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Kaleshwaram Inquiry Intensifies

Over 130 Questions Directed at ENC Nagender

- A heated commission inquiry The commission that raised questions on ENC Nagender The trial lasted for about 3 hours



TPN , Telangana : The ongoing Kaleshwaram public inquiry has brought the spotlight on Operation and Maintenance (O&M) Engineer-in-Chief (ENC) Nagender, who faced intense questioning from the Kaleshwaram Commission on Wednesday.

The inquiry, which lasted over three hours, saw the commission ask more than 130 questions regarding the maintenance and operational practices of the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Project (KLIP).

During the session, ENC Nagender revealed that regulations were not strictly followed in issuing the completion certificate for the Medigadda barrage. He also disclosed that three barrages, including Medigadda, were under the control of the Ramagundam ENC, raising concerns over the maintenance and operation of the structures.

The commission questioned whether leakages in the barrages were due to poor maintenance and asked who authorized the operation of gates during floods. It also inquired about the decision-making process for water storage, asking whether limits were exceeded and if proper safety regulations were adhered to.

Nagender admitted that the state and central dam safety regulations, as outlined in the Dam Safety Act, were not followed during operations. He pointed out that no dedicated O&M staff were in place until January 2021, when the team was finally established. Despite providing reports to the Ramagundam ENC, no significant action was taken on the issues flagged, Nagender revealed. The O&M department had not prepared

a formal manual at the time, and the CWC (Central Water Commission) and IS Code protocols were not followed.

The commission also asked whether water was stored beyond the designated limits in the barrages, to which Nagender confirmed that this had been the case since 2019, with verbal orders being issued to hold water. However, he added that there had been no proper checks before a recent accident involving the barrages.

In a parallel development, Vigilance and Enforcement (V&E) Director General K. Srinivasa Reddy announced that the Kaleshwaram probe report would be submitted soon. The inquiry, which had been delayed due to the sudden death of former Director General Rajiv Ratan, is now nearing completion. Reddy also mentioned that the National Dam Safety Authority (NDSA) would submit its findings soon.

The commission may next call former Ramagundam ENC Nalla Venkateshwarlu and Gajwel ENC B. Hariram for further questioning as part of its cross-examination process.

MLC Jeevan Reddy Expresses Frustration Over Party Defections, Calls for Action

Party defections are against Congress policies
Jeevan Reddy clarified that his decision on defections will not change



TPN , Telangana : Senior Congress leader and MLC Jeevan Reddy has once again voiced his dissatisfaction with recent developments within the Congress party, particularly regarding the defection of MLAs. Despite being loyal to the party for over four decades, Reddy expressed concerns about his diminishing influence and the lack of action taken against defectors.

Speaking candidly, Reddy emphasized that he harbors no ill will towards the Congress, describing it as his "hometown." However, he lamented the current state of affairs, saying that the defections from the BRS (Bharat Rashtra Samithi) into Congress have left him disillusioned. He expressed frustration that long-standing Congress leaders now feel the need to reassert their loyalty to the party amidst the confusion caused by these defections.

Reddy highlighted that party defections

are against the core policies of the Congress and demanded that the defectors from BRS be disqualified. He said he had conveyed his concerns to the party's High Command, stating that his stance on defections remains firm and will not change. According to him, the law mandates the suspension of party members who defect.

He also pointed out that the Congress enjoys a strong majority in Telangana and can remain stable even without the support of parties like AIMIM (All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen). Reddy urged Congress leadership to act swiftly against the BRS MLAs who have crossed over to the Congress, ensuring that the party's integrity is maintained.

Reddy's statements reflect growing internal unrest within the Congress as it faces challenges from within and outside the party.

TPCC Chief Goud Responds to Jeevan Reddy's Criticism on Defections

Those comments are Jeevan Reddy's personal TPCC chief Mahesh Kumar
It is revealed that the MLAs were included only after discussing with everyone

TPN, Telangana : Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President Mahesh Kumar Goud addressed the recent criticism from senior party leader Jeevan Reddy, who had expressed concerns over the inclusion of defected MLAs from the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS). Reddy had stated that defections violated Congress policies and called for action against the defectors. In response, Goud clarified that Jeevan Reddy's comments were his personal views and not reflective of the party's official position. He emphasized that the decision to admit



MLAs from other parties was made after consultations with senior Congress leaders. Goud explained that the party needs the support of all individuals and that including public representatives from other

parties was a strategic leadership decision.

Goud also reassured that Jeevan Reddy's reputation within the party remains unaffected by these developments. He mentioned that the murder of Reddy's close associate, Gangareddy, is under investigation, and the full details will soon be revealed. Goud recalled speaking with Reddy after the incident and acknowledged the senior leader's emotional distress at the time.

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KTR's Legal Notice to Bandi Sanjay
Union Minister Responds Strongly

KTR claims comments damaged his reputation
Warns of legal action if no apology within a week
Bandi Sanjay asserts he's not intimidated by threats
Vows to respond to notice with his own legal action



TPN , Telangana : BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) has sent a legal notice to Union Minister Bandi Sanjay, accusing him of making defamatory comments. KTR warned that unless Sanjay apologizes within a week, legal action would follow. KTR's notice points to allegations made by Sanjay, claiming that KTR was involved in drug use and phone tapping during BRS's time in power. Sanjay also implicated KTR's father, KCR, in the phone-tapping issue.

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KTR Seeks Criminal Action Against Konda Surekha for Defamation

KTR claims Surekha's comments damaged his reputation
Court records KTR's testimony for 30 minutes
Next hearing scheduled for the 30th of this month



TPN , Hyderabad : BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) has alleged that his honor and reputation have been severely damaged by defamatory comments made by State Revenue

Minister Konda Surekha. KTR filed a defamation case against her, and the Nampally Special Court recorded his statement for 30 minutes regarding the matter.

In his testimony, KTR emphasized that Surekha's remarks were deeply offensive, particularly to someone with a long-standing public career. He refrained from repeating the specific offensive comments in court, citing his respect for women, and instead submitted a full written complaint detailing the remarks. He alleged that Surekha falsely accused him of drug addiction and organizing rave parties, in a deliberate attempt to tarnish his image and harm the BRS party.

KTR further stated that several witnesses, including Dasoju Shruvan, Balka Suman, and Satyavathi Rathod, informed him about Surekha's comments after seeing them on TV. He expressed that these comments not only defamed him personally but also aimed to damage the party's reputation.

The court has adjourned the case for further hearing on the 30th of this month.

KTR's Legal Notice to Bandi Sanjay

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Responding to the legal notice, Bandi Sanjay gave a strong rebuttal. He stated, "I am not afraid of applause or threats. Political criticism cannot be met with legal notices. If you insult me, I will respond word for word, and I will answer the notice with a notice." Sanjay further added that he wasn't intimidated by KTR's actions and was ready to face him legally.

Sanjay reiterated that KTR was the first to make personal accusations, and he was merely responding. He also mentioned ongoing controversies regarding phone tapping and drug cases, sarcastically implying that KTR's fate is well-known to the public.

In his notice, KTR emphasized that Sanjay's allegations have tarnished his image and called for him to prove his claims. The comments were widely circulated in the media, causing potential harm to KTR's reputation, which he vehemently denied.

TPCC Chief Goud Responds to Jeevan Reddy's Criticism on Defections

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Addressing concerns about tensions between new and veteran leaders, particularly in areas like Jagityala, Goud noted that similar challenges exist in other regions as well. He reiterated the importance of unity within the party as it moves forward.

ED Investigates Senior IAS Officer Over Alleged Irregularities in Bhudan Land Allotment

TPN , Telangana : A senior IAS officer, Amoy Kumar, appeared before the Enforcement Directorate (ED) on Wednesday morning as part of an investigation into allegations of irregularities in land allotment. Kumar, who previously served as the District Collector of Ranga Reddy, attended the inquiry accompanied by his lawyer.



The investigation has arisen from claims that 50 acres of Bhudan land were improperly allocated. The ED had already issued notices regarding these irregularities, prompting the inquiry into the matter. This investigation stems from a vigilance probe that revealed significant discrepancies in the division of Bhudan lands, leading to a case being registered against the then Mandal Revenue Officer (MRO) Jyoti.

The ongoing dispute involves 102.2 acres in survey numbers 181 and 182 in Nagaram, where the Bhudan Board asserts that 50 acres of land belongs to it. However, this land is registered in the name of Jabbardasta Khan, whose son, Haji Khan, donated the 50 acres to the Bhudan Board. Complications arose in 2021 when a woman named Khadurunisa claimed ownership of 40 acres, leading to land registration in her name. Investigations have indicated that local officials, including the RDO, Tahsildar, Revenue Inspectors (RIs), and senior assistants, allegedly facilitated this registration in her favor.

The ED's inquiry into these allegations aims to clarify the circumstances surrounding the irregular land allotment and determine any legal violations that may have occurred during the process.

Governor Jishnu Dev Varma Engages with Newly Appointed Vice Chancellors

TPN , Hyderabad : The Hon'ble Governor of Telangana, Shri Jishnu Dev Varma, conducted an interactive session with the nine newly appointed Vice Chancellors from various universities in the state, alongside the Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Telangana State Council of Higher Education (TSCHE).

During the session, the Governor referred to the Vice Chancellors as the "captains of the ship," highlighting their vital role in shaping the future of higher education in Telangana. He urged them to meet the government's expectations and lead their respective universities towards excellence in quality education and innovative research. The Governor extended his best wishes to the Vice Chancellors as they assumed their new responsibilities.

Additionally, the Governor announced that



quarterly interactions would be held with all Vice Chancellors to review academic progress and university achievements, fostering a culture of continuous improvement and accountability.

The event was attended by Shri Burra Venkatesham, IAS, Principal Secretary to the Governor, Shri J. Bhavani Shankar, Joint Secretary to the Governor, and other officials from Raj Bhavan.

TGSRTC Generates ₹307.16 Crore in Revenue During Dasara and Bathukamma Festivals



TPN , Hyderabad: The Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) reported a remarkable revenue of ₹307.16 crore from October 1 to 15, driven by the deployment of special buses to accommodate the surge in passengers during the Dasara and Bathukamma festivals.

During this period, approximately 7.73 crore passengers utilized TGSRTC services, with 10,512 buses operating specifically for the festivities. TGSRTC officials noted a significant increase in passenger numbers, particularly from October 9 to October 11, coinciding with the height of the celebrations.

In response to safety concerns, TGSRTC issued an advisory urging students not to travel on footboards. Managing Director VC Sajjanar addressed the issue on X (formerly Twitter), highlighting alarming videos of students standing precariously on footboards that surfaced on social media.

He assured that the management is taking steps to enhance safety by increasing the number of buses on congested routes and deploying more buses during rush hours. The TGSRTC aims to ensure a safe and comfortable travel experience for all passengers during this festive season.

Supreme Court Hears Disputes in Hyderabad Cricket Association Governance



TPN , New Delhi : The Supreme Court of India convened today to address ongoing disputes within the Hyderabad Cricket Association (HCA). A special bench consisting of Justice Vikram Nath and Justice Satish Chandra Sharma conducted the hearing, which has been adjourned until 2 PM tomorrow.

The Supreme Court previously appointed Justice L. Nageswara Rao to prepare an electoral list for the HCA and oversee its elections. Alongside this, Justice Rao was instructed to recommend governance reforms. However, HCA members have voiced strong objections to his claim that a

significant number of members are family-related, leading to the filing of petitions against this assertion.

During the proceedings, Justice Rao pointed out that family ties among HCA members could complicate the electoral process, raising potential conflicts of interest. In contrast, the HCA members have challenged this perspective, insisting that it misrepresents their governance structure.

Further complicating matters, allegations of irregularities within the HCA have emerged. There are growing demands for an investigation into various contractual issues, including

tenders, catering, and travel services. Bhuvanagiri MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy has written to the Additional DG of Vigilance, requesting an inquiry into these matters. He accused the HCA management of making unilateral decisions that undermine the association's performance. Specifically, he criticized the awarding of IPL contracts without a competitive tender process, cautioning that such actions could damage the HCA's reputation.

As the case unfolds, all eyes remain on the Supreme Court, with stakeholders eager for a resolution to the governance challenges facing the HCA.

Telangana Government Whip Accuses Eatala Rajender of Promoting Communal Hatred

TPN , Hyderabad: Telangana government whip Adi Srinivas has criticized Malkajgiri MP Eatala Rajender for abandoning his secular image and adopting a communal stance for political gain. Srinivas alleged that Rajender, who once portrayed himself as a secular leader, is now inciting communal hatred to serve his personal interests.

In a press conference on Tuesday, Srinivas claimed that Rajender has been making baseless accusations against Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, driven by jealousy and animosity. He accused Rajender of launching venomous campaigns aimed at tarnishing Reddy's image for political advantage.

Srinivas asserted that Rajender is working with a singular agenda—to stir communal tensions in the state. He condemned BJP leaders for their at-

tempts to create discord among various religious communities in Telangana, which has largely maintained peace and harmony.

In a statement earlier that day, Eatala Rajender alleged that 15 teams received training in Hyderabad as part of a conspiracy to incite hatred against the Hindu community. He claimed that those responsible for vandalizing the Muthyalamma temple in Secunderabad were affiliated with one of these teams, which allegedly received training at Hotel Metropolis just a day before the incident.

On Monday, October 21, Rajender visited Telangana Governor Jishnu Dev Varma to present a representation regarding the series of incidents over the past few months, emphasizing the need for immediate action.



Jagityala MLA Sanjay Kumar Responds to Congress Leader Jeevan Reddy's Criticism



TPN , Telangana : Jagityala MLA Sanjay Kumar has countered comments made by Congress leader Jeevan Reddy regarding party defections and recent violence in the area. Sanjay Kumar revealed that he contested the last election from the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) because he did not receive an opportunity to run with the Congress party.

Jeevan Reddy criticized the defections from Congress and the murder of his follower, Ganga Reddy, prompting Sanjay Kumar to respond. He condemned Reddy's remarks and asserted that his faction represents the "original Congress family" in Jagityala. He noted that Reddy's political history includes leaving NTR's cabinet to join Nadendla Bhaskara Rao's cabinet without criticism, implying hypocrisy in his current

stance.

Sanjay Kumar stated that he is working with the Congress government for the development of his constituency. He clarified that he has not yet formally joined the Congress party or resigned from BRS, dismissing Reddy's allegations of defection as politically motivated.

Regarding Ganga Reddy's murder, Sanjay Kumar emphasized that they do not condone violence, pointing out that the people of Jagityala are aware of the true circumstances surrounding the incidents. He attributed Ganga Reddy's murder to personal rivalries rather than political motives, asserting that such claims should not be politicized.

Minister Sridhar Babu Addresses Murder Incident in Jagityala

TPN , Telangana : Minister Sridhar Babu has responded to the recent murder of Congress leader Ganga Reddy's chief follower in Jagityala district, emphasizing that those responsible for the crime will not escape justice. He expressed serious concern over the incident and reassured that no one, regardless of their standing, will be spared if found guilty.

The minister stated that he has already communicated with the district Superintendent of Police (SP) regarding the investigation. He also mentioned that the PCC chief has spoken to MLC Jeevan Reddy, and he intends to engage in discussions with Reddy himself. Acknowledging Reddy's status as a senior leader within the party, Babu affirmed that they value his contributions and will utilize his services moving forward.

Additionally, Minister Sridhar Babu made it clear that the party will support the family of the



deceased victim and that Jeevan Reddy's honor within the party remains intact. He stressed the party's commitment to standing by its members in difficult times, reinforcing solidarity in the face of violence.

KTR Criticizes Revanth Reddy Over Defection Controversy



TPN , Telangana : BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) has launched a scathing attack on Congress leader A. Revanth Reddy regarding the issue of party defections. In a tweet on X, KTR pointed out that senior Congress leader Jeevan Reddy has condemned defections as undemocratic and "evil," questioning whether Revanth would still support these actions.

KTR emphasized that Jeevan Reddy's remarks

reveal the hypocrisy within the Congress party, stating, "Senior leaders like Jeevan Reddy are saying that this is against the policies of the Congress. You've thrown dirt on your degenerate politics." He called for an apology from Revanth Reddy for endorsing such defections.

Additionally, KTR raised questions about the actions that would be taken against MLAs who switch parties, challenging Revanth to clarify his stance on this issue. Jeevan Reddy has also demanded legal action against BRS MLAs who joined the Congress party.

KTR further criticized Revanth Reddy's view of the "double engine" government, referring to Prime Minister Modi and business tycoon Adani. He accused Revanth of acting on Modi's orders and prioritizing decisions that benefit his interests. KTR condemned the alleged fake referendum for the Ambuja Cement Plant in Ramannapet, asserting that the BJP remains silent on these misdeeds.

Bhuvanagiri MLA Anil Kumar Reddy Criticizes KTR Over Musi River Cleanup

TPN , Bhuvanagiri : Bhuvanagiri MLA Kumbham Anil Kumar Reddy has accused K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) of spreading misinformation regarding the cleanup of the Musi River. Reddy alleged that KTR is creating confusion and lying about the efforts to restore the river's health, noting that leaders from various political parties have previously initiated actions to address the pollution issue.

He commended Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy for taking the lead in the Musi cleanup without prior prompting, expressing concern over the health consequences of pollution. Reddy highlighted that residents are suffering from diseases like cancer and paralysis due to contaminated water sources.

In light of these issues, Reddy announced plans for a significant movement aimed at cleaning the Musi in the joint Nalgonda district, with a major event scheduled for October 26 in Pilayapalli. He called for unity among all parties in this initiative and urged the BRS to act as a responsible opposition. Supporting Reddy's claims, Nakirekal MLA Vemula Veeresham criticized the BRS for its failure to address pollution, labeling the party as the primary enemy of the joint Nalgonda district.

V. Hanumantha Rao Announces BC Caste Census in Telangana

TPN , Telangana : Congress senior leader and former MP V. Hanumantha Rao has announced that the Backward Classes (BC) caste census in Telangana will be conducted from October 28 to November 13. He urged citizens to provide accurate information to the officials who will visit their homes during this period.

Hailing Rahul Gandhi for advocating the caste census, Hanumantha Rao emphasized the importance of the initiative, stating that it would ensure justice for backward classes by accurately documenting their population. He praised Gandhi as a leader who understands the challenges faced by farmers and students.



"The census will help identify the population of backward classes, as many SC and ST communities are eager to understand their numbers," said Hanumantha Rao. He noted that Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy has initiated the caste census in Telangana, continuing a legacy supported by former Prime Minister Manmohan Singh and Sonia Gandhi.

In related news, the Telangana High Court has issued significant orders regarding the BC caste census. On September 10, the court directed the state government to complete the census and submit a report within three months. This ruling followed a petition from Erra Satyanarayana, president of the BC Welfare Association. The Congress government plans to utilize the census results for upcoming local body and panchayat elections, marking a pivotal step for political representation in the state.

High Court Hears KA Paul's Petition Against HYDRA Demolitions



TPN , Hyderabad: In a recent hearing at the High Court regarding the petition filed by KA Paul against the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Assets Monitoring Protection (HYDRA), the court emphasized the importance of due process in demolition activities. KA Paul represented himself

during the proceedings and argued that victims of demolitions should be given sufficient notice and time to secure alternative housing. The court ordered HYDRA to refrain from carrying out demolitions without prior notification to affected individuals. Additionally, the High Court mandated that demolitions should only proceed after suitable housing has been provided for the victims.

In response, the Additional Advocate General stated that current demolitions are conducted only after ensuring that houses have been allotted to those affected. The High Court has directed the state government and HYDRA to submit a detailed counter, outlining the processes and justifications for the demolitions in question. This case underscores the court's commitment to protecting the rights of individuals facing displacement while ensuring that proper procedures are followed.

Telangana High Court Hears Petition Challenging GO 33 on Indiramma Committees



TPN , Hyderabad: The Telangana High Court recently addressed a petition concerning Government Order 33 (GO 33), which was enacted by the state government to establish Indiramma Committees for identifying beneficiaries of Indiramma Houses.

BJP MLA Maheswara Reddy filed the petition, seeking the cancellation of GO 33. The petitioner argued that the responsibility of identifying beneficiaries should rest with village secretariat officials rather than the committees set up under the government order.

In response, the High Court issued notices to the government and ordered them to submit counter affidavits regarding the petition. The court has scheduled the next hearing for October 27th. This case highlights ongoing discussions about the management and transparency of housing schemes in Telangana, reflecting the need for clarity in beneficiary identification processes.



Health Hazards Rise Behind Gandhi Hospital Due to Overflowing Drainage

TPN , Hyderabad : The area behind Gandhi Hospital in Padmarao Nagar has turned into a hazardous zone for commuters and residents due to overflowing drainage and slush. This alarming situation has persisted for days, creating a dangerous environment.

Wastewater has inundated the road, while illegal parking of trucks

and construction vehicles blocks access for pedestrians and vehicles alike. "It's an accident waiting to happen," said a frustrated passerby.

Civic workers are attempting to clear the debris swept by the drainage, but their efforts appear inadequate. "Without fixing the drainage, the problem will persist," remarked Ravi Kumar, a local resident.

Additionally, some locals are feeding pigeons near the hospital, raising serious health concerns. The accumulation of bird droppings amid stagnant water increases the risk of disease outbreaks. Residents are urgently calling for action to address these environmental and public health risks.

TGANB Launches Three-Day Anti-Drug Abuse Campaign in Telangana



TPN , Hyderabad : The Telangana Anti-Narcotics Bureau (TGANB) kicked off a three-day anti-drug abuse campaign on October 23, aimed at eradicating drug abuse in the state and promoting rehabilitation for youth. The initiative will run until October 26 and seeks to create a drug-free environment in Telangana.

As part of the campaign, Prahari Clubs are being established in all high schools and Anti-Drug Committees (ADCs) in educational institutions to prevent drug abuse among children and curb local drug sales. So far, 4,511 Prahari Clubs have been formed across various institutions. TGANB empha-

sized that addressing the drug menace requires the combined efforts of police, law enforcement agencies, and stakeholders, including students and educational institutions.

TGANB noted that the conviction rate under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act is alarmingly low, with only 4% of cases from the Telangana Prohibition and Excise Department leading to convictions, and just 11% for cases detected by the police. To enhance these rates, training programs for investigative officers are being implemented.

During a session at the Marichenna Reddy HRD Institute, TGANB Director Sandeep Shandilya stated, "The primary objective of this awareness campaign is to make students, youth, teachers, and citizens aware of the ill effects of drugs and encourage them to join the fight against drug abuse and illicit trafficking."

Huge Drug Bust in Hyderabad: Authorities Seize MDMA and Arrest Suspects

TPN , Hyderabad authorities have made a significant drug bust, seizing 70 grams of MDMA from a suspect named Ajay, who hails from Bangalore. The drugs were reportedly transported from Bangalore to Hyderabad for local distribution. Ajay had been selling drugs through social media, accepting advance bookings from customers.

According to officials, Ajay would initially send parcels of drugs by bus from Bangalore before traveling to Hyderabad to complete the sales. However, his activities were brought to the attention of excise officials, who promptly arrested him and placed him in remand. This incident reflects a recent uptick in enforcement actions by excise officers in Hyderabad.

In a related crackdown, three women—Geeta-bai, Sheelabai, and Kranti—from Dhulpet were apprehended for trafficking ganja from Andhra Pradesh. The accused had been evading capture for some time, operating under the radar while supplying ganja to software engineers. The authorities are intensifying their efforts to combat drug-related offenses in the region.

Six Arrested for Attacking Police During Secunderabad Temple Protest



TPN , Hyderabad: The Monda Market police have arrested six individuals involved in an attack on police officers during protests against the desecration of a temple in Secunderabad on October 19. Various religious organizations organized a bandh that day, demonstrating against the vandalism.

During the protests, demonstrators hurled water bottles, stones, and footwear at the police stationed at the site. Following a complaint from Monda Market Sub-Inspector Mamata, police

registered a case against the assailants.

Investigations, aided by CCTV footage and video recordings, led to the identification of several leaders and members from various religious groups. Cases have been filed against numerous individuals, including Naresh, Prashanth, Kiran, Vamsa Tilak, and others. Among those arrested, Mohan, Rajesh, Yellesh, Ayush Raj, Shivaji, and Gnana Sundar have been remanded for further investigation.

Additionally, police have detained others suspected of involvement and are conducting interrogations. Five cases have been registered against a group for vandalizing three TGSRTC buses and for injuring police personnel. As a precaution, the Rapid Action Force and local police remain deployed to ensure the area's security while religious rituals continue peacefully.

Cyberabad Police Recover 2,000 Stolen Cell Phones in Six Months



TPN , Cyberabad : The Cyberabad Police have successfully recovered 2,000 stolen or missing cell phones over the past six months, with recent efforts leading to the retrieval of 800 devices valued at ₹2.4 crore. The recovery was facilitated through the Central Equipment Identity Register (CEIR) portal.

DCP Narsimha of Cyberabad Crimes reported that a dedicated team of fifty policemen worked tirelessly for a month and a half to recover the latest batch of phones. "In the last six months, we have recovered 2,000 phones and handed them over to the victims," he stated.

The DCP urged residents to promptly register their lost phones on the CEIR portal and emphasized that cases will be registered for both buying and selling second-hand mobile phones. He also advised the public to remain vigilant against cyber crimes. The police's proactive approach and the effective use of technology have significantly contributed to these successful recoveries, providing relief to many victims of phone theft.

Water Supply Disruption in Parts of Hyderabad for 24 Hours Starting Thursday

TPN , Hyderabad: The Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB) has announced that certain areas of the city will experience a 24-hour disruption in water supply starting at 6 AM on Thursday. This interruption is due to necessary repair works aimed at addressing leakages in the Krishna Drinking Water Supply Phase-3.

Affected areas include Sastrapuram, Bandlaguda, Bhojagutta, Allabanda, Jubilee Hills, Film Nagar, Prashasan Nagar, Tatikhana, Lalapet, Saheb Nagar, Auto Nagar, Vasavi Reservoirs, Sainik Puri, Maulali, Madhapur, Ayyappa Society, Kavuri Hills, Snehapuri, Kailasagiri, Devendra Nagar, Madhuban, Durga Nagar, Budvel, Suleman Nagar, Kismatpur, Gandham Guda, Boduppall, Mallikarjuna Nagar, Chengicherla, Bharat Nagar, Peerzadiguda, and Dharmasai (Shamshabad).

In a press release, the HMWSSB noted that the disruption is necessary to repair a leakage in the 2375 mm diameter MS pumping main, which is critical for supplying drinking water to Hyderabad. The water board has requested residents in the affected areas to use water sparingly during this period.

Incheon Smart City: Pioneering Eco-Friendly Urban Development in South Korea

TPN , Telangana : Incheon Smart City, located in the Songdo region of South Korea, is emerging as one of the country's most prestigious smart city projects, covering 1,500 acres and built on eco-friendly principles. Utilizing advanced information and communication technology (ICT), Incheon has transformed into a super-smart city connected through an Internet of Things (IoT) framework.

The city integrates residential areas, offices, transportation systems, parks, and shopping centers, allowing residents to control various aspects such as temperature, security, and electricity consumption via smartphones. Renewable energy sources, including wind turbines and solar panels, power the city while employing recycled water systems.

Thanks to its proximity to Incheon International Airport, Songdo has become a global business and tourism hub. The city also offers health-related services using



smart technology, featuring virtual consultations and digital medical records in hospitals and clinics. Additionally, smart farming and green space management monitor weather conditions.

Major international companies, including Cisco, 3M, and Intel, are establishing offices in Incheon, which is home to notable educational institutions like Sora International School and SUNY Korea. With an investment of approximately \$40 billion, Songdo is poised to become a leading smart city, both in South Korea and globally.

Telangana Couple Sells Infant, Seeks Police Help to Retrieve Her

TPN , Telangana : In a shocking incident, a couple from Vemulawada sold their ten-month-old daughter while under the influence of alcohol at a toddy compound on Tuesday evening, October 23. Following their subsequent complaint for the return of the child, the Vemulawada police acted swiftly, rescuing the infant from the buyer who had paid ₹1 lakh for her.

Shyamala, 30, and Ravinder, 35, negotiated the deal with a woman named Lakshmi from Jagtial for ₹90,000, signing a bond paper during the transaction. According to the circle inspector of Vemulawada police station, Ravinder was intoxicated at the time, and Shyamala was present when the agreement was made.

In a police station video, Shyamala revealed that she has four children from her first marriage, two of whom live with her, while the others are in a hostel. She attempted to contact the buyer to retrieve her daughter, but the phone was switched off. The police located the baby and returned her to Shyamala and Ravinder on Wednesday morning.

Telangana Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy Issues Warning of Impending Political Fallout

TPN , Telangana : In a provocative statement, Telangana Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy has hinted at significant political repercussions within the state. He asserted that "political bombs are going to explode in a day or two," emphasizing that no one will escape accountability for their mistakes.

Minister Reddy stated that all relevant files are prepared with evidence and clarified that actions are being taken based solely on factual information rather than for party gains. He specifically mentioned ongoing investigations involving prominent leaders related to issues such as phone tapping, the Dharani land records system, and the Kaleshwaram irrigation project.



His comments suggest that serious ramifications may soon unfold within the political landscape of Telangana, as Reddy underscores a commitment to transparency and accountability in governance.

Accused in Ganga Reddy's Murder Arrested; Murder Weapon Recovered

TPN , Hyderabad: B. Santosh Goud, the prime suspect in the murder of M. Ganga Reddy in Jabitapur village, Jagtial district, was arrested by police on Wednesday, October 23. Goud is currently detained at a local police station, where he is undergoing interrogation.

Ganga Reddy was a close confidante of Congress MLC T. Jeevan Reddy for four

decades. The police have recovered the weapon used in the brazen daylight murder and are examining the suspect's phone records for contacts made before and after the incident. According to reports, Goud rammed his car into Ganga Reddy's motorbike. When Ganga Reddy fell, Goud exited the vehicle and repeatedly stabbed him in the chest and abdomen with a knife.

Group-I Aspirants Plan Campaigns Against Congress Ahead of Upcoming Elections

TPN , Hyderabad: Frustrated by the Congress government's failure to address their grievances, Group-I aspirants are gearing up for a focused campaign against the party in the upcoming local body elections and the Maharashtra assembly elections. Their primary aim is to draw attention to issues stemming from controversial GO 29, which they claim violates reservation rules in the Group-I Main exam selections. The aspirants

plan to target Congress General Secretary Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, who is making her electoral debut from Wayanad, Kerala, to highlight their discontent.

Previously, the BRS government issued GO 55, allowing candidates from SC, ST, and BC categories to compete for both open and reserved quotas based on merit. However, GO 29 restricts these candidates to the reserved category, dis-

qualifying many who would have been eligible under the earlier rules. The Supreme Court has directed the High Court to expedite the matter before the Group-I results are declared on November 20.

Aspirants are demanding the cancellation of GO 29 and clarity on standardized textbooks for competitive exam preparation, hoping to ensure their concerns reach the Congress leadership.



Alert Issued as Tiger Roams Ajar and Vajjar Forests in Adilabad

TPN , Adilabad: A significant alert has been issued by forest officials following the recent sighting of a large tiger in the Ajar and Vajjar forests of Both Mandal. The situation escalated when the tiger attacked forest staff on duty yesterday, prompting immediate safety measures.

Residents of nearby villages are advised to exercise caution, with forest officials urging farmers to refrain from going alone for agricultural work and instead travel in groups. Additionally, they have emphasized the importance of returning home before dark to ensure safety.

Officials have also warned against the installation of electrical wires in chains for crop protection, outlining the potential risks involved. Awareness campaigns are being conducted in local villages to educate residents about the presence of the tiger and the necessary precautions to take. Authorities are urging the community to avoid venturing into the forests during this critical time.



Case Filed Against Bigg Boss Contestant Gangavva for Using Parakeet in YouTube Video

TPN , Jagtial: Forest officials have filed a case against Telugu Bigg Boss contestant Gangavva and YouTuber Raju for violating the Wildlife Protection Act of 1972 by featuring an Indian parakeet in their YouTube video titled "Gangavva Chiluka Panchangam." The video, uploaded on May 20, 2022, showcased the duo using the parakeet to select astrology cards at Lambadipally in Mallial mandal.

The case was initiated following a complaint from activist Adu-lapuram Goutham of the Stray Animal Foundation of India. District Forest Officer Ravi Prasad conducted an inquiry, confirming the violation. A penalty of ₹25,000 was also imposed for their actions, which led to the removal of the video from YouTube.

However, considering that Gangavva and Raju were unaware of the Wildlife Protection Act's implications, the DFO withdrew the case as it was their first offense. Officials obtained a written commitment from them not to repeat such actions in the future.

Konda Surekha Seeks Presidential Gallantry Awards for Forest Personnel

TPN , Hyderabad: Minister Konda Surekha has urged Union Minister for Environment, Forests, and Climate Change, Bhupendra Yadav, to annually confer "Presidential Gallantry Awards" on forest personnel in recognition of their exemplary services. In her letter, Surekha emphasized that these awards would provide forest officers with recognition comparable to that of other uniformed services, thereby boosting their morale.

She also proposed to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy the introduction of state-level awards, including Forest Service Medals and the Chief Minister's Award, to honor outstanding contributions to forestry. Surekha highlighted the dangers faced by forest personnel, who encounter threats from wildlife and smugglers while performing their duties. She called for the restoration of the "Van Paraksha Seva Medals" and requested discussions with the central government regarding national honors for forest officers on significant national days. These initiatives aim to inspire and motivate forest personnel in their critical work for environmental conservation.





Modi-Pezeshkian Meeting: A New Chapter in India-Iran Relations

The meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian on October 22, held during the BRICS Summit in Kazan, Russia, marks a significant milestone in India-Iran relations. This was their first formal interaction, highlighting a renewed commitment to strengthening ties between the two nations, which share a multifaceted and historically rich relationship.

The timing of this meeting is crucial, as it comes against the backdrop of evolving geopolitical dynamics in the region. Both India and Iran have faced their own sets of challenges in recent years, including economic pressures and regional security concerns. By engaging in direct dialogue, Modi and Pezeshkian are signaling their intent to collaborate on key issues, enhancing bilateral cooperation in various sectors.

India has traditionally maintained a strong interest in Iran, particularly regarding energy security and trade. Iran is a vital supplier of crude oil, and India has been keen to explore avenues for further cooperation in energy, agriculture, and infrastructure development. The two countries have previously engaged in projects like the Chabahar Port, which is designed to enhance connectivity and trade routes, particularly to Afghanistan and Central Asia. Strengthening this partnership could provide a counterbalance to regional rivals and open new avenues for economic growth.

Moreover, both nations share common interests in combating terrorism and ensuring stability in the region. Given Iran's strategic position and India's rising influence, collaborative efforts in intelligence sharing and counter-terrorism initiatives could lead to a more secure environment for both countries.

The meeting also holds cultural significance, as India and Iran have deep-rooted historical and cultural ties. From literature to art, the two civilizations have influenced each other over centuries. Emphasizing cultural exchanges can further enrich this partnership and promote people-to-people connections.

In the face of global uncertainties and shifting alliances, India and Iran's commitment to dialogue is particularly noteworthy. Both leaders appear to be aware that cooperation could lead to mutual benefits, not just economically but also in fostering regional stability.

As this relationship evolves, it will be essential to monitor how both countries navigate their respective challenges and leverage their strengths. The Modi-Pezeshkian meeting could serve as a catalyst for a more robust partnership, one that is not only strategically significant but also rich in potential for cultural and economic collaboration. The path ahead promises a multidimensional relationship that could redefine India-Iran ties for years to come.

LAC Pact: Will China's Words Match Its Actions



In a significant diplomatic development, India and China are set to engage in a bilateral meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping during the BRICS Summit in Kazan, Russia. This meeting comes after an agreement aimed at resolving the long-standing military standoff along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh, particularly concerning patrolling in the Depsang and Demchok areas.

The tensions between the two nations have persisted since May 2020, with the most serious conflict occurring in June 2020 in the Galwan Valley, resulting in the deaths of 20 Indian soldiers and approximately 40 Chinese troops. This incident marked a pivotal shift in India's approach to China, leading to a comprehensive reevaluation of bilateral relations across various sectors.

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar has confirmed that the recent agreement indicates the completion of the disengagement process, with military pullbacks already achieved at four of the six identified friction points. While this is a prom-

ising step towards restoring some level of normalcy, many challenges remain. India's military infrastructure along the border has been significantly bolstered since 2020, reflecting a newfound resolve to address the Chinese challenge.

Despite the current agreement, deep-seated mistrust persists in India towards China. Historical violations of agreements have eroded confidence, making it difficult for any new pact to gain legitimacy in the eyes of the Indian public. For China, rebuilding trust will require consistent, trustworthy actions rather than mere diplomatic rhetoric.

As both nations navigate this fragile relationship, the broader question remains whether China can accept India as an equal partner and address New Delhi's core security concerns. The latest agreement, while a step forward, does not fundamentally change the structural rivalry between the two powers. India's strategy moving forward will likely emphasize strengthening its own capabilities and fostering external partnerships to effectively manage the challenges posed by China.



Chill in India's Credit Market: RBI's Loan Freeze Shakes Investor Confidence

A significant chill has gripped India's credit industry following the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) recent directive to four finance companies, halting their ability to issue new loans. This move has sent shockwaves through the financial sector, impacting not only the companies directly involved but also the broader market sentiment.

In the wake of the RBI's announcement, one finance firm was forced to cancel a planned bond sale, signaling a lack of investor confidence and heightened risk aversion. Shares of another company under the RBI's scrutiny plummeted, reflecting the anxiety gripping stakeholders in the financial ecosystem. This uncertainty comes as investors are already on edge due to existing vulnerabilities in the credit market, making the situation even more precarious.

The RBI's decision appears to be a response to concerns about the financial health and governance of these firms, raising alarm bells among investors about potential defaults and liquidity issues. The regulator's move has intensified scrutiny of the non-banking financial companies (NBFCs), which have been facing increasing pressure in a challenging economic environment.

Investors are now questioning the stability of the entire sector, with many reallocating their portfolios in search of safer assets. The ripple effects of the RBI's intervention have led to a broader reassessment of risk in the financial market, particularly re-

garding the creditworthiness of firms that have been operating on the fringes of regulatory oversight.

Market analysts are watching closely to see how this situation unfolds. There are concerns that prolonged restrictions on loan issuance could lead to a tightening of credit across the economy, stifling growth and exacerbating liquidity challenges for businesses and consumers alike. The fear is that if credit remains constrained, it could hinder investment and consumption, critical components of economic recovery post-pandemic.

Furthermore, this situation raises questions about the RBI's future stance on regulatory measures and its approach to managing financial stability in the sector. As the central bank navigates the balance between ensuring sound lending practices and fostering economic growth, its actions will be closely monitored by both market participants and policymakers.

In conclusion, the RBI's recent directive has catalyzed a significant shake-up in India's credit landscape, with immediate implications for finance companies and broader repercussions for the economy. As the industry grapples with this chill, the need for transparent governance and robust financial practices has never been more critical. Investors and companies alike will be hoping for a swift resolution to restore confidence and stability in the credit market.

Delhi's Air Pollution Crisis: Blame Game and Short-Term Solutions



As the festive season unfolds in the national capital, so too does the familiar haze of air pollution, casting a shadow over celebrations. With Delhi's Air Quality Index (AQI) soaring to 310, categorizing it as "very poor," the Commission for Air Quality Management (CAQM) has implemented the Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP) Stage II. This stage includes banning the use of coal and firewood, particularly in restaurants and open eateries, as well as diesel generator sets, except for emergencies. Fireworks have also been prohibited, a measure particularly relevant as Diwali approaches.

Delhi Chief Minister Atishi wasted no time in blaming neighboring states for the city's deteriorating air quality. She accused the BJP of "dirty politics," claiming that rising pollution levels are primarily due to stubble burning in states like Haryana and Uttar Pradesh, while downplaying Punjab's role, where her party governs. Atishi cited data from the Indian Agricultural Research Institute (IARI) showing a drop in stubble

burning in Punjab but an increase in Haryana and Uttar Pradesh.

However, experts have contested her claims, arguing that smoke from Uttar Pradesh is unlikely to affect Delhi's air quality due to prevailing wind patterns. Stubble fire fumes typically move in a north-west to south-east direction, making it improbable for emissions from Uttar Pradesh to reach the capital. The Uttar Pradesh government has also highlighted a significant reduction in stubble burning incidents over the past seven years, further challenging Atishi's narrative.

In contrast, Punjab's progress in addressing stubble burning remains lackluster. While the Centre has sanctioned numerous Compressed Biogas (CBG) plants in the state, only a handful are operational. Without effective processing facilities for agricultural waste, the issue of stubble burning will persist, undermining efforts to improve air quality.

Judiciary intervention only when grey areas in drafting laws: Shah



Union Home Minister Amit Shah underscored the critical importance of clarity in the drafting of laws, stating that eliminating grey areas can significantly reduce judicial intervention. Speaking at a training session for government officials on Tuesday, Shah emphasized that ambiguity in legislation often leads to challenges in interpretation, prompting the judiciary to step in.

“Intervention of judiciary will occur only where there is a grey area; lesser the grey area, lesser the intervention,” he explained, highlighting the need for precise legal language. This approach aims to ensure that laws are easily understandable and implementable, thus minimizing disputes and the need for court involvement.

Shah’s remarks come in the context of ongoing efforts to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of government operations. By focusing on clarity, the government aims to create a more robust legal framework that supports governance while respecting the rule of law. He urged officials to prioritize clear definitions and unambiguous terms in legislative texts to avoid potential conflicts that could arise from misinterpretations.

Moreover, Shah pointed out that well-drafted laws not only facilitate smoother governance but also bolster public trust in the legal system. When citizens can easily comprehend their rights and responsibilities, it enhances compliance and reduces the likelihood of legal disputes.

The Home Minister’s comments resonate with a broader initiative to streamline the legislative process and improve the quality of laws enacted by the government. By investing in better drafting practices, officials can ensure that laws are relevant, effective, and less prone to judicial scrutiny.

In conclusion, Amit Shah’s emphasis on clarity in law drafting reflects a proactive approach to governance. By addressing potential grey areas in legislation, the government aims to foster a more efficient legal environment, ultimately benefiting both the administration and the public it serves.

PM Modi Discusses Release Of Indians From Russian Army With Putin



During a bilateral meeting on the sidelines of the 16th BRICS Summit in Kazan, Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Russian President Vladimir Putin addressed several key issues, including the early discharge of Indian nationals serving in the Russian Army. Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri, speaking at a media briefing, highlighted that the discussion on this topic was significant for both sides, and with Russia’s support, many Indian nationals have returned to India in recent months. Currently, the Indian embassy is pursuing around 20 cases with the Russian government, and there is hope for their timely repatriation.

The leaders also discussed the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, with PM Modi reiterating that dialogue and diplomacy are essential for resolving the sit-

uation. He shared insights from his engagements with Ukrainian leadership and reaffirmed India’s readiness to contribute to peace efforts in the region.

In terms of defense cooperation, both leaders expressed satisfaction and agreed to convene the next meeting of the India-Russia Intergovernmental Cooperation Group on Defence in Moscow soon. Discussions also included energy collaboration, particularly regarding the Kudankulam Nuclear Power Project, with both sides committed to adhering to the agreed schedule for the installation of remaining units.

Economic cooperation was another focal point, with discussions on sustaining supply chains for fertilizers and coal from Russia, with President Putin promising assistance.

The two leaders planned for India to host the 25th session of the India-Russia Intergovernmental Commission in New Delhi on November 12, 2024.

In a post on X, PM Modi characterized the meeting as excellent, emphasizing the deep-rooted bond between India and Russia and the need to invigorate bilateral partnerships across various sectors. He also thanked President Putin for his invitation to the BRICS Summit and acknowledged Russia’s leadership in strengthening multilateralism and global governance reform.

Overall, the discussions reflected a commitment to enhancing the Special and Privileged Strategic Partnership between the two nations, showcasing resilience amid geopolitical uncertainties.

Campaigned In Polls For 1st Time For Myself: Priyanka Gandhi



In a heartfelt address at a public meeting in Wayanad, Kerala, Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra emphasized the significance of her candidacy as she prepares to contest the upcoming by-election for the parliamentary seat. Surrounded by her mother, Sonia Gandhi, and brother, Rahul Gandhi, Priyanka shared that although she has been campaigning for 35 years, this is the first time she is seeking support for herself.

Reflecting on her long history in politics, she recalled starting her campaign journey at just 17, working for her father, former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi, and subsequently for her mother and brother. “It is a very different feeling,” she remarked, expressing gratitude to Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge for the opportunity to run. “It will be my honour to represent you if you give me a chance,” she added, highlighting her commitment to the constituency.

During her speech, Priyanka spoke about her recent visits to areas affected by devastating landslides that resulted in significant loss of life and property. “I saw the devastation with my own eyes. I met mothers who lost their children and people whose entire lives were washed away,” she said, emphasizing the resilience and compassion of the community. “Each and every person I met was engaged in helping each other,” she noted, underlining the spirit of solidarity she witnessed.

Rahul Gandhi, the Leader of the Opposition in the Lok Sabha, also addressed the gathering, expressing his deep appreciation for Wayanad. He assured the constituents that they would have both an official MP and an unofficial MP in Lok Sabha, both dedicated to raising their issues.

Congress, Uddhav Sena, Sharad Pawar's Party To Contest 85 Seats



The Shiv Sena faction led by Uddhav Thackeray announced the release of 65 candidates for the upcoming Maharashtra elections, confirming that seat-sharing negotiations within the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) coalition have reached a conclusion. After weeks of intense discussions, it was agreed that each of the three main allies—Shiv Sena UBT, Congress, and Sharad Pawar’s Nationalist Congress Party (NCP)—will contest 85 seats, totaling 255 seats. The remaining 33 seats in the state’s 288-seat assembly will be allocated to smaller allied parties.

At a press conference, Shiv Sena UBT spokesperson Sanjay Raut and Congress leader Nana Patole shared the finalized formula. Raut indicated that Sharad Pawar had instructed them to communicate the 85-85-85 arrangement to the media. However, questions arose when the math didn’t seem to add up, as 85 seats per party would only total 255, not the 270 mentioned by Raut. When confronted with this discrepancy, Shiv Sena’s Anil Desai attempted to clarify, saying that the seat allocation for smaller parties

would be discussed later and that “whatever remains will be divided among us.” The coalition aims to maintain unity while accommodating the interests of all parties involved.

The MVA allies had a lengthy six-hour meeting that extended past midnight before resuming discussions the following morning. Veteran leader Sharad Pawar played a crucial role in mediating between Congress and Shiv Sena UBT, which had encountered a stalemate over a few contested seats, particularly in Mumbai, Nashik, and Vidarbha.

West Bengal Prepares for Impending Cyclone, Closes Schools

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee announced comprehensive measures in response to an impending cyclone, which is expected to impact the state between October 25 and 26. As a precautionary step, educational institutions and Integrated Child Development Services (ICDS) centers in nine districts will remain closed starting Wednesday. This announcement comes as the India Meteorological Department (IMD) indicated that a low-pressure area over the Bay of Bengal has intensified into a depression, with predictions of it evolving into a severe cyclonic storm.

At a media briefing, Banerjee emphasized that the state administration is fully prepared to tackle the cyclone. She noted that integrated control rooms at both state and district levels are operational 24/7. “Fishermen have been advised not to venture into the seas, and public address systems have been set up in coastal areas to keep residents informed,” she stated.

The IMD has predicted that the cy-

clone will likely make landfall between Puri and Sagar Island, with wind speeds potentially reaching 110-120 km/h. “The districts of South and North 24 Parganas, Purba Medinipur, and their coastal areas are expected to face severe impacts,” she said. Other districts such as Paschim Medinipur, Bankura, Jhargram, and Hooghly will also be affected, prompting school closures from October 23 to 26.

Banerjee directed district administrations to evacuate residents from low-lying areas to safer locations. Ferry services along the coast have been suspended, and tourist movements are being closely monitored. “We do not want to take any risks with people’s safety. Schools and colleges can serve as shelters if necessary,” she added. To ensure effective coordination, Chief Secretary Manoj Pant convened a meeting with various departments, including the National Disaster Response Force (NDRF) and State Disaster Response Force (SDRF).

Stalin Challenges Palaniswami Amid DMK's Rising Popularity

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin on Tuesday took a jab at Leader of the Opposition Edappadi K. Palaniswami, sarcastically questioning whether he was living in a “dream land” to overlook the realities of the state’s political landscape. Stalin accused Palaniswami of waging a misinformation campaign regarding the DMK’s increasing popularity among the public.

Speaking after laying the foundation stones for 140 new projects worth ₹366 crore in Namakkal district, as well as inaugurating 134 completed projects valued at ₹298 crore, Stalin expressed confidence that the DMK would once again defeat the AIADMK in the 2026 assembly elections. He stated, “The electoral results of the last five years clearly indicate that the AIADMK is heading for another crushing defeat.”

During his address at Bommakuttaimedu along the Namakkal-Salem national highway, Stalin pointed out that the DMK’s influence had grown significantly since the recent Lok Sabha elections, surpassing the level observed during the 2021 Assembly elections. He asserted that Palaniswami’s remarks about the DMK’s declining respect were unfounded. “Is the Leader of the Opposition in this world or in a dream world?” he questioned, suggesting Palaniswami should interact with the women who regularly use government buses to see their relief firsthand. Stalin highlighted various welfare initiatives, such as the monthly ₹1,000 grants to over one crore women and the free breakfast scheme benefiting 20 lakh children. He stated that these programs have garnered positive feedback from the populace, reinforcing the DMK’s reputation.

Congress Questions India-China Agreement on Patrolling Rights

Ahead of a pivotal bilateral meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping at the BRICS Summit in Kazan, the Congress party has raised significant concerns regarding the recent agreement on patrolling arrangements along the Line of Actual Control (LAC). The agreement aims to restore mutual patrolling rights in contentious areas such as the Depsang Plains and the Demchok region, which are characterized by legacy issues predating the 2020 incursions by China.

The Congress has demanded transparency from the government, urging it to take the Indian populace into confidence regarding the details of this agreement. They emphasized the need for clarity on how this arrangement might affect national security and border integrity. Congress leaders have posed several questions aimed at understanding the implications of this decision, particularly given the complex historical context of India-China relations and the ongoing tensions that have marked recent years. In their statements, Congress leaders have highlighted that the restoration of patrolling rights must not compromise India’s sovereignty or strategic interests.



'Border Peace, Mutual Trust And Respect Should Be Priority': PM Modi To Xi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is scheduled to meet with Chinese President Xi Jinping for a bilateral discussion on the sidelines of the BRICS summit in Russia, marking their first formal engagement since the 2020 Galwan Valley clash. Foreign Secretary Vikram Misri confirmed the meeting, emphasizing its significance in light of recent developments in India-China relations, particularly regarding a new consensus on patrolling arrangements along the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

Misri stated, "I can confirm that there will be a bilateral meeting held between Prime Minister Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping tomorrow on the sidelines of the BRICS Summit," as reported by news agency ANI. This meeting comes amid growing speculation about a thaw in relations

between the two nations.

Since the tensions that erupted following the Galwan clash on June 15, 2020, there have been limited interactions between Modi and Xi. Notably, they exchanged pleasantries during the G20 summit in Bali, Indonesia, in November 2022 and at the BRICS summit in Johannesburg, South Africa, in August 2023. Both leaders are currently in Kazan, Russia, where they will also meet with Russian President Vladimir Putin and South Africa's Cyril Ramaphosa.

The anticipated breakthrough in patrolling arrangements signals a potential de-escalation of tensions, which have seen both countries amass tens of thousands of troops along their shared border. The new agreement suggests a return to pre-

2020 protocols, aiming to stabilize the situation and foster confidence-building measures between New Delhi and Beijing.

The Galwan clash had significant repercussions, leading to strained diplomatic ties and casualties on both sides. While a gradual de-escalation has occurred since then, a complete return to pre-Galwan conditions has remained elusive. This ongoing tension has also impacted various areas of bilateral interaction, including the suspension of direct flights for four years and heightened scrutiny of Chinese technicians' visas.

As Modi and Xi prepare for this pivotal meeting, the world watches closely for indications of a shift towards improved relations between the two Asian giants.



Delhi Can Play A Part: Iran President Meets PM Modi Over West Asia Crisis

Amid escalating tensions in West Asia, Prime Minister Narendra Modi met with Iranian President Masoud Pezeshkian on the sidelines of the BRICS summit in Kazan, Russia. This meeting is particularly significant as it comes during a period of heightened conflict, including the ongoing Israel-Hamas war and the Israel-Hezbollah tensions, alongside recent Iranian missile threats against Israel.

India has expressed "deep concern" regarding the situation and has consistently advocated for "dialogue and diplomacy" to alleviate tensions in the region. During their discussion, both leaders recognized the importance of peace in West Asia, with President Pezeshkian underscoring India's potential role in de-escalating the crisis due to its amicable relations with all parties involved.

India's unique diplomatic position allows it to mediate between Israel and Iran, with Modi recently having spoken to Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu and now engaging with President Pezeshkian. This is not an isolated instance, as Modi is also actively seeking to broker peace between Russia and Ukraine, maintaining strong ties with both Vladimir

Putin and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy.

In their bilateral talks, Modi and Pezeshkian discussed enhancing India-Iran relations, focusing on strategic projects like the Chabahar Port and the International North-South Transport Corridor (INSTC). After their meeting, Modi expressed optimism about their discussions, highlighting the historical and civilizational ties between the two nations.

The Indian Ministry of External Affairs reported that the leaders discussed the need for protecting civilians amidst the ongoing conflict in West Asia, reinforcing their commitment to peace and stability in the region. Pezeshkian acknowledged India's role in Iran's participation in international forums like the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) and BRICS, indicating a collaborative future.

Modi extended an invitation for Pezeshkian to visit India soon, which the Iranian president accepted. This meeting marks the first engagement between the two leaders since Pezeshkian took office in July, following the tragic death of his predecessor, Ebrahim Raisi.



US Confirms North Korean Troop Deployment to Russia Amid Ukraine Conflict

US Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin confirmed on Wednesday that North Korea has sent troops to Russia, marking the first official acknowledgment of such reports from the US government. This follows warnings from South Korea's intelligence agency, which suggested that Pyongyang deployed these forces to support Russia in its ongoing war against Ukraine.

Austin stated, "We are seeing evidence that there are North Korean troops that have gone to Russia," although he noted that the exact purpose of their deployment remains unclear. He added, "If they're co-belligerents, their intention is to participate in this war on Russia's behalf, that is a very, very serious issue."

The relationship between North Korea and Russia has strengthened since Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022, with concerns that North Korean leader Kim Jong Un has been supplying weapons for the conflict. Last week, South Korea's intelligence agency reported that an initial contingent of 1,500 special forces soldiers had been deployed to Vladivostok, Russia, and on Wednesday, they indicated that the total number of troops sent has risen to 3,000.

Despite these developments, North Korea has denied deploying forces to Russia, and Moscow has not provided any confirmation. However, Russian officials have defended their military cooperation with Pyongyang, highlighting the growing ties between the two nations amid international sanctions and diplomatic isolation.

The implications of North Korea's military involvement in the Ukraine conflict could have significant ramifications for global security dynamics, particularly in the context of the ongoing tensions between Russia and Western nations. As the situation evolves, the international community remains watchful of any developments regarding the collaboration between North Korea and Russia.

Karen Makishima: A Beacon of Hope for Women in Japan's Politics

Karen Makishima stands as the only female candidate representing Japan's ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) in her 20-seat prefecture for the upcoming general election on October 27. Her candidacy highlights the challenges women face in Japan's male-dominated political landscape. Despite the LDP's commitment to narrowing the significant gender gap among lawmakers, the party has fallen short of its target to achieve 35% female candidates in the lower house by 2025, with only 16% of its candidates being women in this election.

Surveys indicate that societal attitudes pose significant barriers for female candidates. Many believe that the LDP, which has held power for most of Japan's post-war history, lacks genuine commitment to gender equality, often failing to implement meaningful measures to improve the situation. In contrast, the opposition Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan (CDPJ) boasts a slightly higher percentage of female candidates at 22%.

As Makishima campaigns in her coastal constituency of Odawara, she articulates the struggles women face, noting, "The biggest drawback of having a low number of female legislators is that it doesn't change traditional perceptions, such as that women are not suited to politics."

Japan's gender gap remains a significant issue, with just over 10% of lawmakers in the lower house being female, compared to an average of 30% in other G7 nations. This disparity has drawn international criticism, particularly as Japan ranks 118th out of 146 countries in the World Economic Forum's gender gap report.

Although the LDP has set a target of 30% female lawmakers by 2033, experts argue that the party requires more concrete plans, such as gender quotas, to make real progress. Some lawmakers, like former defense minister Tomomi Inada, advocate for a detailed strategy to achieve these goals.



US "Absolutely" Ready For First Woman President: Kamala Harris

The vibrant atmosphere at Howard University's homecoming parade was a testament to the enduring legacy of the historically Black college (HBCU) and its most famous alumna, Vice President Kamala Harris. With the U.S. presidential election approaching, Harris faces a critical challenge: retaining support from Black voters, a demographic essential for Democratic success.

Recent polls, including a New York Times/Siena survey, indicate a worrying trend for Harris, revealing that her support among Black voters has dropped to 78%, significantly lower than the 90% backing President Joe Biden enjoyed against Donald Trump four years ago. This shift has raised alarms, particularly as Trump has made inroads among traditionally Democratic Black voters, especially men. At Howard's festivities, however, there were signs of strong support for Harris. Vendors sold campaign merchandise, and attendees took photos with cutouts of the vice president. Kacy Haynes, visiting from Louisiana, noted he hadn't encountered much pro-Trump sentiment during the celebrations. Despite Trump's attempts to engage with Black communities, analysts argue that the overall impact on the Black electorate should not be overstated. Michael Strawbridge, a political science professor, emphasized that the real danger lies in Black voters feeling disenfranchised and choosing not to vote at all. While Trump's outreach has resonated in specific male-dominated spaces, such as barbershops, Harris's ties to HBCUs provide a powerful platform. The homecoming season is crucial for mobilizing alumni and current students, fostering a sense of community that Harris is leveraging as she gears up for the election.



Trudeau Aides Briefed U.S. Paper on India Links Before Bishnoi Claim

Two senior aides to Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau, including national security advisor Nathalie Drouin, reportedly shared confidential information regarding alleged Indian interference in Canada with a U.S. newspaper. This revelation comes as tensions between Canada and India escalate following Trudeau's allegations about the Indian government's involvement in criminal activities targeting South Asians in Canada.

According to reports from the Canadian publication The Globe and Mail, Drouin and David Morrison, Deputy Minister of Global Affairs, briefed the Washington Post just days before Canadian federal police linked "agents" of the Indian government to the killing of Hardeep Singh Nijjar, a Canadian citizen and pro-Khalistani figure. In June 2023, Nijjar was fatally shot, prompting Trudeau to allege without presenting concrete evidence that Indian agents were involved.

The Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) has claimed that Indian agents have connections with criminal gangs, including the Lawrence Bishnoi gang, asserting their involvement in Nijjar's murder and other criminal activities like extortion and intimidation. However, India has categorically dismissed these allegations as "preposterous" and has noted that the Canadian government has failed to provide any substantiated evidence despite repeated requests.

Market Loses Steam as Indices Break Support Levels, IT Stocks Show Resilience Amid Sell-Off.



Nifty support is at 24,450 and resistance is at 24,600. Investors can buy shares of Tech Mahindra, Bajaj Auto, Deepak Fertilizers, HCL Tech and Coal India in the short term.

AU Small Finance Bank's profit increased by 42% to Rs.571 crore. Net interest income grew by 58% to Rs.1974 crore. Bajaj Holdings' revenue in Q2 fell 32% to Rs 1142 crore. Net profit declined by 33.1% to Rs.1051 crore. Karnataka Bank's revenue grew by 10% to Rs.2504 crore. Net profit was flat at Rs 336 crore. GRM Overseas has partnered with Solaris in Chile. Lloyds Metals and Energy's revenue jumped 32% to Rs 1469 crore. The non-tax income recorded a growth of 30% to Rs.301 crore. TVS Motors' net profit jumped from Rs.416 crore to Rs.588 crore. The income increased from Rs.9933 crores to Rs.11302 crores. Heritage Foods had a revenue of Rs.1013 crores and a net profit of Rs.48.2 crores. SBI Life Insurance's net profit has reached Rs.529 crore from Rs.380 crore.

1. Tech Mahindra
Tech Mahindra has shown resilience despite broader market volatility. IT stocks, in general, have performed



well as the sector benefits from a focus on digital transformation and strong order books. The stock could benefit from continued buying interest in the IT sector. Key support levels lie around ₹1330, and resistance is expected at ₹1350. A breakout above this level could push the stock higher.



Bajaj Auto has been gaining momentum due to its strong export performance and increasing market share in the two-wheeler segment. The stock is currently trading near a key resistance level. If it manages to break ₹10,650, it could see further upside. However, if it fails, a pullback to ₹10,550 is possible.

3. Deepak Fertilizers
Deepak Fertilizers has faced some recent weakness, largely due to commodity price fluctuations. However, its fundamentals remain strong, and a bounce-back is expected as the broader market stabilizes. Key support levels are seen around ₹1050, with resistance near ₹1100. A sustained move above this could trigger further buying.



HCL Tech, like Tech Mahindra, has been performing well due to its diversified IT services offerings and strong deal pipeline. The stock is nearing its key resistance level at ₹1,850. If it breaks through, it could move towards ₹1,950. Support is seen around ₹1,820.



Coal India has been under pressure due to the general weakness in the energy and commodity sectors. However, demand for coal remains steady, providing some support. Support for the stock lies around ₹460, while resistance is around ₹480. A breakout from these levels could determine the next move.

Domestic stock market indices an intraday low of 79,891. peaked at 80,646. It eventually fell 138 points to close at 80,081. The NSE Nifty opened at 24,378 and touched a low of 24,378 and a high of 24,604. It lost a total of 36 points to close at 24,435. Bank Nifty settled down 18 points at 51,239.



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In Nifty50, 18 companies gained while 32 lost. Bajaj Finance, Tech Mahindra, Tata Consumer, Bajaj Auto, HDFC Bank were the top gainers. M&M, Sun Pharma, Eicher Motors, Sriram Finance and Power Grid were the biggest losers. Today the IT index has hit. Finance, FMCG, Media and PSU Bank indices were not good. Pharma, metal, healthcare, oil and gas indices turned red.

The BSE Sensex, which closed at 80,220 in the previous session, opened at 79,921 today. It touched

Increased retail presence in derivatives a matter of concern: Sebi



Ashwani Bhatia, a Whole-time Member of the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), expressed concerns on Tuesday regarding the increasing participation of retail investors in the derivatives segment, specifically in futures and options, as well as other high-risk financial products. While he acknowledged the growing interest of retail investors in the securities market as a positive trend, he highlighted the potential dangers associated with this shift.

Bhatia noted that approximately 93 percent of individual traders in the equity futures and options segment have experienced losses, with total aggregate losses surpassing ₹1.8 lakh crore between the fiscal years 2022 and 2024, according to SEBI data. This alarming statistic raises red flags about the financial well-being of retail investors who may not fully understand the complexities and risks associated with trading in derivatives.

The derivatives market can be particularly volatile and challenging for inexperienced investors. While it offers the potential for significant returns, it also exposes participants to considerable risks, especially if they lack adequate knowledge and experience in managing such instruments. Bhatia's warning serves as a crucial reminder for retail investors to approach derivatives with caution and to seek proper education and guidance before engaging in trading activities.

SEBI has been proactive in implementing measures to enhance investor protection and education. However, the influx of retail investors into risky segments underscores the need for ongoing initiatives aimed at fostering financial literacy and awareness. Bhatia emphasized that while enthusiasm for trading is commendable, it is essential for investors to comprehend the underlying risks involved.

As the landscape of retail investment continues to evolve, the role of regulatory bodies like SEBI becomes increasingly vital in ensuring that investors are equipped with the necessary tools and knowledge to navigate the market safely. Bhatia's comments highlight the importance of balanced participation in the financial markets, encouraging investors to exercise caution and make informed decisions as they explore various investment avenues.

IMF Keeps India's FY25 GDP Growth Forecast at 7%

The International Monetary Fund (IMF) has confirmed its GDP growth forecast for India at 7% for the fiscal year 2025, reflecting a decline from the anticipated 8.2% growth in 2023. This adjustment is primarily attributed to the waning pent-up demand from the COVID-19 pandemic as the economy stabilizes and reconnects with its fundamental potential.

In its recent World Economic Outlook report, the IMF noted that the global battle against inflation is largely over, although some countries still face persistent price pressures. Following a peak inflation rate of 9.4% year-on-year in the third quarter of 2022, the IMF projects global headline inflation to decrease to around 3.5% by the end of 2025. This figure is slightly lower than the average inflation rate of 3.6% recorded between 2000 and 2019.

The IMF anticipates global economic growth will remain steady at approxi-



mately 3.2% for both 2024 and 2025. However, many low-income and developing nations have experienced substantial downward revisions in their growth outlooks, often linked to escalating regional conflicts.

For India, the IMF's projection indicates a gradual decline in GDP growth from 8.2% in 2023 to 7% in 2024, and further to 6.5% in 2025. This trend reflects the exhaustion of pandemic-driven demand. The latest Economic Survey supports this outlook,

estimating GDP growth in 2024-25 to fall between 6.5% and 7%.

Pierre-Olivier Gourinchas, IMF Chief Economist, highlighted the global economy's surprising resilience amid the disinflationary period. He noted that the U.S. economy is projected to grow robustly at 2.8% this year, but is expected to revert to its potential growth rate by 2025. Advanced European economies are predicted to see a modest recovery, while emerging markets, particularly in Asia, are projected to maintain stable growth around 4.2%.

Despite encouraging trends in inflation, the IMF warned of increasing downside risks. Escalating regional conflicts, especially in the Middle East, could disrupt commodity markets, while restrictive trade policies and prolonged tight monetary conditions may adversely impact economic growth.

Reliance-Disney merger

CCI approves \$8.5-billion deal



The Competition Commission of India (CCI) officially approved the high-profile merger of Reliance Industries and Walt Disney on October 22, 2024, releasing a detailed 48-page order outlining the conditions tied to the \$8.5 billion deal. This merger is set to consolidate significant media assets, but it comes with regulatory stipulations, including the divestment of seven TV channels.

As part of the approval process, both companies have voluntarily agreed to refrain from bundling television advertisement

slots for their cricketing rights, specifically those associated with the Indian Premier League (IPL), the International Cricket Council (ICC), and the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI), until the current rights agreements expire. This commitment aims to ensure fair competition and transparency in advertising practices.

The order explicitly states, "The parties will not bundle OTT ad slot sales for all three cricketing rights available with them—IPL, ICC, and BCCI for the balance tenure of the existing rights." Additionally, the companies have committed to maintaining reasonable advertisement rates for their TV and streaming platforms concerning ICC and IPL events throughout the duration of the current rights.

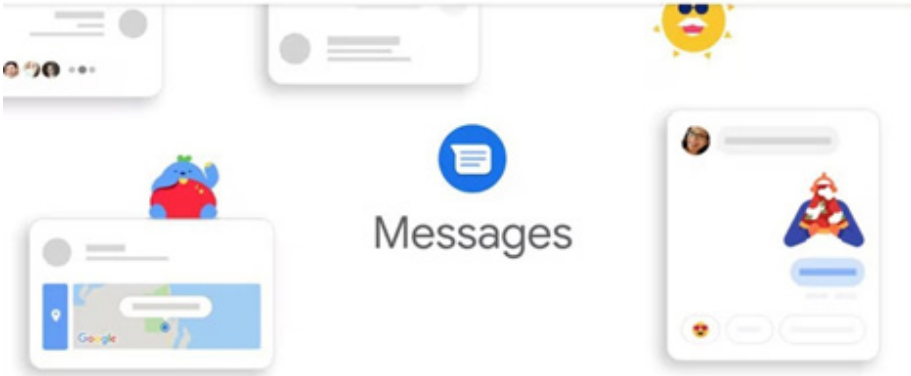
In a related development, last month the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting (I&B) granted its approval for the transfer of licenses for non-news and

current affairs television channels, facilitating the merger's progression. This transfer involves channels held by Viacom 18 Media Pvt Ltd being shifted to Star India Pvt Ltd.

Reliance Industries confirmed the I&B's approval in a regulatory filing, noting, "It is hereby informed that the Ministry of Information and Broadcasting... has granted its approval for the transfer of Licenses relating to Non News & Current Affairs TV channels held by Viacom18 Media in favour of Star India, subject to conditions laid by the Competition Commission of India."

The merger, initially approved by the CCI on August 28, has been hailed as a landmark deal that will establish the largest media empire in India, valued at over ₹70,000 crore. The approval followed careful scrutiny by the antitrust regulator, leading to proposed modifications to the original transaction structure to address regulatory concerns.

Google Messages Enhances User Privacy with New Features



Google Messages is introducing a range of new features aimed at bolstering user privacy and combating suspicious calls and messages. As part of its initiative for Cybersecurity Awareness Month, the tech giant is leveraging advanced artificial intelligence (AI) models to enhance spam protection and ensure safer communication.

Enhanced Spam Protection

One of the standout features being rolled out for beta users is improved spam protection. Users who have this feature enabled will receive alerts and automatic filtering for potentially scam-related texts, specifically those concerning package deliveries or job offers. By utilizing on-device machine learning (ML), the Messages app can identify and classify these messages effectively. Google assures users that their text messages will remain private unless they are reported as spam, reinforcing the platform's commitment to user privacy.

Alerts for Potentially Dangerous Links

In a bid to further protect users, Google is piloting a new alert system for potentially dangerous links sent by unknown senders. Currently being tested in India, Thailand, Malaysia, and Singapore, this feature will block harmful links and notify users about their presence. Plans are in place to expand this

functionality to a global audience later this year.

Sensitive Content Warnings

Additionally, Google is rolling out Sensitive Content Warnings as an optional feature for its messaging platform. This feature blurs explicit media content, giving users the choice to view or bypass it. When users attempt to forward this type of content, they receive a warning about the associated risks. Importantly, all processing occurs on-device, maintaining end-to-end encryption and prioritizing user privacy. For adults over 18, this feature is opt-in, while it will be opt-out for younger users.

Protection from International Senders

Lastly, Google Messages will soon implement a feature that automatically hides messages from unrecognized international senders. These messages will be redirected to the Spam & Blocked folders. Currently set for a pilot launch in Singapore, this feature is expected to roll out to more regions in the future, enhancing overall user security.

With these new updates, Google Messages is taking significant steps to create a safer messaging environment, ensuring users can communicate with greater confidence.

US Company Vice President Fired After Receiving 25% Bonus

In a surprising turn of events, a former vice president at a U.S. company recently shared his unsettling experience on Reddit after being laid off despite commendable performance and recognition. The employee, who had been with the company for 1.5 years, recounted how he was unexpectedly informed that his position was being eliminated due to cost-cutting measures, despite having received a raise and a substantial 25% bonus just months prior.



In a detailed post, he explained, "I was let go last Wednesday. Not once did I receive negative feedback during my tenure. My review in March was very positive, and I was rewarded accordingly." He described the shock of being called into a meeting with the company's CEO and COO a week before his termination, where they assured him that the decision was not personal. Alongside his severance package of ten weeks, he initially believed there was little recourse, as the company's financial restructuring seemed unavoidable.

However, his sense of resignation quickly turned to disbelief and anger when he discovered on LinkedIn that his exact position had already been filled by someone else. "Today I went on LinkedIn and saw that they hired

someone else with my exact title, and my heart dropped," he lamented. The revelation felt like a betrayal, as he had consistently gone above and beyond, never missing deadlines and often working overtime to ensure projects were completed successfully.

Reflecting on his dedication, he stated, "I was reliable, did whatever was asked of me, and didn't even take all my PTO. I was always available, even on weekends." This commitment, he felt, was met with ungratefulness and a lack of transparency from the company.

His experience sheds light on the often unpredictable nature of corporate layoffs, especially in times of financial tightening, leaving many employees feeling vulnerable and undervalued. The emotional toll of such abrupt changes can resonate deeply, prompting discussions around workplace fairness and the treatment of dedicated employees.

North Atlantic Right Whale Population Sees Modest Increase

The North Atlantic right whale, one of the world's rarest whale species, has experienced a slight population increase, prompting conservationists to call for more robust measures from the federal government and industries to help save these majestic creatures from extinction.



This species, which can weigh up to 150,000 pounds and resides along the East Coast, faced a dramatic decline in numbers during the 2010s. By the early 2020s, their population had dropped to fewer than 360 individuals due to threats such as global warming, ship collisions, and entanglement in fishing gear. However, recent research indicates that the population rose to an estimated 372 in 2023, a 4% increase from 2020. This news is particularly encouraging after a significant drop of about 25% from 2010 to 2020.

The North Atlantic Right Whale Consortium, a collaborative group of scientists, conservationists, and marine industry experts, reported these findings. Heather Pettis, a research scientist at the New England Aquarium and chair of the consortium, emphasized that while the increase is a positive

sign, much work remains to ensure the species continues to recover. "It's a really vulnerable population. One poor calving year can really impact the total population," she stated, highlighting the need for the whales to be able to calve, breed, and feed without undue stress.

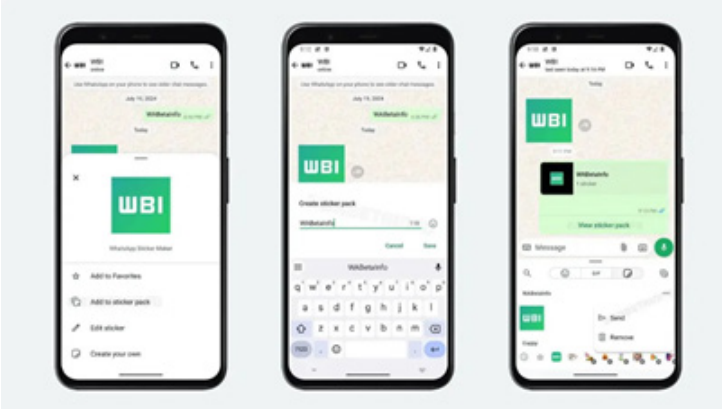
Despite the uptick in numbers, concerns persist. This year alone, five right whale deaths and four lost calves have been documented, marking the highest annual mortality count since 2019. Many of these fatalities are linked to chronic entanglement and vessel strikes, underscoring the urgent need for more effective fishing and shipping regulations.

Conservation groups have faced challenges in implementing protective measures. A coalition recently sued the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration to expedite proposed ship speed rules aimed at reducing whale strikes. As these whales migrate annually from calving grounds off Florida and Georgia to feeding areas in New England and Canada, their journey has become increasingly perilous due to warming ocean waters, which have forced them to seek food beyond established protected zones.

The increase in population is hopeful, but without swift action, the future of the North Atlantic right whale remains uncertain.

WhatsApp Developing Custom Sticker Pack Feature for User

WhatsApp is reportedly working on an exciting new feature that will enable users to create their own custom sticker packs, enhancing the way stickers are organized and shared on the platform. This development, uncovered by feature tracker WABetaInfo, aims to improve user experience by providing a more organized approach to managing stickers within the messaging app.



Currently, WhatsApp users can add custom stickers to a generic section known as Favorites, which lacks organization. The upcoming feature will allow users to create specific sticker packs that can be easily shared with others, making it simpler to view and import personalized stickers.

The feature is being rolled out in the WhatsApp beta for Android version 2.24.22.13, available through the Google Play beta program. However, since the feature is still in development, beta testers will not be able to access it even after updating to the latest version.

Nevertheless, WABetaInfo has shared insights about its functionality based on the information gleaned from the update.

According to a screenshot of the new feature, users will see an option called "Add to sticker pack" when they tap on a sticker. This option is situated between the existing "Add to Favorites" and "Edit sticker" options. Selecting this feature will prompt a dialog box where users can name their new sticker pack. Once users enter a name

and hit the "Save" button, the custom sticker pack will become accessible in the sticker selection menu.

Additionally, users will have the ability to manage their custom sticker packs through a three-dot menu to the right of each pack. From this menu, they can choose to either send the sticker pack to another user or remove it from their collection.

This new feature promises to enhance sticker usage on WhatsApp, allowing for greater personalization and sharing among users. As WhatsApp continues to evolve, these innovations reflect its commitment to improving user engagement and experience on the platform.

Woman Stuck In Desert Orders Camel Via Uber, Internet Calls It "Crazy"

A captivating video making the Rounds on Instagram captures a remarkable incident involving two women who found themselves stranded in the vast desert landscape of Dubai. After their vehicle broke down, the duo faced the daunting challenge of navigating the arid terrain, with little hope of rescue. However, an unexpected twist unfolded when one of the women decided to use her Uber app, leading to a surprising ride option: a camel.



In a moment of desperation mixed with curiosity, she booked the unusual transport, and to their amazement, a man soon arrived on a camel, introducing himself as an "Uber Camel driver." The scene was surreal; one of the women eagerly climbed onto the camel, her excitement palpable as they prepared for this unconventional mode of rescue. Her friend, still in disbelief, exclaimed, "We actually got lost and ordered a camel!"

As they prepared to embark on their unexpected journey, the woman who ordered the camel couldn't help but inquire about the driver's profession. His response was equally intriguing: "I drive Uber Camel. I help people who get lost." He explained that his specialty is assisting stranded travelers in the desert, turning a potentially dire situation into a memorable adventure.

The video, reportedly filmed at Al Ba-

dayer on the Dubai-Hatta Road, showcases not just the charm of the desert but also the innovative spirit of those who navigate its challenges. The lighthearted interaction between the women and the camel driver highlights the blend of modern technology and traditional means of transport, reminding viewers of the unique experiences that can arise in unexpected circumstances.

This amusing and heartwarming story underscores the resourcefulness of individuals in the face of adversity, illustrating how, even in the desert, help can come in the most surprising forms. As the world continues to evolve, the blend of innovation and tradition creates unforgettable moments, reminding us all that adventure often lies just beyond the horizon.

Indian Hockey Team Prepares for Clash Against Germany



The Indian hockey team is gearing up for a pivotal moment as they practice one day before their first match in the India vs. Germany Bilateral Hockey Series 2024. The training session took place at the iconic Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium in New Delhi, a venue that holds great historical significance for Indian hockey.

This upcoming two-match series will see Harmanpreet Singh and his teammates face off against Germany, the reigning World Champions and silver medalists from the Paris 2024 Olympics. The excitement surrounding this event is palpable, marking the return of international hockey to this storied stadium for the first time since 2014.

The last time the Indian men’s team played at Major Dhyan Chand Stadium was an astonishing 3,930 days ago. Out of the current squad, only three players—Manpreet Singh, Mandeep Singh, and Amit Rohidas—were part of that previous playing group. Their experience in this iconic venue will be crucial as they aim to secure a strong performance against a formidable opponent.

Adding to the team’s depth is Head Coach Craig Fulton, who has also played at this stadium in his career. His familiarity with the venue and experience will be invaluable as the team prepares for this high-stakes series. The presence of such seasoned players and coaches underscores the importance of this match for both the team and Indian hockey as a whole.

As the players take to the field, they are not just training; they are also carrying the legacy of Indian hockey, inspired by the legendary Dhyan Chand. The team is determined to make their mark and reclaim their status in international hockey, and a successful performance against Germany could set the tone for future competitions.

With the historic backdrop of Major Dhyan Chand Stadium and the weight of tradition behind them, the Indian hockey team is ready to embrace the challenge ahead.

Ashwini Ponnappa Set to Shine at Badminton X-L in Jakarta

Indian doubles Olympian Ashwini Ponnappa is gearing up for an exhilarating experience at the upcoming Badminton X-L event, a fun and lively badminton competition scheduled from October 31 to November 3 in Jakarta. The event promises to bring together a unique format of serious 3-vs-3 matches, with each match consisting of four games lasting 10 minutes each, allowing players to rack up points in a fast-paced environment.

Reflecting on her previous experiences, Ashwini recalls her emotional exit from the Paris Olympics, where she left the court in tears. She believes that this vibrant event, held in the iconic Istora Senayan stadium, can serve as a remedy for her competitive nightmares. The atmosphere in Jakarta is expected to be electric, with passionate fans who are known for their unwavering support and enthusiasm for the sport.



At 33, Ashwini feels rejuvenated by the prospect of competing in this team league. The anticipation of playing in front of a boisterous and shuttle-obsessed Indonesian crowd excites her, as she hopes to rediscover her love for badminton in this festive setting. The support from fans at Istora is something she greatly values, and she looks forward to soaking in the adoration that comes with the event.

Badminton X-L aims to be more than just a competition; it’s a celebration of the sport, combining skill

with entertainment. Ashwini is eager to embrace the challenge, connect with fellow players, and engage with fans who share her passion. As she prepares for this unique tournament, she is ready to channel her energy and enthusiasm into the games, hoping to turn her previous experiences into motivation for success.

With her sights set on a memorable performance, Ashwini Ponnappa is ready to make her mark at Badminton X-L, transforming her past trials into triumphs in the heart of Jakarta.

Disappointed’ Chirag Shetty Slams Decision To Exclude Badminton

Former world No. 1 doubles shuttler Chirag Shetty has expressed his disappointment over the exclusion of badminton from the 2026 Commonwealth Games (CWG) curriculum. This decision, announced by the CWG organizers, has drawn criticism as it also omits other popular sports such as hockey, shooting, cricket, and wrestling. Shetty believes that this move will significantly undermine India’s chances of securing medals at the upcoming event in Glasgow.



In a recent statement, Shetty emphasized the popularity of badminton, arguing that it is one of the most-watched sports during the Commonwealth Games. “I think it’s a very bad decision, to be honest. Badminton has consistently drawn large crowds, and it’s evident from the packed venues at the events I’ve participated in,” he said. Shetty, who alongside partner Satwiksairaj Rankireddy secured the men’s doubles gold medal at the 2022 Birmingham CWG and also triumphed in the mixed team event at Gold Coast in 2018, highlighted the enthusiasm for badminton among fans.

Reflecting on his experiences at previous editions of the Games, he noted, “It’s very difficult to get a seat for any of the rounds. This exclusion is disappointing for the badminton community, especially as we were looking forward to defend-

ing our title.”

Shetty urged national sports federations and the government to take a stand on the issue, advocating for discussions with the highest authorities within the Commonwealth Games framework. He stressed the importance of fighting for sports in which India excels, stating, “It’s not just badminton; hockey and wrestling are also vital sports for us. All the sports where India performs well are being removed, and it’s crucial that we address this.”

As conversations around potential boycotts of the Commonwealth Games arise, Shetty believes that the decision rests with government bodies and sports associations. He hopes for a decisive response to protect the future of badminton and other affected sports in India.

Jason Gillespie Stripped of Selection Powers by PCB

Pakistan’s red-ball coach Jason Gillespie has confirmed the Pakistan Cricket Board’s (PCB) decision to strip him of selection responsibilities, a move that contradicts earlier assurances he received when appointed. Following Pakistan’s loss to England by an innings and 47 runs in the first Test, Gillespie and Test captain Shan Masood were informed that they would no longer have a role in selection policies.

In a media conference, a visibly disappointed Gillespie expressed his new focus on match-day strategies rather than team selection. “I’m now just the coach for match-day strategy. So, I keep out of things now and just focus on the players and getting them ready for cricket,” he stated.

According to PCB sources, both Gillespie and Masood are expected to discuss their concerns with PCB officials after the third Test against England, which begins soon. While the pair has opted to remain silent on the issue for the time being, they may reconsider their positions following the series, which is currently tied at 1-1.

Initially, Gillespie and white-ball head coach Gary Kirsten were promised complete autonomy in all matters concerning team selection, including the formation of playing elevens. However, the board has since decided to implement a new selection panel, effectively sidelining Gillespie’s involvement.

“I wasn’t involved in the decision-making,” Gillespie confirmed. He reiterated that his



priority is to concentrate on the players and their preparation, distancing himself from the selection process. “It’s not for me to talk about now. I am not a selector. I am a match-day strategist as head coach, and I’m all about the players.”

The newly established selection committee will consist of notable figures such as former umpire Aleem Dar, alongside ex-players Aaqib Javed, Asad Shafiq, Azhar Ali, and Hassan Cheema. This committee will be responsible for selecting squads for upcoming white-ball series against Australia and Zimbabwe, as well as influencing pitch preparations for Test matches.

Gillespie’s shift in role raises questions about his future with the PCB as the team navigates its next challenges.

Sultan of Johor Cup: India Falls 0-4 to Australia, Maintains Top Position

India’s junior hockey team faced a setback in the Sultan of Johor Cup, suffering a 4-0 defeat to Australia on Wednesday in Johor Bahru, Malaysia. Despite the loss, India remains at the top of the points table with nine points, while Australia sits in third with seven points, following New Zealand, who is in second place with eight points.



The match marked the end of India’s unbeaten run in the tournament, as they struggled to penetrate the formidable Australian defense. Daykin Stanger was the standout player for Australia, netting a hat-trick with goals in the 33rd, 39th, and 53rd minutes, while Patrik Andrew opened the scoring in the 29th minute.

From the outset, Australia exerted pressure, employing a high press that kept the Indian players on the back foot. They effectively utilized their speed, creating several opportunities to score. Despite a valiant effort by Indian goalie Bikramjit Singh, who made crucial saves, Australia managed to break the deadlock just before halftime.

India had a chance to equalize with a penalty corner late in the first half, but their attempts were thwarted by the Australian defense. After halftime, Australia’s momentum continued, and they extended their lead with a deft deflection from Stanger, making it 2-0.

India struggled to mount an effective response, and Australia capitalized on their chances, with Stanger scoring again to push the score to 3-0. The Indian forwards found it challenging to break

through, facing relentless pressure from the Australian backline, highlighted by impressive saves from Aussie goalkeeper Hunter Banyard.

In the fourth quarter, Stanger completed his hat-trick, sealing a 4-0 victory for Australia. India searched for a consolation goal but could not convert any opportunities, leaving them with important lessons to take into their final round-robin match as they aim to secure a spot in the finals.



“Unstoppable 4”: Balayya Shines in New Season with Chandrababu Naidu

The highly anticipated fourth season of “Unstoppable,” a popular talk show on the Telugu OTT platform Aaha, is set to bring fans even closer to Balayya, known for his larger-than-life persona. While many may perceive Balayya as serious or easily irritated, those within the industry often describe him as possessing the playful mentality of a child. Off-screen, Balayya is known for his humorous side, particularly showcased through the interactions on “Unstoppable.” His genuine respect for elders and playful teasing of younger guests have contributed to a more relatable image, winning over even those who held negative opinions about him in the past.

Having successfully completed three seasons, “Unstoppable” is ready to launch its fourth season, and excitement is palpable among fans. The creators recently unveiled a promo for the first episode of this new season, featuring none other than Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu as the chief guest. This special appearance is generating considerable buzz, promising engaging discussions and entertaining moments.

The first episode of “Unstoppable 4” is set to stream on October 25, offering viewers a chance to witness Ba-



layya’s charismatic interactions with Naidu. The show has become a platform where fans can see a different side of the star, showcasing his wit and warmth, alongside insightful conversations with notable personalities.

As anticipation builds for the new season, fans are eager to see how Balayya navigates the discussions and what surprises await. “Unstoppable” continues to break barriers and redefine the image of its host, proving to be a refreshing addition to Telugu entertainment. Don’t miss the chance to catch the new episode promo and join the fun when the show premieres!

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.

Promo Release of ‘Thassadiyya’ Song from “Matka”



Mega Prince Varun Tej is gearing up for the release of his latest film, “Matka,” which is currently in post-production. Directed by Karuna Kumar, this period action entertainer has already generated significant buzz among audiences, particularly due to Varun Tej’s diverse looks showcased throughout the film. The excitement has only increased with the release of posters and teasers, setting high expectations for the movie.

Recently, the filmmakers unveiled a promo for the song “Tassadiyya,” which features a retro vibe that has resonated well with fans. Varun Tej’s appearance in the promo has impressed viewers, adding to the anticipation surrounding the film’s soundtrack. The song’s lyrics are penned by Bhaskarabhatla, and it is beautifully sung by renowned singer Mano. The music for “Matka” is composed by GV Prakash Kumar, further enhancing the film’s appeal. The full lyrical video of “Tassadiyya” is set to

be released on October 24, adding to the excitement leading up to the film’s premiere.

In addition to Varun Tej, the film stars Meenakshi Chaudhary as the female lead, while Bollywood sensation Nora Fatehi plays a pivotal role. The collaboration of these talents promises to deliver a captivating cinematic experience. “Matka” is being jointly produced by Vaira Entertainments and SRT Entertainment, ensuring high production values and engaging storytelling.

With its grand release scheduled for November 14, “Matka” is poised to be a major highlight in the upcoming film lineup. The combination of Varun Tej’s dynamic performances, a compelling storyline, and a stellar cast creates a promising recipe for success. As fans eagerly await the film’s release, the anticipation continues to build, positioning “Matka” as one of the most talked-about films of the season.

Amaran Trailer: A Fitting Tribute

Sivakarthikeyan, a celebrated actor in both Tamil and Telugu cinema, is set to captivate audiences with his upcoming patriotic film, “Amaran.” Directed by Rajkumar Periasamy and produced by Kamal Haasan and R. Mahendran, alongside co-producer Sony Pictures International Productions, this film promises to be a compelling biographical war action narrative.

The theatrical trailer, recently launched by actor Nani, offers a glimpse into the life of the late Indian Army Officer Mukund Varadarajan. It begins with poignant real footage of Major Mukund sharing a heartfelt moment with his daughter, seamlessly transitioning to Sivakarthikeyan alongside his on-screen daughter, with Sai Pallavi portraying his devoted wife.

“Amaran” chronicles Mukund’s inspir-



ing journey as he pursues his dream of serving in the army, despite his mother’s initial disapproval. The film delves into themes of dedication, sacrifice, and valor, highlighting Mukund’s unwavering commitment to his country and the sacrifices he made along the way.

Sivakarthikeyan has deeply immersed himself in the role of Major Mukund, bringing authenticity and emotion to the character. Sai Pallavi’s portrayal of his supportive wife adds an addition-

al layer of depth to the story, emphasizing the personal sacrifices involved in a life dedicated to service.

The film boasts stunning cinematography by CH Sai and a powerful musical score by GV Prakash Kumar, both of which contribute to the overall impact of the narrative. The production design also stands out, reflecting the era and circumstances of Mukund’s life.

With its release scheduled for October 31, “Amaran” has already generated considerable excitement among fans and moviegoers. The Telugu version will be released by Shreshth Movies, further expanding its reach. This biopic is set to serve as a heartfelt tribute to Major Mukund’s sacrifices and valor, promising to resonate with audiences who appreciate stories of heroism and patriotism.

Abhishek Bachchan’s “I Want To Talk” Set to Release on November 22

Bollywood actor Abhishek Bachchan is gearing up for his next film, titled “I Want To Talk,” directed by renowned filmmaker Shoojit Sircar. The film is set to hit theaters on November 22, generating excitement among fans and moviegoers alike.

The makers recently unveiled the film’s title alongside an engaging teaser that features only Abhishek’s voice. In the teaser, viewers hear the actor’s reflections on life, with him saying, “I just don’t love to talk, I live to talk. Zinda hone main aur marne main mujhe bas yeh ek basic difference dikhta hai. Zinda log bol paate hai. Mare huye bol nahi paate.” This poignant monologue sets the tone for a narrative that promises to blend humor and heart.

Production banner Rising Sun Films shared the teaser, stating, “We all know that one person who loves lives to talk.



Here’s the story of a man who always looks at the brighter side of life, no matter what life throws at him! Tag that person you know who lives to talk! In Cinemas 22nd November.” The teaser itself is smart and quirky, filled with moments that resonate emotionally, hinting at the film’s underlying themes.

“I Want To Talk” is produced by Rising Sun Films and Kino Works, and its release marks a significant moment for fans of Abhishek and Shoojit Sircar.

This project follows Abhishek’s recent role in the sports drama “Ghoomer,” directed by R. Balki, where he portrayed a failed cricketer who helps a young batting prodigy, played by Saiyami Kher, regain her confidence after a life-altering accident.

Additionally, Abhishek is set to appear in the upcoming film “King,” alongside Shah Rukh Khan and Suhana Khan, where he will take on a more complex role. Directed by Sujoy Ghosh and produced by Siddharth Anand, “King” is expected to begin filming later this year and may be released in 2025.

Megastar Amitabh Bachchan has hinted at Abhishek’s involvement in “King,” confirming his role as an antagonist, which adds further anticipation for both films. With “I Want To Talk” on the horizon, fans are eagerly awaiting what Abhishek has to offer next.