked to financial distress and mounting debts, particularly in rural areas. Authorities are investigating further to understand the underlying causes and provide support to the affected family.

## Fire Breaks Out at Nirmal District Hospital, Tragedy Averted

**TPN , Nirmal :** A major fire broke out in the general ward of the government area hospital in Nirmal district on Sunday, October 20, after an air conditioning unit suffered a short circuit. The fire ignited on the second floor of the hospital, causing panic among patients and bystanders.

Hospital staff acted swiftly, using ladders placed at the windows to evacuate patients and bystanders, preventing what could have been a catastrophic incident. Firefighters from the Nirmal fire station rushed to the scene and managed to extinguish the flames, averting a potential disaster.

The fire and safety department also evacuated the affected floor to reduce risks further. While patients and bystanders were initially alarmed by the smoke and fire, they were reassured after the situation was brought under control.

Hospital authorities have initiated an investigation to assess any similar hazards within the facility and to implement measures to prevent such incidents in the future.

## Bandi Sanjay Blames BRS for Chaos at Group-I Aspirants' Rally

**TPN , Hyderabad:** Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Bandi Sanjay, has accused the BRS workers of causing chaos during his march with Group-I aspirants to the Telangana Secretariat, which led to police resorting to a lathi-charge on the protesters.

Speaking to the media on October 19, after his brief detention, Sanjay claimed that BRS leaders attempted to interfere in the protest at Ashok Nagar, but the aspirants resisted them. He said the aspirants reminded BRS leaders of their previous actions during their government when they ordered a lathi-charge on job aspirants and failed to con-

duct Group-I or other TSPSC exams properly.

Sanjay explained that the job aspirants had asked the BRS leaders to leave the protest, but when BRS workers realized that the BJP was gaining media attention, they instigated violence, prompting police retaliation.

He further clarified that the police higher-ups had asked him to accompany a few aspirants to the state government to raise their concerns with the chief secretary at the Secretariat. However, the situation spiraled out of control due to the interference of BRS cadres.



# The Consequences of Yahya Sinwar's Death



The recent death of Yahya Sinwar, the chief of 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

Gaza.

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.

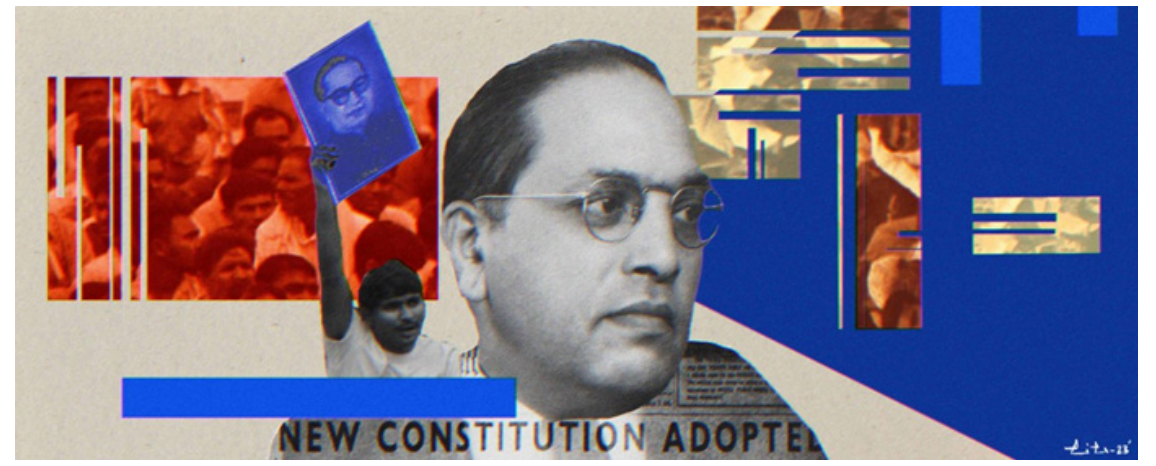
The post-World War II international legal framework is built upon two key principles: non-aggression, which seeks to limit unilateral use of force, and the legal equality of sovereign states, regardless of their relative power. These principles have often been contentious for the United States, which 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 Kalam 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 Manus-

riti, 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 extra-territorial 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 nature.

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 treaty.

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 Gurbhagat 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 Shankaracharya 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.



## 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.



## 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 Rajesh Bhosale, a descendant of the legendary Chhatrapati 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 landscape.

## 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 history.

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,

Obama acknowledged the struggles 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-year-old 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

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 Preparation 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.

## 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



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.

In recent speeches, Qassem has sup-

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.



## 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.

## 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 amendment may involve raising the retirement age for judges and establishing fixed tenures for the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court.

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 RCMP's public announcement was not prompted by an immediate threat, referring to a surprise press conference held on October 14.



## 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 range for a few more sessions. Last week there was a buying frenzy in bank and finance shares. Auto, FMCG, oil and gas and media stocks are under selling pressure.



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### 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 up-trend 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 strength are currently increasing in these stocks which have been in a down-trend 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 are fetching good risk reward ratio. Chill-

ing at lifetime highs. It is performing better compared to Nifty. Investors should enter the Rs.1950 range with a target price of Rs.2050/2110 in this counter which closed at Rs.1973 last Friday with a gain of 1.75%. Rs.1910 should be selected as stoploss.



**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 2.4%. A strict stoploss should be placed at Rs.720.



## 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 markets.

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



India's automobile exports have shown a robust 14% increase in the first six months of the current fiscal year, buoyed by significant gains in 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 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-

dra noted, highlighting how the devaluation of currencies in several African nations had earlier constrained vehicle 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

emerged as the leader in this segment, exporting 147,063 units, marking a 12% increase from 131,546 units the previous 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.

## 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 purchases from small merchants or in unfamiliar environments. This added

layer of security can be crucial for everyday 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

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.

## 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 WABetaInfo 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.

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



A video 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.



## 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 cleanliness 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.

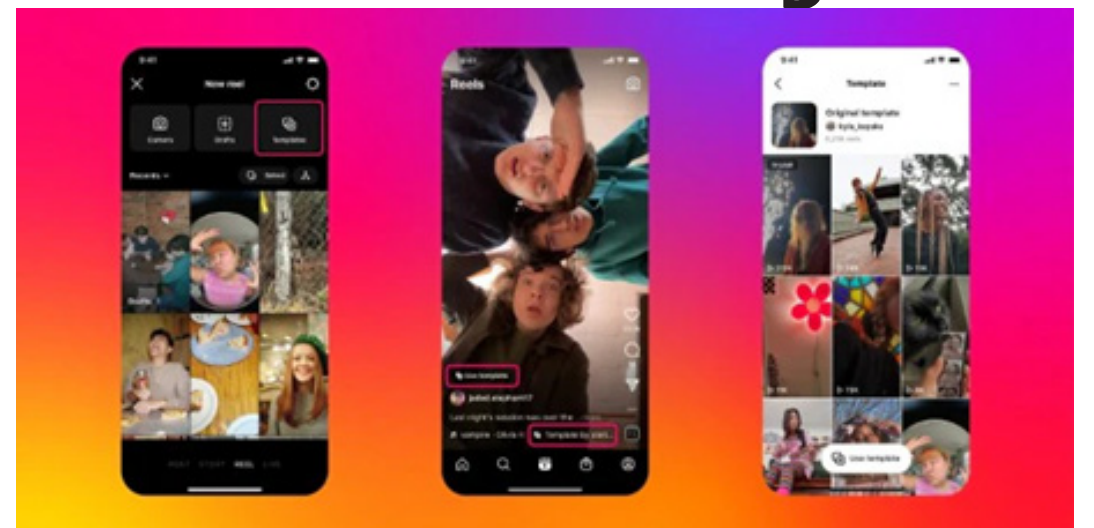
In light of these findings, potential cruisers are advised to prioritize hygiene and sanitation records when selecting a cruise line, taking proactive steps to safeguard their health while enjoying the voyage. As the cruise industry continues to navigate these challenges, public awareness regarding ship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

## 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.

# Washington Sundar Rejoins India Squad

Washington Sundar has made a triumphant return to India's Test squad for 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-

spin bowling and versatile batting, will be keen to make his 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 level. The Indian team will be looking to build on their performance against New Zealand, and Sundar's return adds depth to both the batting lineup and bowling attack.



Fans and cricket pundits alike will be watching closely as Sundar prepares to potentially take the field in the Test matches, marking his

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 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 half-time, 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 Munich Back to the Top

Bayern Munich sporting director Max Eberl hailed striker Harry Kane as a "killer" after his stunning 23-minute hat-trick 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

is." Kane reflected on the pressure strikers 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

In what could be the final chapter 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

New Zealand celebrated a historic achievement on Sunday in Bengaluru, securing 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 46 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 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

their dismal first innings.

However, the Kiwis remained 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, sealing the win and breaking a



long-standing drought.

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.



## Balakrishna and Chandrababu Naidu Reunite for Unstoppable



In October 2022, Aha Video's hit 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 two-year 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.

For this latest taping, Naidu 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 season, showcasing the chemistry and camaraderie between these two influential leaders.

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

Following the success of \*Thangalaan\*, Chiyaan Vikram is diving into the production of \*Veera Dheera Sooran: Part 2\*, directed by SU Arun Kumar. This highly anticipated film features Dushara Vijayan in a pivotal role, adding to the excitement surrounding its release.

had never encountered such a filming experience before, heightening the anticipation among fans eager to see the final product.

The innovative approach to this scene showcases the creative vision of director SU Arun Kumar, promising a captivating cinematic experience. 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.



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 out for its unique filming technique. What's particularly noteworthy is that the entire scene was captured in a single continuous shot lasting 18 minutes. Suraj expressed that he

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

delivering a dynamic performance that captures a wide spectrum of emotions. The chemistry between the lead actors adds a fun element to the narrative, with Shraddha Srinath showcasing a trendy look and Meenakshi Chaudhary opting for a more traditional appearance.

The trailer also highlights strong performances from Naresh, who brings comedic relief, while Sunil's portrayal of the villain adds a ferocious edge to the storyline. The film's cinematogra-

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.



## Dulquer Salman's 'Srimathi Garu' Video Song Released from Lucky Bhaskar

Meenakshi Chaudhary is undeniably one of the most promising 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 imbalance in character prominence has raised 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.

Similarly, expectations were high when Meenakshi was cast in \*The 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 yet allowed her to fully showcase 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 centered around an unexpected incident that 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 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.

