







## Group-1 Exams Conclude on First Day in Telangana Amidst Controversy

**TPN , Telangana :** The first day of the Group-1 Mains examination in Telangana concluded smoothly, despite some unrest among candidates. Many candidates had expressed concerns and demanded the cancellation of Jivo No. 29, calling for the postponement of the exams.

A petition was filed in the Supreme Court on Friday, and although the case was heard today, the court declined to interfere with the scheduled exams. Meanwhile, the Telangana Chief Minister and Ministers reaffirmed that the exams would proceed as planned.

The exams were held at 46 centers across the state, starting at 2:00 PM. While some candidates exited with relief, others expressed dissatisfaction, stating they did not perform well. The Group-1 Mains exams will continue until Saturday.

Before the exams began, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy took to Twitter, wishing all candidates good luck.

## City Civil Court Summons Pawan Kalyan Over Tirupati Laddu Remarks

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The petition claims that Pawan Kalyan's comments, made in January, alleging the use of adulterated ghee and animal fats in the preparation of the Tirumala Laddus sent to Ayodhya, hurt the sentiments of Hindus. The petitioner has requested the court to direct government departments to remove Pawan's remarks from social media, websites, and YouTube channels.

The court has summoned Pawan Kalyan, Andhra Pradesh Deputy CM, Telangana Chief Secretary Shanti Kumari, and the Principal Secretary (Home) to attend the hearing on November 22. The next hearing is scheduled for November 22, where the court will further examine the petition.

## Supreme Court Rejects Plea to Postpone Group-1 Mains Exam

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This decision brings an end to the hopes of the petitioners seeking a deferment, and the Group-1 Mains exam will proceed as scheduled.

## Congress for Misleading Job Promises- KTR



**TPN , Hyderabad:** BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) has strongly defended his party's stance on the ongoing Group-1 exams and criticized the Congress government for creating confusion. KTR clarified that the petition filed by the BRS in the Supreme Court regarding the Group-1 exams was not rejected and that concerns over Government Order (GO) 29 were valid. He pointed out that the exams are being conducted in a chaotic manner.

KTR emphasized the BRS government's efforts to secure jobs for 95% locals through GO 55, which he said benefits weaker sections of society. He expressed confidence that the party's position would be upheld in the High Court.

Criticizing Congress, KTR accused the party of misleading the unemployed and coming to power by exploiting their frustrations. He also questioned Rahul Gandhi's promise to provide two lakh jobs per year and called it unrealistic.

In addition, KTR denied accusations of insulting journalists and dismissed rumors of raids on Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy's house. He also accused Revanth Reddy of mishandling the Musi river project and warned that he would publicly call out any attacks on religious institutions, such as the Mutyalamma temple.

# CM Revanth Reddy Lays Foundation for 'Young India Police School' in Rangareddy

**TPN , Rangareddy :** Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, accompanied by Minister Sridhar Babu, recently laid the foundation stone for the 'Young India Police School' in Manchi Revu, Rangareddy district. This initiative, aimed at providing quality education to the children of police officers across Telangana, is set to be built to international standards.

The school, once completed, will offer a robust educational environment for the children of officers serving in various departments of the Telangana police. Land has been allocated for the construction of the school, and the CM reviewed the building's model during the foundation-laying ceremony.

The Young India Police School is set to begin its operations in

the upcoming academic year, initially offering classes from 1st to 5th grade. Each year, an additional class will be added, eventually providing a comprehensive education up to the degree level for police families. This school is a significant step toward ensuring that the children of Telangana's law enforcement personnel receive the highest quality education in a nurturing environment.



## BJP Delegation Meets Governor Over Attacks on Hindu Temples



**TPN , Hyderabad :** A BJP delegation led by MP Etela Rajender met with the Governor at Raj Bhavan to raise concerns over recent attacks on Hindu temples. Rajender criticized the state government for its indifferent attitude towards these incidents, alleging that they are failing to take action against the culprits.

Citing the recent attack on the Muthyalamma temple, Rajender said, "The accused was labeled mentally unstable and efforts were made to release him without proper investigation." He further added that some individuals are deliberately attempting to disrupt law and order, with the government turning a blind eye to these activities.

"Even during peaceful rallies, the police resorted to brutal lathi charges and made several arrests," Rajender stated. He also pointed out that several lives have already been lost in terrorist attacks in the city, and now, "miscreants are conspiring to stage similar

attacks again."

The BJP leaders urged the Governor to take strict action against the accused and ensure such incidents do not recur. They also asked the Governor to advise the state government to enforce law and order more effectively.

BJP leader Aleti Maheshwar Reddy criticized Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for remaining silent on the attacks on Hindu temples. "The situation is akin to the oppressive Nizam rule," he said, warning that the party will not tolerate any attacks on Hindu religious sites.

Reddy also questioned the role of the state's intelligence system, asking, "What is the intelligence department doing when there is evidence of conspiracies to carry out attacks in the city?" He concluded by saying that attacks on temples are viewed as attacks on their own mother, and the BJP will respond strongly if such actions continue.

## Farmers Urged to Cultivate Oil Palm for Higher Profits: Minister Tummala

**TPN , Khammam:** Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao has urged farmers to shift from traditional crops like cotton and chili to oil palm cultivation, which offers higher profitability. Speaking at the inauguration of a cotton procurement center in Guralapadu, Khammam district, on Monday, the minister emphasized the need for diversification in farming practices. He noted that adverse weather conditions this year have impacted cotton yields across the state, with production lower than expected. Despite cotton being cultivated on 40 lakh acres, yields have declined due to unfavorable weather. In Khammam district alone, the cotton output is estimated to be 17 lakh quintals this season.

The minister assured that cotton would be procured through Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) centers and instructed revenue and marketing officials to ensure farmers face no difficulties during the process. He also warned traders against exploiting farmers, stating strict action would be taken against those found guilty. Minister Tummala encouraged farmers to explore horticultural crops like oil palm, which could replace traditional crops like cotton and chili and result in higher profits.



## Telangana High Court Grants Relief to Rice Millers, Halts Asset Transfers

**TPN , Hyderabad:** The Telangana High Court has provided temporary relief to rice millers against whom the state government initiated action under the Telangana Revenue Recovery Act. During a hearing on October 21, 2024, regarding four writ appeals, the court postponed further proceedings to November 5 and ordered that the millers' immovable assets cannot be transferred or sold until further notice.

The dispute began after the Civil Supplies Corporation found discrepancies in the quantity of paddy and rice delivered as custom-milled rice during the 2022-23 marketing season. In August, a single-judge bench ruled in favor of the rice millers, citing the corporation's failure to follow due process in issuing distraint orders.

The respondents argued that severe rains during the period dam-

aged the paddy crops, and the state government supplied more paddy than the millers could handle, leading to storage and milling issues.

In response, the advocate general claimed the millers were not entitled to further notice before recovery actions and that leniency would abuse the legal process. The millers' counsel, however, contended that the corporation could

not act as both judge and party in the recovery process, insisting that an independent adjudication was necessary under the arbitration clause.

The court granted the advocate general time to clarify whether any notice was issued to the millers and maintained the order preventing the transfer or sale of immovable assets until the next hearing.

# Hyderabad Ranked Among Top 10 Fastest Developing Cities Globally

**TPN , Hyderabad:** Hyderabad has been recognized as one of the top 10 fastest developing cities in the world, according to the Growth Hubs Index by Savills, a leading global property advisor. The index ranks cities based on projected economic strength, considering factors such as GDP growth, personal wealth, population trends, and migration patterns through 2033.

Hyderabad's inclusion in this prestigious list comes as no surprise, given India's rapid urbanization and the city's growing prominence in the global economic landscape. Hyderabad joins other major Indian cities, including Bengaluru, Delhi, and Mumbai, in this elite group, highlighting the country's expanding role in the global economy.



The index predicts that Hyderabad will witness significant GDP growth, with an expected increase of over 68% by 2033. The city stands

out for its exceptional GDP growth per capita, positioning it as one of the fastest-growing tech hubs in the world. Its thriving technology

sector, bolstered by a young, highly skilled workforce, is a crucial driver of this economic progress.

Additionally, the Growth Hubs Index forecasts a significant rise in migration to Hyderabad, contributing to the city's population growth. As urbanization accelerates in India, Hyderabad is set to benefit from an influx of talent and increased demand for infrastructure and services. With ongoing efforts to enhance infrastructure and connectivity, Hyderabad is poised to continue its upward trajectory as a global growth hub, attracting investments and talent from around the world. This development positions the city not only as a key player in India's economic future but also on the global stage.



# KTR's Criticism: Telangana's Economic Decline Due to Bulldozer Policies

**TPN , Hyderabad :** Telangana's Minister K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) took to X (formerly Twitter) to sharply criticize the state's recent economic performance, linking it to the government's so-called "bulldozer policies." KTR pointed out that for the first time in Telangana's history, the state's Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections have dropped to less than 1% growth, a significant decline from the consistent 15% growth the state used to witness.

He sarcastically remarked that Telan-

gana is now "successfully competing with Uttar Pradesh's economy," with the state ranking at the bottom in GST collections. "The bulldozer economy is giving bulldozer-like results," KTR quipped, highlighting the severe financial consequences of what he sees as destructive governance practices.

KTR also noted that while the state's overall economic performance is floundering, the excise department remains one of the few areas showing solid results, a pointed critique of

the government's misplaced priorities.

He concluded by calling for an explanation from Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, expressing hope that the CM would address the state's economic downturn and its impact on GST revenues. "It takes special talent to ruin a fully developed economy like Telangana's," KTR added, underscoring his concern for the state's financial future.



## Ministers and Officials Visit Seoul to Study Waste-to-Energy Initiatives

**TPN , Telangana :** A delegation of ministers and officials from Telangana, including Ministers Ponguleti and Ponnam Prabhakar, MP Chamala Kiran, Adviser to the Chief Minister Vem Narender Reddy, the City Mayor, MLAs, and officials from GHMC and the Musi River Development Authority, visited Seoul, the capital of South Korea, to explore waste management and energy generation technologies.

The team visited the Mapo Waste-to-Energy (WTE) resource recycling center, where the Seoul city government is processing 1,000 tons of waste daily to generate electricity. The delegation observed the use of innovative WTE technology, which enables the recycling of city waste without causing harm to the environment.

Seoul is also planning to construct the world's largest underground waste recycling plant over the next 10 years, along with three additional plants in the city.



The Telangana government is now evaluating the feasibility of implementing similar waste-to-energy policies, adapted to local conditions, to improve sustainable waste management in the state. The visit marks a step forward in Telangana's efforts to adopt environmentally friendly and energy-efficient solutions.

## Kadium Srihari Criticizes Central Minister Bandi Sanjay

**TPN , Hyderabad:** Station Ghanpur MLA Kadium Srihari launched a scathing attack on Union Minister Bandi Sanjay on Monday, accusing him of neglecting his responsibilities and staging protests instead of addressing issues through proper channels. Speaking to the media, Kadium criticized Sanjay for "forgetting his role as a Union Minister" and "shamelessly blocking roads" instead of working with the state's Chief Minister to resolve problems.

Srihari went on to accuse both the BRS and BJP of being indifferent to the development of Telangana, claiming that both parties are more focused on competing for power than helping the state. He defended Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's leadership, acknowledging financial difficulties, including a state debt of Rs. 7 lakh crores, which affects salaries, pensions, and development programs.

The MLA alleged that the Kalvakuntla family had misused public funds during the BRS regime, stating, "What were KCR's family assets in 2014, and how much are they now?" He criticized Harish Rao and KTR for speaking of honesty while questioning their track record. Kadium also took a dig at BRS, claiming they failed to conduct even a single DSC in the last 10 years and thus had no

moral right to criticize the Congress.

He further alleged that both BRS and BJP were misleading the unemployed and competing in a race to attack the Congress government. Kadium urged people to support Revanth Reddy's leadership, declaring that the Congress flag would soon fly in local organizations under the leadership of Prathapareddy in Jangaon.



## KTR to Stop Satirical Comments on Congress Government- Ponguleti



**TPN , Hyderabad:** Minister of Housing and Revenue, Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy, strongly criticized BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) for his continuous satirical remarks against the Telangana Congress government. Ponguleti urged KTR to stop making baseless allegations and instead offer constructive advice.

The minister accused KTR and BRS leaders of spreading misinforma-

tion regarding key issues such as Rythu Bandhu, government jobs, Hydra, and Musi refugees. He dismissed claims that the Congress government was inexperienced, emphasizing that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has demonstrated strong governance skills. Ponguleti further questioned the experience of KTR and his father, former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR), particularly in designing major projects like Kaleshwaram. He pointedly asked what qualifications KTR possessed as the Minister of Municipal Administration in the BRS government.

The minister called on KTR to focus on serving the people rather than making false accusations, stressing that the Congress government is committed to doing good for the people. Ponguleti concluded by stating that the people of Telangana would not be swayed by empty words and falsehoods from political leaders.

## Malla Reddy Dance at Granddaughter's Sangeet



**TPN , Hyderabad :** Former minister Malla Reddy, known for his fiery speeches, surprised everyone by showcasing his dancing skills at his granddaughter's sangeet ceremony. At the age of 75, Malla Reddy amazed the guests by performing an energetic breakdance, leaving many in awe.

The event, held as part of the wedding celebrations of Malla Reddy's granddaughter, daughter of Malkajgiri MLA Rajasekhara Reddy, saw the former minister steal the spotlight with his lively performance. The wedding is scheduled to take place on October 27, and Malla Reddy's dance has already set a festive tone for the celebrations. His energy and enthusiasm at this age have inspired many, proving that age is just a number when it comes to joy and celebration.

## MP Raghunandan Rao Criticizes Revanth Government Over Mutyalamma Temple Incident



**TPN , Hyderabad:** Medak MP Raghunandan Rao has strongly criticized the Revanth Reddy-led government following the destruction of the

Amma idol in the Mutyalamma temple located under the Monda Market Police Station in Secunderabad. Raghunandan Rao condemned the attack on the temple and urged the State DGP to conduct a thorough investigation into the recent attacks on religious shrines in Telangana, warning that such incidents hurt the sentiments of Hindus.

Rao also expressed concern over reports that certain groups are allegedly receiving training to disrupt societal harmony in the name of "personality development." After meeting with DGP Jitender, the MP questioned why the police had not acted sooner, despite being aware of the attacks on temples. He also called for the im-

mediate release of the Hindus who were arrested in connection with the Mutyalamma temple incident. Furthermore, Rao alleged the presence of sleeper cells from Bangladesh in the state and urged the authorities not to politicize the issue for electoral gain.

**Maheswara Reddy Demands Action**

BJP leader Eleti Maheswara Reddy joined Raghunandan Rao in condemning the attacks and questioned the failure of law enforcement in maintaining peace and security. Reddy warned that the BJP would launch a state-wide movement if action is not taken against those responsible for the attack on the Mutyalamma temple, stressing that such incidents

cannot be repeated in Telangana without consequences.

**BJP Leaders Meet DGP**

Following a meeting with the Governor, a group of BJP leaders, including MPs Raghunandan Rao, Etala Rajender, Konda Visveswara Reddy, BJLP leader Eleti Maheswara Reddy, and MLA Palwai Harish Babu, proceeded to the DGP's office. MP Raghunandan Rao personally drove the group to the DGP's office, where they lodged complaints against the alleged wrongful arrests and lathi charge on Hindu communities. The leaders demanded swift action against the police officers responsible for mishandling the situation.



## GHMC Commissioner Focuses on Controlling Illegal Constructions, Calls for Prompt Action on Citizen Complaints



TPN , Hyderabad: GHMC Commissioner Ilambarthi on Monday emphasized the need for heightened attention to il-

legal constructions in the city. During a public radio program at the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) head office, the commissioner instructed the concerned departments to take special initiatives to curb illegal building activities. He also directed the civic body's legal officer to review all ongoing court cases related to such constructions.

In addition to addressing construction-related issues, Ilambarthi stressed the importance of regular review of matters concerning the health department, including the issuance of birth and death certificates. He called on all concerned authorities to ensure that citizen complaints are handled effi-

ciently. The commissioner reiterated that the primary goal of the Prajavani program is to assist citizens and solve their issues. He emphasized that Heads of Departments (HODs) must actively participate in the Prajavani program, which gathers public grievances.

According to a GHMC release, most of the complaints received from the public are related to the Town Planning Department. The commissioner ordered the Chief City Planner (CCP) to review these issues and submit regular reports to him. He also instructed all department officers to promptly address complaints received through the media and ensure swift resolution.

## Protests Erupt in Rein Bazaar Over Social Media Post; Task Force Deployed



TPN , Hyderabad, [Date]: Tensions escalated in the Rein Bazaar area of Hyder-

communal content posted on social media by a man identified as Thakur. The protest began when a few individuals noticed the offensive post and approached the police to file a complaint. As word spread, more people joined, raising concerns of a potential law and order situation.

To manage the unrest, additional police reinforcements, including a Task Force team, were deployed to the scene.

DCP South Zone, Sneha Meh-

ra, confirmed that a complaint had been lodged and a case was registered against the accused. "We are actively searching for the individual and will arrest him soon. We urge people not to fall for rumors," she stated. The protest, which began around 11 p.m., continued into the early hours of Monday, with police dispersing the crowd around 3 a.m. The situation is now under control, but authorities remain vigilant to prevent further unrest.

## BRS Leaders Placed Under Unofficial House Arrest Ahead of Group-I Mains Exams

TPN , Hyderabad: As the Group-I Mains exams began on Monday, several BRS leaders, including working president KT Rama Rao, were placed under unofficial house arrest by the police. Authorities restricted their movements and prevented any visitors from meeting them, deploying a large number of police personnel at their residences.

KT Rama Rao's residence in Nandi Nagar, Banjara Hills, was closely mon-

itored, with hundreds of policemen and dozens of vehicles stationed in the area. Similar security measures were taken at the homes of other BRS leaders, including RS Praveen Kumar and Dubbak MLA Kotha Prabhakar Reddy.

The Group-I Mains exams, which will run until October 27, have sparked opposition from candidates. They are protesting the GO 29 issued by the Congress government, arguing that it vio-

lates reservation rules and denies merit-based opportunities to candidates from SC, ST, BC, and minority communities. A case challenging the government order is set for hearing in the Supreme Court.

Around 34,383 candidates are appearing for the exams, which have become a contentious issue in the state's political landscape.

## Two Students Go Missing from Rabindrabharathi School Hostel in Ranga Reddy



TPN , Hyderabad: Two 9th-grade students, Jaswanth Reddy and Chaitanya, have gone missing from the Rabindrabharathi School Hostel in Vanasthalipuram. The students reportedly left the hostel at midnight, and their families filed a complaint at the Vanasthalipuram police station.

According to the complaint, the children managed to leave the hostel due to the negligence of the hostel authorities, with reports indicating that the hostel's grilles were bent, allowing their escape.

The hostel warden has been criticized for their careless response to the situation, prompting concerns about security and supervision at the facility. The police have launched an investigation into the matter, and efforts are underway to locate the missing students.

## Rare Cancer Treatment Successfully Performed on 52-Year-Old Woman at Durgabai Deshmukh Renovo Cancer Centre



TPN , Hyderabad: Surgeons at the Durgabai Deshmukh Renovo Cancer Centre in Vidyanagar successfully performed a rare and complex cancer treatment, Hyperthermic Intraperitoneal Chemotherapy (HIPEC), on a 52-year-old woman from Mudigonda village, Khammam. The patient had been suffering from Pseudomyxoma Peritonei, a rare form of abdominal and pelvic cancer, causing abdominal distension, breathlessness, loss of appetite, and weight loss for the past four months.

The surgery was led by Dr. U. Azad Chandrashekhara, Medical Director and Senior Surgical Oncologist, and took 10

to 12 hours to complete. The procedure combined cytoreductive surgery with heated chemotherapy directly administered to the abdomen. It included several complex surgeries, such as Peritonectomy, Gastrectomy, Jejunal Resection, and Total Colectomy, among others.

Remarkably, the patient fully recovered within a week, according to Dr. Chandrashekhara. The surgical team also included Dr. Samanth (Anesthesiologist), Dr. Ravikumar Reddy, Dr. Ullas, and Dr. Rakesh Kumar (Surgical Oncologists). This advanced procedure marks a significant achievement in cancer treatment at the centre.

## Dead Body Found in Audi Car Creates Stir in Secunderabad's Maredpally

TPN , Secunderabad : A dead body discovered in an Audi car caused a major commotion in Maredpally, Secunderabad. Locals grew suspicious when they noticed the body being transported in the luxury vehicle and immediately intervened.

Upon investigation, it was found that the deceased was a young boy who had reportedly died

from an electric shock. The individuals transporting the body were allegedly attempting to discreetly shift it to Uttar Pradesh, without notifying the authorities. After being stopped by locals, they quickly transferred the body into an ambulance in an attempt to continue their journey.

The police were informed of the situation, and the body was taken to Gandhi Hospital for further investigation. Authorities are now looking into the circumstances surrounding the boy's death and the attempted clandestine transportation. Locals have also urged the police to file a formal complaint to ensure proper action is taken.

## Hyderabad Police Chief Defends Actions, Shares Videos to Clarify Muthyalamma Temple Protest Incident

TPN , Hyderabad: Commissioner of Police CV Anand urged citizens not to believe misleading narratives surrounding the police's actions during the protest at the Muthyalamma temple. In an effort to provide clarity, Anand released a series of videos that shed light on what prompted the police to use force during the demonstration.



Initially, many had assumed the police used unnecessary force against the protesters, leading to injuries among several individuals. However, the videos shared by the Commissioner reveal a different perspective. In one video, protesters, some armed with sticks, can be seen aggressively charging towards police personnel, hurling footwear and furniture at them, including women constables. The footage shows footwear hitting an IG-rank officer and several other police officers on their heads and faces.

As the mob continued its aggressive actions and attempted to breach the

area near a place of prayer, the police were left with no choice but to carry out a lathi-charge to control the situation. Despite repeated warnings, the unruly crowd failed to comply with police instructions, prompting the use of force to disperse them.

Fifteen policemen sustained injuries during the incident. The police emphasized that their actions were necessary to ensure public order and safety during the protest.

## Indian Rock Python Rescued from Osmansagar Crest Gates in Hyderabad



TPN , Hyderabad: An Indian rock python, measuring eight feet in length and weighing around 20 kg, was rescued from the crest gates of Osmansagar dam by the Friends of Snakes Society (FOS) and Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) workers.

The python was found trapped in the dam's gates, struggling to free itself. Water board staff quickly spotted the reptile and immediate-

ly alerted Dakarapu Vara Prasad, a snake expert and member of FOS, Hyderabad. Responding promptly, Prasad arrived at the scene, climbed the dam with the help of HMWSSB workers, and safely rescued the coiled snake.

The rescued python has been taken to the Snake Rescue Centre in Bowrampet, where it will receive care before being relocated to a suitable habitat.



# Minister Jupalli Highlights Congress Party's Efforts in Nizamabad District and Criticizes BRS

**TPN , NIZAMABAD:** Minister Jupalli on Monday praised Chief Minister Revanth Reddy for giving significant priority to Nizamabad District, particularly in securing nominated posts for the region. He urged party members to continue strengthening the Congress party and work together for the success of party candidates in the upcoming MLC and local body elections.

Jupalli emphasized the importance of active participation in voter registration efforts and stressed the need for Congress to win the graduate MLC election by a large majority. He also urged the party to counter opposition attempts to tarnish Congress's image.

Reflecting on the past decade of BRS rule, Jupalli criticized the financial mismanagement under the previous government, citing the borrowing of Rs. 7 lakh crore



without fulfilling key promises. He highlighted the Congress government's initiatives, including employee promotions, timely salary payments, and the ongoing transfer process.

He also accused BRS leaders of

spreading falsehoods and provoking people for political gain, particularly in the Musi basin area. Jupalli called on Congress ranks to counter this misinformation and explain the development and welfare initiatives of the Congress government.

# Residents Protest Demolition Attempts in Khammam's Threetown BCK Garden

**TPN , Khammam :** In a tense standoff in Khammam, municipal authorities attempted to demolish houses in the Threetown BCK Garden area without prior notice or permission. The move sparked strong opposition from the residents, who have lived in the colony for over 50 years and possess all necessary permits, including house tax, water tax, and electricity bills.



The residents expressed their frustration, questioning how their homes could be demolished after decades of hard work in building them. They highlighted that the authorities had previously granted permissions for the houses, making the sudden attempt to demolish them unjustified.

The protest grew as residents rallied together to halt the demolition efforts, causing the authorities to retreat. The incident reflects growing concerns among resi-

dents in Khammam and across the state, as municipal authorities are reportedly preparing to carry out similar actions in other areas.

The community's resistance has brought attention to the need for clearer communication and transparency in the demolition process, especially when long-established homes and the livelihoods of families are at stake.



# Tirumala Controversy: Jadcherla MLA's Sensational Comments

**TPN , Tirumala :** Jadcherla MLA Anirudh Reddy stirred controversy with his remarks regarding VIP darshan at Tirumala. VIP and recommendation-based darshans are common in many prominent temples across India, including Tirumala. These are often facilitated through protocol. However, Reddy expressed disappointment over the denial of darshan to those arriving with recommendation letters from Telangana leaders.

Speaking at the Tirumala temple, the MLA criticized the Andhra Pradesh government, highlighting a perceived bias. "The Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister claims that both Telangana and Andhra Pradesh are like two eyes to him. Yet, when people from Telangana come with recommendation letters, they are not allowed for darshan," Reddy remarked, sarcastically asking, "Has Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu decided to remove one eye now?"

Reddy also pointed out that Telangana temples, such as Yadagirigutta and Bhadrachalam, honor recommendation letters from Andhra leaders. In contrast, Telangana pilgrims visiting Tirumala are denied even basic amenities like rooms. He further noted that even when leaders from Andhra were in the opposition, they sought refuge in Hyderabad without facing any objections.

# Center is looking to privatize Singareni- Brinda Karat

**TPN , Telangana :** In a powerful address at the Fourth Congress of Aidwa State in Bhadradri Kothagudem, National Aidwa leader Brinda Karat spoke out against the challenges faced by tribal and Dalit communities in the Manuguru region due to the operations of Singareni Open Cast mines (OCs). Karat highlighted that these communities were evicted without compensation, criticizing the central government for its plans to privatize Singareni, which is partly owned by the state.

Karat strongly condemned the Modi government's policies, accusing it of fostering a corporate-driven agenda and promoting bigotry. She expressed concern over the lack of basic rights for women, stating that 90% of women across the country do not receive the minimum wage under the Employment Guarantee Scheme, and laborers often go unpaid due to failures in digital payment systems.

Karat also called attention to the rising prices of essential goods, particularly food items like onions, which have become unaffordable for many. She noted the disturbing rise in dowry-related deaths, which have claimed 65,000 women's lives over the past decade. Karat criticized the central government's silence on issues affecting women, minorities, and Muslim women, as sexual assaults against women surged by 28% between 2014 and 2023.

She demanded that the Congress government in Telangana implement the six guarantees concerning housing and land rights for the poor. She concluded by emphasizing Aidwa's commitment to advancing women's democratic rights and combating corporate exploitation.

# Tractor Accident Claims Two Lives in NSP Canal Near Bidia Tanda, Khammam

**TPN , Khammam :** A tragic accident occurred near Bidia Tanda village in Konijerla Mandal of Khammam district when a tractor lost control and plunged into the NSP (Nagarjuna Sagar Project) canal. Two individuals lost their lives in the mishap.

The deceased have been identified as Banoth Bhemji (40) and Banoth Saidulu (36), both hailing from Vyra. Reports suggest that another individual is missing and is feared to have been swept away in the canal.

Police have arrived at the scene, and rescue operations are underway to locate the missing person. The incident has caused significant disruption, leading to a traffic halt in the area. Authorities are continuing their efforts to manage the situation and clear the traffic.



# Woman Dies in Fall While Escaping Monkey Attack in Nirmal

**TPN , Telangana :** In a tragic incident in Khanapur town, Nirmal, a 50-year-old woman, lost her life while trying to escape an attack by a troop of monkeys. The woman, Bongoni Laxmi, a beedi-rolling worker, fell from her tin-roofed house and sustained severe head injuries, leading to her immediate death.

Khanapur Sub-Inspector A. Rahul reported that the woman was asleep when the monkeys caused a disturbance on the roof of her house. In a bid to flee from the attack, Laxmi fell and died on the spot. Her husband, Ganga Goud, filed a complaint with the police, leading to the registration of a case.

The incident has raised concerns among local residents, who are facing increasing difficulties due to a growing monkey menace in the area. Many have expressed fear of venturing out onto the streets due to the presence of aggressive monkeys. Residents have urged the Khanapur municipality to take immediate action to control the situation and ensure the safety of the community.

# Case Registered Against Former Minister Jogu Ramanna

**TPN , Telangana :** A case has been registered against former minister Jogu Ramanna and five other TRS leaders at Bela police station in Adilabad district. The action follows allegations that they made inappropriate comments about Chief Minister Revanth Reddy during a TRS dharna at Bela mandal center.

The complaint also accuses the group of humiliating a flexi of CM Revanth Reddy, an act that reportedly caused public outrage. The case was filed based on the complaint lodged by local Congress leaders who were present at the event.

The police have initiated an investigation, and the incident is being closely monitored in the region amid heightened political tensions.



# BJP Leader Kasam Venkateshwarlu Criticizes CM Revanth Reddy Over Catchment Area Plans

**TPN , Telangana :** BJP state general secretary Kasam Venkateshwarlu has sharply criticized Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, claiming he "won the lucky lottery" to become CM. Venkateshwarlu made these remarks in a speech addressing upcoming tours of the closed catchment area by teams of MPs and MLAs on the 23rd and 24th of this month. These teams will visit 18 locations, and a Maha Dharna program is planned at Indira Park Dharna Chowk on the 25th.

Venkateshwarlu further slammed Revanth Reddy's actions, accusing him of creating difficulties for the public while failing to provide a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for discussions during all-party meetings. He criticized Revanth Reddy's approach as immature, referring to his actions as "Balak Bud-dhi."

In his remarks, Venkateshwarlu also emphasized the BJP's commitment to preserving the interests of the people in the closed catchment areas, stating that any disturbances would be met with resistance. He asserted that the BJP would

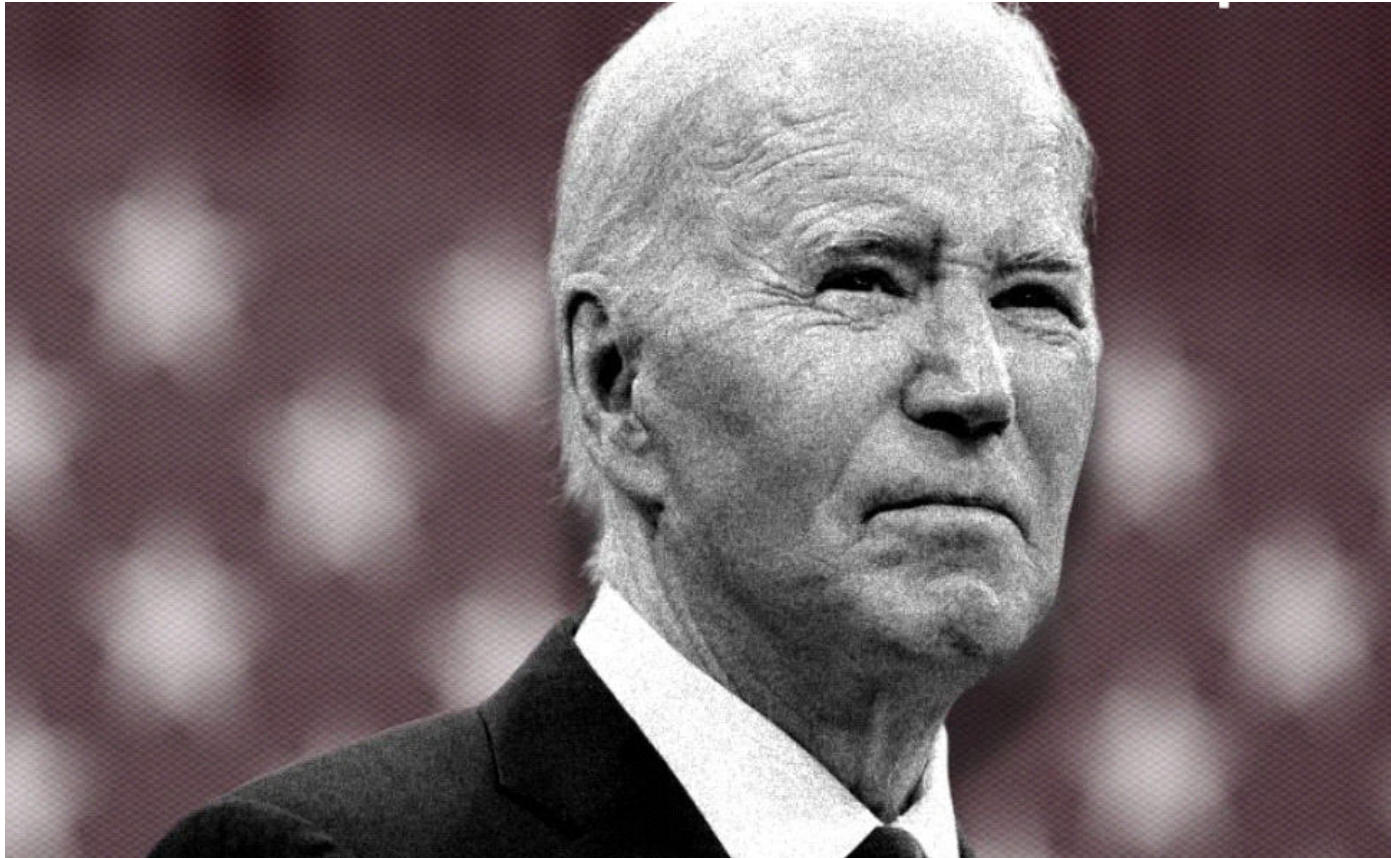


fight for the people and vowed to ensure that the Congress party, which he claimed was causing unrest, would not succeed. Additionally, Venkateshwarlu

proposed the construction of a retaining wall on both sides of the shutter as part of the beautification efforts without disrupting the public.



# Assessing Biden's Foreign Policy: A Mixed Legacy



As President Biden approaches the midpoint of his term, it's an opportune moment to evaluate his foreign policy amidst the backdrop of his decision not to seek re-election. He inherited a complex global landscape marked by a pandemic and the chaotic legacy of his predecessor's unpredictable foreign policy, which had alienated allies and emboldened adversaries.

Upon taking office, Biden sought to stabilize U.S. foreign policy, re-establishing normalcy within NATO and rejoining international agreements. He maintained continuity in dealing with China and the Iran nuclear situation, yet his approach was often characterized by a reluctance to engage militarily, bordering on isolationism. This hesitance resulted in missed opportunities and allowed rivals like China and Russia to strengthen ties with key Middle Eastern nations.

The most significant challenge to

Biden's presidency came with the withdrawal from Afghanistan. After two decades of military engagement, the decision to pull out troops by July 2021, despite warnings from advisors about the consequences, resulted in a swift Taliban takeover. This chaotic exit not only demoralized Afghan forces but also symbolized a dramatic failure for U.S. foreign policy, leaving behind substantial military assets and a lasting sense of unreliability in American commitments.

Biden's foreign policy has also been severely tested in the Middle East, particularly with the Israel-Gaza conflict. The Biden administration's efforts to normalize relations between Israel and Arab states faced significant backlash as Hamas launched a devastating attack on October 7, 2023. The response from the U.S. was marked by mixed signals—supporting Israel while calling for humanitarian relief—which contributed to further escalation in

violence and suffering.

In the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, Biden's strategy has been similarly inconsistent. His administration hesitated to impose clear red lines regarding NATO expansion, and while substantial military aid was provided to Ukraine, the effectiveness of this support has been questioned. Sanctions against Russia, though extensive, have not significantly curtailed its actions, highlighting the challenges of maintaining a coherent foreign policy amid shifting geopolitical dynamics.

While Biden did not create these crises, his responses reveal a presidency grappling with the complexities of modern international relations. As the world watches, the question remains: will Biden's foreign policy legacy be defined by stability and renewed alliances, or by missed opportunities and ongoing conflicts?

## Signs of Thaw: S Jaishankar's Visit to Islamabad and Its Implications



The recent visit of Indian External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar to Islamabad for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) meeting on October 16 has sparked a glimmer of hope in the historically tense India-Pakistan relationship. This visit marks the first time in nine years that a high-ranking Indian cabinet minister has set foot in Pakistan, highlighting the prolonged absence of political dialogue between the two neighboring nations.

Although expectations for this visit to address longstanding bilateral issues—some dating back to October 1947—were low, the absence of harsh rhetoric during Jaishankar's trip stands out as a noteworthy development. In contrast to the previous SCO meeting held in Goa in May 2023, where contentious exchanges dominated the discussions, this meeting maintained a relatively

cordial atmosphere. Notably, there were no provocative references to Kashmir or the abrogation of Article 370 by Pakistan, suggesting a more constructive dialogue environment.

Jaishankar's visit comes at a time when both nations are grappling with a complex web of challenges. The mutual mistrust and historical grievances have often hampered progress in diplomatic relations. Yet, the lack of acrimony during this encounter signals a potential shift towards a more stable interaction. This could open avenues for addressing critical issues in the future, albeit cautiously.

The SCO platform itself serves as a neutral ground, where member nations can engage in discussions beyond their bilateral grievances. Jaishankar's presence in Islam-

abad, therefore, can be interpreted not only as a diplomatic gesture but also as an acknowledgment of the need for dialogue amid ongoing regional challenges. The visit may indicate a willingness on both sides to explore avenues for cooperation, particularly in areas of mutual interest such as trade, counterterrorism, and regional stability.

While it is premature to anticipate significant breakthroughs, the current thaw in relations could pave the way for more consistent diplomatic engagement. Both nations must capitalize on this positive momentum to build trust and address the pressing issues that have long plagued their relationship. As they navigate this delicate path, the international community will be watching closely, hoping for a more peaceful and cooperative South Asian landscape.

## Naya Kashmir: A New Chapter for Jammu & Kashmir

The recent transition of power in Jammu & Kashmir, marked by Omar Abdullah's swearing-in as Chief Minister, signals a hopeful vision of "Naya Kashmir." This concept, rooted in the 92-year history of the Jammu & Kashmir National Conference (NC), represents a commitment to progressive governance and restoration of statehood.

One of Abdullah's first acts as Chief Minister was to pass a resolution advocating for the restoration of statehood, swiftly approved by Lieutenant Governor Manoj Joshi. Following this, Abdullah plans to seek the endorsement of the Prime Minister and Union Home Minister, further underscoring a shift toward normalcy in the region.

The NC's historical vision for Naya Kashmir dates back to 1944, when it adopted a Left-oriented manifesto aimed at socio-economic reforms, encompassing education, women's rights, and health care. This manifesto emerged as a response to the conditions under the Dogra monarchy and laid the groundwork for significant reforms after India's accession in 1947.

Under the leadership of Sheikh Mohammed Abdullah, the NC implemented crucial agrarian reforms that abolished feudal land ownership and introduced favorable tenancy laws for small farmers. These reforms were instrumental in alleviating poverty in the region. The Sheikh was also progressive in women's rights, abolishing purdah practices, though such advancements have faced challenges since the rise of extremism in the late 1980s.

In the contemporary context, the Modi-Shah administration's policies since the abrogation of Articles 370 and 35A in August 2019 have aimed to create a new integration framework for Jammu & Kashmir, granting universal rights to all



Indian citizens. This reflects a broader ambition to incorporate the region into the national mainstream while ensuring equitable development.

Abdullah's inauguration as Chief Minister represents a pivotal moment for Naya Kashmir 2.0, as he embraces a more conciliatory approach towards the Union Government. His comments acknowledging Prime Minister Modi as "an honourable gentleman" and his decision to delay the demand for Article 370 restoration illustrate a commitment to collaboration over confrontation.

The recent elections showcased the NC's electoral strength, winning 75% of the seats in the Kashmir Valley, while the BJP secured its highest-ever tally in Jammu. The NC has also formed alliances with independent MLAs, reinforcing its position in the legislative assembly.

With a balanced approach that respects regional sentiments, Abdullah's administration aims to foster cooperation while navigating the complexities of governance in a historically tumultuous region. As Naya Kashmir 2.0 unfolds, the focus will be on sustained progress and the realization of long-standing aspirations for peace and development in Jammu & Kashmir.

## Governance and Inequality: The Unseen Struggles of a Coastal Adivasi Community



The pressing question remains: will the upcoming elections lead to improved governance? Unfortunately, the likely answer is no. A significant factor contributing to this pessimism is the media's frequent neglect of governance issues. Recently, I had an eye-opening experience that underscores this reality.

I spent a day in a seemingly affluent village along the Konkan coast, not far from Mumbai—a place where wealthy businessmen, Bollywood celebrities, and sports stars have established their holiday homes. In recent years, the village has also seen a boom in middle-class tourism, with residents converting their homes into homestay hotels, offering both air-conditioned and non-air-conditioned accommodations. The juxtaposition of wealth and poverty here is stark.

Yet, hidden in the heart of this prosperous village is an Adivasi enclave where the tide of progress has failed to reach. This community is marked by glaring disparities, existing in a bubble of poverty amid the affluence surrounding them. As I reflected on the upcoming Maharashtra elections, my inquiries shifted from general observations to specific questions about the community's conditions over the past five years since the last Vidhan Sabha elections.

The responses were disheartening. Despite the prosperity enjoyed by the broader village, the Adivasi residents reported minimal change in their living conditions. Access to basic amenities such as clean water, healthcare, and education remained woefully inadequate. They expressed feelings of exclusion and neglect, as though they were invisible to the political machinery that promised development.

This disconnect raises critical questions about the nature of governance in the region. As politicians campaign and make grand promises, it is imperative to consider who benefits from their policies. The apparent prosperity in the village masks the stark realities faced by marginalized communities. Unless these issues are brought to the forefront, the cycle of neglect will likely continue.

The media has a crucial role to play in highlighting these disparities and holding leaders accountable. Failing to do so perpetuates a narrative that overlooks the struggles of the most vulnerable. As the election approaches, it is essential for discussions surrounding governance to encompass not only economic growth but also social equity and justice. The hope for change lies in acknowledging the voices of the overlooked and ensuring that no community is left behind in the pursuit of prosperity.



# PM Modi: India as a Model for Digital Innovation and Democracy



In his keynote address at the NDTV World Summit, Prime Minister Narendra Modi emphasized that India has demonstrated how digital innovation can coexist with democratic values. He highlighted India's Digital Public Infrastructure as a significant topic of discussion at international forums, noting the admiration it has garnered from global leaders, including Nobel laureate Paul Romer.

Modi pointed out that while India lacked the first-mover advantage during the Internet revolution, it has created a unique model that prioritizes inclusivity. "Countries that led the digital charge often saw benefits limited to a few, driven by private corporations. In contrast, India has democratized technology, presenting a new approach to digital public infrastructure," he explained.

The Prime Minister elaborated on the government's role in developing platforms that foster innovation. He cited the seamless integration of initiatives like Jan Dhan, Aadhaar, and mobile connectivity, which have transformed service delivery into a fast and efficient system. "With

UPI, India has witnessed a fintech explosion, with over 500 million digital transactions occurring daily. This growth is not just limited to large corporations; it includes small shopkeepers and street vendors," he noted.

Furthermore, Modi spoke about initiatives such as PM Gati Shakti and ONDC, asserting that India exemplifies how digital progress can promote transparency, inclusion, and empowerment rather than control and division. "This is a pivotal moment in the 21st century. Stability is crucial for growth, and India is committed to achieving it. For the first time in six decades, the people have bestowed a third-term mandate upon a government, signaling a desire for stability," he stated.

On climate change, the Prime Minister acknowledged the global challenge it poses and affirmed India's commitment to leading in this area, despite its minimal contribution to global emissions. "We have made green transitions a cornerstone of our growth strategy," he concluded, reaffirming India's proactive stance on climate action.

## Priyanka Gandhi Set to File Nomination for Wayanad Lok Sabha Bypoll



Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra is set to file her nomination for the Wayanad Lok Sabha bypoll on Wednesday, October 23. Party sources indicate that prominent leaders, including Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge, former party chiefs Sonia Gandhi and Rahul Gandhi, will be present to lend their support during the nomination process.

Ahead of her nomination, Priyanka Gandhi met with Kharge on Monday to receive his blessings. On the day of the nomination, she and Rahul Gandhi will lead a roadshow from the Kalpetta New Bus Stand at 11 AM before submitting her nomination to the district collector at noon.

Priyanka Gandhi, 52, is the UDF candidate for the Wayanad seat, marking her electoral debut in the Kerala constituency. This bypoll comes five years after she entered active politics, and her candidacy has generated considerable excitement among party workers, who have adorned the constituency with posters declaring her "Wayanadinte

Priyankari" or "Wayanad's beloved."

Following the recent announcement of the bypolls by the Election Commission (EC), the Congress party wasted no time in declaring Priyanka Gandhi as its candidate for Wayanad, a seat previously held by her brother Rahul Gandhi. This strategic move positions her to make her parliamentary debut if elected, and it would mark the first time that Sonia, Rahul, and Priyanka Gandhi serve in Parliament together.

The bypoll for Wayanad, along with the Nanded Lok Sabha seat and 47 Assembly constituencies, is scheduled for November 13, with results to be announced on November 23. Priyanka's candidacy comes at a crucial juncture for the Congress, especially after recent electoral setbacks, including losses in Haryana.

Throughout her political journey, Priyanka Gandhi has been viewed as a potential challenger to Prime Minister Narendra Modi and a possible successor to her mother, Sonia Gandhi.

# Haryana Portfolios Allocated; CM Nayab Saini Keeps Home, Finance

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini has taken charge of several key departments, including home and finance, as he allocates portfolios to his Council of Ministers following the swearing-in of the new government three days ago. In total, Mr. Saini will oversee 12 portfolios, including planning, excise and taxation, town and country planning, urban estates, information, public relations, language and culture, criminal investigation, law and legislative affairs, and housing for all.

Anil Vij, who previously held the home portfolio under former Chief Minister Manohar Lal Khattar, has been assigned energy and transport, along with the labour department. The health department, previously managed by Vij, has now been entrusted to Arti Singh Rao, who will also oversee medical education and research, as well as Ayush departments.

Mr. Saini, aged 54, was sworn in as the Chief Minister of Haryana during a grand ceremony in Panchkula, attended by notable leaders from the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) including Prime Minister Narendra Modi, alongside a large crowd of supporters from across the state. Alongside him, 13 MLAs, including two women, took their oaths of office.



Rao Narbir Singh has been allocated the industries and commerce, environment, forests, and wildlife departments, while Mahipal Dhanda will manage the school education sector. Other notable allocations include Vipul Goel, who will handle revenue, disaster management, urban local bodies, and civil aviation, and Arvind Sharma, who will oversee jails and cooperation.

In the agriculture sector, Shyam Singh Rana will be in charge of the agriculture and farmers welfare department, while Ranbir Gangwa will manage public health engineering. Krishan Kumar Bedi will handle social justice, empowerment, and welfare for

Scheduled Castes (SCs) and Backward Classes (BCs), while Shruti Choudhry will oversee the women and child development portfolio.

Among other appointments, Krishan Lal Panwar has been allocated development and panchayats, and mines and geology. Minister of State (Independent Charge) Rajesh Nagar will manage food, civil supplies, and consumer affairs, while Gaurav Gautam (Independent Charge) will focus on youth empowerment, entrepreneurship, and sports. The Governor of Haryana has allocated these portfolios on the advice of the Chief Minister, as per the official order.

## Maldives to Implement UPI Following Indian Expertise

The President of Maldives, Mohamed Muizzu, has announced plans to introduce the Unified Payment Interface (UPI) in the island nation, a decision backed by his Cabinet on Sunday. This initiative follows India's commitment to share its expertise in digital and financial services, particularly during President Muizzu's recent state visit to India.



sure a smooth implementation process.

To oversee the establishment of UPI, an interagency coordination team will be formed, comprising representatives from the Ministry of Finance, the Ministry of Homeland Security and Technology, and the Maldives Monetary Authority. This team will collaborate with the Ministry of Economic Development and Trade to ensure effective execution of the project.

During his state visit to India, President Muizzu also witnessed the launch of RuPay cards in the Maldives, aimed at enhancing payment convenience for both Indian tourists visiting the islands and Maldivian citizens traveling to India. This initiative is part of a broader effort to foster digital and financial cooperation between the two nations, marking a significant step toward modernizing the Maldivian economy.

Furthermore, the President appointed TradeNet Maldives Corporation Limited, a leading agency with a track record of success, to head the consortium. This appointment is expected to leverage the agency's expertise to en-



## Remarks on PM's degree: SC upholds summons against Arvind Kejriwal

The Supreme Court today dismissed the petition filed by former Delhi Chief Minister and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) chief Arvind Kejriwal, challenging a criminal defamation case against him regarding remarks he made about Prime Minister Narendra Modi's educational qualifications. The defamation suit, initiated by Gujarat University, stems from public comments made by Kejriwal, in which he questioned the validity of Modi's academic credentials, particularly his degree from Gujarat University. Gujarat University perceived Kejriwal's remarks as derogatory and damaging to its reputation, prompting the university's registrar, Piyush Patel, to file a criminal defamation case against both Kejriwal and AAP leader Sanjay Singh. The origins of the case date back to 2016 when the Central Information Commission (CIC) directed Delhi University and Gujarat University to disclose details about PM Modi's degree in response to Kejriwal's demands for transparency.

## CM Stalin's Remarks on Delimitation Spark Family Planning Debate

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M. K. Stalin made headlines on Monday with his remarks regarding the Lok Sabha delimitation exercise, suggesting that it could influence couples to consider having larger families. Speaking at a marriage ceremony for 31 couples organized by the Hindu Religious and Charitable Endowments department, he referenced a traditional Tamil saying, "pathinarum petru peru vazhvu vazhga," which translates to acquiring 16 types of wealth for a prosperous life.

Stalin noted that the ongoing census and delimitation process, which will reshape India's electoral map, might encourage newly married couples to abandon the notion of having smaller families. He remarked, "The Parliament delimitation process may encourage



couples to have many children and give up thoughts of a small family." However, he emphasized the importance of giving Tamil names to their children, regardless of family size.

Historically, the phrase used by elders meant to bless newlyweds with various forms of prosperity—such as fame, education, and wealth—not necessarily with the idea of raising 16 children.

Over time, societal trends have shifted toward smaller family units, as many believe that fewer children contribute to better economic stability and prosperity.

Stalin's comments have sparked a conversation about family planning and cultural beliefs in Tamil Nadu. While some may interpret his statements as a light-hearted nod to tradition, others argue that they reflect deeper social dynamics surrounding family size and economic considerations in contemporary society.

The Chief Minister's remarks also coincide with ongoing discussions about the significance of the census and delimitation process in determining political representation and resource allocation.



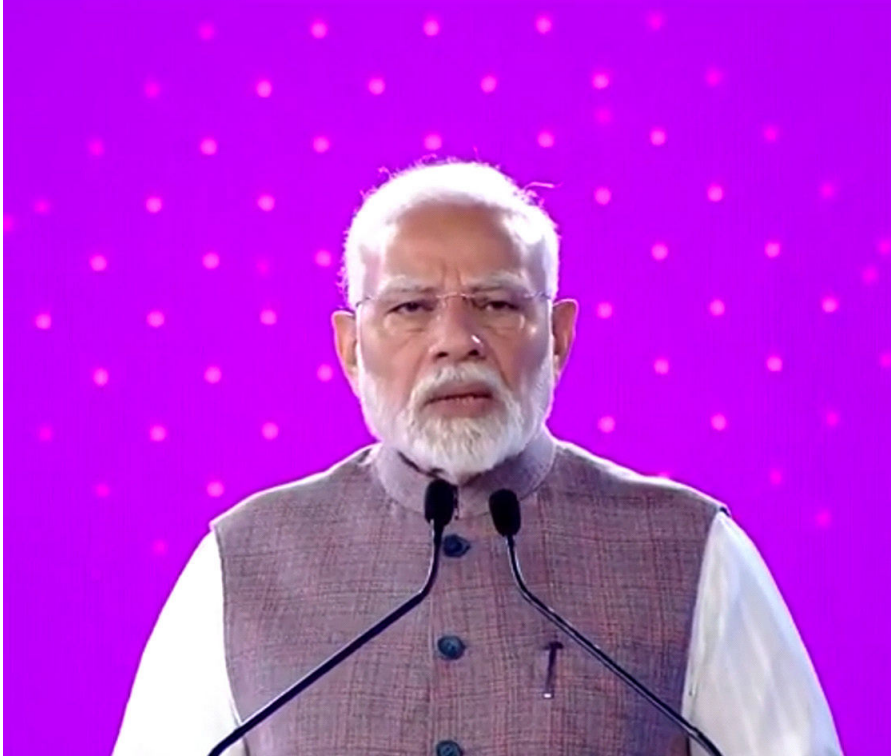
# India Has Double AI Power: Modi at World Summit 2024

At the NDTV World Summit, Prime Minister Narendra Modi highlighted the concept of "Aspirational India" as a driving force behind the country's growth in the era of Artificial Intelligence (AI). He emphasized that while AI is transforming industries globally, India is uniquely empowered by the dual forces of Aspirational India and Artificial Intelligence.

"This is the era of AI, and the future is intertwined with it. For the world, it represents Artificial Intelligence, but in India, it's a combination of Aspirational India and Artificial Intelligence. When these two elements converge, they accelerate India's growth," Modi stated.

The Prime Minister underscored his government's commitment to integrating AI into various sectors, asserting that 2023 marks a significant step in this mission. "There is no time for rest. My government is tirelessly working to fulfill India's dreams, positioning the nation as a beacon of hope amid global crises," he remarked, noting India's proactive approach to addressing a myriad of challenges on an unprecedented scale.

Modi also took a moment to address his political opposition, stating that the traditional practice of



comparing current government performance with previous administrations will no longer suffice. "Historically, governments have compared their achievements with those of their predecessors. While we have followed that path, the time has come to shift our focus. Our new metric for success will be our aspirations for the future, specifically the vision of a 'developed India' by 2047," he explained.

This forward-looking perspective underscores Modi's ambition to not only harness technological advancements but also to create a socio-economic environment that fosters growth and development. By linking Aspirational India with technological innovation, the Prime Minister aims to galvanize the nation toward realizing its full potential, setting a trajectory for success that aligns with global advancements in AI.

## S. Jaishankar on Russia: A Strategic Partner for India's Future

During the NDTV World Summit in New Delhi, External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar articulated India's emerging role on the global stage, discussing the country's foreign policy across key relationships with nations such as the US, China, and Russia, as well as its position in South Asia.

Jaishankar emphasized the long-standing relationship between India and Russia, describing it as a "time-tested" partnership. He stated, "Since Independence in 1947, Russia has never acted against India's interests," highlighting the significance of this relationship in today's geopolitical landscape, especially as Russia turns more towards Asia. He pointed out that India's growing resource demands align well with Russia's abundant natural resources, creating a mutual economic interest.

On the topic of China, Jaishankar noted a "positive outcome" from recent discussions regarding the Line of Actual Control (LAC), indicating that Indian and Chinese troops would return to their pre-2020 patrolling arrangements. He described the recent agreements as a step towards disengagement, reassuring that both nations are moving towards a more stable border situation.



Shifting focus to India's neighborhood-first policy, Jaishankar outlined the importance of fostering strong ties with neighboring countries like Sri Lanka, Bhutan, and Bangladesh. He reiterated India's commitment to being a reliable partner during crises, as seen during Sri Lanka's economic difficulties.

In a candid discussion about Canada, Jaishankar criticized Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's government for perceived double standards regarding diplomatic relations. He expressed concern over Canada's handling of Indian diplomats, stating that the Canadian government imposes restrictions on Indian officials while allowing its own diplomats to operate freely in India.



## Global South Looks To India's Leadership: Bhutan PM At World Summit

At the World Summit, Bhutan's Prime Minister Dasho Tshering Tobgay praised India's growing influence and leadership, asserting that the Global South trusts India to address significant global challenges, including the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict. "The world needs India, and I am very happy that you have identified this century as India's century," he remarked, highlighting the importance of India's role on the world stage.

Tobgay emphasized India's remarkable achievements, noting its status as the world's most populous country with a booming economy that has surpassed \$3 trillion. He argued that India could have crossed the \$5 tril-

lion mark if not for the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic. With a diaspora of nearly 35 million, he stated that India stands out not only in economic terms but also in terms of leadership, which is trusted by nations in the Global South.

"The Global South looks to India for leadership," Tobgay stated. He expressed confidence in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's ability to mediate and resolve contemporary issues, including economic challenges and the need for vaccines during the pandemic. He further asserted, "If there is any person who can sort out today's problems, it is Prime Minister Modi."

Reflecting on his own background, Tobgay shared how his education in India shaped his service to Bhutan. Born in Kalimpong, West Bengal, he emphasized the impact of Indian educators on his development, saying that many Bhutanese benefited from education in India during a time when resources were limited in their own country.

In addition to discussing India's economic prowess, Tobgay commended India for its proactive stance on climate change. He noted that with a population of 1.5 billion, India is successfully balancing energy needs with environmental responsibilities, setting a model for the world.

## Prabowo Subianto Takes Oath As Indonesia President, Swears In Cabinet

Jakarta: Prabowo Subianto was officially sworn in as Indonesia's eighth president on Sunday and promptly inaugurated his cabinet, reflecting a continuity of policies from his predecessor, Joko "Jokowi" Widodo. In his inaugural address to lawmakers, Prabowo vowed to combat corruption and pursue self-sufficiency in food and energy, setting an ambitious agenda for his administration.

The new cabinet comprises 48 ministries with over 100 ministers and deputies. Notable reappointments include Sri Mulyani Indrawati as finance minister and Bah-lil Lahadalia as energy minister. Sri Mulyani, a former World Bank managing director, will oversee major initiatives such as providing free meals to approximately 20 million children, a program estimated to cost the state budget 71 trillion rupiah (around \$4.6 billion) in its first year. This initiative aligns with Prabowo's goal of maintaining the annual fiscal deficit below the legally mandated 3% of GDP.



Political analysts, including Burhanuddin Muhtadi, suggest that Prabowo's cabinet selections indicate a desire to continue Jokowi's economic policies without significant risk. The retention of key figures like chief economic minister Airlangga Hartarto and state-owned enterprises minister Erick Thohir aims to ensure stability and continuity in governance.

The new administration also sees Sugiono, a deputy in Prabowo's political party and former head of the parliamentary commission on foreign policy, stepping in as foreign minister. Luhut Pandjaitan, who played a pivotal role in Jokowi's government, has been appointed to lead Indonesia's National Economic Council, further solidifying ties to the previous administration.

## "Not Your Land": Australia Senator Heckles King Charles At Parliament

Indigenous senator Lidia Thorpe created a stir during King Charles' visit to the Australian parliament on Monday, shouting anti-colonial slogans that echoed her fierce opposition to the monarchy. Following the king's speech, Thorpe launched into a passionate tirade, demanding, "Give us our land back! Give us what you stole from us!" Her nearly minute-long outburst drew shocked reactions from assembled lawmakers and dignitaries.

Thorpe's remarks highlighted the ongoing grievances of Indigenous Australians, whom she accused European settlers of genociding. "This is not your land, you are not my king," she asserted, underscoring her position against the historical injustices faced by Aboriginal communities. Australia was a British colony for over a century, during which countless Indigenous lives were lost, and many communities were forcibly displaced.

While Australia gained de facto independence in 1901, it has not transitioned to a fully fledged republic; King Charles remains the head of state. His current nine-day tour of Australia and Samoa marks his first significant foreign visit since his recent cancer diagnosis, bringing added attention to the royal visit.

Thorpe is known for her provocative political gestures, often challenging the status quo. When she took office in 2022, she raised her fist while reluctantly swearing allegiance to Queen Elizabeth II, Australia's former head of state. Her oath drew immediate rebuke from Senate officials, highlighting her contentious relationship with the monarchy.



## South Korea protests alleged deployment of North Korean troops in Russia



South Korea has urgently called for the withdrawal of North Korean troops reportedly deployed in Russia during a meeting with Russian envoy Georgy Zinoviev. This demand was made by South Korean Vice-Foreign Minister Kim Hong-kyun, who condemned the alleged military collaboration between North Korea and Russia, describing it as a "grave security threat" to both South Korea and the broader international community.

During the discussions, Kim emphasized South Korea's readiness to mobilize all available resources from the international community to safeguard its national interests against any emerging threats. He expressed strong concerns about the implications of North Korean military involvement in Russia, particularly in the ongoing conflict in Ukraine.

In response, Ambassador Zinoviev claimed that the cooperation between Russia and North Korea does not undermine the security interests of South Korea. However, when questioned about the potential involvement of North Korean troops in Ukraine, Russian authorities refrained from providing clear answers.

Kim reiterated that the participation of North Korean forces in the war would constitute a violation of United Nations resolutions and the U.N. Charter. Conversely, Zinoviev maintained that any collaboration with North Korea remains compliant with legal frameworks. Recent reports from South Korea's intelligence agency suggest that approximately 1,500 special operation forces from North Korea were dispatched to Russia this month to assist in the conflict against Ukraine. Additionally, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy has indicated that his government possesses intelligence indicating that around 10,000 North Korean soldiers may be prepared to join Russian forces.



# Unified Securities Markets Code Aims to Decriminalize Financial Regulations

The drafting of the Unified Securities Markets Code (SMC) is underway, with the goal of decriminalizing several provisions across key financial market legislations in India. This initiative is part of a broader effort to simplify the regulatory framework governing the financial sector, as stated by a government official. The SMC seeks to consolidate and replace the SEBI Act of 1992, the Depositories Act of 1996, the Securities Contracts (Regulation) Act (SCRA) of 1956, and the Government Securities Act of 2007.

Under the proposed code, seven provisions are expected to be decriminalized, including three from the SEBI Act, two from the Depositories Act, and two from the SCRA. Specific sections targeted for decriminalization



include two provisions from the SEBI Act, one from the SCRA, and one from the Depositories Act. This move aims

to reduce criminal liabilities associated with minor or technical violations, thereby making the business environ-

ment more conducive for financial institutions. The SMC is designed to streamline the legal framework by reducing the number of sections across the four Acts, ultimately simplifying compliance for businesses. By addressing the regulatory burden, the government hopes to promote ease of doing business in the country.

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman proposed the SMC in the Union Budget for 2021-22, highlighting the need for a more efficient regulatory landscape. Consultations between the finance ministry and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) have already been completed, and the legislative department is currently drafting the bill. Following this, the

bill will undergo review by the law ministry before seeking Cabinet approval.

Once the SMC Bill is passed in Parliament, the four existing Acts will be repealed, marking a significant shift in India's financial regulatory framework. By decriminalizing certain offences, the SMC is expected to alleviate the fear of criminal liability for minor infractions, allowing businesses to focus on growth and innovation. This less punitive approach is anticipated to attract more participants, including startups and foreign investors, while enabling regulatory authorities to concentrate on serious fraud and misconduct, thereby enhancing market integrity.

## Domestic Stock Markets Face Losses Despite Initial Gains

Domestic stock markets began the week on a negative note, failing to sustain the initial gains seen on Monday morning. Although the indices started the day on a positive trajectory, they soon declined and struggled to recover throughout the afternoon session. Investor sentiment remained weak due to negative signals from international markets, contributing to the overall downturn. Analysts expect this volatile market movement to persist for a few more days. The NSE Nifty fell 72 points, closing at 24,781, while the BSE Sensex dropped 73 points to settle at 81,151.

The Sensex, which had closed at 81,224 in the previous session, opened stronger at 81,770. However, it touched an intraday low of 80,811 before briefly recovering. Despite reaching a high of 81,770, it ultimately closed 73 points down. Similarly, the Nifty opened at 24,956, with an intraday low of 24,679 and a high of 24,978. It ended the day 72 points lower than its previous close.

In the Nifty50 index, only 12 companies posted gains, while 37 declined. Bajaj Auto, HDFC Bank, Asian Paints, M&M, and Eicher Motors were among the top gainers. On the los-



ing side, Tata Consumer, Kotak Bank, Bajaj Finserv, BPCL, and IndusInd Bank recorded the biggest declines. Most sector indices also closed in the red, with media, metal, FMCG, realty, oil, and gas seeing the largest losses. The only sectors that managed to stay afloat were IT and finance.

The Bank Nifty dropped by 131 points to close at 51,962, signaling pressure on the banking sector. Market breadth in the NSE also reflected a bearish trend, with 697 stocks advancing and 2,128 declining.



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On the stock-specific front, Jefferies

rated Tech Mahindra as underperform, while Amber Enterprises surged 18% intraday. HDFC Bank received a neutral rating from JP Morgan, and 360 One Wham gained 4% on strong earnings. Kotak Mahindra Bank was rated "Hold" by Jefferies. In the IPO space, Vari Energies' offering was subscribed 2.23 times on the first day, while SEBI approved Niwabupa Health and Paras Healthcare's IPO plans.

The Nifty's support level is currently at 24,700, with resistance at 24,850, indicating a tight trading range for the coming sessions. Analysts suggest caution as the market continues to navigate external pressures and domestic earnings reports.

## India Reevaluates Free Trade Agreement Strategy Amid Economic Concerns



In response to rising concerns about potential investment outflows and rapidly increasing imports from Free Trade Agreement (FTA) nations, India is reassessing its negotiating strategy for trade pacts. Following a series of FTAs that have often favored partner countries over Indian interests, the government is adopting a more cautious approach, leading to a temporary halt in discussions for trade agreements with smaller nations like Oman and Peru.

The Commerce Ministry is actively engaged in formulating a new Standard

Operating Procedure (SOP) to address the inconsistencies and lack of streamlined processes that have characterized past negotiations. This initiative aims to enhance the effectiveness of future trade agreements, ensuring that India's economic interests are prioritized and protected.

Concerns have been mounting over the economic implications of previous FTAs, which have resulted in significant trade imbalances and adverse effects on domestic industries. Recognizing errors made in handling specific chapters of

these agreements has prompted the government to take a step back and re-evaluate its strategies.

The need for a more structured and consistent approach to negotiations is crucial in light of the current global trade dynamics. The focus will not only be on securing beneficial terms but also on ensuring that India's domestic industries are not compromised in the process.

As part of this strategic shift, the Commerce Ministry is committed to ensuring that future FTAs provide a level playing field for Indian businesses while also fostering sustainable economic growth. By developing a comprehensive framework for negotiations, India aims to position itself as a more formidable player in international trade, balancing the interests of domestic stakeholders with the opportunities presented by global markets.

This recalibration of strategy reflects India's intent to safeguard its economic sovereignty while navigating the complexities of international trade agreements. The government's proactive measures signal a commitment to more equitable and advantageous trade relationships in the future.

## PhonePe's diversification efforts generate initial revenue amid FY24 losses

PhonePe's newly launched business segments—Pincode, ShareMarket, insurance broking, and lending—collectively generated Rs 206 crore in revenue, contributing 4% to the company's overall topline of Rs 5,064 crore for FY24. While these ventures, particularly Pincode and ShareMarket, have yet to achieve significant revenues since their inception last year, they are beginning to show income amid substantial losses as PhonePe ramps up operations.

Leading the pack is the insurance broking arm, established in 2021, which generated Rs 108 crore in revenue, despite facing a Rs 247 crore loss. The company has sold over 9 million policies to date, with 4 million sold in the past year alone, showcasing robust growth in retail insurance distribution.

The ShareMarket platform, meanwhile, reported Rs 24 crore in its initial revenue but incurred a Rs 134 crore loss. The platform has attracted 1.7 lakh active investors, a significant increase from just 50,000 a few months prior, indicating gradual growth in a competitive market. WealthDesk, the wealth management platform acquired by PhonePe last year, added an additional Rs 5 crore in revenue.

In the hyperlocal e-commerce sector, the Pincode app recorded Rs 3 crore in maiden revenue while incurring a Rs 107 crore loss. Initially offering a wide range of categories



on the ONDC platform, Pincode has now refocused on food and grocery delivery, competing directly with established players like Zomato and Swiggy while partnering with third-party logistics providers like Shadowfax and Dunzo.

The lending arm, operating as PhonePe Lending Services Private Limited, reported a turnover of Rs 66 crore but faced a Rs 128 crore loss. Despite challenges, lending is expected to be one of the few verticals generating cash from the outset, especially after PhonePe's recent launch of secured lending products in partnership with NBFC L&T Finance.

Overall, PhonePe has invested over Rs 800 crore into these new ventures, with high expectations for future scaling and contribution to the group's revenue. CEO Sameer Nigam has noted that while losses are high initially, each business is on a distinct growth trajectory and has its own gestation period.

## HDFC Bank Shares Surge Following 6% Profit Increase in Q2

Shares of HDFC Bank experienced a significant boost on Monday morning, climbing over 3.5% after the bank reported a 6% increase in its consolidated net profit for the September quarter. The stock rose by 3.53%, reaching ₹1,740.55 per share on the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE), while on the National Stock Exchange (NSE), it increased by 3.42% to ₹1,739.50.

This surge in stock price resulted in a market valuation increase of ₹46,433.29 crore, bringing the total market cap to ₹13,29,281.58 crore during early trading. HDFC Bank emerged as the top gainer among firms listed on both the BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty.

On Saturday, HDFC Bank announced a consolidated net profit of ₹17,825.91 crore for the September quarter, reflecting a 6% growth from the previous year. On a standalone basis, the largest private sector lender's post-tax net profit rose to ₹16,820.97 crore,

up from ₹15,976.11 crore during the same quarter last year.

The bank's core net interest income also showed a robust performance, increasing by 10% to ₹30,010 crore. This growth was attributed to a 7% rise in gross advances, while net interest margins remained stable at 3.46%.

Chief Financial Officer S. Vaidyanathan commented that the bank is well-positioned to navigate market dynamics and is on track to double its size within four years, as previously guided.

With these positive financial results, investor confidence in HDFC Bank continues to strengthen, reflecting the bank's solid performance amidst a competitive banking landscape. The market's optimistic response underscores the bank's strategic initiatives and growth potential in the coming quarters.



## YouTube New Premium Lite Subscription at Half the Price

YouTube, the leading video streaming platform globally, is currently testing a new subscription option called YouTube Premium Lite. This plan aims to provide users with an affordable alternative to the existing Premium subscription by offering a reduced ad experience at a lower monthly cost.



According to a post by user jonahmanzano on Threads, the YouTube Premium Lite subscription will be priced at \$8.99 per month, which is nearly 50% less than the standard Premium plan, currently available for \$16.99. This move is likely to attract users who enjoy ad-free viewing but are looking for a more budget-friendly option.

While the introduction of YouTube Premium Lite is generating buzz, there has yet to be any official confirmation regarding the availability of an annual subscription plan for this new tier. As users weigh the benefits of reduced costs against the potential limitations of fewer features, the reaction to this testing phase will likely inform YouTube's decision on whether to roll it out more widely.

The existing YouTube Premium subscription offers a comprehensive suite of features, including ad-free videos, background play, and access to YouTube Music. With Premium Lite,

users can expect a similar experience but with ads appearing in some videos. This could be a strategic move by YouTube to capture a larger audience segment that may find the full Premium subscription too costly.

As the digital landscape evolves, platforms like YouTube are constantly adapting to user preferences and market trends. The success of YouTube Premium Lite could influence how streaming services structure their offerings, potentially leading to more flexible pricing models in the future.

For now, users interested in YouTube Premium Lite will need to keep an eye on further announcements from the company regarding its availability and any additional features that may accompany this new subscription tier. The introduction of this option reflects YouTube's ongoing commitment to meeting the diverse needs of its vast user base.

## Zomato Under Fire for Selling 'Fake Paneer'

Zomato is facing significant backlash for its B2B service, Zomato Hyperpure, which has been criticized for selling "fake paneer," officially labeled as "Analogue Paneer" on its website. Despite the clear labeling, the product is marketed by the manufacturer as suitable for tika and gravy dishes, sparking concerns about food safety and transparency.



The controversy gained traction after social media user Sumit Behal raised alarms on X, highlighting that many restaurants do not inform customers when they serve dishes made with this analogue paneer. He expressed frustration over the misleading marketing, stating, "India loves paneer dishes, and restaurants sell fake paneer made with vegetable oils without any disclaimer. They make you believe you're eating healthy food by enjoying various paneer dishes over junk food." Behal's post ignited a wave of criticism against Zomato Hyperpure for allegedly endorsing food adulteration.

Analogue paneer is a synthetic substitute for traditional paneer, produced using cheaper, non-dairy ingredients. Unlike authentic paneer, which is derived from fresh milk curdled with lemon juice or vinegar, analogue paneer is often composed of vegetable fats and starches. One listing on Zomato Hyperpure specifies that its analogue paneer is made from skimmed milk and vegetable oil, with milk fat replaced by vegetable fat.

The primary appeal of analogue paneer for

restaurants lies in its cost-effectiveness. Priced at approximately ₹210 per kg, it is significantly cheaper than real paneer, which retails for around ₹450 per kg. This price difference allows restaurants to maximize profits, particularly when they do not disclose the use of fake paneer in their dishes.

Concerns about the health implications of analogue paneer are also mounting, especially among vegetarians who consume paneer for its protein content. Many versions of analogue paneer incorporate hydrogenated vegetable fats, which can contain harmful trans fats. These fats are linked to serious health risks, including heart disease, high cholesterol, and inflammation. As the debate continues, consumers are urged to be aware of what they are eating and to question the ingredients in their favorite dishes.

## Chrome Adds 'Listen to This Page' for Better Accessibility



Google Chrome on Android is set to receive a significant accessibility enhancement with the introduction of the new 'Listen to this page' feature. Initially announced as part of last month's Android feature drop, the rollout is now underway with the Chrome 130 update.

Previously, when this feature was first tested behind an experimental flag in June, its functionality was quite limited. Audio would stop playing as soon as the user closed the Chrome app or turned off their phone's display, similar to the behavior of YouTube Music. However, recent reports from 9to5Google indicate that this feature has undergone a major upgrade, allowing audio to continue playing even when users exit the Chrome app and switch to other applications.

When users activate the feature, a reader menu appears at the bottom of the page while the article is open. If users switch to a different app, they can still control playback through the quick settings menu, enabling them to play or pause the audio and nav-

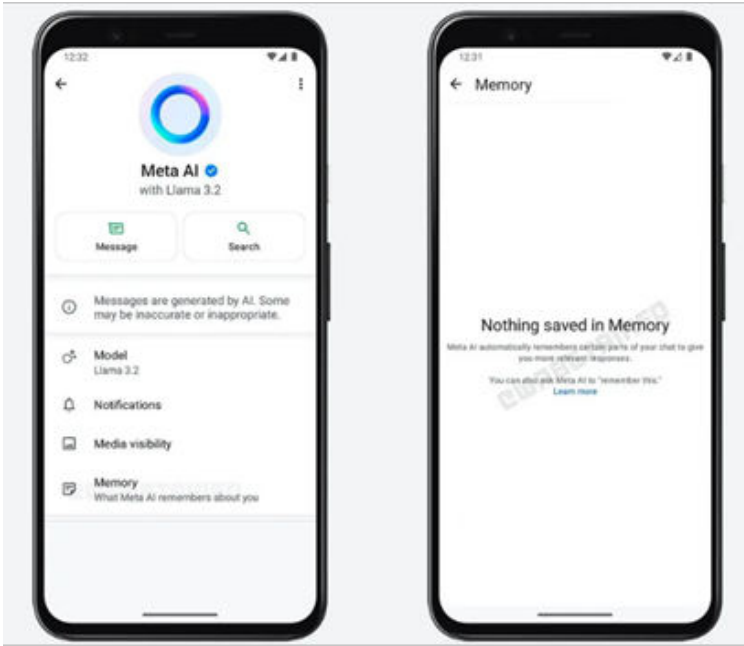
igate through the content. Users can skip forward or backward in 10-second increments, making it easy to find specific sections of text.

Additionally, Chrome now offers the ability to adjust the playback speed, ranging from 0.5x to 4x, and users can choose from 10 different voice options, tailoring their listening experience to their preferences. For added convenience, Google allows users to create a dedicated play button for webpages. By long-pressing the new tab icon, users can select "Edit shortcut" and change it to "Listen to this page."

With these updates, Google Chrome is enhancing its position as one of the most popular browsers on Android. The new 'Listen to this page' feature puts it on par with Safari's similar functionality, providing users with a valuable tool for accessing content more easily and conveniently. As accessibility becomes increasingly important in digital platforms, Chrome's latest enhancements are a welcome step forward.

## WhatsApp to Introduce Chat Memory for Meta AI Personalization

WhatsApp for Android is reportedly working on an exciting new feature for its artificial intelligence (AI) chatbot, Meta AI. According to feature tracker WABetaInfo, this upcoming "chat memory" feature will allow users to instruct the AI to remember specific details about themselves, leading to a more personalized interaction experience.



Currently spotted in the beta version 2.24.22.9 of WhatsApp for Android, the chat memory feature is not yet accessible to beta testers. Once implemented, users will be able to ask Meta AI to retain information such as dietary preferences, professions, birthdays, and preferred conversation styles. This functionality aims to tailor the AI's responses based on the saved information, enhancing user satisfaction.

The feature tracker has shared screenshots illustrating how the chat memory feature will work. It will be integrated into the profile page of Meta AI, which users can access by tap-

ping the Meta AI title within the chat interface. Within this profile, there will be a new option labeled "What Meta AI remembers about you." This section will display any information the user has saved, making it easy to manage what the AI retains.

For example, if a user identifies as vegan, Meta AI will be able to provide relevant food recipes that align with their dietary choices. This means that the chatbot will offer suggestions based on the user's preferences, making conversations feel more tailored and relevant.

The introduction of chat mem-

ory could significantly improve user interaction with Meta AI, allowing for a more conversational and context-aware experience. Although the feature is still under development and not available for public use, its potential impact on personalized communication through WhatsApp is noteworthy. As the rollout progresses, users can look forward to a more intelligent and responsive AI that better understands their individual needs and preferences.

## British Vendor Brings Kolkata-Style Jhalmuri to London Streets

In a delightful twist for street food lovers, a viral video has showcased a British vendor selling authentic Kolkata-style jhalmuri in London. The food vlogger stumbled upon this unique stall, aptly named "Jhalmuri Express," while exploring the bustling streets of the city, and the setup instantly transported him back to Kolkata.



Jhalmuri, a beloved snack from Kolkata, is renowned for its mix of puffed rice, spices, and fresh ingredients. For many who have left the city, the craving for this nostalgic treat can be overwhelming. However, this vendor has managed to recreate the essence of Kolkata right in London, offering a taste of home to expatriates and locals alike.

The video, shared on Instagram, features the vendor—who is British—skillfully preparing the jhalmuri in an authentic Indian-style trolley. The stall is equipped with both steel and plastic containers, reminiscent of the street food stalls in

Kolkata. The vlogger captures the vendor in action, starting with a generous serving of puffed rice (muri) in a steel vessel.

Next, the vendor adds a handful of fresh coriander leaves, followed by an array of spices, along with freshly chopped cucumbers and onions. Using a long, thin knife, he expertly mixes the ingredients and finishes off the dish with a squeeze

of fresh lemon juice.

The crowning touch is a classic serving cone crafted from old newspapers—just like traditional Indian street food vendors use. To complete the jhalmuri, the vendor drizzles imli chutney over the mix and garnishes it with bhujia and masala, enhancing the flavors.

Taking a bite, the vlogger describes the dish as "Kolkata style, authentic, and spicy jhalmuri in London." This heartwarming encounter highlights the power of food to connect cultures and bring a piece of home to those far away, proving that the love for street food knows no boundaries.



# Kagiso Rabada Makes History as Fastest to 300 Test Wickets



South African fast bowler Kagiso Rabada has etched his name in cricket history by becoming the fastest player to reach 300 Test wickets in terms of balls bowled. Achieving this remarkable feat during the opening Test against Bangladesh in Dhaka, Rabada reached the milestone after delivering just 11,817 balls.

The match began with Bangladesh winning the toss and opting to bat, a decision that quickly backfired as they struggled against the South African bowlers. Wiaan Mulder made an immediate impact, taking advantage of the pitch conditions with his swinging deliveries. Rabada soon joined the attack, showcasing his skill by dismissing key batsmen Mushfiqur Rahim and Litton Das, further compounding Bangladesh's woes.

With his achievement, Rabada surpassed the previous record held by Pakistan's Waqar Younis, who took 12,602 deliveries to reach the same milestone. Other legendary bowlers such as Dale Steyn (12,605), Allan Donald

(13,672), and Malcolm Marshall (13,728) also fell behind Rabada's astonishing pace.

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Rabada's remarkable performance continued as he later claimed Nayeem Hasan's wicket, helping reduce Bangladesh to 102/9. His final figures for the innings stood at 3 wickets for 26 runs from 11 overs, with an impressive economy rate of 2.40.

Ultimately, Bangladesh crumbled to a mere total of 106 runs, with Rabada, Mulder, and Keshav Maharaj each taking three wickets. This historic achievement solidifies Rabada's position as one of the premier fast bowlers in modern cricket, and fans eagerly anticipate his future performances as he continues to break records on the international stage.

# New Zealand Celebrates a "Golden 48 Hours" of Sporting Triumphs



New Zealand experienced an extraordinary weekend of sporting success, hailed as one of the finest in the country's history. The remarkable achievements included winning the Women's T20 World Cup, a historic Test victory in India, and retaining the America's Cup in sailing. Sports Minister Chris Bishop described the weekend as one that will be remembered in New Zealand's sporting annals.

The excitement kicked off on Saturday when Emirates Team New Zealand dominated the America's Cup, defeating Ineos Britannia with a decisive 7-2 victory. The Kiwis secured the world's oldest international sporting trophy for the third consecutive time, finishing the ninth race off

Barcelona 37 seconds ahead of their British rivals. On Sunday, New Zealand cricket made headlines by clinching its first Test win in India in 36 years, overpowering the home team by eight wickets in Bengaluru. This monumental victory marked a significant milestone in the nation's cricketing history.

Later that day, the New Zealand women's cricket team, led by standout performer Amelia Kerr, achieved their first Women's T20 World Cup title by defeating South Africa by 32 runs in Dubai. This win added to the nation's sporting accolades and was celebrated widely across the country. Adding to the excitement, New Zealand's netball team also delivered a stunning performance, defeating the world champions Australia 64-50 in Wellington. This flurry of victories led many to question whether any weekend could rival this one in New Zealand's sporting narrative.

Jesse Mulligan, a presenter on Radio New Zealand, remarked on the remarkable achievements, calling it "a golden 48 hours for New Zealand sport." The New Zealand Herald even conducted a poll to determine which victory resonated most with fans, revealing that the T20 World Cup win was the standout moment, followed closely by the America's Cup and the Test win.



# Deepika Kumari Wins Silver at Archery World Cup Final

Indian archer Deepika Kumari has secured her sixth World Cup Final medal, clinching a silver after facing a tough defeat against China's Li Jiaman, who won the final with a score of 6-0. The tournament, held recently, showcased Kumari's impressive skills as she demonstrated remarkable performance throughout the competition.

In the earlier rounds, the 2010 Commonwealth Games champion showcased her prowess by decisively defeating her opponents. She began her campaign by overpowering Li Jiaman's teammate, Yang Xiaolei, with a commanding 6-0 victory in the quarter-finals. Kumari

then advanced to the semi-finals, where she triumphed over Alejandra Valencia, the eventual bronze medallist, with a score of 6-4.

Reflecting on her experience, Deepika expressed pride in her participation in the World Cup, stating, "It's an honour to be part of this World Cup, to win this World Cup. Now, I'm going to work even harder after that." Her determination and resilience were evident throughout the event, even as she faced the challenging final match. On the other hand, Li Jiaman celebrated her first World Cup Final victory, emphasizing her composure during the matches. "The first

match was relatively tense and the last two felt like a little bit more of a challenge," Li remarked, highlighting her approach of focusing on delivering her best shots rather than fixating on winning or losing.

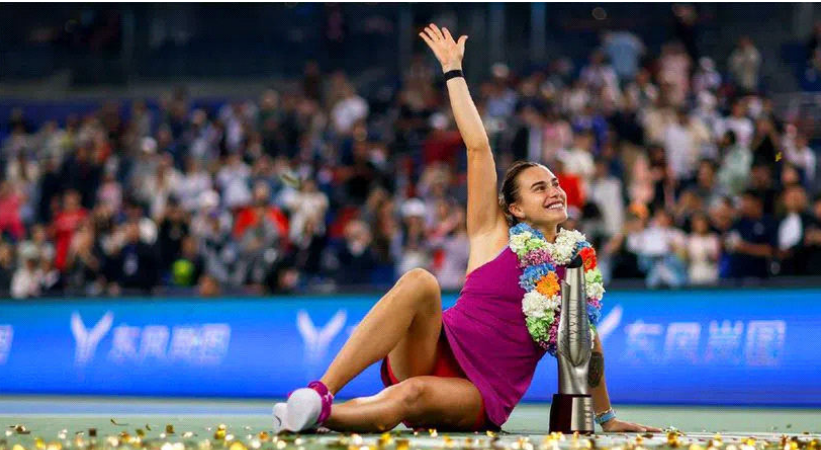
The Indian team, which comprised three compound archers and two recurve archers, concluded the season-ending event with one medal, showcasing their potential on the international stage. Deepika Kumari's silver medal adds to her illustrious career and cements her status as one of India's top archers, promising more achievements in future competitions.

# Aryna Sabalenka Reclaims No. 1 Spot in WTA Rankings

Aryna Sabalenka has reclaimed the No. 1 position in the latest WTA rankings, surpassing Iga Swiatek after a week of inactivity for both players. The updated rankings revealed Sabalenka with 9,706 points, while Swiatek sits at 9,665 points, giving Sabalenka a narrow 41-point lead. American Coco Gauff follows in third place with 5,963 points, while Jessica Pegula and Elena Rybakina occupy the fourth and fifth spots with 5,785 and 5,471 points, respectively.

Following her rise back to the top, Sabalenka shared her thoughts on social media, posting, "NI.... Let's see for how long this time." Last year, she held the No. 1 ranking for eight weeks before Swiatek overtook her after winning the season-ending WTA Finals. Sabalenka now aims for a more sustained tenure at the top.

Leading up to the Cincinnati Open, Sabalenka was ranked



No. 3, trailing behind Gauff and Swiatek. However, despite Swiatek reaching the semifinals, Sabalenka won the tournament, earning 1,000 points that contributed to her comeback. In the subsequent US Open, while Swiatek made it to the quarterfinals, Sabalenka again emerged victorious, narrowing the points gap significantly.

Swiatek, the defending champion at the China Open, opted

to skip the tournament to focus on a coaching change, resulting in a loss of 1,000 points from her total. In contrast, Sabalenka advanced to the quarterfinals in China, gaining 215 points, and later secured the title in Wuhan, defeating both Gauff and Zheng Qinwen along the way. Over nine weeks, Sabalenka amassed an impressive 4,000 points, a tally that only seven players on the WTA Tour have achieved throughout the entire year.

# MS Dhoni's IPL 2025 Future Still Uncertain, CSK CEO Reveals

The future of MS Dhoni with the Chennai Super Kings (CSK) in IPL 2025 remains uncertain, as no official confirmation has been made regarding his retention. Recently, CSK CEO Kasi Viswanathan shared that while the franchise is eager to keep Dhoni on board, he has yet to confirm his decision. Dhoni has stated he will provide an answer before the October 31 deadline for IPL retentions.

With the IPL's new retention rules categorizing Dhoni as an 'uncapped player', CSK's chances of retaining him have improved. This change allows franchises to secure players who have either retired from international cricket or haven't played in a while for a reduced fee. Reports suggest that CSK could retain Dhoni for INR 4 crore, a strategy seen by many as being tailored specifically for the legendary cricketer.

Despite the uncertainty, former Indian cricketer Mohammad Kaif expressed confidence that Dhoni will continue to play in the IPL. He noted Dhoni's fitness and impressive performance, stating, "If he wants to play in the IPL, he will play." Kaif highlighted Dhoni's significant impact on CSK as a player and leader, suggesting that the IPL rules may continue to evolve to facilitate his participation.

As fans await clarity on Dhoni's decision, the anticipation surrounding his potential return for another season remains high.







## Prabhas Unveils Stunning New PosterFrom Raja Saab

The highly anticipated movie “The Raja Saab,” featuring pan-Indian star Prabhas and directed by Maruthi, is set to hit theaters on April 10, 2025. This film has generated significant excitement among fans, especially with the announcement of its main female leads—Nidhhi Agerwal, Malvika Mohanan, and Riddhi Kumar.

In celebration of Prabhas’s upcoming birthday, the film’s makers released an advance birthday poster that showcases the actor in a striking look. Sporting a checked shirt over a t-shirt, Prabhas exudes confidence and charisma, captivating fans with his swag-filled appearance. To heighten the anticipation, the team also hinted at a special surprise that will be unveiled on October 23, 2024, aligning perfectly with Prabhas’s birthday celebrations.

The film features Sanjay Dutt in a crucial role, adding to the movie’s star power. Produced by TG Vishwa Prasad

under the banner of People Media Factory, “The Raja Saab” promises to be a grand cinematic experience. The music for the film is composed by Thaman, known for his work in the industry, further amplifying the excitement surrounding the project.

As the release date approaches, fans are eagerly awaiting more details about the film, including trailers and promotional material. The combination of Prabhas’s magnetic screen presence, a talented supporting cast, and a well-regarded director sets high expectations for “The Raja Saab.” With its blend of action, drama, and musical elements, the film is poised to be a major attraction in cinemas upon its release.

Overall, “The Raja Saab” is shaping up to be a significant entry in Prabhas’s filmography, and fans are counting down the days to both his birthday and the movie’s premiere.

## “Kalki 2898 AD” Set for Grand Re-Release in Russia

As Prabhas fans across the twin Telugu states gear up to celebrate the actor’s birthday, the excitement is heightened with the announcement of the grand re-release of his blockbuster sci-fi mythological film, “Kalki 2898 AD,” in Russia. This much-anticipated re-release is set to take place on November 1, with the film now dubbed in Russian, making it accessible to a wider audience in the region.

“Kalki 2898 AD,” directed by the visionary Nag Ashwin, initially premiered worldwide on June 27 and quickly became a sensation, grossing over Rs 1,100 crore. It also achieved a remarkable milestone in Russia, where it earned approximately \$1.64 million during its first release, making it the highest-grossing Indian film in the country this year. The film’s impressive performance has fueled a growing enthusiasm for Prabhas’ work in Russia, especially following the phenomenal success of the “Baahubali” franchise.



In addition to Prabhas, “Kalki 2898 AD” features an ensemble cast that includes Bollywood legends Amitabh Bachchan and Kamal Haasan, along with Deepika Padukone in pivotal roles. This star-studded lineup adds to the film’s allure, attracting fans from diverse backgrounds. The film is produced by Ashwini Dutt, known for his commitment to high-quality cinema.

The visual spectacle of “Kalki 2898 AD” is complemented by a scintillating soundtrack composed by Santhosh Narayanan, further enhancing the cinematic experience. As the re-release date approaches, fans are eagerly anticipating the chance to experience this epic tale on the big screen once more.

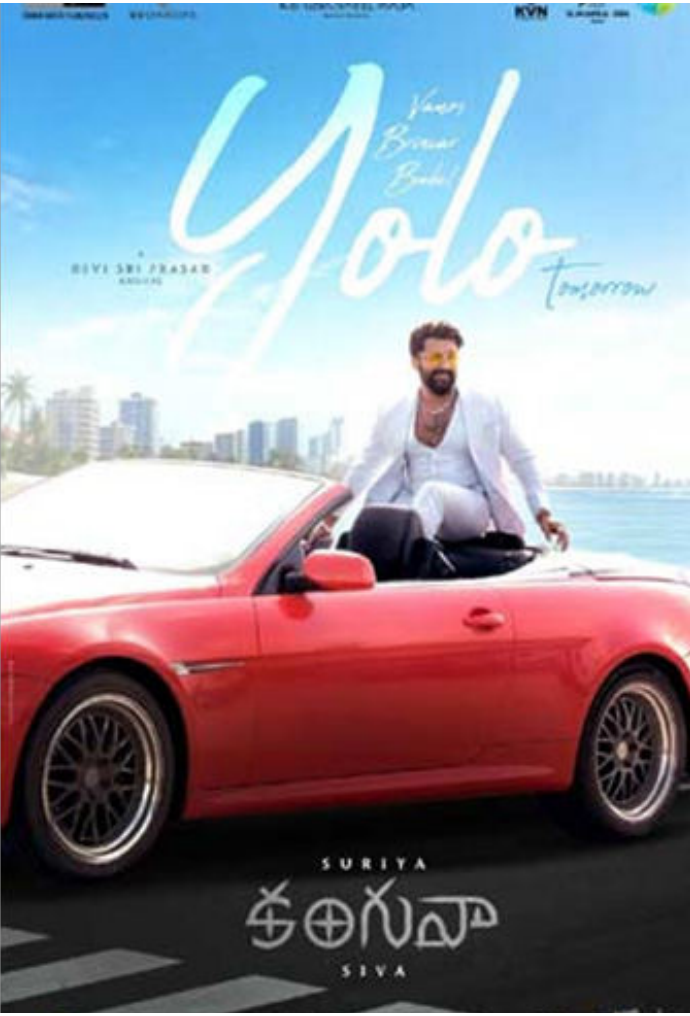
With its groundbreaking storyline and stunning visuals, “Kalki 2898 AD” is poised to reignite the passion of Prabhas’ fans in Russia, reaffirming the actor’s status as a global superstar.

## New Single “YOLO” Set to Release From Suriya’s “Kanguva”

Following the electrifying success of the fiery “Fire Song,” excitement is building for the release of the highly anticipated second single from Kollywood star Suriya’s ambitious period action-fantasy film, “Kanguva.” Titled “YOLO,” the new track, composed by the talented Devi Sri Prasad, is set to drop tomorrow, October 21.

The makers of “Kanguva” took to social media this evening to unveil a striking new poster featuring Suriya, who looks stunning in an all-white suit, complete with a stylishly groomed beard. This visual teaser has fans buzzing with anticipation. Unlike “Fire Song,” which showcases the film’s period elements, “YOLO” promises to be a captivating number set in the present day, adding a modern flair to the narrative.

The audio launch event for “Kanguva” is scheduled for October 25 and will be held



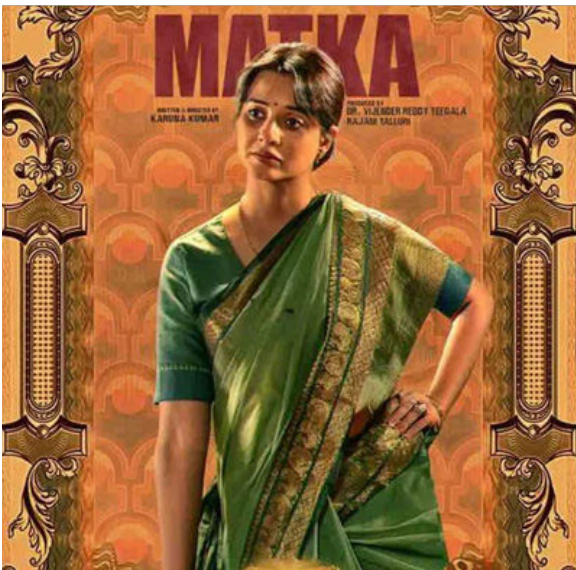
at Chennai’s Nehru Stadium, where fans can expect a grand celebration of the film’s music and artistry. Directed by Siva, “Kanguva” not only stars Suriya but also features Bollywood heavyweights Bobby Deol and Disha Patani in key roles, further elevating the film’s appeal across diverse audiences.

Produced by Gnanavel Raja in collaboration with UV Creations, “Kanguva” is a high-budget entertainer that aims to captivate viewers with its blend of action, drama, and fantasy. The film is slated for release on November 14, making it one of the most anticipated releases of the year.

With the release of “YOLO” just around the corner and the audio launch event generating further buzz, fans are eagerly counting down the days until they can experience the magic of “Kanguva” on the big screen.

## Saloni first look released from Matka

Tollywood starlet Saloni, known for her infectious energy and charm, is gearing up for a captivating role in her latest film, “Matka.” Following the release of the first-look poster, fans are eager to see her portrayal of Padma in this exciting project featuring mega hero Varun Tej in the lead role.



Directed by Karuna Kumar, who garnered attention with the film “Palasa 1978,” “Matka” is produced by Vijender Reddy Thigala and Rajani Talluri. Alongside Saloni, the film stars Meenakshi Choudhary as the female lead, promising a dynamic on-screen presence.

The film is set against the backdrop of a significant true incident that impacted the nation between 1958 and 1982, adding depth and historical context to the narrative. Varun Tej’s character will showcase his versatility, as he transforms into four distinct avatars throughout the film, providing a rich and varied viewing experience. The

action thriller is set in the vibrant city of Visakhapatnam (Vizag), known for its stunning visuals and cultural significance.

Supporting performances will come from a talented ensemble cast, including Naveen Chandra, Kishor, and Ravindra Vijay, who will play pivotal roles in the story. The film’s music, composed by Jeevi Prakash Kumar, is expected to complement the intense and gripping narrative, enhancing the overall cinematic experience.

“Matka” is slated for release on November 14, heightening anticipation among fans of both Saloni and Varun Tej. As the film draws closer to its debut, the excitement continues to build, with audiences eager to witness the blend of action, drama, and history that “Matka” promises to deliver. With its compelling storyline and talented cast, “Matka” is poised to make a significant impact in the Tollywood landscape.

## Action-Packed Thriller “Bagheera” Trailer Released

Sriimurali, who gained widespread recognition with his breakthrough film “Ugramm,” is all set to make waves once again with his upcoming action thriller “Bagheera.” Directed by the talented Dr. Suri and featuring a gripping storyline crafted by Prashanth Neel, this film marks Sriimurali’s debut in the Telugu film industry. Just recently, the much-anticipated trailer was released, giving audiences a thrilling glimpse of what to expect.

The plot of “Bagheera” unfolds in a world where evil seems to be on the rise, prompting divine intervention. In a society where the police force appears ineffective, Bagheera emerges as a god-like figure determined to eradicate crime. While the general public views him as a savior, law enforcement sees him as a menacing force, labeling him a bloodthirsty demon.

Prashanth Neel’s storytelling prowess shines through in this expansive narrative, while Dr. Suri skillfully brings it to life on screen. The dialogues are powerful, resonating with intensity and depth, and the direction has been praised for its clarity and impact. Technically, the trailer stands out with its stunning cinematography by AJ Shetty and an



exhilarating background score composed by B. Ajaneesh Loknath. The action sequences promise to be breathtaking, with choreography that keeps viewers on the edge of their seats. Additionally, sharp editing enhances the film’s overall pacing and excitement, while top-notch production values elevate its visual appeal.

Produced by Vijay Kiragandur under the banner of Hombale Films, “Bagheera” is set to hit theaters on October 31st. The Telugu version of the film will be released by Asian Suresh Entertainment LLP, adding to the anticipation surrounding this action-packed offering. Fans are eagerly awaiting the chance to experience Sriimurali’s transformative performance in a role that promises to be both intense and unforgettable.