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AP Aims to Become a Drone Hub, CM Chandrababu at Amaravati Drone Summit

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Amaravati Drone Summit-2024, inaugurated by Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu at the CK Convention Center, aims to position Andhra Pradesh as a leading hub for drone technology in India. This prestigious event, organized by the alliance government, spans two days and features a range of activities, including exhibitions, panel discussions, and the unveiling of the state's draft drone policy document.

During the inauguration, CM Naidu expressed his optimism that the summit would mark a pivotal step toward establishing Andhra Pradesh as a frontrunner in the utilization of drones. He emphasized the transformative potential of drone technology, describing it as a “future game changer.” Notably, Naidu highlighted the successful deployment of drones during the recent floods in Vijayawada, where they played a crucial role in delivering food, medicines, and drinking water to victims in inaccessible areas.

Chandrababu announced that Andhra Pradesh would serve as a platform for various drone pilot projects moving forward. He pledged to introduce a comprehensive drone policy within the next 15 days and mentioned plans to establish a drone certification agency. Additionally, he revealed that 300 acres of land would be allocated in Orvakallu for the development of drone-related initiatives.

The summit features 50 stalls showcasing various drone technologies, alongside nine panel discussions aimed at exploring the future of drone applications across multiple sectors. CM Naidu reaffirmed his government's commitment to support drone companies and encouraged a global perspective, stating, “Think Globally... Act Globally.”

With this ambitious vision, Andhra Pradesh is poised to leverage drone technology not only for disaster management but also for enhancing law enforcement capabilities, ensuring that any misconduct is swiftly addressed with live surveillance capabilities.

‘Drone Show’ at PunnamiGhat, InVijayawada

A grand ‘Drone Show’ has commenced at PunnamiGhat, with Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu inaugurating the event. The show, featuring an impressive display of 5,500 drones, has attracted a large number of spectators to the banks of the Krishna River.

Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, and other ministers.

Five massive screens were set up to ensure all visitors had a clear view of the dazzling light display. The event saw the presence of key dignitaries, including Union Minister Rammohan Naidu,

The drone show has become the highlight of the evening, showcasing technological prowess and drawing significant attention from the public.

Minister Narayana Advocates for Metro Rail Projects At New Delhi

TPN, New Delhi: Andhra Pradesh's Municipal and Urban Development Minister Narayana visited New Delhi for the second consecutive day, where he engaged in crucial discussions regarding the Visakhapatnam and Vijayawada metro rail projects. During his visit, Minister Narayana met with Union Urban Development Minister Manohar Lal Khattar and Special Chief Secretary of the Municipal Department, Anil Kumar Singhal.

The primary focus of the discussions was to expedite the decisions on the metro projects initially proposed by the previous Telugu Desam Party (TDP) government. Minister Narayana emphasized the importance of these projects for the urban infrastructure of Andhra Pradesh and highlighted that proposals to connect the Vijayawada Metro to the capital, Amaravati, have already been submitted to the Central Government.

Additionally, Narayana addressed the implementation gap of the Amrit 2 scheme, noting that it has not been executed in the state for the past five years. Union Minister Khattar responded positively to the proposals put forth by Minister Narayana, indicating a willingness to consider the advancements of the metro rail projects.

This visit underscores the Andhra Pradesh government's commitment to enhancing urban transport and infrastructure, as it seeks to navigate the necessary approvals and support from the central authorities.

AP High Court Issues Bailable Warrants for Four IAS Officers

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Andhra Pradesh High Court has issued bailable warrants against four Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officers in a contempt of court case, expressing dissatisfaction with their failure to comply with court orders. The warrants were issued by a single bench led by Justice Venkateshwarlu, who highlighted the officials' disregard for the court's directives requiring them to appear in person and explain why their orders had not been implemented.

The IAS officers affected by the ruling include Shashibhushan Kumar, Principal Secretary of the Water Resources Department; SS Rawat, Principal Secretary of the Finance Department; Kritika Shukla, Kakinada District Collector; and Himanshu Shukla, Konaseema District Collector. The court's decision to issue the bailable warrants comes as a response to the officers' non-compliance, which the court views as a serious matter.

The hearing for this case has been adjourned until November 27, allowing time for the warrants to be executed. The High Court's actions underline the importance of accountability and adherence to judicial directives, emphasizing that officials must respect the court's authority and comply with its orders.

This development serves as a reminder to all government officials regarding their obligations to the judicial system, highlighting the consequences of failing to uphold the law and respond to court mandates.

CID Conducts Searches in Liquor Distilleries Across AP

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Criminal Investigation Department (CID) has launched a series of searches at various liquor distilleries across the state as part of an investigation into allegations of illicit liquor sales and price-fixing during the previous government. The operation is focused on ensuring compliance with liquor quality standards and examining the overall supply chain of alcoholic beverages.

In the joint Krishna district, the CID is investigating several prominent establishments, including Vijayawada Continental Wines Limited in Kankipadu, BRK Spirits in Gandepalli, Sentini Bio Products Company in Kankipadu, BVS Distilleries in GampalaGoodem, and Sra-vaniAlcho Company.

The ongoing searches are part of a broader

initiative by the CID to address concerns regarding the quality of liquor being produced and distributed within the state. Authorities are also examining records related to sales and supply pricing to identify any irregularities or malpractice that may have occurred during the previous administration.

The CID has been conducting searches in multiple locations across Andhra Pradesh, aiming to uphold the integrity of the liquor industry and ensure that consumers receive quality products. This move is seen as a significant step in regulating the liquor market and holding accountable those involved in any fraudulent practices.

CRORES VALUED LAND GRABBED BY YCP LEADER IN THE NAME SCHOOL

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Despite a change in government, land grabbing by YCP leaders continues to raise concerns in Andhra Pradesh's Vijayanagaram district. In Raghumanda village, a 5.44-acre plot of land (survey number 95/1) belonging to PillaChandar Rao has become the center of a major dispute. Chandar Rao, who was granted a pat-tadar passbook in 2012 and obtained an injunction from the court, alleges that after the YCP came to power, the land was wrongfully shifted to government property in online records.

G. Vishnu Moorti , Sarpanch of Raghumanda Village

Chandar Rao accuses the current YCP sar-panch, G. Vishnu Moorti, along with ZPHS

school principal K. Bhagya Lakshmi and former Congress sarpanchPilla-Nanaji, of orchestrating the land grab. He claims they even offered him money to relinquish the property, while continuing their activities on the disputed land despite the ongoing court case in Vijayanagaram district.

Chandar Rao, who resides in Vijayawada, expressed frustration, stating, “How can my grandfather, who died in 1977, have donated the land to the school, as they claim? If that

were true, how did I receive pat-tadar passbooks?” Rao also alleges that portions of the land have been used for Ja-gananna hous-ing construction,

which is typically restricted to government land.

This case is not an isolated incident, with multiple similar claims emerging from the Vijayanagaram and Bheemili areas. The new NDA government has passed GO 22A, freezing property transactions in the region until investigations into alleged land grabbing by YCP leaders are completed. Local residents are calling for swift action against Sarpanch Vishnu Moorti and Principal Bhagya Lakshmi.



Andhra Pradesh Teams Up with Meta to Streamline Certificate Access



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: In a significant move to streamline the process of obtaining essential certificates, Andhra Pradesh's Education and IT Minister Nara Lokesh has announced a partnership with Meta, the parent company of WhatsApp. This initiative aims to allow citizens to request various certificates, including caste verification, directly through WhatsApp, reducing the need for physical visits to government offices.

During the YuvagalamPadayatra, Lokesh highlighted the challenges faced by youth in navigating bureaucratic hurdles, often involving visits to multiple offices and lengthy waits

for approvals. In response, he assured that the government is working to implement a system where these services can be accessed from the comfort of home.

The newly signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) with Meta marks a milestone in fulfilling Lokesh's commitments to improve civic services. "I have witnessed the hardships faced by students and unemployed individuals in obtaining various certificates. We promised mobile access to these services, and now we have made that promise a reality," Lokesh stated.

The agreement, formalized at an event

in Delhi, will enable citizens to easily obtain certificates and pay utility bills through WhatsApp, ensuring a more transparent and efficient process. Sandhya Devanathan, Vice President of Meta India, expressed excitement about the collaboration, emphasizing the potential of artificial intelligence and digital technology to enhance service delivery in Andhra Pradesh.

With this initiative, the Andhra Pradesh government is taking a significant step towards modernizing public service access, making it quicker and more convenient for its citizens.

Minister Nadendla Manohar Review Meeting AtEluruCollectorate

Govt Focus on Completion of Polavaram



TPN, Eluru: In a recent review meeting at the EluruCollectorate, Minister Nadendla Manohar emphasized the government's commitment to harnessing the abundant resources of Eluru district and ensuring that the administration operates in accordance with the people's needs.

Minister Manohar reiterated the government's focus on expediting the completion of the Polavaram project, assuring that the district administration is dedicated to providing necessary support. He emphasized the importance of reaching out to eligible beneficiaries for welfare schemes, stating that grain purchase centers will be established on an unprecedented scale to benefit farmers, with a promise to clear dues within 48 hours.

The minister also highlighted ongoing efforts to foster industrial development within each constituency, along with plans to mitigate crop damage caused by floods and rains. "We have numerous ideas in place, let's move forward with a structured plan," he stated.

Addressing issues of corruption and social welfare, Manohar affirmed the government's unwavering stance against any form of malpractice, especially in relation to the free sand policy. He stressed that atrocities against women and the proliferation of narcotics and cannabis will be tackled with urgency.

In addition to these measures, the minister called for community responsibility and collaboration to advance development initiatives. He proposed rural festival programs aimed at uplifting farmers and rural communities while mandating strict monitoring of law and order to bolster public confidence in the system.

Minister Manohar concluded by stating that a special plan for post-Diwali development activities is in the works, pledging that the government will work diligently to build trust and ensure effective coordination among leaders across various parties for the betterment of Eluru district.

Drone Summit Showcases Vyomik Innovations' Expertise in Advanced Drone Solutions

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Amravati Drone Summit-2024 witnessed the participation of Vyomik Innovations Private Limited, Isa leading drone technology company, which conducted an insightful workshop at the event. The workshop explored the deep applications of drones across various sectors, aligning with the summit's broader mission to integrate drone technology into the administration's vision of enhancing work efficiency and productivity in Andhra Pradesh.



Vyomik Innovations Private Limited, led by CEO Mr. HanumaRaviteja (B.Tech, VIT - Mechanical), is renowned for its expertise in the drone sector. Joining him at the helm are COO Mr. Sai Charan B (B.Tech, VIT) and Head of Services and Marketing, Mr. HemanthMadireddy (B.Tech, Manipal University - ECE). Together, they oversee software development, business operations, and strategic partnerships, pushing the company toward

global recognition.

With a clear vision to become a global market leader in drone-based technology solutions for applications ranging from agriculture to firefighting, Vyomik Innovations has made notable strides. The company won a ₹20 lakh NidhiPrayas grant and secured ₹35 lakh as part of the Scale-Up Fund during Digital India Week 2022. Additionally, Vyomik Innovations was recognized among the TGS100 finalists for emerging global startups.

Their mission is to develop world-class drones for diverse industries, deliver data-backed insights, and create a value-driven tech stack for end-users. The company is also committed to supporting a robust ecosystem while fostering employment through its innovative solutions.

Vyomik's participation in the summit underlines its growing prominence in the drone industry and its alignment with Andhra Pradesh's goal of becoming a hub for drone technology.

Home Minister Anitha Responds to YCP Criticism Amid Recent Crimes

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: In a strong rebuke to the YuvajanaSramikaRythu Congress Party (YCP), Andhra Pradesh Home Minister Anita condemned the party leaders for their criticisms of the coalition government in light of recent crimes, including the rape of Atya girls and the tragic victimization of an intermediate student in Badwelu by her lover.

witnessed an alarming rise in murders, rapes, and atrocities," she stated, citing that over 204,000 crimes against women and children were reported under Jagan's rule.

She further criticized the YCP's handling of safety measures, saying, "In 21 days, in a hurry, they introduced the Disha Act, yet they forgot about the 'Fourth Lion' app initiated by the TDP government." Anita emphasized that instead of improving public safety, police resources have been misused to target leaders of the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) and Jana Sena.

As Jagan plans to visit the families of the victims in Badwelu, Anita questioned his commitment to addressing the issue. She challenged the YCP to reflect on their record and noted, "When atrocities occurred in your constituency, why did you not speak out or visit the victims?"

Anita's remarks highlight the growing tensions between the coalition government and the YCP, as both sides seek to address the critical issues of crime and safety in Andhra Pradesh.

Anita held a media conference at the TDP central office in Mangalagiri, where she expressed her outrage, stating, "It is a shame that criminals and those with a criminal record who abused the system in the guise of power are talking about the coalition government." She accused YCP leaders, including Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy, of being hypocritical given their inaction during previous years of violence against women.

Home Minister Anita pointed out that while CM Chandrababu Naidu had implemented significant reforms in the police system from 2014 to 2019, including the use of technology for crime prevention, the current government has neglected these advancements. "During Jagan Reddy's reign, we



MP Keshineni Chinni Advocates for Entrepreneur Support through Central Funding

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: In a recent meeting with officials from the Micro, Small, and Medium Enterprises (MSME) sector in NTR district, Vijayawada MP KeshineniSivanath emphasized the need to promote entrepreneurship through central funding under the slogan "One Family, One Entrepreneur." The meeting took place at NTR Bhawan, Vijayawada Parliament Office, and was attended by prominent figures, including Jaggayyapet MLA Sriram-Rajagopal's grandfather and TDP national official.



During the meeting, MP Sivanath released the Job Calendar for the year 2024-25, organized under the Andhra Pradesh State Skill Development Corporation. He highlighted the importance of raising awareness about MSME schemes available to the public, particularly in the Vijayawada Municipal Corporation and surrounding assembly constituencies, including Jaggayyapet, Tiruvuru, Nandigama, and Mylavaram.

Sivanath urged officials to conduct awareness programs aimed at educating the community about the MSME schemes and showcasing success stories of local entrepreneurs. He stressed the importance of informing people about setting up their own units, marketing products, obtaining bank loans,

and managing repayments.

To further these initiatives, Sivanath instructed officials to organize an awareness conference in the Vijayawada constituency next month. He also requested details on the number of youths trained in market-based skill development programs for unemployed individuals aged 18 to 35.

The meeting included participation from several key officials, including Vijayawada KYIC Chief Executive Officer Greep, NTR District Skill Development Officer S. Srinivas, MSME NSIC Kiran, General Manager of the District Industrial CenterSambaiah, and other representatives from various sectors involved in skill development and entrepreneurship support.

MP KeshineniSivanath reaffirmed his commitment to contribute to the job fair organized by the Andhra Pradesh State Skill Development Corporation, highlighting the government's dedication to fostering entrepreneurship and job creation in the region.

KeshineniChinni Counter RK Roja Remarks, Predicts YCP Decline

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Vijayawada MP KeshineniChinni has sharply criticized the YuvaJanaSramikaRythu Congress Party (YCP) and its leaders, including former Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy and former minister RK Roja. During a media conference in Vijayawada on Monday, Chinni countered Roja's recent comments, claiming that YCP leaders cannot bear to see the growing public support for the coalition government led by the Telugu Desam Party (TDP).



Chinni asserted that the coalition's efforts have resonated with the people, while accusing YCP of "vertically sinking" the state during its term. He predicted that YCP would be limited to a single seat in the upcoming elections due to their failures and inability to connect with the public.

Criticizing YCP's tenure, Chinni pointed out that 30,000 women had gone missing in the last five years, an issue allegedly ignored by the previous government. He assured that the current administration is working to trace these women and bring

them back safely. Additionally, Chinni blamed the YCP for encouraging the transportation of ganja, which he said has led to a rise in crimes and atrocities, particularly involving youth.

Highlighting the coalition's positive agenda, Chinni mentioned that Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, Minister Nara Lokesh, and Deputy CM PawanKalyan are working towards generating 20 lakh jobs in the state. He also emphasized efforts to bring in funds from Delhi for the state's development.

In his closing remarks, Chinni referenced ongoing investigations into alleged corruption during Jagan's regime, including the suspension of three IPS officers and the cancellation of land allotments made to SharadaPeetha.

MLA Raghurama krishnam Raju Criticizes YCP Govt

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: MLA Raghuramakrishnam Raju launched a scathing attack on the YSR Congress Party (YCP) government, questioning its financial mismanagement and growing arrears in the state. Upon arriving at Gannavaram Airport from Hyderabad, Raju sarcastically commented on Former Chief Minister Y.S. Jaganmohan Reddy's governance, calling it "good book governance" while highlighting the state's mounting debts.



Raju questioned why there are arrears not only in the police department but also in education, particularly affecting students. He voiced his firm belief that Jagan's administration will not return to power. The legislator further criticized the government's handling of NREGA funds, accusing it of diverting them for non-essential ac-

tivities such as village festivals.

In addition, Raju pointed out that foundation stone ceremonies for several projects were rushed through within two days under the current administration. He compared this to the alleged "bad book governance" of the past, sarcastically suggesting that the present situation is better despite claims of improvement by the ruling party.

Minister Parthasarathy Confirms Sand is Free in AP, Urges Public to Ignore YCP Claims

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Andhra Pradesh government has officially declared that sand is now completely free for residents of the state, according to Minister KolusuParthasarathy. In response to comments from leaders of the YuvaJanaSramikaRythu Congress Party (YCP), Minister Parthasarathy urged the public not to believe the propaganda surrounding the issue.

Minister Parthasarathy emphasized that Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has made it clear that individuals in need of sand can collect it using their own vehicles. He reassured the citizens that they are only required to pay the cost associated with sand mining. "Those who need sand can take it in their own vehicles, and it is sufficient to cover just the mining costs," he stated.



The minister further criticized YCP leaders for what he described as unfounded

accusations regarding the availability and pricing of sand. He advised the public to remain vigilant and not fall for misleading claims.

Minister Parthasarathy also issued a stern warning regarding the misuse of the newly free sand. He cautioned that any diversion or illegal selling of free sand would result in strict penalties for those involved. "The government is committed to ensuring that the benefits of this policy reach the people without corruption," he asserted.

This announcement aims to alleviate the concerns of those reliant on sand for construction and other needs, reinforcing the government's dedication to transparency and accessibility in resource management.

Minister GottipatiRavikumar Criticizes Jagan for Destroying State Systems

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Minister GottipatiRavikumar launched a scathing attack on YCP chief Jaganmohan Reddy, accusing him of committing evils during his five-year tenure that no other chief minister has ever done. Ravikumar criticized Jagan for the collapse of law and order in the state, blaming his administration for the destruction of all key systems and institutions.

Speaking to the media, Ravikumar also alleged that the state's economy was ruined under Jagan's rule, leading to YCP's electoral downfall, being reduced to just 11 seats. He expressed outrage over the harassment of a Mumbai actress by police officers, holding Jagan's government responsible for such misconduct and a general decline in governance.



In contrast, Ravikumar praised current Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, stating that since day one of his leadership, Naidu has worked to set the state back on track. He highlighted that, under Naidu's previous administration, electricity rates were not raised even once. Ravikumar lauded Chandrababu's foresight in developing technology two decades ago and emphasized the coalition government's focus on bringing revolutionary changes to the power sector and attracting investments across various industries.

Ravikumar assured the public that the coalition government would take strict action against anyone who disrupts law and order, restoring stability to the state.

Udayanidhi Stalin Stands Firm on Sanatana Dharma Controversy

TPN, TamilNadu: Deputy Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu, Udayanidhi Stalin, has once again addressed the controversy surrounding his previous remarks on Sanatana Dharma, asserting that he sees no reason to apologize for his comments. Speaking at a recent program, Udayanidhi clarified that his statements, made in September last year, were misinterpreted and reflect the views of prominent Dravidian leaders such as Periyar, CN Annadurai, and M. Karunanidhi.

During the initial remarks, Udayanidhi compared Sanatana Dharma to diseases like dengue and malaria, advocating for its eradication. He reiterated his belief that orthodox practices promote social injustice and inequality, emphasizing that certain societal norms restrict women's education and freedom. "Women are not allowed to study. They should not leave the house. If



their husbands die, they must die too," he quoted Periyar, highlighting the need to challenge such regressive attitudes.

Despite facing widespread criticism across the country, Udayanidhi remains resolute, stating, "My comments have been distorted. Not only in Tamil Nadu, cases have been registered against me all over the country, and people are demanding an apology. But, needless to say, I stand by my comments. I am Kalaignar's grandson; there is no point in apologizing." He expressed his commitment to face the legal challenges arising from his statements.

The Deputy Chief Minister's remarks have sparked significant debate, bringing to the forefront issues of orthodoxy, gender equality, and the ongoing struggle for social justice within Indian society. Udayanidhi's stance underscores his dedication to the ideals of the Dravidian movement and the legacy of his ancestors in advocating for reform and equality.

BJP Files New Complaint Against Nandigam Suresh and Borugadda Anil

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: BJP leaders have lodged a fresh complaint with the Guntur Superintendent of Police (SP) against former YCP MP Nandigam Suresh and Jagan's supporter Borugadda Anil, both of whom have been involved in several previous cases. The complaint alleges that the two YCP leaders attacked BJP leader Satyakumar, who is currently the Health Minister.

The incident reportedly occurred on March 31, 2023, when Satyakumar and other BJP leaders visited the capital region to express their support for the Amaravati farmers' movement. During this time, a pro-three capital camp was also active in the area. BJP



leaders claim that Satyakumar was attacked by Nandigam Suresh and other YCP members, who allegedly assaulted him with sticks and stones while making offensive remarks.

Additionally, the BJP complaint accuses Anil Borugadda of threatening Satyakumar over the phone, even going so far as to threaten his life. The BJP leaders also stated that Borugadda

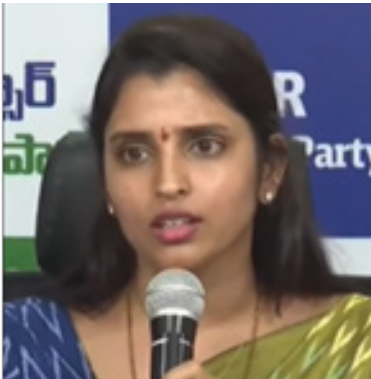
insulted Satyakumar using inappropriate language on social media.

According to the BJP, earlier complaints were filed with the Mangalagiri and Tullur police stations regarding these incidents, but no case was registered. The BJP is now urging the Guntur SP to take action and file a case against both Nandigam Suresh and Borugadda Anil.

Anchor Shyamala Criticizes NDA Govt On Women's Safety

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Anchor and YCP spokesperson Shyamala has strongly criticized the NDA government in Andhra Pradesh, accusing it of failing to protect women. Speaking to the media in Tadepalli, Shyamala expressed deep concern over the increasing violence against women under the rule of Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy CM PawanKalyan, and Hindupur MLA Balakrishna.

She accused the government of neglecting women's safety, claiming that girls and women have been left vulnerable to atrocities. Shyamala questioned why PawanKalyan did not visit Pithapuram following



a reported rape and why Balakrishna remained silent after the gang-rape of his mother-in-law in Hindupur. She also criticized Home Minister Anita for failing to respond adequately to these issues.

Shyamala further alleged that

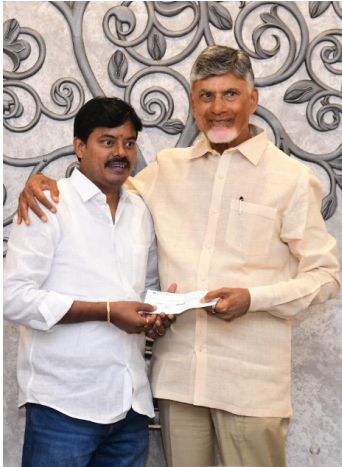
the government has sidelined the Disha app, which was introduced during the YCP's tenure to provide quick justice for women. She accused the coalition of ignoring the app for political reasons, claiming that they feared Jagan Mohan Reddy would receive credit for its success.

In addition, Shyamala warned that the infamous "call money sex racket" is making a return in the state, criticizing the government for failing to act. She expressed disappointment that despite numerous atrocities, CM Chandrababu has not taken any meaningful steps to address the situation.

Nandivelugu Cooperative Credit Society Bank Donates ₹2 Lakhs to Flood Victims

Cooperative Credit Society Bank Chairman
Mr. Tota Lakshmi Koteswara Rao

TPN, Vijayawada: Nandivelugu Cooperative Credit Society Bank Limited, under the leadership of Chairman Mr. Tota Lakshmi Koteswara Rao, extended financial assistance to support flood victims in Andhra Pradesh. Mr. Rao presented a donation of Rs. 2 lakhs to the Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Mr. Nara Chandrababu Naidu, as part of the bank's effort to contribute to the relief and rehabilitation of those affected by the floods.



The generous contribution aims to help mitigate the hardships faced by flood victims and demonstrates the bank's commitment to supporting community welfare in times of crisis. Chief



Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu appreciated the gesture and highlighted the importance of such contributions in aiding the state's ongoing relief efforts.

Minister Nara Lokesh Visited Vangaveeti Radha's Home

TPN, Vijayawada: Education and IT Minister Nara Lokesh paid a visit to former MLA Vangaveeti Radhakrishna, who is gradually recovering from a recent illness. After returning from his official trip to Delhi, Lokesh traveled to Vangaveeti Radha's residence in Tadepalli Pratur, Vijayawada, to personally check on his health and wish him a speedy recovery.



During the visit, Minister Lokesh inquired about Radha's condition and spent time with his family members, fostering a warm interaction. Vangaveeti Radha, touched by the Minister's gesture, expressed his heartfelt gratitude to Lokesh for taking the time to visit

him. He thanked Lokesh for his support and concern during this time. This meeting strengthened the personal and political bond

between the two leaders, with Lokesh's visit serving as a gesture of solidarity and care for his party colleague.

Ibrahimpatnam Tahsildar Office Besieged by Flood Victims Seeking Compensation



TPN, Vijayawada: Victims of the recent floods from Shramiknagar staged a protest in front of the Ibrahimpatnam Tahsildar's office, demanding compensation for the damage they suffered. For over a month, these affected individuals have been visiting the office without resolution, expressing their frustration and urgency for financial assistance.

Protesters allege that the secretariat and revenue officials have been negligent in conducting the enumeration of flood damages, resulting in delays in compensation disbursement. The community's mounting concerns have prompted local MLA Vasantha to respond, echoing the victims' demands for swift compensation.

Standing in solidarity with the flood victims were various political leaders, including YCP chairman candidate for Kondapally municipality, Gunja Srinivasu, along with MCPI(U) leaders Gollapudi Prasad and Basavayya, and IFTU leader Kumar. Their presence at the protest highlights the growing political support for the victims' cause, emphasizing the need for government accountability and timely assistance.

The protest underscores the community's frustration with the slow response to their plight and calls for immediate action from local authorities to address their needs and ensure that all flood victims receive the compensation they deserve.

Tributes Paid to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar by Eminent Lawyer D.B. Lok in Ibrahimpatnam

TPN, Vijayawada: Ibrahimpatnam (Dr. NTTPS) In a significant event organized by the APSE BSC and ST Employees Welfare Association, prominent lawyer and Dalit movement leader Mr. D.B. Lok paid homage to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar at the statue located at the main gate of Dr. NT TPS. This tribute marks the ongoing commitment to honoring the legacy of Ambedkar and his contributions to social justice.

During the ceremony, Mr. Lok emphasized the importance of utilizing the benefits of reservation established by Ambedkar. He urged the working class to

follow Ambedkar's vision of "paying back to society" by actively participating in the upliftment and development of the poor and weaker sections in rural areas. He called for a collective effort to lead these communities toward progress. The event was attended by various members of the APSE BSC and ST Employees Welfare Association, including State Secretary General Shri A.V. Kiran. In recognition of his contributions, the association's state and branch executives honored Mr. Lok with a Dussalua and presented him with a bouquet, celebrating his dedication to the ideals of Dr. Ambedkar.



Concerns Rise Over Safety at Vijayawada Railway Station Following Recent Violence

TPN, Vijayawada: The recent murder of a loco pilot at Vijayawada Railway Station has heightened fears among railway employees and passengers, sparking concerns about safety in and around the station, known as an AI station in the country. Many now feel anxious about walking alone on the railway tracks, particularly after the tragic incident involving loco pilot Ebunizer, who was brutally beaten to death by a youth named Devendra Sahu with an iron rod. This incident, coupled with previous attacks, has created an atmosphere of fear at the station.

Employees report feeling uneasy about performing their duties, especially when traversing dark areas of the railway station, which has become a hub for illegal activities, including drug trade. Local footpaths are often occupied by homeless individuals and drug users, further exacerbating the sense of danger. Reports indicate that areas around the Naijangetu region are particularly unsafe, lacking adequate lighting and security.



Mangalagiri Maid Arrested for Stealing ₹37 Lakh from Doctor's Home

Robbery of Amount Recovered By Mangalagiri Cops

TPN, Mangalagiri: In a surprising turn of events in Mangalagiri, a woman employed as a maid has been arrested for stealing approximately ₹37 lakh in cash and a diamond black bead chain from a doctor's residence. The accused, identified as Chengapu Venkataramana, reportedly committed the theft over a span of four months, taking small amounts of money at a time.

The incident came to light when the doctor noticed a series of missing cash amounts and suspicious activity surrounding the household. Venkataramana had joined the doctor's home in Mid Valley City, near the Atmakuru Bypass, under the Mangalagiri Tadepalli Municipal Corporation,

where she gained the family's trust before executing her plan.

The situation escalated in July when a diamond black bead chain, worn by Venkataramana, raised the suspicions of the authorities. Mangalagiri Rural Police began an investigation following the theft complaint, which eventually led to her arrest. During the investigation, police recovered the stolen cash and items purchased with the illicit money.

DSP Muralikrishna addressed the media, providing details of the theft and emphasizing the prompt action taken by the police. The case highlights the need for vigilance among homeowners, especially when inviting domestic help into their residences.



In NTR District, Financial Assistance for Flood Victims Progresses

TPN, Vijayawada: In a concerted effort to support families affected by the recent floods, the government has deposited Rs. 235.72 crores into the accounts of over 1,44,672 victims in NTR District. District In-Charge Collector Dr. Nidhi Meena announced this during a press conference at the Pingali Venkaiah meeting hall, where she addressed the ongoing compensation process for those impacted by heavy rains and the Budameru flood.

Dr. Meena stated that financial assistance is being provided to every family suffering from the floods, with a total of 1,44,672 victims having received direct cash deposits. Out of the 2,478 applications currently under review, she noted that 476 applications had failed due to issues with bank account linkage. Efforts are underway to link these accounts to ensure all eligible victims receive their compensation. The Collector emphasized that compensation payments will be settled by the 24th of this month, alleviating concerns for those awaiting assistance. She reassured victims that there is no need for worry, as the Chief Minister has mandated that financial aid be provided to every deserving family.

Allegations of Exploitation at Siddhartha Medical College Hostels

TPN, V.V.S.MadhuBabu: Students at Siddhartha Government Medical College have raised serious concerns over the alleged exploitation by a private supervisor managing their hostel facilities. Since 2015, Satyanarayana has served as the hostel supervisor, appointed by a private individual rather than the college administration. Students report that they collectively pay around ₹35,000 monthly for his supervision, which primarily involves ensuring cleanliness in the bathrooms.

Before 2016, students were responsible for managing hostel sanitation without a formal policy, hiring private workers and paying them ₹20,000 each month. With 500 students residing in the hostel, the financial burden on them



is significant, amounting to ₹7.5 lakh per month in hostel fees. While the college employees eight sanitation workers, an additional 15 workers are funded directly by the students' hostel fees.

Students are frustrated with the lack of action from in-charge principal D. Venkateswara Rao, questioning why he supports a private individual over a govern-

ment-appointed supervisor. Reports indicate that the hostel conditions are inadequate, with poor food quality and safety issues such as collapsing ceilings. Additionally, allegations have surfaced regarding the supervisor's unethical practices, including charging excessive fees for maintenance and demanding commissions for various services.

The students are demanding the removal of the private supervisor and the appointment of a regular employee in his place. They also seek the government's intervention to repair hostel facilities and ensure proper sanitation management. Frustrated by the administration's inaction, around 60 students have expressed their grievances directly to the in-charge principal.

Minister Gottipati Ravikumar Shows Humanity in Roadside Rescue

TPN, Ongole: Andhra Pradesh State Power Minister, Gottipati Ravikumar, once again demonstrated his humanity and quick thinking during a roadside emergency today. While on his way to Ongole for an official function, the minister's convoy came across an accident on the Trovagunta bridge where a man was lying severely injured after being hit by an unidentified vehicle.

Without hesitation, Minister Ravikumar immediately stopped his convoy, rushed to the scene, and administered first aid to the injured man, identified as Kovvuri Koteswara Rao from Ambadipudi village in Ballikurava mandal.



The minister promptly called for an ambulance and ensured the victim was taken to KIMS Hospital in Ongole. Ravikumar also personally contacted the hospital's doctors, providing details of the accident and instructing them to offer the best possible treatment to the injured man.

His swift action and compassionate response earned widespread appreciation, showcasing his commitment to serving the people beyond his political duties.

Octopus Forces Conduct Mock Drill at Dwaraka Tirumala



TPN, Dwaraka Tirumala: In Eluru District Octopus forces conducted a comprehensive mock drill at the renowned Chinna Venkanna Temple in Dwaraka Tirumala, Eluru district. The exercise was aimed at preparing temple authorities and security personnel to handle potential terrorist attacks and ensure the safety of devotees and temple property.



The temple, which sees thousands of visitors daily, was the perfect setting for the drill. The Octopus forces demonstrated strategies for protecting worshippers, managing sudden attacks, and responding to emergencies during rush hours or late at night. The drill was part of an awareness campaign to educate temple officials and devotees about how to act in the

event of an attack.

The exercise involved Devasthanam engineering officers, Bhimadolu Circle Inspector UG Sudhir, and other officials, all working together to simulate and respond to potential threats effectively. The mock drill reinforced the importance of preparedness in safeguarding religious sites.

TDP Leaders File Complaint on Mee Seva Kendra Mismanagement in Karampudi

TPN, Karampudi: Telugu Desam Party (TDP) leaders voiced their dissatisfaction with the operation of the Mee Seva Kendra, which serves Oppicharla village but is currently being run in Karampudi, the mandal headquarters. On Tuesday, TDP leaders Panguluri Anjaiah, Chappidi Ramu, and Gorantla Nageshwarao, Shetty Shankar lodged a complaint with the Karampudi Tahsildar, requesting that the service center be relocated back to Oppicharla village.



The leaders expressed concern over the inconvenience faced by the people of Oppicharla village, who are forced to travel to Karampudi for services. They alleged that officials were exploiting the situation by running the center in Karampudi and

collecting additional fees from the villagers. The TDP leaders further accused the staff at the Tahsildar's office of charging inflated amounts for services and claimed that the YSR Congress Party (YCP) government was ignoring these irregularities.

In response, the Tahsildar assured the TDP leaders that steps would be taken to address their concerns and to relocate the Mee Seva Kendra back to Oppicharla village, making services more accessible to the local residents.

Minister Nadendla Manohar Inaugurates Grain Purchase Center

TPN,Eluru: State Civil Supplies Minister Nadendla Manohar inaugurated the Kharif grain purchase center at Chebrolu Rythu Sevakra in Unguthur Mandal, Eluru district on Tuesday. The event saw participation from key leaders, including ZP Chairperson Ghanta Padmasree, Denduluru MLA Chinthamaneni Prabhakara Rao, and Tadepalligudem MLA Bolishetti Srinivas.



During the inauguration, Minister Nadendla Manohar highlighted the financial challenges inherited from the previous government, including grain arrears amounting to Rs. 1,674 crores and additional debt of Rs. 11 lakh crores. Despite this, the coalition government, under the leadership of Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, swiftly cleared farmer dues by negotiating with banks.

Manohar emphasized the coalition government's commitment to farmers, particularly by allowing them the freedom to choose which rice mill to send their grain to,

unlike the previous system of forced randomization. He also assured that payment would be made directly to farmers within 48 hours of handing over the grain to the millers. The government has also taken on the cost of sacks and transportation, ensuring that these costs are deposited into farmers' accounts.

also announced a 50% subsidy for tarpaulins to aid in drying grain.

The event was attended by Eluru RDO Achyata Ambarish, Civil Supplies Corporation District Manager V. Srilakshmi, DSO R.S.S. Raju, and various public representatives, farmers, and officials.

In a significant move to support tenant farmers, the Minister introduced e-crop registration, allowing tenant farmers to register and sell their crops at Rythu Sevakra for the first time. He

The Minister concluded by praising the coalition government's efforts to make grain purchasing organized and transparent, benefiting both farmers and rice millers.



Heavy Rains Flood Anantapur, Colonies Submerged as Rivers

TPN, Anantapur: Heavy rains in Anantapur have caused widespread flooding, with several colonies submerged as the Pandameru River overflows. The deluge has brought life to a standstill, paralyzing the region.

Floodwaters from the swollen Pandameru River have inundated surrounding colonies. Jagananna Colony, under Upparapally Panchayat, is among the worst affected, with homes completely submerged. As the floodwaters rose, residents sought refuge

on the roofs of their homes, awaiting rescue. Local authorities quickly launched evacuation and rescue operations, moving affected people to safer locations.

In addition to the flooding in residential areas, the Muktapuram pond in Kanaganapalli mandal has overflowed, spilling rainwater onto the Hyderabad-Bangalore National Highway. This has caused vehicular traffic to halt, with stranded vehicles unable to proceed due to the submerged roadway. A local

petrol station has also been flooded.

The Kanaganapalli dam has broken, further contributing to the rise of the Pandameru River. Traffic on the Hyderabad-Bangalore highway remains at a standstill, and the Chitravati River in Puttaparthi is also flowing at dangerous levels.

Officials are closely monitoring the situation and continuing rescue efforts to help those affected by the heavy rainfall and flooding.

Leopard Appears At Eluru Dist, Residents Are in Fear



TPN, Eluru: Residents of the district are living in fear due to the recent movement of leopards in the area. Reports indicate that the leopards are roaming between Rajamahendravaram and the Tirumala region, causing widespread panic among locals.

Officials from the forest department have determined that the leopard spotted in Rajamahendravaram last month is the same one currently seen in the M. Nagulapalli suburb of Dwaraka Tirumala. Despite the anxiety it has caused, authorities confirm that the leopard has not attacked humans; however, it has been preying on local dogs.

To monitor the leopard's movements, officials have installed cameras and a cage in the area. They discovered leopard footprints in the sugarcane fields of M. Nagulapalli, and lab tests have confirmed that these prints belong to leopards. Residents of nearby villages have been advised to remain vigilant and exercise caution when working in the fields.

The first reported sightings of the leopard occurred a few days ago, prompting locals to alert the forest department. In response, officials deployed a team to monitor the situation, setting up 15 trap cameras, two live cameras, and a cage in the suburbs. Recent examinations have confirmed the pres-

ence of leopards in the area.

Adding to the concern, another sighting of a leopard was reported on Saturday night along the Bhimadolu Junction-Nagulapalli route. As a result, officials are focusing their efforts on the surrounding areas, including Polasanipalli, Arjavargudem, and Ambarupeta, enhancing surveillance and installing additional trap cameras.

Villagers have been warned against traveling alone and advised to work in groups while carrying sticks for protection. Authorities reassure residents that they are actively working to capture the leopard and alleviate fears in the community.



The Path to Viksit Bharat: A Misguided Approach

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's term has been marked by the catchy slogan "Viksit Bharat," which aims to project an image of progress despite a decade of sluggish economic growth. However, catchy phrases alone won't address India's structural issues. Typically, as economies mature, there's a shift from low-paying agricultural jobs to higher-paying roles in manufacturing and services. Yet, under Modi's leadership, the opposite trend is occurring.

The 2022-23 All India Rural Financial Inclusion Survey highlights this concerning shift: the proportion of rural households reliant on agriculture rose from 48% in 2016-17 to 57% in 2021-22. While some might attribute this to the pandemic's impact, evidence suggests that de-industrialization was already underway prior to COVID-19. The trend of young workers moving away from agriculture had been reversed, with a dramatic in-

crease in agricultural employment noted even before the pandemic.

Data from the Periodic Labour Force Survey further illustrates this reversal. The share of agricultural workers dropped from 59% in 2004-05 to 43% in 2018-19, reflecting expected industrial growth. However, this trend has since reversed, rising to 46% in 2023-24. While Modi's government touts "aspirational" policies, one must question who truly aspires to a life in agriculture.

Simultaneously, the proportion of workers in manufacturing has decreased to 11%. Initiatives like "Make in India" have not materialized into tangible growth in this sector, raising concerns about the government's capacity to deliver on its promises.

This situation can be interpreted in two ways: either the Modi administration is well-intentioned but ineffective, unable to transition

India toward industrialization, or it is ensnared in a cycle of political maneuvering that prioritizes the interests of big businesses over genuine economic reform. Modi's government, supported by corporate allies, seems more focused on large infrastructure projects and corporate tax cuts than on fostering a vibrant small and medium-sized enterprise (SME) sector, which is essential for job creation.

While some steps have been taken to support SMEs, the primary focus remains on larger corporations. Without a robust strategy to facilitate access to capital, technology, and markets for small businesses, the promise of better job opportunities will remain unfulfilled. To truly realize the vision of Viksit Bharat, India must ensure that workers can transition from low-paying agricultural jobs to more secure and lucrative employment in manufacturing and services.

A Troubling Revelation: Justice and Divine Intervention



At a recent event in Maharashtra, Chief Justice of India D.Y. Chandrachud made a startling comment regarding one of the Supreme Court's most contentious decisions: the Ayodhya judgment. He revealed that during the protracted deliberations, he metaphorically sought guidance from the deity at the center of the dispute, implying that a divine solution was found. This anecdote raises significant concerns about the judiciary's integrity and its role in upholding the Constitution.

Chandrachud's statement suggests that the court received divine insight, culminating in a ruling that favored the party involved in the illegal demolition of the Babri Masjid. While the judges acknowledged this act as a crime, they nonetheless legitimized the possession of the land by those who committed it. This "might is right" approach undermines the very foundations of justice. The notion that a direction to provide five acres for a new mosque can equate to justice is farcical, as the core issue remained: can violence and dispossession be sanctioned?

The implications of Chandrachud's remarks extend beyond the Ayodhya case. His comments might explain the revival of disputes like Gyanvapi, contradicting the Places of Worship Act, 1991, which

aims to preserve the status quo of religious sites as of August 15, 1947. This opens the floodgates for Hindutva groups to lay claims on Muslim sites across the country, potentially leading to further communal strife.

Moreover, the Chief Justice's appeal to a deity raises questions of conflict of interest. How can a judge seek solutions from a divine figure who is directly linked to the case? Such actions, if reversed—where a judge from a minority community claims divine guidance—would likely provoke accusations of bias.

Chandrachud's reliance on a "divine solution" reveals an unsettling evasion of accountability. It suggests that the flawed reasoning of the Ayodhya judgment may be attributed to higher powers rather than the judges themselves, undermining the credibility of the judiciary.

Judges are sworn to uphold justice according to the Constitution, not divine mandates. While personal beliefs can inspire courage in difficult decisions, the judiciary must remain firmly anchored to constitutional principles. The Ayodhya ruling, made amid a politically charged atmosphere, reflects a failure to uphold justice rather than a courageous stand.

PM Gati Shakti: Revolutionizing India's Infrastructure and Economic Growth

In the 1950s, long-distance travel in the United States was hampered by a fragmented road network and poor maintenance, which limited economic activity and labor mobility. The Federal-Aid Highway Act of 1956 dramatically changed this by authorizing the construction of the U.S. Interstate Highway System. This infrastructure project, costing about \$500 billion today, connected remote areas to major markets and facilitated the movement of goods, reducing transportation costs by up to 30%. The highway system is credited with contributing as much as 25% of U.S. productivity growth between 1950 and 1990, highlighting the essential role of infrastructure in economic expansion.

This principle is echoed in Paul Romer's 'endogenous growth theory,' which posits that investments in public infrastructure enhance productivity and foster innovation. Research by David Aschauer also established a link between infrastructure investment and economic productivity, suggesting that the U.S. slowdown in the 1970s was partly due to declining public works.

In India, the government has recognized the critical importance of infrastructure investment, especially through the PM Gati Shakti initiative launched in October 2021. This program aims to address long-standing infrastructure bottlenecks by integrating 44 central ministries and 36 states



onto a single platform that utilizes advanced Geographical Information System (GIS) technology. This real-time data-driven approach facilitates better resource allocation and improves project execution.

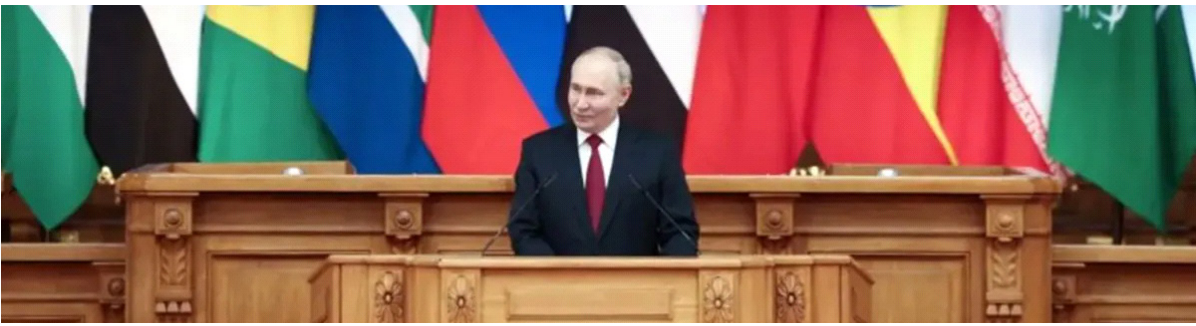
Gati Shakti seeks to lower India's high logistics costs, which historically range between 13-14% of GDP, compared to the global average of 8-9%. High logistics costs hinder trade competitiveness, as they impose significant burdens on firms. By focusing on multimodal connectivity and optimizing resource allocation, Gati Shakti is designed to enhance supply chain coordination and reduce these costs.

Recent studies indicate that logistics costs have already decreased to 7.8-8.9% of GDP, re-

flecting substantial progress driven by Gati Shakti. This initiative aligns with the National Logistics Policy by promoting intermodal synergy and addressing barriers across transport modes. Additionally, it breaks down traditional silos between ministries, enabling integrated planning not just for physical infrastructure but also for social needs like healthcare and education.

To maximize the impact of Gati Shakti, it is crucial to enhance inter-agency coordination and streamline regulatory frameworks, thereby reducing project delays. By implementing advanced technologies and performance-based incentives, India can further strengthen its position in global value chains and boost its trade competitiveness.

BRICS+ Summit: A New Era in Global Economic Alliances



The BRICS summit in Kazan marks a significant milestone, expanding from the original BRIC grouping to BRICS+, now including nine member nations with Saudi Arabia slated to join. This expansion reflects a growing interest from approximately 30 additional countries eager to align with BRICS+, as noted by Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov.

When Jim O'Neill coined the term BRIC in the early 2000s, he forecasted that the economies of Brazil, Russia, India, and China would dominate the global economic landscape by 2050. Today, BRICS+ represents a combined GDP surpassing that of the G7 by about 5 percentage points, with Lavrov stating that the group accounts for 37.3% of the world's GDP—significantly higher than the EU's 14.5%.

At the summit, Lavrov criticized the US-led world order, asserting that the United States is reluctant to relinquish its dominance since World War II. He described the US dollar's leading role in the

international monetary system as maintained through "artificial" efforts, particularly after the US abandoned the gold standard.

BRICS+ aims to challenge the dollar's supremacy by developing an international payment system that can function independently of it. Indian Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri confirmed ongoing discussions about local currency settlements among member nations, although no final agreements have yet been established. The emphasis on using local currencies for trade reflects a desire to bolster correspondent banking networks among BRICS partners.

Western sanctions against Russia following its invasion of Ukraine have intensified Moscow's push to establish this new framework, signaling to the West that it still has robust allies. Iran, another new member of BRICS+, faces severe US sanctions, and the grouping hopes to support each other against a perceived Western hegemony.

Ahead of the summit, Russian Finance Minister Anton Siluanov advocated for new institutions akin to the Bretton Woods system, critiquing the current roles of the IMF and World Bank. However, whether China—benefiting from the existing global order—will support a complete overhaul of these institutions remains uncertain, particularly as it seeks reforms alongside India.

As discussions unfold, much hinges on the upcoming US presidential election. Former President Donald Trump has threatened to impose tariffs on countries distancing themselves from the dollar, adding to the complexities of the geopolitical landscape.

With the dollar commanding 59% of official foreign exchange reserves as of early 2024, BRICS+ faces an uphill battle. All eyes will be on Russia during this pivotal summit, as any announcements regarding the future direction of this coalition could reshape global economic alliances.



BJP & JD-S making false accusations against me in MUDA case: CM Siddaramaiah

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah addressed allegations against him from the BJP and JD(S) during the inauguration of development projects worth ₹501.81 crores in the Varuna constituency, which he represents. He challenged the opposition, asking, “Can anyone point to a single instance where I took even a rupee as a bribe?” Siddaramaiah expressed frustration over the accusations related to the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) and Valmiki tribal welfare cases.

He highlighted his long political career, stating, “I have served as a minister for 45 years without a single stain on my record.” He attributed the envy from the BJP to his achievements as a backward-class leader who has held the chief minister's office twice. He noted, “I do not own a single house in Mysuru; I live in Mariswamy's house,” emphasizing his modest lifestyle despite his political status.

Siddaramaiah expressed gratitude to the people of Varuna for their support, asserting, “You are my true owners. Your blessings are my true protection.” He stated that no amount of envy from the BJP or JD(S) could tarnish his reputation, and he pledged to confront their conspiracies. “I will defeat all their plots,” he declared, reinforcing his commitment to social justice.

The chief minister highlighted his administration's focus on welfare programs, claiming that whenever the Congress party has been in power, it has worked to empower the poor statewide. He cited the introduction of five guarantee schemes aimed at supporting the poor and middle class across all communities, directly transferring ₹56,000 crores annually into citizens' accounts.

Siddaramaiah criticized the BJP leadership, claiming they had failed to deliver on promises made to the people. He pointed out that Karnataka contributes significantly to the central government's tax revenue but receives inadequate funding in return. “Recently, the central government allocated a mere ₹6,000 crores to our state while giving far more to Uttar Pradesh and Bihar,” he lamented.

He also took aim at Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman for her failure to release promised funds for irrigation and infrastructure projects, arguing that the people have the right to protest against such injustices.



India ready to help restore peace': PM Modi To Putin on Ukraine conflict

Prime Minister Narendra Modi emphasized the importance of a peaceful solution to the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict during his meeting with Russian President Vladimir Putin at the BRICS Summit in Kazan. Modi expressed his commitment to resolving the issues through dialogue, stating, “I have been in constant touch with you on the subject of the ongoing conflict. We believe that the problems should be resolved in a peaceful manner.”

The Prime Minister highlighted India's readiness to assist in establishing peace and stability, asserting that all efforts must prioritize humanity. “India is ready to provide all possible cooperation in the times to come,” he added, reiterating India's supportive

stance in the international arena.

This marks Modi's second visit to Russia within three months, reflecting the strong ties between the two nations. He noted, “My two visits to Russia in the last three months demonstrate our close coordination and deep friendship. Our Annual Summit in Moscow in July has strengthened our cooperation in every field.” Modi expressed enthusiasm for participating in the BRICS Summit, acknowledging the organization's growth and the interest from various countries to join.

During their discussions, President Putin recalled their previous meeting in July, expressing gratitude for Modi's presence in Kazan. He ac-

knowledgeed their frequent communications and the fruitful discussions they've had on various issues.

Putin emphasized the importance of the upcoming BRICS Summit, stating that they would make significant decisions alongside other leaders. He characterized Russian-Indian relations as a “particularly privileged strategic partnership” that continues to develop actively.

As the BRICS Summit unfolds, the dialogues between Modi and Putin signal a commitment to collaborative efforts in addressing global challenges, including the ongoing conflict in Ukraine. Stay tuned for updates from the summit as key decisions are anticipated.

MVA Close to Finalizing Seat Sharing for Maharashtra Elections

Maharashtra's Opposition alliance, the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA), is reportedly nearing a consensus on seat sharing for the upcoming assembly elections. A crucial meeting is currently underway, featuring senior leaders from the Congress party and the Uddhav Thackeray faction of the Shiv Sena, aimed at resolving lingering disputes over a few key constituencies.

The meeting is being facilitated by veteran leader Sharad Pawar, head of the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) and a pivotal figure in the formation of the three-party alliance. His involvement has reportedly helped the Congress and Shiv Sena UBT to return to negotiations after a period of deadlock.

Since this morning, multiple



rounds of discussions have taken place, including a notable meeting between Congress leader Balasaheb Thorat and Mr. Pawar. Further discussions between the Shiv Sena UBT and the Congress are ongoing, with announcements expected in the coming days. Congress state chief Nana Patole hinted that a resolution could be imminent. While there are conflicting reports about the num-

ber of seats agreed upon, Shiv Sena leader Sanjay Raut mentioned that the alliance has reached a consensus on 210 of the 288 assembly seats. In contrast, Patole cited a lower figure of 96. The two parties have been engaged in negotiations, with Patole advocating for 125 seats, while the Shiv Sena (UBT) seeks an allocation of 100 seats for both itself and the Congress, leaving 88 for Pawar's party.

A point of contention has emerged regarding the allocation of eight seats in Vidarbha, which the Congress believes it should contest, given its strong base in the region. Raut acknowledged Congress's influence in Vidarbha but expressed that the Shiv Sena also has a historical presence there, having previously secured 4-5 parliamentary seats.



Won't Apologise: Udhayanidhi Stalin On 'Sanatan Dharma' Remark

Tamil Nadu's Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin has made it clear that he will not apologize for his controversial remarks about 'Sanatan Dharma.' Speaking at a wedding in Dindigul district, he asserted that his comments were in line with the legacy of Dravidian leader Periyar, who championed women's empowerment and fought against educational denial.

Stalin stated, “Periyar gave his voice to oppose (this practice). Anna Durai and Karunanidhi also spoke out. I echoed their sentiments, but they've misrepresented what I said and lied about it.” He noted that legal cases have been filed against him not just in Tamil Nadu but in various parts of India, with some demanding an apology in court. Firmly, he said, “What I said is said. I am Karunanidhi's grandson and will not apologize for anything.”

This marks Udhayanidhi's first public statement on the issue since he assumed the role of Deputy Chief Minister. His initial comments in March, where he stated that 'Sanatan Dharma' should be “annihilated like mosquitos causing malaria and dengue,” sparked significant backlash.

Despite strong court observations regarding his statements, his legal team argues that in Tamil Nadu and southern states, 'Sanatan Dharma' has historically been viewed through the lens of untouchability and caste discrimination. They maintain that Udhayanidhi had no intention of offending Hindu sentiments.



Parents of Murdered Junior Doctor Urge Amit Shah for Justice

The parents of a junior doctor from R.G. Kar Medical College & Hospital in Kolkata, who was tragically raped and murdered in August, have written to Union Home Minister Amit Shah seeking an appointment. In their email, the father expressed their profound sense of helplessness over the brutal crime against their daughter and urged the minister's intervention for a swift investigation.

“After the heinous, unforeseen incident that happened to our daughter, we have been going through tremendous mental pressure and feeling helpless,” he stated, highlighting the urgent need for support and guidance.

A BJP state committee member noted that while Amit Shah was scheduled to visit Kolkata on October 24 for upcoming by-elections in West Bengal, his trip has been postponed. “His tour to West Bengal has just been postponed and not canceled. Had it not been postponed, we could have arranged for his meeting with the victim's parents,” the member explained.

In related news, junior doctors at R.G. Kar had been staging a fast-unto-death demonstration demanding improved security and other reforms. However, they withdrew their protest on Monday night at the request of the victim's parents, reflecting their desire to focus on the ongoing investigation.

The victim's body was discovered in the seminar hall of R.G. Kar Medical College on August 9. The Kolkata Police initially investigated, leading to the arrest of a civic volunteer, Sanjay Roy.

India and Singapore Boost Military Ties in Defence Dialogue

The India and Singapore agreed to enhance military cooperation during the 6th India-Singapore Defence Ministerial Dialogue held on Tuesday, co-chaired by Defence Minister Rajnath Singh and his Singaporean counterpart Ng Eng Hen. The discussions focused on strengthening ties through joint training and industrial collaboration.

Both ministers acknowledged the deep-rooted bilateral defense relations, emphasizing a shared commitment to regional peace, stability, and security. They agreed to extend their bilateral agreement on joint military training for another five years and to enhance industrial cooperation. This includes exploring collaboration in advanced fields like automation and artificial intelligence, as well as expanding efforts in key emerging areas such as cybersecurity.



The dialogue comes at a significant time as India celebrates a decade of its Act East policy, with Singapore playing a vital role in fostering economic cooperation, cultural connections, and strategic connectivity with nations in the region. Next year, both countries will also com-

memorate the 60th anniversary of their diplomatic relations.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently highlighted the importance of India-Asean (Association of South-east Asian Nations) relations, especially amid rising global tensions and conflicts. At the 21st Asean-India

Summit in Vientiane, Laos, Modi asserted that the 21st century would be defined by India and the Asean bloc, unveiling a 10-point plan aimed at deepening ties in areas such as trade, tourism, cyber initiatives, and health.

Modi reiterated India's commitment to supporting Asean's unity and centrality, particularly regarding the Indo-Pacific region, where China is actively expanding its influence. His remarks reflect growing concerns over China's aggressive moves and their implications for regional security.

Overall, the strengthened military cooperation between India and Singapore is poised to enhance strategic partnerships in the face of evolving geopolitical challenges, reinforcing both nations' roles in promoting stability in the Indo-Pacific region.

Ukraine Not Seeking Nuclear Weapons From The West: President Zelensky



Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky clarified on Tuesday that Ukraine is not requesting nuclear weapons from its Western partners to defend itself against Russia. This statement comes after recent comments he made suggesting that Kyiv might pursue NATO membership or nuclear arms as a means of protection.

In a discussion with journalists, Zelensky emphasized, “We are not asking for nuclear weapons to be given to us.” This remark was made shortly after he hinted at Ukraine’s intentions to explore nuclear options during a European Union summit. Zelensky highlighted the historical context of Ukraine’s nuclear capabilities, noting that the country inherited the world’s third-largest nuclear arsenal following the dissolution of the Soviet Union in 1991. However, Ukraine relinquished these weapons in 1994 under the Budapest Memorandum, which included security guarantees from Russia and the United States.

Zelensky lamented the consequences of giving up the nuclear arsenal, stating, “We

gave away nuclear weapons. We did not get NATO. All we got was a full-scale war and many victims.” He underscored the urgency of Ukraine’s situation, asserting, “We need NATO, because we don’t have the weapons that can stop Putin.” His comments were aimed at reinforcing the necessity of a strong alliance with NATO as a countermeasure to Russian aggression.

The remarks drew a sharp response from Moscow. Russian President Vladimir Putin labeled Zelensky’s comments as “a dangerous provocation,” warning that any moves toward nuclear armament would provoke a corresponding reaction from Russia. This exchange underscores the heightened tensions in the region as Ukraine continues to navigate its security challenges amid the ongoing conflict.

Zelensky’s clarification reflects Ukraine’s complex security landscape and its ongoing pursuit of stronger international alliances, especially in light of its precarious situation with Russia.



Hezbollah Launches New Rocket Attacks on Israel

Hezbollah has escalated its conflict with Israel, firing rockets at two military bases near Tel Aviv and one near Haifa on Tuesday morning. This barrage coincides with U.S. Secretary of State Antony Blinken’s arrival in Israel to advocate for a renewed ceasefire amidst ongoing hostilities.

The Lebanese armed group stated it targeted Israeli military installations as diplomatic attempts to resolve the year-long conflict in Gaza continue to falter. Hezbollah’s actions followed a significant Israeli airstrike on Monday night that resulted in at least 13 casualties in Beirut.

Shortly after Blinken’s arrival, which marks his 11th trip to the region since Hamas’s attack on

Israel in October 2023, Lebanese health officials reported rising casualties from Israeli strikes. Israeli authorities responded with air raid sirens in the vicinity of the attacks, although no immediate casualties were reported from the rocket fire.

During his visit, Blinken is scheduled to meet with Israeli leaders, including Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, to discuss the situation and potential retaliatory actions following a ballistic missile attack from Iran earlier this month. The ongoing conflict poses risks not only to regional stability but also to global oil markets.

Meanwhile, Iran’s Foreign Minister expressed Tehran’s intent to avoid war while asserting its

readiness for conflict if provoked. He condemned threats against Iranian nuclear sites, emphasizing the international laws surrounding such actions.

As Israel continues its military campaign, having recently killed key leaders of both Hezbollah and Hamas, experts indicate that significant progress toward a ceasefire remains unlikely. Tensions have risen as the conflict spreads beyond Gaza, with Israel launching ground operations against Hezbollah amid fears of a wider war. The situation remains volatile, with over 42,500 Palestinian casualties reported since the onset of hostilities, reflecting the dire humanitarian crisis unfolding in the region.



Turkey Seeks BRICS Membership Amid Geopolitical Shifts

As Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky called for support at a conference in Berlin, Turkish Foreign Minister Hakan Fidan met with Russian President Vladimir Putin in Moscow, where discussions reportedly went “fantastically well.” Following this meeting, Turkey’s Justice and Development Party (AKP) confirmed its formal application to join the BRICS bloc, marking a significant geopolitical move.

AKP spokesman Omer Celik stated that President Recep Tayyip Erdogan has consistently expressed Turkey’s desire for BRICS membership, emphasizing that the application process is underway. This development is noteworthy as it positions Turkey—both a NATO member and an EU candidate—within a group perceived as a counterweight to Western influence, particularly dominated by Russia and China.

The BRICS bloc, originally coined by economist Jim O’Neill in 2001, has evolved from a loose association of emerging economies to a more organized group, recently expanding to include Egypt, Ethiopia, Iran, and the UAE. With Turkey’s application, nearly 20 other nations are vying for BRICS membership, prompting internal debates among founding members about expansion. Turkey’s bid is particularly significant given its strategic location, with coastlines on both the Mediterranean and Black Seas, and its historical ties to NATO.



First Case of New Mpox Variant Detected in Germany

The Robert Koch Institute (RKI) announced on Tuesday that Germany has reported its first case of a new mpox variant. This infection, acquired abroad, was detected on October 18, and health officials are closely monitoring the situation. Despite the detection of this variant, the RKI assessed the risk to the general population as low, emphasizing that close physical contact is necessary for transmission.

In its statement, the RKI reassured the public that while the new variant has emerged, current health risks remain manageable. The institute is committed to ongoing surveillance and will adjust its risk assessment as needed based on evolving circumstances. The emergence of the new variant comes amid heightened global awareness, as the World Health Organization declared mpox a global public health emergency for the second time in August, following an outbreak in the Democratic Republic of Congo that has since spread to neighboring countries.

The situation has prompted health authorities to remain vigilant. The initial signs of the mpox virus spreading beyond Africa were noted on August 15 when global health officials confirmed a case of a new strain in Sweden. This highlights the global nature of health threats and the importance of coordinated responses to emerging infectious diseases. Health experts continue to urge caution and awareness, particularly regarding modes of transmission and preventive measures. Individuals are encouraged to stay informed about health advisories and to practice safety measures, especially in contexts involving close physical interactions.

China and India Reach Agreement on LAC to Ease Border Tensions

China confirmed on Tuesday that it has made “progress” in resuming patrols along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) with India, stating that both nations have reached a solution that is viewed positively by Beijing. Chinese foreign ministry spokesperson Lin Jian indicated that ongoing communication through diplomatic and military channels has facilitated this development.

The announcement follows Indian Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri’s earlier statement about an arrangement concerning patrolling at friction points in eastern Ladakh. Misri noted that Indian and Chinese negotiators have been in close contact over recent weeks, leading to this agreement aimed at disengagement and resolution of issues that emerged during the 2020 border clashes.

Under the new arrangement, both countries will resume patrolling according to an “agreed perceived LAC,” specifically in areas like the Depsang Plains and Demchok. The agreement includes protocols allowing each country to patrol twice a month with a fixed contingent of 15 personnel, thereby reducing the potential for clashes. Additionally, both sides will notify each other prior to conducting patrols.

Crucially, the arrangement specifies that the Chinese military will dismantle any defensive positions in the Depsang area and will



not obstruct Indian troops in critical zones. While this development marks a significant step toward resolving the border standoff that began after the Galwan clashes in June 2020, it is noted that troop withdrawal will not occur immediately, aside from seasonal adjustments ahead of winter.

This renewed collaboration increases the likelihood of a bilateral meeting between Prime Min-

ister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping during the BRICS summit. Since the Galwan clashes, high-level communication between the two countries had been sparse, but recent meetings between Indian and Chinese officials suggest a thaw in relations is underway. As both nations work towards implementing this new agreement, the potential for improved ties remains on the horizon.

Global Uncertainty and FII Sell-Off Trigger Market Slump; Nifty Dips Below 24,500 as Indices Slide



Domestic stock markets rallied on Tuesday. Benchmark indices fell unsustainably. Internationally negative signals and outflow of foreign institutional investors added to the negative sentiment. On the other hand, the news that the US Fed may not cut interest rates, increased bond yields. Nifty fell to a 2-month low, settled below 24,500. The situation may remain like this until the uncertainty is removed and the markets stabilize. In NSE, 2516 stocks lost while only 331 gained.

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The BSE Sensex, which closed at 81,151 in the previous session, opened at 81,155 today. It touched an intraday low of 81,149. peaked at 81,504. It eventually fell 930 points to close at 80,220. The NSE Nifty opened at 24,798, touched a low of 24,445 and a high of 24,882. It lost a total of 309 points to close at 24,472. Bank Nifty settled down 705 points at 51,252.

In Nifty50, 3 companies gained while 47 lost. ICICI Bank, Nestlé India, Infi are the top gainers. BEL, M&M, Coal India, Adani Enterprises and SBI were the biggest losers. Today PSU Bank, Realty and Metal indices fell by 3%. Auto, media, consumer durables, oil and gas indices lost more than 2 percent. Support for Nifty is at 24,500 and resistance is at 24,650. Persistent Systems' Q2 rupee revenue rose 5.8% to Rs 2897 crore. Zomato's profit increased from Rs.36 crore to Rs.176 crore. The rupee ended flat at 84.07 against the dollar. Ultratech Cement has been rated Overweight by Morgan Stanley. Wari Energies' IPO was oversubscribed 7.53 times by the end of the second day. LT Finance has been rated Buy by HCBC. Reduced the target to Rs.180. Oberoi Realty has given Hold rating. SRF's net profit is Rs.201 crores. Garden Reach Shipbuilders slipped into losses after two days of gains. Adani Energy Solutions' net profit jumped to Rs 675 crore from Rs 276 crore. Hyundai India shares entered the stock market today. Jubilant Ingravia's Q2 net profit jumped 12.4% to Rs 59 crore from Rs 52.5 crore. NBCC's HSCC has received an order of Rs.1322 crore from the central government. 360 One Wham profit increased by 36%. Shares of Paytm fell despite posting better profit.

1. ICICI Bank


ICICI Bank has been resilient in recent market volatility. It has shown relative strength compared to the broader market decline. Currently trading near support levels, with good buying interest from investors. Watch for potential upside around 1280-1260 levels if support at 1260 holds.

2. Hindustan Zinc (HINDZINC)


The stock has shown mixed performance due to volatility in metal prices. Being a commodity-linked stock, its price movement is influenced by global metal prices and demand-supply dynamics. Hindustan Zinc is consolidating after a recent pullback. It has support around 510-515 and faces resistance around 520.

3. Torrent Power

Torrent Power has remained relatively stable, supported by its fundamentals and consistent power demand. The stock is trading near import-



ant resistance levels around 1970. A breakout above this level could lead to a further rally.

4. D-Mart (Avenue Supermarts)

D-Mart has performed well over the long term due to strong fundamentals. However, recent market fluctuations have led to some short-term weakness. The stock is trading near 4,000 support. It faces resistance around 4,200. If it breaks this resistance, it could offer an upward move.

5. REC Ltd (Rural Electrification Corporation)

REC Ltd has been relatively stable, benefitting from the push in infrastructure and rural electrification projects. However, it's sensitive to interest rate movements. The stock is near its support level of 500 - 490, with resistance around 515. If it sustains above 520, there could be upside potential.

Deloitte Projects Indian Economy To Grow 7-7.2% In FY25



Deloitte India forecasts that the Indian economy could grow between 7% and 7.2% in the current fiscal year, driven by robust government spending and increased investments in manufacturing. However, the consultancy warns that a slowdown in global growth may affect future prospects.

In its latest report, "India Economy Outlook for October 2024," Deloitte highlighted the thriving manufacturing sector, stable oil prices, and the potential easing of U.S. monetary policy post-elections as factors that could boost capital inflows and reduce production costs. The economy recorded a year-over-year growth of 6.7% in the April-to-June quarter, marking the slowest growth in five quarters, but India remains one of the fastest-growing major economies.

Deloitte maintains its annual GDP growth projection of 7-7.2% for FY 2024-2025 and anticipates a slight decline to 6.5-6.8% in the following fiscal year. The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) has also projected a 7.2% expansion, fueled by strong domestic activities.

Factors such as moderating inflation, favorable monsoon conditions, robust government expenditure in the latter half of the year, and rising manufacturing investments are expected to support growth. Deloitte's economist Rumki Majumdar noted that higher capital inflows could lead to long-term investments and job opportunities as multinational companies seek to cut operational costs.

However, Deloitte cautions that subdued global growth and delayed recovery in Western economies may hinder India's exports and overall outlook for the next fiscal year. Job creation remains critical for maintaining steady household income, with a focus on producing more quality jobs in emerging sectors like semiconductors and electronics.

Additionally, India's shift toward clean energy is expected to generate new employment opportunities across various sectors. The MGNREGA scheme continues to provide temporary jobs, but recent data suggests a decline in employment demands, indicating potential improvements in job availability elsewhere.

Ambuja Cements to Acquire 46.8% Stake in Orient Cement for ₹8,100 Crore



Ambuja Cements, part of the Adani Group, announced on October 22 its decision to acquire a 46.8% stake in Orient Cement Ltd (OCL) for an equity value of ₹8,100 crore. The acquisition will be funded entirely through internal resources.

This move enhances Ambuja's cement footprint, reducing logistics costs and lead distances, while boosting market share in key areas. Karan Adani, director of Ambuja Cements, stated that this acquisition is a strategic step towards significant growth, projecting an increase in cement capacity by 30 million tonnes per annum (MTPA) within two years of the acquisition. The goal is to reach a total capacity of 100 MTPA by FY25.

OCL currently operates with a clinker capacity of 5.6 MTPA and a cement capacity of 8.5 MTPA, and has the regulatory approvals to expand its clinker capacity by 6 MTPA and cement capacity by 8.1 MTPA. Additionally, OCL possesses a limestone mining lease in Chittorgarh, which will support the establishment of an Integrated

Unit (IU) with a 4 MTPA clinker capacity and a split Grinding Unit (GU) of 6 MTPA in North India.

Karan Adani emphasized that OCL's efficient assets, equipped with railway sidings and supported by captive power plants and renewable energy, present a valuable opportunity to increase capacity to 16.6 MTPA in the near future. OCL has also secured a concession from MPPGCL for a new Grinding Unit within the Satpura Thermal Power Plant premises.

CK Birla, chairman of Orient Cement, expressed confidence that the Adani Group's strong focus on cement and infrastructure makes it the ideal owner to foster growth at OCL for its employees and stakeholders. With this acquisition, Ambuja's combined cement capacity will rise to 88.9 MTPA, bolstered by its subsidiaries ACC Ltd, Penna Cement Industries Ltd, and Sanghi Industries Ltd, and encompassing 20 integrated manufacturing plants, 20 grinding units, and 12 bulk terminals nationwide.

Paytm Posts ₹930 Crore Profit, Shares Drop 4% Amid One-Time Gain



Shares of One 97 Communications Ltd, the parent company of Paytm, fell over 4% on Tuesday following the fintech platform's announcement of

a net profit of ₹930 crore for the July-September quarter (Q2) of FY25. This profit was primarily attributed to a one-time exceptional gain of ₹1,345 crore from the sale of its entertainment ticketing business to Zomato, marking a significant turnaround from a loss of ₹292 crore in the same period last year.

However, without this one-time gain, Paytm reported a loss of ₹495 crore for Q2, reflecting a 70% increase in losses compared to the previous year. The company's revenue rose to ₹1,660 crore, representing an 11% quarter-on-quarter growth, driven by increased activity in payments and financial services.

The company reiterated its commitment to achieving EBITDA profitability before employee stock option plans (ESOPs) by the fourth quarter of FY25. It emphasized that focusing on payments and the distribution of financial services will be crucial for sustainable, profitable growth.

In terms of performance, the payments business generated revenue of ₹981 crore, a 9% increase quarter-on-quarter, while revenue from financial services surged by 34% to ₹376 crore. The number of subscription-paying device merchant sign-ups exceeded January levels, bringing the total merchant subscriptions to 1.12 crore.

To further boost performance, Paytm plans to reactivate merchants and re-deploy inactive devices to new users over the next 2-3 quarters, which is expected to enhance its active merchant base and revenue.

Looking ahead, Paytm's strategy includes prioritizing compliance, continuing innovations in merchant payments, driving customer acquisition, and expanding high-margin financial services revenue through new partnerships. The company also plans to leverage Artificial Intelligence (AI) to optimize costs. Additionally, Paytm will introduce default loss guarantees (DLGs) for merchant loans, having secured board approval for a ₹225 crore DLG from a partner over time.

Google Chrome for Android Introduces Identity Check for Enhanced Security

Google Chrome for Android is set to enhance password security with a new feature called Identity Check, currently in testing. This feature, announced last week, aims to add an extra layer of protection by requiring biometric authentication before auto-filling passwords through the Google Password Manager, particularly outside of trusted locations.

According to a report by Android Authority, in collaboration with tipster Mishaal Rahman, the Identity Check feature will necessitate biometric verification—such as a fingerprint scan—when accessing apps that typically require a PIN or passcode. This adds an important security measure for users who may be accessing sensitive information in less secure environments.

Screenshots shared by the tipster indicate that users will need to verify their identity via a biometric sensor to retrieve passwords stored in their Google accounts. Code strings related to Identity Check were reportedly found in a version of Chrome for Android, suggesting that the feature is well underway in development.

However, this security enhancement will only be available on Android devices running the December release of Android 15 (QPR1) or later. It is expected to roll out as a server-side update to the Google Play Settings app, making it publicly accessible to



Android users by December.

In addition to Identity Check, Google Chrome has recently introduced improved passkey support, which simplifies the login process across various devices. With this update, users can now utilize their Google Password Manager PIN on multiple operating systems, including Windows, Linux, macOS, and Android, facilitating seamless synchronization of stored passkeys.

Overall, these developments reflect Google's commitment to enhancing user security and convenience in managing passwords and sensitive information, ensuring that users can confidently navigate their digital lives. As these features are rolled out, they promise to make password management more secure and user-friendly than ever before.

Gemini AI Assistant to Enable Calling and Messaging from Lock Screen

The recently launched AI virtual assistant, Gemini, is set to enhance its functionality for Android users with exciting new features. Since its debut earlier this year, one of the primary concerns has been its limited integration with both first-party and third-party applications. However, Google has been steadily addressing these issues through various updates and extensions.

According to a report from Android Authority, new capabilities for Gemini have been discovered in the beta version of the Google app (15.42.30.28.arm64). During an APK teardown, the publication found indications that Gemini will soon allow users to make calls and send messages directly from the lock screen.

The report included a screenshot showing a new option in the Gemini settings menu titled “Make calls and send messages without unlocking.” This feature will come with a toggle switch, allowing users to enable it as per their preference. This

Gemini on lock screen

Use Gemini without unlocking
Quickly get answers, set reminders, add events to your calendar, and [more](#).

Outgoing calls and messages

Make calls and send messages without unlocking

You'll need to turn on your [calling and messaging apps](#) in Gemini for these features to work.



Gemini will still ask you to unlock when a response contains personal content, such as your Gmail messages, from apps you use. [Learn more](#)

enhancement is particularly noteworthy, as it will give users more flexibility and convenience in communicating while their devices are locked.

Currently, Google Assistant already supports calling and messaging from a locked device, but this new feature will extend similar capabilities to the Gemini assistant. However, it's important to note that while users can make calls and send messages, they will still need to unlock their devices to view incoming messages containing personal content.

As these features roll out, Gemini is poised to become a more integrated and user-friendly AI assistant, making daily tasks simpler and more accessible for Android users. With ongoing improvements and innovations, Gemini is quickly becoming a significant player in the realm of virtual assistants on mobile devices. Stay tuned for further updates on this exciting development!

Meta Reintroduces Facial Recognition for Celeb Scam Prevention

Three years after halting its facial recognition software due to privacy concerns and regulatory pushback, Meta has announced it is testing the technology again. This new initiative aims to combat “celeb bait” scams on Facebook, where fraudsters use the images of public figures to promote scam advertisements.

Meta plans to enroll around 50,000 public figures in this trial, which will automatically compare their Facebook profile photos with images featured in suspected scam ads. If a match is found and Meta determines the ads are indeed fraudulent, the company will block them from being displayed.

Celebrities involved in the trial will be notified and will have the option to opt out if they do not wish to participate. This approach aims to protect public figures from having their likenesses exploited in scams without their consent.

The global rollout of this trial is scheduled for December,

although it will not include certain major jurisdictions where Meta lacks regulatory clearance. Specifically, the trial will exclude countries and regions like Britain, the European Union, South Korea, and the U.S. states of Texas and Illinois.

Monika Bickert, Meta's vice president of content policy, explained in a recent briefing that the company is focusing on public figures whose images have been identified as being used in scam advertisements. This proactive approach reflects Meta's commitment to enhancing user safety and protecting the integrity of its platform.

As scams targeting public figures continue to rise, this renewed use of facial recognition technology represents a significant shift in Meta's strategy. While privacy concerns remain a critical issue, the company believes that this initiative will help safeguard celebrities and their fans from deceptive practices online. Stay tuned for further updates on the trial as it unfolds.



Bengaluru Techie Proposes Pothole Rating App, Sparks Online Buzz

Bengaluru's infamous pothole problem has long been a source of frustration for residents and commuters alike. As the monsoon season exacerbates the issue, one tech entrepreneur has taken a humorous approach to tackle it. Sivaramakrishnan Narayanan, co-founder and CTO of Fyle, an expense management software company, recently shared a light-hearted yet innovative idea on social media: creating an app to rate and review potholes in the city.



In a tweet that quickly gained traction, Narayanan stated, “Planning to build an app where we can rate and review potholes in Bengaluru. I recently saw a 7-star pothole and felt sad that it wasn't getting the recognition it deserved. Who's in?” His playful proposal resonated with many, leading to a flurry of witty comments and suggestions from users eager to join the conversation.

The responses were both enthusiastic and creative. One user praised the concept as “fantastic,” while another suggested a ranking system for roads based on their pothole density. “The roads should be rated based on the potholes in the neighborhood, and the road with the most and worst potholes will be ranked at the top,” they wrote, adding a humorous twist that the best roads would be at the bottom of the list.

Several comments proposed unique features

for the app, including a “Pothole of the Month” award linked to the pothole's “tyre damage ability.” Another user posed a thoughtful design challenge: “How do you want to rate the potholes? Size? Depth? Impact on the passenger?” These suggestions highlighted the community's eagerness to engage with the idea and contribute to its development.

The enthusiasm extended to naming the app, with one user suggesting “Potluru” as a catchy title. A few even shared mockups of what the app might look like, demonstrating how the concept could come to life. Narayanan's light-hearted tweet not only addressed a pressing urban issue but also sparked a lively online discussion about community engagement and innovation. As the conversation continues, it's clear that this playful idea has struck a chord with many, paving the way for potential collaboration in addressing Bengaluru's pothole woes.

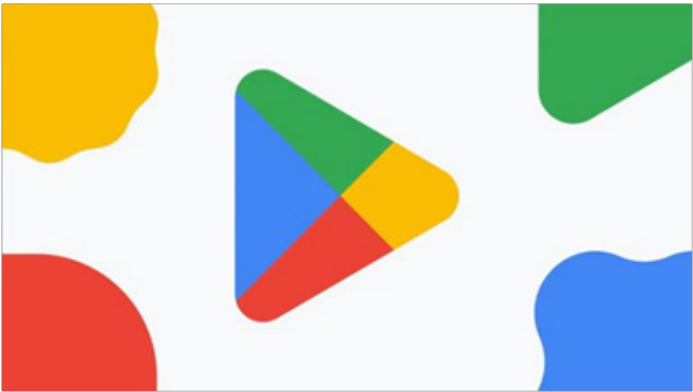
Play Store to Introduce ‘Download Manager’ for Recent App Tracking

Despite increasing competition in recent years, the Google Play Store continues to be a leading platform for app discovery on Android devices. While installing new apps is quick and easy, users often struggle to keep track of newly downloaded applications.

To address this challenge, Google appears to be developing a new feature called ‘Download Manager’ for the Play Store. This feature is designed to help users monitor and manage their recently downloaded apps more effectively. According to a recent APK teardown conducted by Android Authority, several strings in Play Store version 42.9.16-31 suggest that this feature is currently in progress.

The introduction of the ‘Download Manager’ could significantly enhance the user experience by providing a dedicated section for users to view their latest installations. This would eliminate the need to scroll through the entire app library or search manually for newly added apps, making it easier for users to access the applications they've just downloaded.

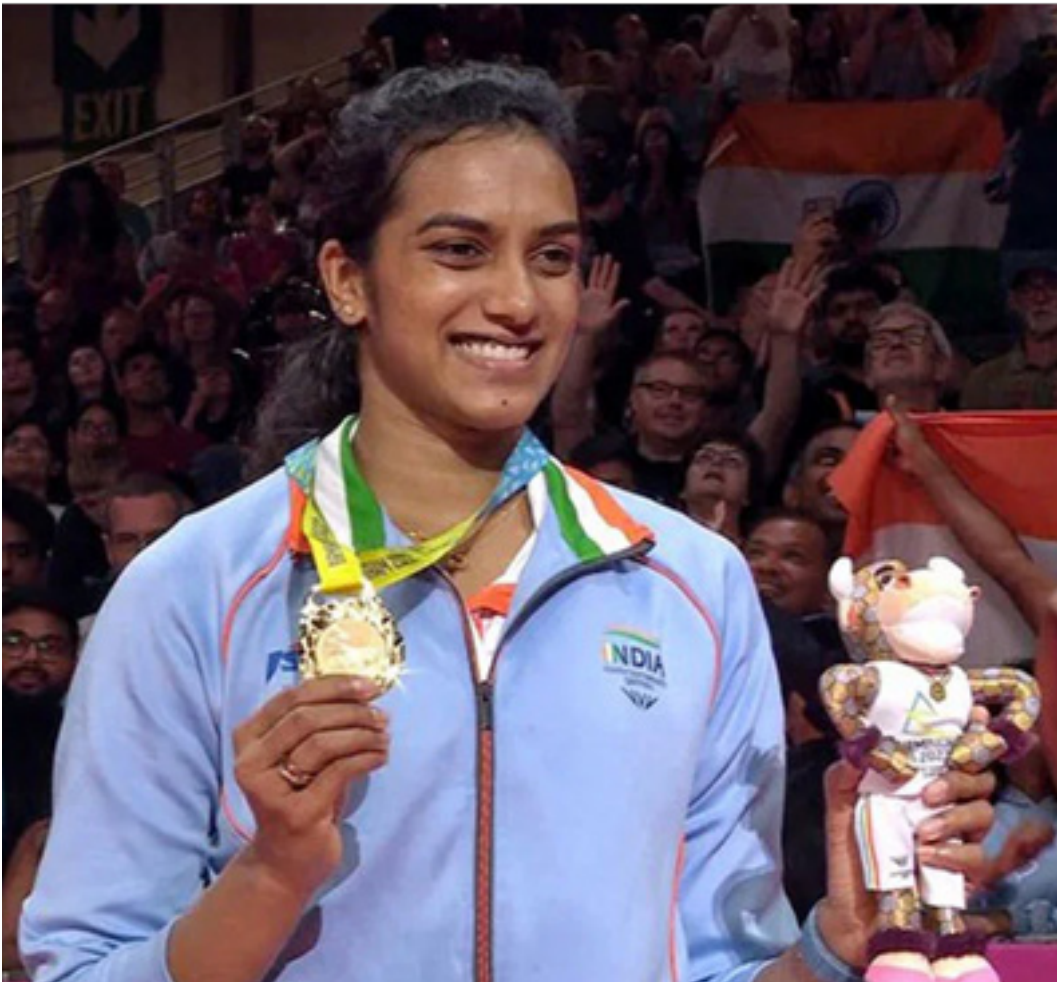
While details about the specific functionality of the ‘Download Manager’ remain scarce, the potential benefits are clear. Users could gain insights into their download history and quickly



locate their most recent apps, improving app management on their devices.

As Google continues to innovate and improve the Play Store, this new feature could play a crucial role in enhancing user satisfaction and engagement. By streamlining the app discovery and management process, Google aims to solidify its position as the go-to destination for Android users seeking new applications.

Stay tuned for further updates on this exciting development, as Google works to roll out the ‘Download Manager’ and enhance the overall functionality of the Play Store. With this improvement, users can look forward to a more organized and efficient way to manage their app installations.



Major Sports Cut from 2026 Glasgow Commonwealth Games

In a significant blow to India's medal hopes, key sports including hockey, badminton, cricket, and shooting have been removed from the 2026 Commonwealth Games scheduled in Glasgow from July 23 to August 2. This decision aims to streamline the event, limiting it to ten disciplines to keep costs manageable, as the Games will be held across only four venues.

The Commonwealth Games Federation (CGF) announced that the Games will include athletics, swimming, artistic gymnastics, track cycling, boxing, judo, and more, totaling nine fewer events than the 2022 Birmingham edition. The limited schedule has been introduced to facilitate logistics and reduce expenses following the withdrawal of the Australian state of Victoria as the original host due to rising costs.

Glasgow's four selected venues—Scotstoun Stadium, Tollcross International Swimming Centre, Emirates Arena, and the Scottish Event Campus—will accommodate the competitions. Notably, the exclusion of shooting is particularly dis-

appointing for India, which has historically excelled in the sport, amassing 135 medals in past Commonwealth Games. Additionally, both the Indian men's and women's teams have consistently performed well in hockey, bringing home multiple medals, including gold in 2002.

Badminton also holds a strong record for India, with 31 medals, including titles in men's and women's singles from the 2022 Games. Cricket, which returned to the Games recently, saw the Indian women's team secure a silver medal. The removal of these disciplines raises concerns about India's overall medal tally in 2026.

Despite the setbacks, para-athletics will remain a vital part of the Games, with six para sports included in the program. CGF CEO Katie Sadleir emphasized that the 2026 Games will strive for sustainability and financial independence, aiming to deliver substantial economic benefits to Glasgow and surrounding regions. This approach marks a shift towards a more flexible and collaborative future for the Commonwealth Game.

India Seeks Dominance, Bangladesh in Must-Win SAFF Clash

In the final Group A match of the SAFF Women's Championship in Kathmandu, India's women's football team is set to take on Bangladesh, aiming to solidify their top spot in the group. Having already secured a semifinal berth with a commanding 5-2 victory over Pakistan, India is eager to assert their dominance and avenge their surprising loss to Bangladesh in 2022, where they ended India's unbeaten streak with a 3-0 win.



India's captain, Bala Devi, expressed the team's determination, stating, "Our sole focus now is to win this match." She emphasized the mix of senior and young players in the squad, which she believes will contribute to their success. "We have had productive training sessions, and I hope we can put what we have practiced into action," she added.

Head coach Santosh Kashyap is also focused on securing victory. He acknowledged the challenges posed by Bangladesh, noting their strong tactical plans under a foreign coach. "Tomorrow's match will be challenging, as Bangladesh are a strong side," he said. Kashyap prefers an attacking style of play, which he believes is both effective and entertain-

ing. Meanwhile, Bangladesh enters this must-win clash with the pressure of needing a victory to advance. Currently tied on one point with Pakistan, the team is missing key players, including defender Akhi Khatun and Anai Mogini. Despite this, coach Peter Butler remains optimistic, highlighting the potential of their younger talents like Afeida Khandakar and Matsushima Sumaya.

Butler acknowledged India's strength, saying, "In my opinion, they are probably the best team in the tournament." With both teams gearing up for an intense battle, the stakes couldn't be higher as they aim for a coveted spot in the semifinals.

India Aims for Revenge Against Germany in Test Series Return to Delhi

International hockey is set to make a long-awaited return to Delhi, with India facing world champions Germany in a two-Test series starting Wednesday. This marks the first international match at Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium in a decade, following its last hosting of the 2014 Hero World League Final.

As Olympic bronze medallists, India is eager to test new talent and avenge a recent semifinal heart-break against Germany, where they narrowly lost 2-3 during the Paris Olympics. Over 12,000 fans have already registered for free tickets, showcasing the excitement surrounding this historic comeback.

The series holds significant importance for Indian hockey, which is riding high after consecutive Olympic successes in Tokyo and Paris. Captain Harmanpreet Singh expressed hope that the series would revive hockey's spirit in the capital, inspiring young players to take up the sport.

Germany, ranked second in the world, poses a formidable challenge. They recently reached the gold medal match in Paris, ultimately falling to the Netherlands in a shootout. Despite the rankings, modern hockey has seen close competition, and India's recent track record against Germany offers optimism, with India winning three of their last five encounters.

The Indian squad features a blend of youth and ex-



perience, reflecting coach Craig Fulton's vision for the upcoming 2028 Los Angeles Olympics. Notably, defender Varun Kumar returns after a sabbatical following allegations that have since been cleared. Harmanpreet will lead the team, supported by midfielder Vivek Sagar Prasad.

While the team will miss key midfielder Hardik Singh due to injury, new players Rajinder Singh and striker Aditya Arjun Lgale will make their international debuts. Veteran Manpreet Singh is set to anchor the midfield alongside strikers Mandeep Singh and Sukhjeet Singh, aiming to capitalize on scoring opportunities.

The two matches not only provide a platform for established players but also give newcomers a chance to impress selectors and secure their places in the future of Indian hockey.

David Warner Considers Test Comeback for India Series

Former Australian opener David Warner has made headlines by revealing he is willing to reverse his retirement from Test cricket to help fill a vacancy at the top of the batting order for the upcoming series against India. Warner, who stepped away from Test cricket earlier this year after a stellar career, expressed his readiness to contribute if the team calls upon him.

At 37, Warner stated he is serious about his availability, even offering to play in New South Wales' next Sheffield Shield match to demonstrate his preparedness. "I'm always available, just got to pick up the phone," he told Code Sports. His commitment is clear: "If they really needed myself for this series, I'm more than happy to play the next Shield game."

Having retired after amassing 8,786 runs and 26 centuries across 112 Tests, including a remarkable 335 not out, Warner



believes Australia may need to reassess their opening options. With players like Cameron Green facing injuries and Steve Smith returning to the No. 4 position after a brief stint at the top, Warner feels his experience could be invaluable.

"I did retire for the right reasons to finish the game, but my hand is up if they desperately need someone," he said. Warner has cheekily reached out to Australia's head coach Andrew Mc-

Donald and chief selector George Bailey about his potential return, recalling McDonald's playful response: "You retired."

As uncertainty looms over Australia's opening combination, young talents like Sam Konstas have made an impression, while established players like Marcus Harris remain in contention. Warner suggested a restructuring of the batting lineup, proposing that Marnus Labuschagne, currently batting No. 3, could step up to open the innings.

"It doesn't necessarily have to be an opener," Warner stated. "There are options." While optimistic about Konstas, he cautioned that it may be premature to view him as a long-term solution. As discussions continue, Warner's willingness to return adds an intriguing dimension to Australia's preparation for the series against India.

England Picks Rehan Ahmed as Third Spinner for Test Against Pakistan

England has announced the inclusion of young leg-spinner Rehan Ahmed for the crucial third Test against Pakistan, set to take place on a dry pitch in Rawalpindi that is expected to favor spin. The 20-year-old will join forces with left-arm spinner Jack Leach and off-break bowler Shoaib Bashir, forming a formidable three-pronged spin attack.

The series is currently tied at 1-1, following England's convincing victory in the first Test by an innings and 47 runs in Multan. Pakistan bounced back in the second Test, winning by 152 runs with their spinners claiming all 20 English wickets. This context makes the selection of Ahmed particularly strategic, as England aims to counter Pakistan's strong spin performance.

In a statement from the England and Wales Cricket Board (ECB), it was confirmed that seam bowler Gus Atkinson has been recalled to the squad, while fast bowlers



Brydon Carse and Matthew Potts have been dropped. This shift underscores England's intention to adapt their strategy in response to the pitch conditions.

Ahmed made a notable debut

against Pakistan in 2022, taking five wickets in his first Test match. However, this marks his return to the Test arena since playing against India in Rajkot earlier this year. His inclusion signals England's commitment to enhancing their spin attack as they seek to clinch the series.

The decision to deploy three spinners comes after Pakistan's preparation of a grass-less pitch, with industrial fans and patio heaters used to dry the surface. Such conditions suggest that spin will play a critical role in the match, prompting England to adjust their lineup accordingly.

The full England team for the third Test includes captain Ben Stokes, along with players Zak Crawley, Ben Duckett, Ollie Pope, Joe Root, Harry Brook, Jamie Smith, Gus Atkinson, Rehan Ahmed, Jack Leach, and Shoaib Bashir. As the teams prepare for the decider, all eyes will be on how England's spin trio performs in the pivotal match.



Dhoom Dham Teaser Released: A Hilarious Preview of the Upcoming Film



The highly anticipated film “Dhoom Dham” stars Chetan Krishna and Hebah Patel in lead roles, supported by a talented ensemble cast featuring Sai Kumar, Vennela Kishore, Prithviraj, and Goparaju Ramana. Produced by MS Ram Kumar under the esteemed Friday Frame Works banner, this film promises to be a captivating blend of love and family drama.

Directed by Sai Kishore Macha, with a story and screenplay by the renowned Gopi Mohan, “Dhoom Dham” has generated buzz with the release of its teaser, launched by director Saab Maruthi. He described the teaser as highly

entertaining and extended his best wishes to the entire team.

The teaser showcases a wealth of comedic moments, particularly highlighting the dynamic interactions between Chetan Krishna and Vennela Kishore. Their impeccable comedic timing is sure to bring audiences plenty of laughs. The film’s vibrant atmosphere and entertaining family dynamics suggest an enjoyable cinematic experience.

In “Dhoom Dham,” Chetan Krishna portrays a devoted son who is willing to go to great lengths for his father, while Hebah Patel plays his love interest. The film’s plot unfolds with a series of entertaining situations and delightful chaos, ensuring a fun ride for viewers.

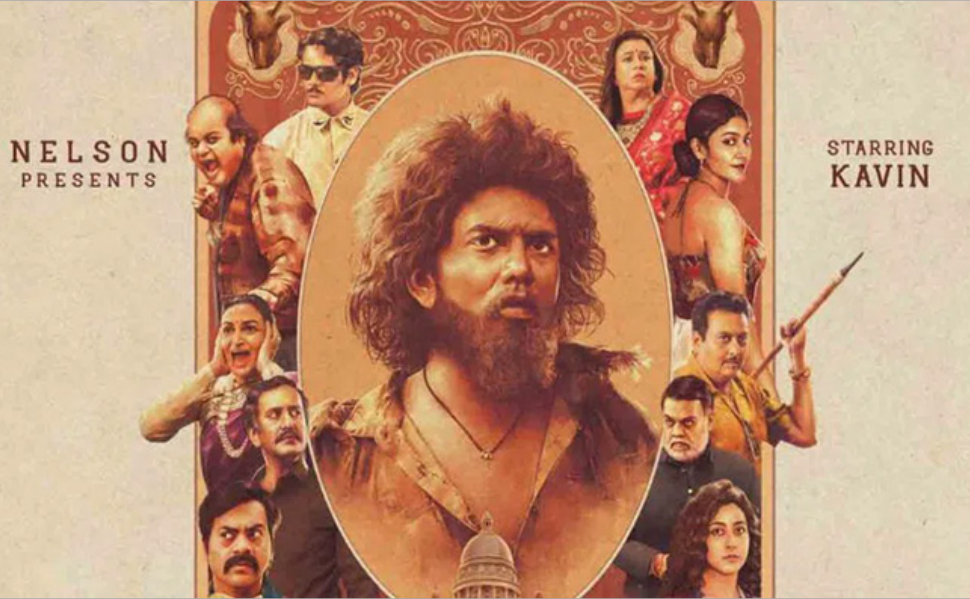
With its scheduled release on November 8th, “Dhoom Dham” is building immense excitement among fans and moviegoers. The film is set to offer a joyful mix of humor and heartwarming moments, making it a must-watch for those seeking an entertaining outing at the cinema. As anticipation grows, audiences eagerly await the chance to experience this delightful love and family entertainer on the big screen.

Kavin Shines in “Bloody Beggar”: Diwali Release Set for November 7

One of Kollywood’s most talented actors, takes the lead in the upcoming film “Bloody Beggar.” Directed by Siva Balan Muthukumar, this highly anticipated project is produced by renowned filmmaker Nelson Dilip Kumar under his new banner, Filament Pictures. Set to be a Diwali treat for audiences, the Tamil version of “Bloody Beggar” promises to deliver an engaging cinematic experience.

The film is generating buzz not only for its Tamil release but also for its Telugu version, which is scheduled to hit theaters on November 7. Asian Suresh Entertainment LLP will handle the distribution of the Telugu version, further expanding the film’s reach. The recently released poster has gone viral, creating excitement among fans and

With Jane Martin composing the music, “Bloody Beggar” aims to captivate audiences with its engaging score, complementing the film’s storyline and performances. This project marks Nelson Dilip Kumar’s debut as a pro-



ducer, adding to the anticipation surrounding the film.

As Kavin steps into this new role, fans are eager to see what he brings to the character in “Bloody Beggar.” The film is expected to blend humor and drama, showcasing Kavin’s versatile acting skills. With a strong director at the helm and a well-rounded production

team, the film is poised for success.

As Diwali approaches, the excitement for “Bloody Beggar” continues to build, with both the Tamil and Telugu versions promising to deliver a memorable experience. Fans are counting down to the release, eager to see Kavin shine in this latest venture.



Sivakarthikeyan’s “Amaran”: Trailer Launch And Set for Diwali Release

Sivakarthikeyan’s upcoming film “Amaran,” inspired by real-life events, is generating significant buzz ahead of its release this Diwali. The film’s anticipation has soared with the addition of the talented Sai Pallavi to the cast, promising a compelling performance alongside Sivakarthikeyan.

In a thrilling update, the theatrical trailer for “Amaran” is set to be released tomorrow at 6 PM, with availability in all major languages, including Telugu. Fans are eagerly awaiting this promotional material, which is expected to elevate the excitement surrounding the film even further.

“Amaran” boasts a captivating musical score by GV Prakash Kumar, known for his ability to enhance the emotional depth of films through music. The film is

produced on a grand scale by a prominent team that includes Kamal Haasan, R. Mahendran, and Sony Pictures International Productions, ensuring high production values and a polished cinematic experience.

As the release date approaches, the buzz around “Amaran” continues to grow. The combination of a compelling storyline, talented cast, and engaging music is set to make this film a highlight of the Diwali season.

Stay tuned for the trailer launch and more updates on “Amaran,” as audiences prepare for an unforgettable cinematic experience this festive season. With its blend of drama and inspiration from true events, this film is poised to resonate with viewers and become a favorite at the box office.

Kiran Abbavaram’s “KA”: A Period Thriller Set for Diwali Release

Kiran Abbavaram is set to make waves in the film industry with his first pan-India project, “KA.” Directed by the duo Sujith-Sandeep, this film is a period thriller set in the picturesque Krishnagiri village of Andhra Pradesh during the 1970s. “KA” is scheduled for a grand release on October 31, just in time for Diwali celebrations, promising audiences an engaging cinematic experience.

As part of the promotional campaign, the trailer for “KA” will be launched on October 24. Teasers have already generated significant buzz, featuring intriguing visuals, including a mysterious shape among dark, dry trees and the ominous silhouette of an ax-like weapon. These elements have sparked curiosity and excitement about the film’s storyline.

In addition to “KA,” the movie “Rushes,” which revolves around a time travel concept, is also garnering positive responses. The cast includes rising stars Tanvi Ram, known for her role in “2018,” and Nayan Sarika, who gained fame from “Gam Gam Ganesha.” Their performances are highly anticipated, adding to the film’s allure.



Produced by Varalakshmi under the banner of Srichakras Entertainments, “KA” features music and a background score by Shyam CS, ensuring that the film’s sound design complements its thrilling narrative.

With its unique setting and compelling plot, “KA” is poised to capture the hearts of audiences across India. As the release date approaches, fans are eagerly awaiting the trailer launch, hoping for a glimpse into this exciting new project. Kiran Abbavaram’s venture into the period thriller genre is sure to keep viewers on the edge of their seats this Diwali.

Satyam SundaramSet for OTT Release on Netflix

The heartwarming family drama “Satyam Sundaram,” directed by C. Prem Kumar and featuring the talented duo of Karthi and Aravinda Swamy, has recently made waves in both Telugu and Tamil cinema. Garnering positive reviews and audience appreciation, the film has become a notable hit across regional markets.

Fans of the film will be thrilled to learn that “Satyam Sundaram” is now preparing for its OTT release. Netflix has acquired the streaming rights for this much-loved movie, and it was initially announced that it would be available in multiple Indian languages, catering to a wide audience.

Originally, Netflix revealed that “Satyam Sundaram” would be available for streaming starting October 27. However, shortly after the announcement, the post was removed, leaving fans curious about the change. Whether Netflix will repost the same date or update it remains to be seen.

Despite the uncertainty surrounding the exact release date, it appears that October 27 is still a



strong possibility. Additionally, there are exciting features lined up for viewers on the Netflix app that day, which could enhance the overall experience for audiences.

As the date approaches, fans eagerly await confirmation regarding the OTT premiere of “Satyam Sundaram.” With its emotional storyline and stellar performances, the film promises to resonate with viewers in the comfort of their homes. Stay tuned for further updates from Netflix, as this family drama continues to capture hearts across the nation.