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CM Chandrababu Naidu Reviews Flood Relief Efforts in Vijayawada Region

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu conducted a review on Friday at the Secretariat to assess the ongoing relief efforts for the victims affected by last month's severe floods in the Vijayawada region. The heavy rains in September led to extensive flooding, leaving millions of people homeless, damaging thousands of homes, and causing significant vehicle losses. In response, the state government quickly mobilized aid, conducting field inspections and distributing compensation to impacted residents.

During the review, officials informed the Chief Minister that assistance has been provided to 4,19,528 people within just 15 days following the floods. A total of Rs. 618 crore in compensation has been directly deposited into the bank accounts of the affected beneficiaries. The AP Chief Minister's Office (CMO) also made an announcement on social media platform X, confirming the relief measures.

This rapid response underscores the government's commitment to supporting those impacted by the floods, helping them rebuild their lives as quickly as possible.



AP to Begin Free Gas Cylinder Distribution from Diwali – Minister Nadendla

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: In a significant development, Civil Supplies Minister Nadendla Manohar announced that the free gas cylinder distribution program will launch this Diwali for eligible households. This scheme, aimed at fulfilling an election promise, will provide three free gas cylinders per year to beneficiaries, with funding and operations ready to roll out.

Key Scheme Details:

- Eligibility:** Households with an LPG connection, white ration card, and Aadhaar card will qualify for the program.
- Start Date:** Bookings for free cylinders will begin on October 29 at 10 am. An SMS notification will confirm bookings to beneficiaries.
- Delivery Timeline:**
 - Urban Areas:** Delivery within 24 hours of booking.



Rural Areas: Delivery within 48 hours.

4. Direct Benefit Transfer: Beneficiaries will receive a cash deposit within 48 hours of cylinder delivery, ensuring transparency and timely financial support.

5. Yearly Distribution Phases: The scheme is divided into three periods:

- First Cylinder:** Before March 31
- Second Cylinder:** Before July 31
- Third Cylinder:** Before November 30

6. Financial Commitment: The program is expected to cost the government approximately ₹2,684.75 crores annually. An advance of ₹894.92 crores will be paid to oil companies on October 29, with Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu overseeing the transaction.

7. Support and Complaints: Beneficiaries can call toll-free number 1967 to report issues or seek assistance.

This initiative reflects the government's commitment to supporting household welfare, particularly women's safety, despite budget constraints. The program's structured rollout, in coordination with oil companies, aims to maximize efficiency and benefit coverage.

YS Sharmila Open Letter to YSR Supporters Outlines Family Property Dispute with Jagan



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: In a heartfelt open letter, Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) president YS Sharmila Reddy addressed supporters of her father, late Chief Minister YS Rajasekhara Reddy, to clarify the ongoing family property dispute with her brother, Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy. Sharmila expressed her desire to reveal the true circumstances to her father's admirers, alleging that Jagan has acted against their father's intentions regarding the family's assets.

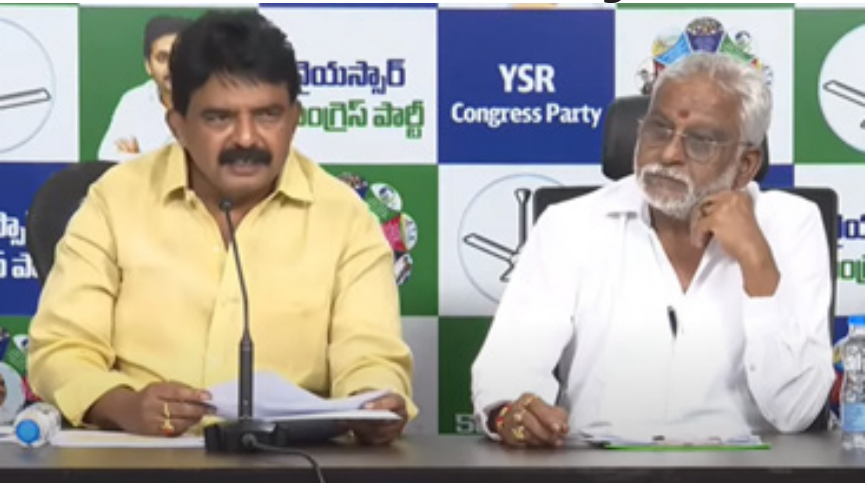
Sharmila outlined her grievances, stating

that their father's wish was to distribute the family businesses equally among his four grandchildren. However, she claimed that Jagan, acting as a custodian, has refused to honor this arrangement. She detailed various assets, including Bharati Cements, Sakshi Media, and other properties, which she said were meant to be divided equally. Sharmila alleged that Jagan demanded a larger share in the family assets, including 60% of Sakshi Media and Bharati Cements, which she and her mother found unfair.

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Perni Nani and YV Subbareddy Defended Jagan Amid Family Properties Controversy

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: In a recent statement, YCP Leaders Perni Nani and YV Subbareddy addressed the ongoing controversy surrounding YS Jagan Mohan Reddy's family business assets, particularly focusing on allegations against his sister, YS Sharmila. Nani emphasized that Bharti Cements became Jagan's own companies, which is why Sharmila and her husband, Anil, are neither shareholders nor directors. He stated, "If Sharmilamma had a share, YSR would have included her name in those companies."



Perni Nani expressed his disbelief over Sharmila's actions, questioning her integrity. He suggested that she has aligned herself with those who conspired against their father, YS Rajasekhara Reddy, remarking, "They are walking together as Uncle Penkul." He found it ironic that Sharmila criticizes Jagan, who is in the opposition, rather than the ruling TDP and BJP.

Subbareddy elaborated on Jagan's legal petition in the National Company Law Tribunal (NCLT), stating that shares in Saraswati Cements were allegedly transferred to their mother, YS Vijayamma, without Jagan's knowledge. He clarified that the petition aims to protect Jagan's interests against what he termed misleading media claims.

Subbareddy attributed Jagan's past legal troubles to the Congress party and described Sharmila's recent

support for the TDP as a conspiracy against him. He also highlighted a ten-year-old agreement made after YSR's death, where Jagan's assets were allocated to ensure goodwill, a deal Sharmila signed.

Further, he questioned Sharmila's motives, noting that she was not involved in managing the properties after YSR's passing. He argued that if she believes she deserves a share, she should explain why Jagan is the only one facing scrutiny from the ED and CBI.

Addressing claims of equal inheritance, Subbareddy pointed out that neither Sharmila nor Anil held directorial positions in YSR's companies, insisting that had their father intended to include her, he would have done so. He concluded by asserting that there is no need to misrepresent Jagan's intentions regarding these family affairs.

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Alliance Candidates Urged to Secure MLC Seats - CM Chandrababu Naidu

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: In preparation for the upcoming Member of Legislative Council (MLC) elections, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister and TDP National President Nara Chandrababu Naidu conducted a teleconference today with TDP MLAs and MPs from East and West Godavari, Krishna, and Guntur districts. The teleconference aimed to strategize efforts for the victory of alliance candidates in the MLC seats across these districts, focusing on coordinated efforts among TDP, Janasena, and BJP ranks.

During the meeting, CM Chandrababu stressed the importance of completing graduate voter registrations by November 6, urging all graduates to ensure their eligibility to vote. He emphasized that the alliance government's ongoing developmental initiatives should be effectively communicated to the public, portraying a unified front for the upcoming elections.

Chandrababu Naidu highlighted the alliance's objective of securing an NDA victory in the 2029 elections as well, proposing the formation of coordination committees across all mandals. He directed TDP leaders to work closely with



Janasena and BJP members, conducting regular coordination meetings to fortify alliance efforts at the grassroots level.

The MLC elections are expected to be a critical indicator of public support, with the CM's leadership focused on fostering cohesion within the NDA alliance to advance Andhra Pradesh's development agenda.

DCM Pawan Kalyan Reviews HUDCO Projects in JSP Office

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: On Friday, the Deputy Chief Minister held a review meeting at the Camp Office in Mangalagiri to discuss ongoing projects undertaken by the Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO). The meeting saw participation from notable figures, including actor and politician Pawan Kalyan.



During the meeting, HUDCO officials presented details on several key projects, including the Juvvaladinne, Machilipatnam, Nizampatnam, and Uppada fishing harbors. Various initiatives were examined, including the PM Kusum scheme, energy transition efforts, the AP State Fiber Net project, housing developments in slums, and the Hybrid Annuity Model.

The meeting featured contributions from HUDCO Chairman Shri Sanjay Kulkarni, HUDCO Corporate Planning Director Mr. M. Nagaraju, and the Head of the Vijayawada Regional Office, Mr. BSA



Murthy. Members of Parliament, including V. Balashowry from Machilipatnam and Uday Tangella from Kakinada, also attended, contributing to the discussions on the state's urban development strategies.

AP Govt to Roll Out New Tourism Policy Soon – Minister Kandula Durgesh



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Minister Kandula Durgesh announced the development of a new tourism policy, aimed at revitalizing the state's tourism sector. Speaking at the CII Tourism and Travel Conference on Friday, Durgesh emphasized Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's commitment to elevating tourism to an industrial status in the state. The Minister remarked that tourism had suffered significantly in the last five years and asserted that this coalition government would prioritize the sector's growth.

Durgesh outlined that the central government is supporting Andhra Pradesh's tourism initiatives through the Swadesh Darshan and Prasad schemes. The state intends to streamline tourism-related permits, including a single-window system for filming in Visakhapatnam. Durgesh also highlighted plans to repurpose the Rushikonda buildings,

suggesting that these might be transformed into a museum showcasing the impact of past governance on tourism.

Plans are underway to host beach festivals in January, adding to the state's tourism attractions. Film producer Daggubati Suresh Babu also spoke at the event, emphasizing the importance of nurturing local film talent in Visakhapatnam and noted that modern filmmaking allows for location flexibility. He expressed support for "cine-tourism" initiatives, encouraging the development of a tourism-friendly environment that grants visitors freedom and enhances their experience in Andhra Pradesh.

The event was attended by members of the Tour and Travels Association, along with Minister Kandula Durgesh and other industry representatives.

AP Govt Cancels Sand Synergy Fee Under Free Sand Policy

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: In a significant move aimed at easing construction activities in Andhra Pradesh, the state government has announced the cancellation of the sand synergy fee under the free sand policy. The decision was formalized during a recent cabinet meeting, with an official order issued by Mukesh Kumar Meena, Chief Secretary of the Mines Department.

The coalition government, which introduced the free sand policy in AP, decided to remove the synergy fee to streamline access to sand for construction purposes. Builders and individuals will now be able to obtain sand without the added cost of the synergy fee.

In conjunction with this decision,



the government is intensifying measures to curb sand smuggling. The order highlights strengthened GPS-based monitoring and reinforced check posts to regulate sand transport effectively. Additionally, the state has directed the establishment of stockyards in districts facing sand shortages, ensuring sufficient supply and efficient distribution across regions. Enhanced vigilance protocols were also outlined in the recent government order to uphold the policy changes.

Celebrations in Vijayawada as Central Govt Approves Amaravati Railway Line

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The BJP State office in Vijayawada was filled with celebration as the Central Government granted permission and allocated funds for a special railway line to Amaravati, the capital of Andhra Pradesh. Party members celebrated with chants of "Bharat Mata Ki Jai," shared sweets, and lit firecrackers.

BJP State President's Remarks: BJP AP State President MP Daggubati Purandeswari highlighted that this new 57 km railway line, from Amaravati to Nambur, is expected to play a significant role in the development of Andhra Pradesh. The line is being constructed with an investment of ₹2,545 crores, aiming to be both environmentally friendly and beneficial to local communities, with plans to plant 25 lakh saplings along the route.

Center's Support for Andhra Pradesh: Purandeswari emphasized that the Central Government has previously allocated ₹25,000 crores for Andhra's development, reiterating this commitment in the re-



cent budget. She assured that additional funds and resources will continue to be directed toward improving infrastructure, including national highways and rail connectivity, under the BJP's "doubleengine government" approach.

Railway Zone Update: Union Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw had previously encountered challenges in establishing a railway zone due to unsuitable land. With the current state government's support in securing appropriate land, the works for the railway zone are expected to com-

mence within four months.

Purandeswari also stressed BJP's commitment to the holistic development of Amaravati and noted several ongoing infrastructure projects in Vijayawada. She was joined by key party leaders and members, including BJP State General Secretary Bishnavannarayana, State Returning Officer Paka Venkata Satyanarayana, and several district leaders and Morcha representatives, all celebrating the significant milestone for Andhra Pradesh's connectivity and growth.

AP Govt Revives Amaravati Capital Works with New Tenders and Project Plans

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Andhra Pradesh government, led by Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, has taken decisive steps to resume the stalled development of Amaravati as the state's capital. After the previous administration under YCP halted construction in Amaravati in favor of a threecapital plan, the new coalition government has reignited efforts to complete Amaravati's infrastructure projects.

Key Decisions Announced by Minister Narayana

Municipal and Urban Development Minister Ponguru Narayana confirmed that old contracts for Amaravati's construction would be canceled within 15 days, paving the way for new tenders. These

projects aim to rejuvenate Amaravati as the administrative and legislative hub of Andhra Pradesh.

Timeline for New Tenders

November and December 2024: New tenders will be issued for various critical infrastructure projects, including: 360 kilometers of trunk roads Layouts, Kondaveeti Vagu, Palavagu gravity canals, and Karakatta road.

December 2024: Tenders for constructing Secretariat buildings will be finalized, restarting key administrative infrastructure.

End of January 2025: Tenders for the construction of Assembly and High Court

buildings will be awarded, marking the reinstatement of Amaravati's role as the state's legislative and judicial center.

Minister Narayana also highlighted the recent approval of the Amaravati railway line by the central government, describing it as a crucial step for the area's connectivity and development. This railway line is anticipated to support Amaravati's growth by linking it with other important cities, further enhancing accessibility and economic potential.

With these measures, the AP government is moving swiftly to fulfill its commitment to developing Amaravati, underscoring its vision for a single, cohesive capital to meet the state's administrative needs.

YS Sharmila Open Letter to YSR Supporters Outlines Family Property Dispute with Jagan

According to Sharmila, despite signing an MoU in 2019 agreeing to the property division, her rightful share has yet to be transferred. She shared that family unity and respect for her father's legacy have prevented her from speaking publicly on this matter until now.

Sharmila also expressed frustration over the harassment she allegedly faced after entering politics in 2021, particularly from Sakshi Media, controlled by her brother. She claims this has culminated

in a legal case filed by Jagan against her and her mother, which she considers a betrayal of family values.

Her letter calls for YSR supporters to understand her motives, emphasizing that she is not driven by greed but by her father's legacy of equality among family members. Sharmila concluded with an appeal to YSR supporters not to misunderstand her or her mother, reassuring them that she remains committed to honoring her father's vision.

Tollywood Choreographer Johnny Master Released from Chanchalguda Jail

TPN,Hyderabad: Popular Tollywood choreographer Johnny Master has been released from Chanchalguda jail after being granted bail in a sexual harassment case. He was released today, having spent 36 days in custody following his arrest on September 20 for allegedly assaulting a female dancer.

The Ranga Reddy court granted bail to Johnny Master, who faced accusations stemming from an incident in 2017 involving a minor choreographer during a TV show. The

complaint alleged that he took the young woman to a hotel where the assault occurred. The Narsinghi police registered a case against him under Sections 376, 506, and 323 of the Indian Penal Code (IPC), along with the Protection of Children from Sexual Offenses (POCSO) Act.

After an earlier bail application was denied, the Rangareddy district court ultimately granted him bail, allowing for his release amidst discussions surrounding national awards.

Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu Criticizes YCP Govt for Weakening AP Irrigation Department

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: In a recent video conference at the Vijayawada Irrigation Minister Camp Office, Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu expressed his concerns over the alleged decline in the performance of Andhra Pradesh's irrigation department under Former Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy's rule. Minister Ramanaidu argued that only minimal maintenance tasks, Such as gate repairs and rope greasing have been prioritized, leaving the irrigation sector under-resourced and inefficient.



During the meeting, attended by Irrigation Special Chief Secretary G. Saiprasad and ENC M. Venkateswara Rao, Ramanaidu instructed officials to initiate tenders immediately to expedite essential works across the state's irrigation projects. The Chief Minister, N. Chandrababu Naidu, has allocated Rs. 284 crores for immediate action, aiming to complete the projects swiftly and on a "war footing" to avoid further setbacks.

Officials highlighted that while Rs. 983 crore is typically needed annually for the operation and maintenance of irrigation projects, only Rs. 275 crore has been spent by the YCP government over five years. To address this, CM Chandrababu Naidu has committed Rs. 983 crore for this year's maintenance and suggested that crop canals, drains, and reser-

voir management personnel be recruited through outsourcing to improve efficiency.

Further, Ramanaidu criticized the impact of what he described as ineffective policies under the Jagan administration, citing that 467 lift irrigation schemes had failed, affecting 2.9 lakh acres of agricultural land. To counter these challenges, he announced that CM Chandrababu Naidu has proposed a ten-year annuity plan for the maintenance and repair of 1,047 lift schemes, intended to support 8.11 lakh acres under lift irrigation.

These measures are expected to strengthen AP's irrigation infrastructure, aiming to support agricultural productivity and counteract the effects of prior mismanagement.

JSP Leader Bolisetty Satyanarayana Warns to Jagan Comments on Pawan Kalyan

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, former Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, has again stirred controversy by referring to Janasena leader Pawan Kalyan as an "adopted son" during a recent visit to Gurla in Vizianagaram district. This comment, a term Jagan frequently used in his criticisms of Pawan before the last election, has reignited tensions. The Janasena leadership, now in a position of power, is reacting strongly to what they view as a continued personal attack.



Janasena leader Bolishetti Satyanarayana expressed his disapproval sharply. In a social media post on X, Satyanarayana criticized Jagan, suggesting there are only "two places Jagan Mohan Reddy should be: one in jail, and two in a mental hospital." He also issued a stern warning, stating that if Jagan continued to refer to Pawan Kalyan as an adopted son, he would face harsher responses, even threatening physical retaliation.

This exchange marks an intensification in the rivalry between the two political figures and indicates a more assertive stance from the Janasena Party against personal criticisms, reflecting their strengthened position in the state's political landscape.

Reacting to Jagan's comment,

Minister Kolusu Parthasaradhi Makes Sensational Remarks Against Jagan

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Minister Kolusu Parthasaradhi has launched a strong verbal attack on former Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, accusing him of actions that tarnish the legacy of his father, YSR. During a recent press conference, Parthasaradhi claimed that Jagan is undermining YSR's reputation and that even his family members believe he has committed injustices against his sister and mother.



Parthasaradhi criticized the YCP-led coalition government, suggesting that it aims to discredit others while ignoring its failures. "The people of Andhra Pradesh have suffered losses amounting to several lakhs of crores due to the mismanagement of the YCP gov-

ernment," he asserted, calling for accountability.

The Minister also mentioned a recent meeting with Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and highlighted the importance of the Pradhan Mantri Awas Yojana (PMAY-2). He noted that Naidu has urged the central government to provide unconditional loans to every poor individual for housing, demonstrating a commitment to improving the living conditions of the underprivileged.

Parthasaradhi's comments reflect growing tensions within Andhra Pradesh's political landscape as the opposition seeks to capitalize on public dissatisfaction with the current administration. His statements serve as a rallying cry for those advocating for accountability and transparency in governance.

Land Grabs and Destruction Surge Under Jagan Govt – Minister Bala Veeranjaneyswamy

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Minister Bala Veeranjaneyswamy has reported a significant increase in land grabbing, vandalism, and drug-related activities under Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy's administration. Speaking at the first district review meeting held in Visakhapatnam on Friday, he expressed serious concerns regarding the deteriorating law and order situation in the region.



The minister stated that the review focused on various issues plaguing the district, highlighting the alarming rise in illegal land acquisitions and destruction of property. "For the first time, we are witnessing such a surge in land grabs and vandalism, which is deeply troubling," he said.

Bala Veeranjaneyswamy emphasized the government's commitment to addressing these challenges, mentioning that special attention has been given to critical infrastructure projects like the Bhogapuram Airport and the metro rail development. He assured residents

that the pending constructions would be expedited to alleviate ongoing traffic problems.

"The government is fully aware of the issues affecting our community, and we are dedicated to resolving them one by one," the minister asserted. He also stressed the importance of collaborative efforts among law enforcement agencies, local leaders, and the community to combat the rising tide of criminal activities.

As concerns about public safety and governance continue to grow, Minister Bala Veeranjaneyswamy's remarks reflect a pressing need for effective measures to restore order and protect citizens' rights in the state.

Rachamallu Sivaprasad Criticizes Sharmila in the Ongoing YS Family Property Dispute

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Former YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) MLA Rachamallu Sivaprasad Reddy voiced strong criticism over the escalating property dispute between Andhra Pradesh Former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy and his sister Y.S. Sharmila. Sivaprasad Reddy accused Sharmila of allegedly conspiring against Jagan by aligning with political adversaries, including Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, Telangana CM Revanth Reddy, and Sunitha, another prominent political figure.



leged alliances, asserting that she, Chandrababu, Revanth Reddy, and Sunitha are conspiring to bring legal troubles for Jagan, potentially leading to his imprisonment within the next couple of years. Sivaprasad Reddy's accusations were rooted in a perceived betrayal by Sharmila, whom he believes has turned against her own family.

"Will you join hands with Chandrababu Naidu? Revanth Reddy? Sunitha? Why

He went on to criticize Sharmila's al-

are you stooping so low when you, too, carry the legacy of Rajasekhara Reddy's blood?" he asked, expressing his disappointment at what he viewed as a divisive move on her part.

Sivaprasad Reddy used a vivid analogy to express the gravity of the betrayal he perceives. He described Jagan as the "head," Sharmila as the "sword," and Chandrababu as the "hand wielding the sword," implying that this alliance has placed Jagan in a vulnerable position. "The head that will fall is Jagan's," he warned, emphasizing what he saw as the severity of the situation.

With the dispute spilling into the public domain, Sivaprasad Reddy's comments reflect the high tensions surrounding the Reddy family's internal conflict, further drawing public attention to an already contentious issue.

Varla Ramaiah Criticizes Jagan Over Family Values

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Varla Ramaiah Criticizes Jagan's Alleged Disregard for Family Values Amid Property Dispute with Sister Sharmila



TDP Politburo member Varla Ramaiah has raised strong allegations against YSR Congress Party chief Jagan Mohan Reddy, accusing him of prioritizing financial gain over family values amid an ongoing property dispute with his sister, Telangana Congress President Y.S. Sharmila. Ramaiah claimed that Jagan's actions reflect disrespect toward the family system, suggesting that his "greed for money" has led to discord

within the family.

Ramaiah also criticized Jagan's alleged treatment of his family, accusing him of "disregarding both his mother and sister in the pursuit of property." He further suggested that the dispute highlights a lack of respect for moral values and the Indian family system, portraying Jagan's actions as a deviation from the values traditionally upheld by Indian families. Ramaiah added that this dispute has put Sharmila's safety at risk, and he urged authorities to ensure strict security measures for her protection.

A1 Accused in TDP Office Attack Case Chaitanya, to Undergo Medical Tests Before CID Custody

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: In the ongoing investigation of the attack on the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) central office in Mangalagiri, YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) student wing president Panuganti Chaitanya, identified as the primary accused (A1) in the case, has been taken into custody by the Criminal Investigation Department (CID) for further interrogation. Chaitanya recently surrendered in court, and following a petition from the CID, the Mangalagiri court granted them custody for three days.

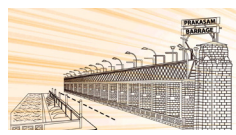


The attack on the TDP central office created significant political tensions, with Chaitanya, leader of the YSRCP student wing, accused of orchestrating the assault. Following his surrender, CID officials

The investigation is expected to reveal more details surrounding the attack, as CID officials prepare to interrogate Chaitanya on the motives and potential accomplices involved.

requested custody to probe further into his involvement and motives behind the incident.

As per the court order, Chaitanya underwent a mandatory medical examination today at Guntur Government Hospital. This step is a standard legal protocol to ensure the health and well-being of the accused prior to his transfer to the CID office for questioning. Once the medical report is received, Chaitanya will be shifted to the CID office, where he will remain in custody for the next three days.



Minister Gottipati Ravi Kumar Meets HUDCO Chairman Sanjay Kul Shrestha to Discuss Power Sector Initiatives



TPN, Vijayawada: Minister Gottipati Ravi Kumar held a meeting with HUDCO Chairman

Sanjay Kul Shrestha at the Secretariat to address key issues regarding the power sector in Andhra Pradesh. The meeting aimed to explore collaboration between the government and HUDCO to enhance the power infrastructure in the state.

During their discussions, various topics related to the power sector were explored, emphasizing ongoing projects and future initiatives. Both leaders recognized the importance of these projects in meeting the growing energy demands of the region.

The two leaders reviewed the current power sector projects in Andhra Pradesh, highlighting progress and the impact on local communities. They discussed how these initiatives are vital for economic development and improving the

quality of life for residents.

Minister Ravi Kumar expressed appreciation for the advancements in the power sector under the leadership of former Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, noting that the sector is achieving new milestones. He emphasized the need to continue this momentum to further develop the state's energy capabilities.

Chairman Sanjay Kul Shrestha indicated HUDCO's willingness to provide necessary financial support to the Distribution Companies (DISCOMs) in the state. This support is crucial for enhancing the efficiency and reliability of power distribution.

The discussion included HUDCO's financial assistance aimed at constructing substations at the field level, which is essential for ensuring

quality power supply to residents. The establishment of these substations will help in managing the electricity load more effectively.

Sanjay confirmed HUDCO's readiness to fund currently pending power sector projects, emphasizing a collaborative effort to enhance infrastructure. This funding will help expedite the completion of vital projects that are currently on hold.

Furthermore, it was noted that HUDCO has already taken steps to offer financial assistance for the construction of Amaravati, demonstrating their commitment to supporting development initiatives in the region. This collaboration is expected to foster growth and progress in Andhra Pradesh's urban and rural areas...

Bonda Uma Launched 21st National Livestock Census Launched in AP



TPN, Vijayawada: The 21st National Livestock Census was officially launched in Andhra Pradesh, with Central Constituency legislator Bonda Uma Maheswara Rao inaugurating the census on Friday at the Telugu Desam Party Office in Vijayawada. As part of the launch, wall posters and census rule books were unveiled, and travel kits were distributed to the enumerators.

During the inauguration, Bonda Uma highlighted the significance of the census, noting that this nationwide program, including Andhra Pradesh, aims to gather accurate data on livestock across various species like cows, buffaloes, sheep, goats, chickens, dogs, and pigs. "This enumeration will allow us to estimate milk production, assess livestock resources, and support farmers reliant

on animal husbandry," he said. Bonda Uma emphasized that this data would be essential for determining budgets for veterinary care, medicines, and necessary facilities for the state's livestock. Additionally, the census would guide the development of the dairy industry, disease prevention efforts, and farmer training initiatives.

Dr. Hanumantha Rao, Joint Director of Animal Husbandry for the YTR District, detailed that the census team includes 241 enumerators and 47 supervisors who will visit over 702,900 families across 20 mandals and urban regions to count 16 types of livestock. The census is set to continue until February 28, 2025, aiming to support state initiatives in agriculture and animal husbandry for enhanced rural development.



Financial Assistance of ₹296.82 Crores Distributed to Flood Victims in NTR District

TPN, Vijayawada: In a significant move to aid families affected by the recent floods, the government has successfully deposited ₹296.82 crores into the accounts of 1,80,098 victims, as confirmed by District Collector in-charge, Dr. Nidhi Meena, in a statement on Friday.

Dr. Meena reported that the floods, which struck 179 villages and ward secretariats in the district last September, caused considerable distress among local residents. To assist the victims, the state government has undertaken a damage assessment process with transparency and accountability, directly depositing financial aid into the victims' accounts.

As of Friday, the total amount deposited stands at ₹296.82 crores. The lists of beneficiaries have been displayed in local secretariats, ensuring accessibility

for the affected families. Additionally, applications received from the public at the collectorate have been logged into the Public Grievance Redressal System (PGRS) for thorough examination.

A review of the 2,954 registered applications indicated that financial assistance has been deposited into the Aadhaar-linked bank accounts of eligible victims. However, Dr. Meena noted that cash assistance has not been deposited for 256 applications due to the unavailability of data.

Under the guidance of the Hon'ble Chief Minister, the district administration has diligently worked to ensure that no affected family is left without assistance, exemplifying a commitment to supporting those in need during this challenging time.

Prompt Settlement of Pending Insurance Claims Commended in NTR District

TPN, Vijayawada: The efforts of insurance companies in facilitating the prompt settlement of insurance claims related to the flood-affected residents' vehicles and property losses have been praised by Special Principal Secretary of the Revenue Department, RP Sisodia.

In a meeting held on Friday at the NTR District Collectorate, Collector Shri Pingali Venkaiah gathered with representatives from various insurance companies, along with RP Sisodia and the Commissioner of the Transport Department, Manish Kumar Sinha. The discussion



focused on the claims registered, settled, and still pending. A total of 15,426 claims have been registered, comprising 12,632 motor vehicle claims, 2,794 property claims, 605 withdrawals, and 325 rejected claims, resulting in a net of 14,496 claims under review. Transport department officials reported an impressive settlement rate of 97.16%, with payments amounting to

₹136.52 crores disbursed thus far. RP Sisodia highlighted that the Hon'ble Chief Minister has placed significant emphasis on the swift resolution of insurance claims. He commended the insurance companies for their performance in processing claims related to household, shopkeeper, SME, and MSME property damages, urging them to expedite the resolution of outstanding claims. The meeting was attended by DRO V. Srinivasa Rao, Vijayawada DTC CH Mohan, DTC (IT) M. Purendhra, and various representatives from insurance companies.

Vijayawada Municipal Corporation Takes Steps to Remove Unauthorized Encroachments

TPN, Vijayawada: In a recent review meeting, Vijayawada Municipal Corporation Commissioner Dhyan-chandra emphasized the urgent need to address unauthorized encroachments within the city. The meeting, held at the new head office, focused on developing a master plan to safeguard municipal and government properties. Commissioner Dhyan-chandra stressed that every secretary should possess a comprehensive master plan to effectively combat unauthorized encroachments. He highlighted the importance of taking immediate action to prevent illegal banners and hoardings, asserting that structural stability certificates must be ensured for all official voting processes.

The Commissioner called for regular monitoring of unauthorized encroachments and constructions to maintain the integrity of city infrastructure. He urged the planning staff to remain vigilant and proactive in

addressing these issues. During the meeting, the Commissioner also encouraged all staff members to work collaboratively to resolve any problems that may arise within the secretariat. He noted that effective coordination among team members would facilitate quicker solutions to challenges faced by the department.

The meeting was attended by Chief City Planner VGVS Prasad, DCP Chandra Bose, ACP Mohan Babu, planning staff, and secretariat planning secretaries, all of whom contributed to the discussions aimed at enhancing urban governance and maintaining the city's structural safety.

The Vijayawada Municipal Corporation is committed to creating a well-planned urban environment, ensuring that public spaces are protected and unauthorized constructions are effectively managed.

Is Sujana Chowdary Failing as MLA?

TPN, Vijayawada: Is Sujana Chowdary failing as the MLA of Vijayawada West? This is the question now circulating in Vijayawada. Mr. Sujana Chowdary has previously served as a Union Minister of India and has played a key role in the TDP, where he was elevated as the second leader after Mr. Chandrababu Naidu. After joining the BJP, he has maintained relationships with key leaders of the TDP. However, some people in his circle argue that the post of MLA is not significant enough for Mr. Sujana. Allegations are being made that he does not value the position of MLA and is not acting in the interests of the cadre and other leaders in the constituency.



Political circles feel that Mr. Sujana is attempting to build his own faction within the constituency, disregarding both TDP and Janasena circles. He appears to be indifferent to his own party's BJP cadre as well, opting instead to associate with individuals loyal solely to him, regardless of their political affiliation. Mr. Bommasani Subba Rao serves as a prime example; although he originally belongs to the TDP and previously sought the Mylavaram ticket while acting against Mr. Devineni Umamaheswara Rao, he has now become a close associate of Sujana Chowdary. On behalf of Mr. Sujana, Mr. Bommasani is working to convert individuals from all parties into loyal supporters. Recently, for the Vijayadashami celebrations at Durga Temple, a committee was appointed by Mr. Sujana and Mr. Bommasani, which included four

members from Janasena who subsequently became associated with Sujana. In this manner, Sujana is building his own faction through individuals like Bommasani.

On the other hand, he is not responding to the requests of the people, nor is he attentive to the leaders from TDP and Janasena. He resides in Kanuru and is rarely present in the town. His assistants and staff have shown little regard for the requests coming from the public. Additionally, Mr. Sujana and his team have neglected the flood-affected individuals across the ten divisions of his constituency. As a result, negative sentiments toward him are growing among the constituents. Even a job mela conducted by Mr. Sujana's team has drawn criticism; one educated attendee remarked, "They are offering security jobs and sales positions in shops. Other than that, there are no jobs suitable for our qualifications."

The cadres of Janasena and TDP have already informed their high commands about the situation, requesting the appointment of in-charges for the constituency. Janasena played a crucial role in Sujana's victory, but they feel they are not receiving the treatment they deserve. They believe that having an in-charge would help lead and advocate for benefits even in dealings with the MLA. It is surprising for political circles to see Mr. Sujana facing negative sentiment within just four months of taking office.

Minister Gottipatti Received Urges From People

Grievances Rise as Citizens Seek Justice in Andhra Pradesh

TPN, Addanki: In a series of distressing reports, citizens across Andhra Pradesh have voiced their grievances, highlighting issues ranging from extortion to political intimidation.

Dasari Stalin, a clerk at the Kovvuru sub-registrar's office, alleged that Bale Narasaraaju from Eluru district extorted ₹10 lakhs from him by falsely claiming familial ties and threatening his life when repayment was demanded. In another troubling case, TDP leaders, including Bathina Srikanth and Botla Venkateswara Rao, reported that the police unjustly labeled them as rowdy elements for intervening against YCP rigging attempts during the upcoming elections.

Former Auxiliary Nurse Midwives (ANMs) are also in distress, as many have been unjustly dismissed by the previous government. They have appealed to Minister Gottipati Ravikumar for reinstatement, emphasizing their plight, particularly



among the Dalit community.

In a shocking revelation, PC Peddanna from Pullalarevu village accused a local leader of cheating him out of ₹12 lakhs, while Kakarla Kondaiah from Vangapadu village alleged that officials manipulated land records to unlawfully transfer property titles.

The National Platform for the Rights of the Disabled has demanded the restoration of canceled pensions and adherence to disability quotas in government hiring, while Sarpanch Subbarao from

Gummalampadu village called for electricity supply to land allocated for backward classes.

In a broader context, contract workers in AP Gen Co, AP Trans Co, and Discoms have urged the government to address their concerns regarding job security and inadequate wages. Additionally, appeals for compensation related to the Polavaram project flooding and recruitment of art and craft teachers have emerged, underscoring the pressing need for government attention to citizen issues in the state.

Fake Gold Scam Unveiled, Dharmavaram Police Arrest Ten in Daring Raid

TPN, Dharmavaram: In a remarkable breakthrough, the Dharmavaram police have dismantled a criminal operation involving fake gold and gunfire between rival gangs in Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. The operation, which involved a gang of ten, led to the arrest of multiple suspects and the seizure of fake weapons, fake gold, and other incriminating evidence.

The drama unfolded when police responded to reports of gunfire between two gangs at the Ramapuram intersection on the Anantapuram-Kadiri National Highway. According to SP V. Ratna of the Sri Satyasai district, the police took the incident seriously and promptly launched an investigation under the leadership of Dharmavaram DSP Srinivas. Four specialized teams were formed to track down the gang members.

The investigation revealed that the Shikari Palem gang had been selling fake gold while posing as legitimate traders. Their operation involved contacting individu-



als in Telangana to negotiate the sale of fake gold worth ₹15 lakh. After discovering their fraudulent activities, an ethical hacker named Puli Arvind Kumar contacted the Dharmavaram police and planned a sting operation, intending to raise awareness about such scams through his YouTube channel, "A.K. Cyber News."

On the day of the planned meeting, a clash broke out, during which gang members used fake pistols to intimidate their rivals. The police recovered two cars, two

fake guns, 19 plastic bullets, and a two-kilogram fake gold bead garland from the scene. The weapons, purchased for ₹400 each in Hyderabad, were designed to produce sound effects, mimicking real firearms without causing harm.

While ten individuals have been arrested, two suspects remain at large. The police have promised to continue their efforts to apprehend all involved and discourage such fraudulent activities in the future.

Janasena Grievance Program Addresses Public Concerns Amid Contract Promises

TPN, Mangalagiri: The Janasena Party's central office in Mangalagiri hosted its Janavani grievance program, where numerous citizens gathered to voice their concerns and seek assistance. The event highlighted various issues, including a troubling case involving the Guntur-based software company, Develop Trees DSR IT Solutions, which has reportedly defrauded around 650 unemployed youth. The victims claimed they were promised training and job placements but instead lost substantial sums of money, amounting to lakhs of rupees. They have filed a complaint with the Arundal Peta Police Station but reported little response from the company's CEO, Daggu-bati Shravan.

During the program, MLA Deva Varaprasad directly received petitions from the affected individuals, urging immediate intervention from the Guntur district SP to



resolve the matter. Many attendees took the opportunity to raise various grievances, demonstrating the program's significance in providing a platform for public concerns.

Another poignant case involved a complaint from A. Sivakishore of

Nunna, who alleged that former YCP MP Nandigam Suresh had failed to fulfill his contractual promises. Sivakishore, who was severely injured in a road accident, requested Pawan Kalyan's intervention to reclaim the dues owed to him.

JSP MLA Bolishetty Srinivas Conducts Surprise Inspection at Govt Hospital

TPN, Tadepalligudem: Janasena MLA Bolishetty Srinivas, the Honorary Legislator of Tadepalligudem Constituency, conducted a surprise inspection of the Tadepalligudem Government Area Hospital, responding to various complaints regarding the facility's operations.

During the inspection, MLA Bolishetty Srinivas expressed his frustration at the behavior of the doctors and the overall management of the hospital. He specifically ordered the suspension of Nurse Esther

for neglecting her duties, highlighting the need for accountability and improved patient care within the hospital.

This sudden visit underscores the legislator's commitment to ensuring that healthcare standards are upheld in the region. Srinivas's actions reflect a proactive approach to addressing issues within the local healthcare system and improving services for the constituents of Tadepalligudem.



Janasena Warns Members Over Hoarding and Banner Protocol Violations

TPN, Mangalagiri: The Janasena Party's central office has raised concerns over numerous complaints regarding the design of hoardings, banners, flexes, and posters used during party activities and political events. Reports indicate that many of these materials do not comply with the established party protocol. Specifically, the photo of the party president is being printed in a smaller size compared to those of other leaders, constituting a clear violation of party rules.

According to the party's guidelines, the size of the president's photo should be maintained at a 3/4 ratio in comparison to other images. This inconsistency undermines the party's integrity and respect for its leadership, prompting officials to take action.

Vemulapati Ajay Kumar, Head of Concept Management for the Janasena Party, has issued a stern warning to members, stating that further disciplinary measures will be enforced against those who continue to disregard these protocols. The party is emphasizing the importance of adhering to these guidelines to maintain organizational cohesion and respect for its leaders.

In light of this issue, the Janasena Party is urging all members to ensure compliance with established design standards in order to present a unified front during political



events and activities. The party aims to foster an environment that reflects its values and leadership structure, reinforcing the necessity for proper representation of its president in all promotional materials.

As the Janasena Party moves forward, adherence to these protocols will be closely monitored, and any future violations could result in significant repercussions for those involved.



Initiative Launched to Combat Mosquito Spread with Gambusia Fish

TPN, Eluru Urban: In an effort to curb the spread of mosquitoes, the Malaria Department of the Health Department, in collaboration with the city administration, initiated a program on Thursday to release Gambusia fish into dirty canals and water storage areas.

District Malaria Officer Dr. Prasad announced that the Gambusia fish were introduced into drains and water bodies in Yadavanagar and Badeti Nagar. This natural method aims to eliminate mosquito larvae, thereby contributing to effective mosquito eradication. Dr. Prasad emphasized the importance of public participation in maintaining cleanliness in the surrounding areas.

The event saw participation from key officials, including Additional Commissioner, Municipal Health Officer Chandraya, Urban PHC Medical Officer Pradeepti, and Assistant Malaria Officer Govinda Rao, along with medical staff members Srinivasa Rao, Ramesh Babu, Vijayanirmala, Jyoti, Rehamunisa Begum, Rajeshwari, Uma, and local TDP leaders Tangirala Aruna and Arnepalli Tirupathi Rao.

Maharashtra Elections Heat Up: Parties Gear Up for Battle

As Maharashtra approaches its upcoming elections, the political atmosphere is charged with anticipation. The Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) has unveiled its list of 158 candidates, while the ruling Mahayuti coalition has announced candidates for 182 seats. The state is divided into six significant regions—Vidarbha, Marathwada, Western Maharashtra, North Maharashtra, Mumbai, and Thane-Konkan—each possessing unique political dynamics. Success in four of these six regions is likely to determine which coalition will form the government.

In the Lok Sabha elections earlier this year, the MVA performed strongly, particularly in Vidarbha, Western Maharashtra, Marathwada, and Mumbai, securing 30 out of 48 seats. Conversely, the Mahayuti found its strength primarily in North Maharashtra and the Thane-Konkan region.

Each party in the MVA—Congress, Uddhav Thackeray's Shiv Sena, and Sharad Pawar's Nationalist Congress Party (NCP)—holds specific regional advantages. The Congress excelled in Vidarbha, while the Uddhav-led Shiv Sena dominated Mumbai and the NCP thrived in Western Maharashtra. The Mahayuti coalition, consisting of the Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena and the BJP, has a notable



presence across the state, particularly in Northern Maharashtra.

Understanding the socio-political landscape is critical, as the demographics in these regions vary significantly. Marathwada, Vidarbha, and Western Maharashtra have high populations of Scheduled Castes, while Scheduled Tribes are more prevalent in North Maharashtra and Thane-Konkan. Additionally, areas with substantial Muslim populations, such as Marathwada and Mumbai, played a significant role in the MVA's earlier successes.

Key issues such as agricultural distress and farmer suicides are particularly pressing in Vidarbha and Marathwada, with the BJP introducing initiatives like the Ladli Bahin

Yojana to address these concerns. In contrast, the party is banking on its development-focused agenda to attract votes in the industrialized regions of Thane and Mumbai, where urban challenges like slum conditions persist.

The Maratha agitation also looms large, particularly in Marathwada, potentially complicating the electoral landscape. M.M. Jarange Patil, a leader of the movement, aims to rally support against the BJP, which could fracture opposition votes in the region.

Navigating these intricate social dynamics will be crucial for all parties as they vie for dominance in Maharashtra's multifaceted political arena.



Countering China: Why US Needs To Ditch Cold War Tactics And Support India

“Let every nation know, whether it wishes us well or ill, that we shall pay any price, bear any burden, meet any hardship...” This line from John F. Kennedy's 1961 inaugural address encapsulates America's self-perception of freedom and power. However, this concept often reflects a one-sided narrative that serves American interests while disregarding the sovereignty of other nations. When foreign leaders make choices contrary to U.S. objectives, “freedom” becomes a pretext for military action and economic sanctions, rather than a genuine commitment to democratic values.

Recent events highlight this hypocrisy. Leaders like Sheikh Hasina of Bangladesh have resisted American pressure, paying a price for their independence that starkly illustrates the gap between Washington's ideals and the realities faced by sovereign nations. The long-standing U.S. strategy of containment, articulated by George F. Kennan, now appears obsolete as the geopolitical landscape shifts.

The decline of American dominance was starkly evident during its hasty withdrawal from Afghanistan, signaling a potential end to its unilateral approach. As Richard Nixon observed, the framework of the Cold War no longer applies, and the U.S. must adapt to a multipolar world where power dynamics are changing.

The U.S. must recognize that the reliance on coercion and intervention is counterproductive, especially in the face of China's growing influence in Asia. Unlike the Soviet Union, China

possesses the financial means to build alliances through investments, drawing countries like Sri Lanka, Nepal, and Bangladesh closer despite their historical ties to India. This shift underscores the need for a recalibrated U.S. strategy that prioritizes diplomatic and economic partnerships over traditional tactics.

America's frustration with India's independent foreign policy, particularly regarding energy purchases from Iran and Russia, reflects a misunderstanding of India's complex geopolitical context. Actions that fuel tensions, such as charges against Indian officials or meddling in internal matters, only serve to alienate India and undermine long-term U.S. interests.

To effectively counter China, the U.S. must forge strong, respectful ties with India, recognizing that Modi's India is assertive and no longer compliant with outdated diplomatic norms. The responses from Indian officials to U.S. demands demonstrate a new reality: sovereign nations will no longer acquiesce to unilateral pressures.

As China continues to leverage its economic might, the U.S. must adapt its approach, focusing on collaborative strategies that respect India's sovereignty. India stands as a crucial ally in maintaining stability in the Asia-Pacific region, and mutual respect in partnerships will be key to navigating the challenges ahead. The future of U.S.-India relations hinges on recognizing the evolving landscape and fostering cooperation based on shared interests, rather than imposing a one-sided agenda.

Stagnating Middle Class: The Hidden Challenge in India's Growth Story

Recent statements from Suresh Narayanan, Chairman and Managing Director of Nestle India, shed light on a troubling trend: the stagnation of income and consumption among the Indian middle class. As his company reports a slowdown in urban sales growth, Narayanan candidly noted, “The middle segment – the middle-class – seems to be shrinking.” This commentary highlights a growing concern within the FMCG sector and the broader economy.



among market analysts about tepid consumption growth in both rural and urban areas.

The sentiment of stagnation is echoed by other industry leaders. For instance, during a May 2024 earnings call, the CEO of Asian Paints expressed skepticism about GDP figures, claiming they did not align with on-the-ground sector performance. Although the company later retracted these comments, they reflect a widespread unease

A clear indicator of this trend is the unprecedented inventory of 700,000 vehicles, valued at ₹86,000 crore, sitting unsold at auto dealerships. The 75% increase in passenger car inventory compared to 2023 signals a significant demand slump. Additionally, commercial vehicle sales have seen a decline of 4-6% this year. While two-wheeler

sales have picked up slightly, they remain below pre-2018 levels.

Official narratives suggest that the Indian middle class is bypassing entry-level cars in favor of more expensive SUVs. However, R.C. Bhargava, Chairman of Maruti Udyog Ltd, dismissed this idea, asserting that such drastic shifts in consumption patterns are rare. Instead, he emphasized that while affluent consumers are purchasing more SUVs, the middle class continues to grapple with stagnating incomes. The disparity in economic recovery is stark. Official data from the National Sample Survey Office indicates that consumption growth has averaged around 3.5% annually over the past decade—half the rate of GDP growth. This disconnect raises questions about the robustness of GDP figures, with some economists suggesting they may be overstated.

Inside the AGMUT Cadre: A Unique Landscape of Indian Civil Service

The Indian Administrative Service (IAS) is often viewed through a narrow lens, leaving many unaware of the inner workings of state cadres, particularly the AGMUT cadre (Union Territories cadre). Recently, I had the opportunity to attend the AGMUT cadre's annual gathering, where both serving and retired officers convened, highlighting the unique fabric of this cadre.

Held at the Pallika Service Officer's Institute in New Delhi, the event showcased a mix of nostalgia and camaraderie. Officers were welcomed with a red carpet and rose petals, a fitting tribute to their service. Among the attendees were former governors, union secretaries, and chief secretaries, all bound by a shared legacy.

What sets the AGMUT cadre apart is its diversity in postings and the unique challenges faced by its officers. The cadre spans full states like Arunachal Pradesh, Goa, and Mizoram, as well as Union Territories (UTs) such as Delhi and Puducherry. Each location presents



distinct administrative landscapes. For instance, Arunachal Pradesh, rich in natural beauty and cultural heritage, is pioneering drone technology for agriculture and health services. In contrast, Goa's history

of colonialism shapes its vibrant culture and governance, making it a unique case study in development.

Mizoram stands out with its high literacy rates and classless society,

while Puducherry retains the charm of its French colonial past. The cadre also oversees meticulously planned areas like Chandigarh, alongside the picturesque archipelagos of Andaman & Nicobar and Lakshadweep.

Delhi, however, remains the epicenter for AGMUT cadre officers. Managing a population of over 20 million, officers juggle responsibilities from public transport to the administration of thousands of schools, all while catering to the city's diverse needs. The presence of the central government institutions adds another layer of complexity, as the Ministry of Home Affairs controls postings and promotions, unlike state cadres where chief ministers hold sway.

This unique structure requires officers to be adaptable, navigating a dynamic landscape that often changes with little warning. The friendships forged during service often endure, providing a support network that transcends the challenges of the job.

As I reflect on my career, I appreciate the lasting bonds formed within the AGMUT cadre. Their resilience and adaptability are vital as they continue to serve in a landscape that is ever-evolving.

Germany Has Increase Visas For Skilled Indians : PM Modi

Germany has announced a significant increase in its annual cap on skilled labour visas for Indian professionals, raising the number from 20,000 to an impressive 90,000. This move was welcomed by Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who highlighted its potential to spur growth in Germany. The announcement came during a meeting between PM Modi and German Chancellor Olaf Scholz, who is on his third official visit to India.



In his remarks, PM Modi emphasized the synergy between India's dynamic workforce and Germany's precision-driven engineering. "When India's dynamics and Germany's precision meet, and when Germany's engineering and India's innovation converge, a better future is shaped for the Indo-Pacific and the entire world," he stated. This collaboration is expected to strengthen ties between the two nations and enhance economic prospects.

The decision to expand the visa quota is part of a broader strategy to address Germany's pressing labour shortages, particularly in light of the over 570,000 unfilled job vacancies reported across various industries. By facilitating eas-

ier access for skilled Indian workers, Germany aims to attract foreign talent that can help fill these gaps.

In addition to the increased visa allocation, Germany has pledged to streamline its visa application process and improve the recognition of Indian professional qualifications. This is a crucial development, as it will make it easier for Indian professionals to transition into the German workforce and contribute effectively.

This initiative follows the migration

agreement signed by India and Germany in 2022, which aimed to enhance mobility for professionals and students between the two countries. The new visa policy is anticipated to foster closer economic ties and mutual growth, further solidifying the relationship between India and Germany.

As both nations look forward to this expanded collaboration, the implications for skilled Indian workers and the German economy are expected to be significant, paving the way for a stronger partnership in the years to come.



NDA Govt's Policies Failed To Ensure Peace In J&K: Rahul

The Congress party has strongly condemned the NDA government at the Centre in the wake of a terror attack in Gulmarg, Jammu and Kashmir, which resulted in the deaths of two soldiers and two Army porters. The incident occurred on Thursday when terrorists ambushed an Army vehicle approximately six kilometers from the popular tourist destination in Baramulla district, raising serious concerns about security in the region.

The attack took place in the Bota Pathri area as the Army vehicle was en route to the Nagin post in the Afrawat range. In response to the tragic event, Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, took to social media to express his sorrow. "The news of the martyrdom of our brave soldiers in the cowardly attack on an Army vehicle in Gulmarg is extremely saddening. Two porters also lost their lives in the attack. I pay my tribute to the martyrs and express my deepest condolences to the bereaved families," he wrote in a post on X (formerly Twitter).

Gandhi criticized the NDA government's policies, asserting that they have completely failed to establish security and peace in Jammu and Kashmir. "Contrary to their claims, the reality is that the state is living under the shadow of danger due to continuous terrorist activities, attacks on our soldiers, and targeted killings of civilians," he stated. He called for immediate accountability from the government and emphasized the need to restore peace in the Valley while ensuring the safety of both Army personnel and civilians.

Congress leader Priyanka Gandhi Vadra also expressed her condolences regarding the attack, stating that no amount of condemnation would suffice in response to such acts of terror. She echoed her brother's sentiments, calling the news of the soldiers' martyrdom "extremely saddening." The tragic event has reignited discussions on the effectiveness of current security policies in Jammu and Kashmir, with Congress demanding urgent action to address the growing threat of terrorism in the region.



Mamata Banerjee Calls for Vigilance to Prevent Festive Unrest in Bengal

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee has expressed significant concerns over potential communal tensions as the festive season approaches, particularly with Kali Puja coinciding with Diwali on October 31 this year. During an administrative meeting with senior officials, she emphasized the need for heightened vigilance among law enforcement and intelligence agencies to prevent any incidents that could disrupt communal harmony in the state.

Banerjee highlighted that there are indications of plans to incite communal riots and create violence during the festivities. "Ahead is Kali Puja; the police and Special Task Force must utilize intelligence to ensure no explosions occur. There is a plot to instigate communal riots, and it needs to be thwarted," she stated firmly.

The Chief Minister particularly cautioned that certain groups might attempt to destabilize religious peace, especially in Kolkata, during this festive period. "There are some individuals—I don't want to label them as political leaders—who are planning to incite communal violence in Kolkata. The police and the Intelligence Bureau need to ensure that such plans are thwarted," she added.

In light of these threats, Banerjee instructed all state agencies, including the intelligence bureau, to remain on high alert throughout the festive season. This proactive approach aims to maintain peace and ensure that the celebrations proceed without incident.

As the festivals of Kali Puja and Diwali draw near, the government's emphasis on security reflects a broader commitment to safeguarding communal harmony in a state known for its rich cultural tapestry. The upcoming celebrations, marked by joy and festivity, must also be accompanied by caution to prevent any disturbances.

In conclusion, Mamata Banerjee's call for vigilance underscores the importance of maintaining communal harmony during a time that is significant for many. With the potential for unrest looming, the state's authorities are poised to take necessary measures to ensure that both festivals can be celebrated peacefully.

Kerala CM Pinarayi Vijayan Accuses BJP and Congress of Misrepresenting Muslims

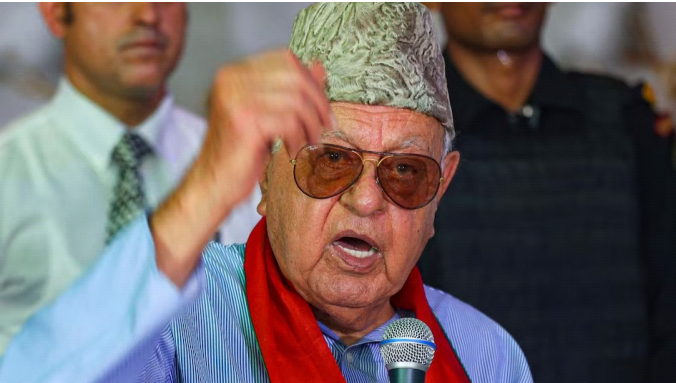


Thrissur, Kerala: Chief Minister Pinarayi Vijayan delivered a pointed critique of both the BJP and the Congress-led United Democratic Front (UDF) on Friday, accusing them of misrepresenting the Malappuram district. In a speech that underscored the political tensions in the state, Vijayan alleged that the Sangh Parivar is distorting the narrative around Malappuram, and he criticized the Congress for enabling this distortion.

Vijayan's remarks come in the wake of escalating political rhetoric as the state prepares for upcoming elections. He claimed that the BJP's portrayal of Malappuram is not only inaccurate but is also part of a larger agenda to sow discord among communities. The Chief Minister emphasized that the district, known for its cultural diversity and harmonious coexistence, is being unfairly targeted for political gain.

During his address, Vijayan remarked, "The BJP is attempting to create a divide in Malappuram for its own political interests, and the Congress is complicit in this misrepresentation." He urged citizens to remain vigilant against such tactics, stressing the importance of unity and understanding in maintaining the region's communal harmony.

Vijayan also highlighted the development initiatives undertaken by the Kerala government in Malappuram, showcasing the progress made in various sectors, including education and healthcare. He reaffirmed his administration's commitment to fostering inclusivity and ensuring that all communities benefit from development efforts.



Kashmir can never be part of Pakistan: NC president Farooq Abdullah

In light of escalating terror attacks in Jammu and Kashmir, National Conference president Farooq Abdullah made a firm declaration on Friday, asserting that the region will never become part of Pakistan. He urged Islamabad to cease its promotion of terrorism and concentrate on its own developmental challenges.

Abdullah, a former Lok Sabha MP, expressed his exasperation over the ongoing violence he has witnessed for over three decades. He emphasized that such attacks will persist until a comprehensive solution is found to address the underlying issues.

"Innocent people are being killed, and for what? We will never be part of Pakistan. So why are they doing this? Is their objective to destroy our future?" Abdullah questioned, urging Pakistan to focus on internal problems rather than exporting terror. He warned, "If they don't stop this terrorism, their own future will be in jeopardy."

The latest incident occurred on October 24 in Gulmarg, where terrorists ambushed two Indian Army trucks, resulting in the deaths of three soldiers and two porters. This attack near Botapathri, roughly six kilometers from Gulmarg, occurred as the convoy, comprising personnel from the Rashtriya Rifles and civilian porters, was headed to the Nagin post in the Afrawat range. Recent weeks have seen a surge in terrorist violence, with 20 lives lost, including civilians, migrant workers, and Army porters. A particularly deadly attack on October 20 in Ganderbal claimed seven lives, including a local doctor.

Congress Announces First List of Candidates For Maharashtra Election

The Congress party has announced its first list of 48 candidates for the upcoming Maharashtra elections, following the opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi's announcement of a seat-sharing formula. The list retains 25 sitting MLAs and includes candidates for all confirmed, undisputed seats.



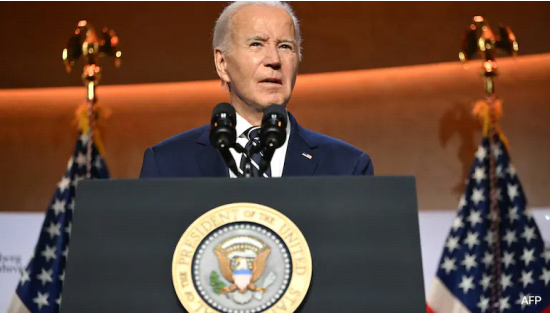
Key candidates in the Congress lineup include state chief Nana Patole, contesting from Sakoli; Legislature Party leader Balasaheb Thorat from Sangamner; Leader of Opposition Vijay Wadettiwar from Bramhapuri; former Chief Minister Prithviraj Chavan from Karad South; and CWC Member and Regional Working

President Naseem Khan from Chandivalli.

Negotiations with ally Uddhav Thackeray's Shiv Sena (UBT) have been challenging, as the Congress aims to capitalize on its improved performance in the recent Lok Sabha elections. The Congress initially demanded 125 of the state's 288 assem-

bly seats, while the Shiv Sena countered with an offer for 100 seats, also suggesting that 88 seats be allocated to Sharad Pawar's Nationalist Congress Party.

With time running short, Pawar intervened to facilitate discussions, leading to the formulation of an 85-85-85 seat-sharing strategy.



President Joe Biden To Apologise For Abuse Of Native American Children

President Joe Biden announced on Thursday his intention to deliver a formal apology for the treatment of Native American children subjected to a government-run boarding school system. These institutions, which operated from the early 19th century until the 1970s, forcibly removed Indigenous children from their families with the aim of assimilating them into mainstream American culture.

The schools have been implicated in numerous cases of physical, mental, and sexual abuse, with a recent government report revealing that at least 973 children died while in these institutions, many far from their homes. "I'm heading to do something that should have been done a long time ago," Biden stated as he prepared for the apology. "To make a formal apology to the Indian nations for the way we treated their children for so many years."

Biden's official apology is scheduled for Friday during a visit to the Gila River Indian Reservation in Arizona, which has one of the highest Native American populations in the United States. This visit is significant as Arizona is also a crucial battleground in the upcoming presidential election.

Secretary of the Interior Deb Haaland, the first Native American cabinet secretary in US history, played a pivotal role in the investigation that led to the recent report. "For more than a century, tens of thousands of Indigenous children as young as four years old were taken from their families and communities and forced into boarding schools," Haaland shared, noting that this painful history includes her own family experiences.

She emphasized that for decades, this troubling chapter of American history was omitted from educational narratives, but the current administration aims to ensure it is never forgotten. The White House underscored that the apology serves to "remember and teach our full history, even when it is painful."

Biden's impending apology mirrors similar declarations made in Canada, where thousands of Indigenous children also suffered in comparable boarding schools. Haaland expressed the historic significance of Biden's upcoming statement, highlighting its profound impact on reconciliation efforts with Native American communities.

This visit to Arizona occurs amidst a tightly contested presidential campaign featuring Vice President Kamala Harris and former President Donald Trump.

Time Ripe To Join India's Growth Story: PM Modi To German Business Delegation

Prime Minister Narendra Modi emphasized the significance of foreign investment in India during his address at the 18th Asia-Pacific Conference of German Business 2024, which welcomed German Chancellor Olaf Scholz and a business delegation to the national capital. Modi declared that now is the ideal time for international investors to engage in India's burgeoning economic landscape, highlighting initiatives like 'Make in India' and 'Make for the World.'

"This is the right time to join India's growth story as the country is becoming a global trade and manufacturing hub," Modi stated. He underscored the strong foundations upon which India stands: democracy, a youthful demographic, consumer demand, and data-driven insights, positioning the nation as an attractive investment destination.

In a significant move, Germany announced its intention to increase the number of work visas for skilled Indian professionals from 20,000 to 90,000, acknowledging the remarkable talent available in India. Chancellor Scholz arrived in Delhi late Thursday as part of a three-day official visit, aiming to strengthen bilateral ties.



The German Chancellor expressed his desire to enhance defense cooperation, stating, "Our overall message is clear, we need more cooperation, not less." Scholz emphasized the importance of bringing the militaries of both nations closer together during inter-governmental consultations.

As part of his visit, Scholz will travel to Goa on Saturday, where he will observe the scheduled port

call of the German naval frigate 'Baden-Wuerttemberg' and the combat support ship 'Frankfurt am Main,' integral to Germany's Indo-Pacific deployment.

Meanwhile, Union Commerce and Industry Minister Piyush Goyal reiterated the importance of understanding and respecting mutual sensitivities to expedite discussions on a free trade agreement (FTA) between India and the European

Union. He stated that "extraneous" issues such as labor and climate change should be reserved for international discussions.

"A trade deal could be concluded swiftly if sensitivities were respected on both sides," Goyal concluded, emphasizing the need for mutual respect and cooperation at the conference, which was also attended by German Economy Minister Robert Habeck.

He's Sincere: Putin Welcomes Trump's Remark On Ending Ukraine War

Russian President Vladimir Putin stated on Thursday that the future of US-Russia relations following the upcoming presidential elections will hinge on the approach taken by Washington. He responded positively to Donald Trump's comments regarding his intention to end the Ukraine conflict, describing them as "sincere." However, he also warned that it is an "illusion" for the West to believe that Russia can be defeated militarily, asserting that any peace agreement must acknowledge Russia's territorial control in Ukraine.

Speaking at the conclusion of the BRICS summit in Kazan, where he faced pressure from allies to halt the fighting in Ukraine, Putin remarked, "How Russian-American relations will develop after the election will depend on the United States. If they are open, then we will also be open." His comments come at a time when relations between the two superpowers have reached their lowest point since the Cold War due to Moscow's mili-



tary actions in Ukraine.

Putin noted Trump's skepticism toward US aid to Ukraine and claimed that he could resolve the conflict quickly if elected. "I think he is being sincere. Of course, we welcome statements like this, whoever they come from," Putin said.

The Kremlin leader also expressed a willingness to consider peace initiatives but reiterated that any negotiation must align with the "realities on the ground," implying

that Russian-controlled territories in Ukraine are non-negotiable. "We won't accept anything else," he declared.

During the summit, Putin criticized Western beliefs that Russia could be strategically defeated, asserting that such notions reflect a misunderstanding of Russian history. He accused Ukraine and its allies of exacerbating the conflict and reiterated Russia's demand for Kyiv to withdraw its forces as a condition for ceasefire discussions.

Share Owners Don't Count As "Working People": UK PM Keir Starmer

UK Prime Minister Keir Starmer has stirred debate by suggesting that Britons earning additional income from stock holdings do not qualify as "working people," signaling a potential shift in tax policy toward investors. When questioned by Sky News, Starmer clarified his definition of working individuals, stating that those who derive significant income from assets, such as shares or property, wouldn't fit within that classification.

His comments come amidst a backdrop of his government's assurances not to raise taxes on what he considers working individuals. This includes commitments to avoid increasing income tax, national insurance for employees, and value-added tax. Starmer elaborated, saying, "People will know whether they're in that group or not, those who work hard and are anxious about making ends meet, knowing they can't simply write a cheque to resolve their problems."

BRICS Leaders Strengthen Local Currency Trade at Kazan Summit

At the recent BRICS summit held in Kazan, leaders from Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa came together to reinforce their commitment to enhancing trade and financial transactions using local currencies. This initiative aims to reduce dependency on dominant global currencies and foster greater economic independence among member nations.

During the summit, the BRICS leaders discussed the feasibility of implementing an independent cross-border settlement system and depository, which would facilitate smoother transactions among member states. This move reflects a growing recognition of the need to create financial systems that align more closely with the economic realities of emerging markets.

In his opening remarks, Russian President Vladimir Putin emphasized the importance of diversifying trade mechanisms. "By using local currencies, we can enhance the stability of our economies and mitigate the risks



orts to develop sustainable economic frameworks that prioritize mutual benefits and respect the sovereignty

echoed these sentiments, advocating for deeper integration among BRICS countries. "Our partnership is not just

member nations to work together to create an equitable trading environment that supports long-term devel-

opment goals.

China's President Xi Jinping also called for increased cooperation in technology and innovation to boost trade relations. He suggested that collaboration in these areas could lead to new avenues for economic growth within the BRICS framework.

The summit concluded with a commitment to advance discussions on local currency trading and explore potential models for a cross-border settlement system. Leaders expressed optimism that these initiatives would pave the way for more resilient economies and foster closer ties among BRICS nations.

As the world faces shifting economic dynamics, the decisions made at the Kazan summit signal a significant step toward enhancing financial cooperation and independence within the BRICS bloc. The leaders are hopeful that these efforts will lead to a more balanced global economic landscape.

Stock Market Ends Week in Deep Red Amid Global Uncertainty; Investors' Wealth Erodes by ₹8 Lakh Crore



Domestic stock markets are falling. Benchmark indices are falling unabated. One support level after another is breaking. Losses were inevitable on the last day of the week. Negative signals from international markets, disappointing corporate results, US

elections and geopolitics led to negative sentiment in market segments. Investors are acting cautiously. They are selling shares as much as possible and making cash. Sensex fell by 662 points and Nifty by 218 points. Due to this, the investors lost their

wealth worth Rs.8 lakh crore. Market breadth in NSE is in favor of sellers. 2303 shares fell while 521 rose.

The BSE Sensex, which closed at 80,065 in the previous session, opened at 80,187 today, reached a peak of 80,253. It touched an intraday low of 79,137. It eventually closed at 79,402, a loss of 662 points. The NSE Nifty opened at 24,418 and touched a high of 24,440 and a low of 24,073. The total fell by 218 points to close at 24,180. Bank Nifty jumped 743 points to settle at 50,787.

In Nifty, 12 companies gained while 38 lost. ITC, Axis Bank, BEL, Britannia, Hindustan Unilever were the top gainers. IndusInd Bank, Adani Enterprises, BPCL, Shriram Finance and Coal India were the biggest losers. FMCG and Healthcare indi-

ces gained today. Bank, Auto, Finance, Media, Metal, PSU Bank, Private Bank, Realty, Consumer Durables, Oil and Gas indices fell.

DLF Q2 results are good. Net profit is Rs.1381 crores and revenue is Rs.1975 crores. Sebi fined Edelweiss Asset Management Rs 16 lakh for violating mutual fund rules. India's forex reserves fell by \$2.16 billion to \$688.26 billion. Bank of Baroda's net profit grew by 23% to Rs.5238 crore and net interest income grew by 7.3% to Rs.11622 crore. The board of the company has approved to split the shares of Sriram Finance in the ratio of 5:1. The company declared a dividend of Rs 22

per share as the net profit increased by 18%. Bandhan Bank's non-tax income rose 30% to Rs 937 crore. BPCL's non-tax income fell by 72% to Rs 2397 crore. The shares fell by 4%. Allotment of Wari Engineering IPO shares completed. GMP is 104 percent. IDBI Bank's net profit jumped 39% to Rs 1836 crore. Silver has returned 30% so far this year. Mid-cap stocks have fallen 10% from their highs. There is scope for further correction. Jubilant Formova's net profit jumped 64% to Rs 103 crore. IT has bagged

Rs 1000 to Rs 2500 crore order for setting up advanced welding technology in global nuclear fusion project.



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Rupee Remains Stagnant at Near All-Time Low Amid Dollar Strength



The Indian rupee continued to exhibit weakness, trading at a near all-time low of 84.07 against the US dollar on Friday. This marks yet another week of stagnation for the currency, largely attributed to the strengthening of the American dollar and significant foreign fund outflows.

The persistent strength of the dollar has put immense pressure on the rupee, which has struggled to gain traction in the face of global economic uncertainties. Investors have gravitated towards the dollar, seeking safety amid rising geopolitical tensions and fluctuating market conditions. As a result, the rupee has remained constrained, failing to recover from its recent downturn.

Adding to the rupee's woes is the unprecedented outflow of foreign funds from Indian markets. The trend has been concerning for economic observers, as foreign investment plays a crucial role in supporting the currency and overall market stability. With substantial capital exiting the country, confidence in the rupee's ability to rebound has diminished.

Market analysts are closely monitoring the situation, highlighting that the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) may need to take decisive measures to stabilize the currency. Interventions could include selling foreign currency reserves to support the rupee or adjusting interest rates to attract foreign investments.

Experts suggest that the outlook for the rupee remains challenging in the short term, especially if the dollar continues to gain strength. Many are looking to upcoming economic data and geopolitical developments for clues on the rupee's potential trajectory. The dynamics of the global economy, particularly interest rate policies from the US Federal Reserve, will also play a critical role in shaping the rupee's performance.

As traders navigate these turbulent waters, the focus remains on how the Indian government and the RBI will respond to bolster the currency and restore investor confidence. For now, the rupee remains trapped in its downward spiral, with little indication of an imminent recovery.

RBI Holds Rate Steady

Possible Cuts Amid Inflation Concerns

In its October 2024 monetary policy meeting, the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) opted to maintain the policy rate at 6.5 percent, marking a significant transition in its stance from "withdrawal of accommodation" to a "neutral" position. This change is particularly noteworthy as it is the first shift in over two and a half years, suggesting the RBI may be opening the door to potential interest rate cuts in the near future.

Market analysts are now buzzing with speculation about possible rate reductions in upcoming months, specifically in December or February. However, this optimism has been tempered by two key developments that could influence the RBI's decision-making process.

Firstly, the release of the September Consumer Price Index (CPI) data has raised concerns. Inflation trends remain a crit-



ical factor in the RBI's assessments, and any uptick in inflation could sway the central bank's approach. The CPI figures will be closely scrutinized as they provide insights into consumer price movements and overall economic health.

Secondly, RBI Governor Shaktikanta Das delivered hawkish remarks during Bloomberg's India Credit Forum, cautioning that "rate cuts at this stage would be premature and risky." His comments

highlight the RBI's commitment to a data-driven approach, emphasizing that any decision regarding interest rates will depend heavily on incoming economic data.

Given the current economic landscape, the RBI's cautious stance is justified. While there is potential for rate cuts, the central bank remains vigilant about inflationary pressures that could undermine its objectives. As such, understanding the interplay between growth and inflation trends is crucial for anticipating future monetary policy moves.

The RBI's neutral position reflects its balancing act between fostering economic growth and ensuring price stability. As data continues to unfold, market participants will remain attentive to any signals from the RBI that could indicate a change in the interest rate trajectory.

ICICI Bank Set to Report Strong Q2 Earnings Amid Healthy Growth



ICICI Bank, India's second-largest private sector bank, is poised to release its earnings for the September quarter on Saturday, October 26. Analysts anticipate robust results driven by strong loan and deposit growth, stable asset quality, and controlled credit costs.

According to a recent poll conducted by Livemint, which aggregated estimates from seven brokerages, ICICI Bank is projected to report a net profit of ₹11,106 crore for the second quarter of FY25. This figure

represents an 8.2% increase from the ₹10,261 crore profit reported in the same quarter of the previous fiscal year.

Several factors are contributing to this positive outlook. First, the bank has experienced significant growth in both its loan and deposit segments, reflecting strong demand for credit across various sectors of the economy. The increasing momentum in retail and corporate lending is particularly noteworthy, as it signifies a broader economic recovery.

Additionally, ICICI Bank's asset quality has remained stable, a critical aspect for any financial institution. The bank has managed to keep non-performing assets (NPAs) under control, which is essential for maintaining profitability and minimizing credit risks.

Moreover, the management has implemented effective measures to manage credit costs, further enhancing the bank's financial stability. This proactive approach has allowed ICICI Bank to navigate potential challenges while positioning itself for sustained growth.

As investors await the earnings announcement, market sentiment around ICICI Bank remains optimistic. The anticipated results will not only provide insights into the bank's performance but also reflect broader trends in the Indian banking sector.

In conclusion, with healthy growth metrics and sound risk management practices, ICICI Bank is expected to showcase solid performance in its Q2 results. The upcoming earnings announcement will be closely watched by investors and analysts alike, as it could set the tone for the bank's trajectory in the coming quarters.

Reflecting on a Stellar Year for Indian Equity Markets Ahead of Samvat 2081

As Samvat 2081 approaches, market enthusiasts are celebrating a remarkable year for Indian equity markets. From Diwali 2023 to mid-October 2024, both the Nifty50 and Sensex have posted impressive returns of over 25%, significantly outpacing many global indices. The benchmarks have reached new heights, with the Sensex exceeding 85,000 and the Nifty50 crossing the 26,000 mark. This surge has marked a year filled with

both highs and lows, characterized by excitement and underlying uncertainties. The impressive gains in the equity markets can be attributed to a combination of factors, including strong corporate earnings, favorable economic indicators, and robust foreign inflows.

However, as we look forward to Samvat 2081, investors are left pondering the sustainability of this bullish trend.

Questions abound regarding whether the upcoming year will continue the upward momentum or transition into a phase of consolidation.

Market analysts suggest that while the fundamentals remain strong, potential headwinds could influence market performance. These include inflationary pressures, shifts in global economic conditions, and geopolitical uncertainties that could impact

investor sentiment. Moreover, the upcoming elections and policy changes are likely to play a crucial role in shaping market dynamics.

Investors are advised to remain vigilant and adopt a balanced approach. Diversification across sectors, focusing on quality stocks, and keeping an eye on macroeconomic indicators may prove beneficial in navigating the evolving landscape.

In summary, the past year has been a noteworthy chapter for Indian equity markets, with impressive returns and significant milestones achieved. As Samvat 2081 dawns, market participants are eager to see if the bullish trend can be sustained or if the markets will enter a period of consolidation. The coming months will be crucial in determining the direction of the equity markets, and investors will be watching closely.

YouTube Launches Shopping Affiliate Program with Flipkart and Myntra

YouTube has announced an exciting partnership with e-commerce giants Flipkart and Myntra, enabling content creators in India to tag products from various brands in their videos for viewers to purchase. Previously, YouTube only permitted creators to sell their own merchandise by linking their online stores to their channels. This new initiative marks a significant expansion of YouTube's e-commerce capabilities in the country.



The partnership introduces the newly launched YouTube Shopping affiliate program, which aims to enhance the shopping experience for viewers while providing creators with new monetization opportunities. Under this program, a select group of YouTubers will have the ability to feature products from other brands, allowing them to create engaging content that includes product recommendations and links directly to e-commerce platforms.

This shift not only allows creators to diversify their income streams but also offers viewers a seamless way to discover and purchase products featured in their favorite videos. By tagging products, creators can provide direct links for their audience, making it easier for consumers to shop for items they see while watching content.

This initiative aligns with the grow-

ing trend of social commerce, where shopping is increasingly integrated into social media platforms. YouTube's move reflects its commitment to adapting to consumer behavior, as audiences continue to seek out more interactive and shoppable content.

For the initial rollout, the program will focus on a select group of creators, allowing YouTube to gather feedback and refine the experience before a broader launch. This careful approach ensures that both creators and viewers have a positive experience as the platform expands its shopping features.

As YouTube continues to evolve its offerings, the partnership with Flipkart and Myntra represents a significant step toward enhancing the platform's utility as a shopping destination, positioning it to compete more effectively in the rapidly growing social commerce landscape in India.

Unveiling the Genetics of Modern Roses: Insights for Future Breeding

A groundbreaking study has shed light on the genetics of modern roses, revealing how human intervention has shaped their evolution over time. Cherished for centuries as ornamental plants, the genetic background of roses has often remained a mystery. However, recent research has unveiled how Eastern and Western rose species combined, providing valuable insights that could enhance the breeding of hardier and more visually appealing varieties. This work emphasizes the importance of genetic diversity, which is crucial for making roses more adaptable to future climate challenges.



The Journey of Roses Across Continents

For many years, roses thrived independently in China and Europe. The introduction of Chinese roses to Europe in the 18th century marked a pivotal change in rose cultivation. While the 'Old Blush' rose from China has traditionally been credited with this transformation, scientists are now highlighting *Rosa odorata* as another significant contributor. The fusion of Eastern and Western rose species laid the groundwork for modern roses, which are celebrated for their continuous blooming and diverse forms that grace gardens today.

Decoding Rose Genetics for Future Breeding

Led by Professor Zhangjun Fei at the Boyce Thompson Institute, the research team focused on the genome of a popular modern rose variety called 'Samantha®'. This rose features four sets of chromosomes, complicating the genetic mapping process. Thanks to this research, scientists are advancing their understanding of rose genetics and breeding practices. The team also sequenced the DNA of 233 other rose varieties, creating a comprehensive genetic map that traces the evolution of modern roses.

This study not only enhances our understanding of rose genetics but also lays the foundation for developing future varieties that can withstand changing environmental conditions. By unlocking the genetic secrets of roses, researchers hope to cultivate resilient, beautiful blooms that continue to thrive in gardens worldwide. The findings underscore the significance of genetic diversity in ensuring the survival and adaptability of roses in the face of climate change.

WhatsApp Features to Simplify Your Festive Planning

WhatsApp, one of the most popular instant messaging apps globally, provides an array of features that help people stay connected with their loved ones and manage various tasks seamlessly. As the festive season approaches, these functionalities can make your planning and coordination efforts significantly easier.



One of the standout features of WhatsApp is its group chat functionality. This allows you to create groups for family, friends, or colleagues, making it simple to coordinate events, share ideas, and make plans. Whether you're organizing a family gathering or discussing shopping lists, group chats help keep everyone in the loop.

Another useful feature is WhatsApp's voice and video calling. With the ability to connect with anyone, anywhere, you can have face-to-face conversations with family members who may be far away. This is especially valuable during the festive season when connecting with loved ones is paramount. Additionally, the app supports group video calls, allowing you to celebrate together, even if you're miles apart.

WhatsApp also makes sharing media easy. You can quickly send photos, videos, and documents, which is perfect for sharing festive recipes, decoration ideas, or shopping lists. This feature is particularly handy when planning events, as everyone can contribute their ideas and materials in one place.

The app's status feature allows users to share updates with their contacts, making it a great way to spread festive cheer. You can post pictures of decorations, food preparations, or gift ideas to inspire your friends and family.

For those handling shopping tasks, WhatsApp's integration with businesses allows you to communicate directly with stores. You can inquire about products, check stock availability, or even place orders through chat. This streamlines the shopping process, saving you time and effort.

With these features, WhatsApp proves to be an invaluable tool for festive planning. From coordinating events to staying connected with loved ones, the app enhances the festive experience, making it more enjoyable and stress-free.

OpenAI Disbands AGI Readiness Team Amid Company Restructuring

Months after the dissolution of its Superalignment team, OpenAI, led by Sam Altman, has reportedly disbanded its AGI Readiness team. This group was established to assess the organization's ability to manage the rapidly advancing capabilities of artificial intelligence and to prepare for the implications of increasingly powerful AI systems. The news of the team's disbandment was highlighted by Miles Brundage, a senior advisor for AGI Readiness, in a recent post on Substack announcing his departure.



The dissolution of the AGI Readiness team comes at a crucial juncture for OpenAI, which is rumored to be restructuring itself into a for-profit entity. This strategic shift follows a series of high-profile departures from the company, including key executives such as Chief Technology Officer Mira Murati, Research Vice President Barret Zoph, and Research Chief Bob McGrew, all of whom left on the same day in September.

The AGI Readiness team played a vital role in guiding OpenAI's approach to the challenges and responsibilities associated with developing advanced AI systems. Their focus was on eval-

uating the company's preparedness to handle the ethical, safety, and operational aspects of artificial general intelligence (AGI), which has become an increasingly pressing topic in the tech community.

As the company navigates these changes, the loss of the AGI Readiness team raises questions about OpenAI's ongoing commitment to responsible AI development. The departures of top executives and the restructuring efforts suggest a significant transformation within the organization, po-

tentially impacting its mission and strategies moving forward.

With the landscape of AI evolving rapidly, the decisions made by OpenAI during this transitional period will likely influence not only the company's future but also the broader discourse surrounding AI safety and ethics in the industry. As stakeholders look on, the implications of these changes will be closely monitored by both the tech community and the public.

Apple teases exciting week of announcements for Mac

It seems that Apple will not be holding its traditional annual Mac product launch event this October. However, Greg Joswiak, the company's Senior Vice President, has hinted at exciting announcements coming next week, starting Monday, November 28. In a playful message on X, Joswiak encouraged his followers to "Mac" their calendars, suggesting that a week full of announcements is on the horizon.



Speculation is rife regarding the new MacBook models that may be unveiled during this announcement week. There are strong indications that Apple will showcase its latest advancements, particularly its transition to the M4 chip. Renowned industry insider Mark Gurman from Bloomberg has shared insights in his *Power On* newsletter, indicating that the Cupertino-based tech giant is preparing to introduce a range of Macs equipped with the new M4

chipset. This move would mark another significant step in Apple's ongoing evolution of its silicon technology, following the success of its previous M-series chips.

In addition to new Macs, there are also rumors of a refreshed iPad Mini, which could complement the announcements of the new MacBook models. This aligns with Apple's strat-

egy of updating its product lineup to incorporate the latest advancements in performance and efficiency, providing users with improved devices that enhance their computing experience.

As anticipation builds, Apple enthusiasts and tech fans alike are eager to see what the company has in store. The combination of new hardware and innovative technology could position Apple to maintain its competitive edge in the market, especially as the demand for high-performance devices continues to grow.

With the November 28 announcements fast approaching, it will be interesting to see how Apple leverages its M4 chip technology and what features and improvements will be highlighted in the upcoming product releases. Stay tuned as Apple prepares to reveal its latest innovations in the world of Mac.

Arsenal Faces Crucial Clash Against Premier League Leaders Liverpool

In a must-win encounter, injury-stricken Arsenal will host Premier League leaders Liverpool at the Emirates on Sunday. Despite having lost only once this season, the Gunners find themselves four points behind the Reds and three adrift of second-placed Manchester City following a disappointing 2-0 defeat to Bournemouth last week.

Arsenal's chances could be severely impacted by the potential absence of key players. Defender William Saliba is suspended, while captain Martin Ødegaard is sidelined with an ankle injury. Additionally, Bukayo Saka is doubtful due to a hamstringing issue, leaving manager Mikel Arteta to rally the team and the fans. "The place has to be rocking against Liverpool to give us all the possible energy that they can," Arteta urged, emphasizing the importance of a vibrant home atmosphere.

Liverpool, under new manager Arne Slot, are enjoying a strong start, boasting 11 wins from 12 matches across all competitions. A victory against Arsenal would not only reinforce their title credentials but also send a clear message that they are serious contenders for the Pre-



mier League crown.

Meanwhile, Manchester United will be looking to build on their recent comeback win against Brentford as they face struggling West Ham. Manager Erik ten Hag will be hopeful after seeing his team score their first goals in weeks, particularly from new signing Rasmus Hojlund and the revitalized Marcus Rashford. However, United's overall tally of just seven goals in eight league matches remains concerning.

At the other end of the table, the pressure mounts on four winless clubs, including Crystal Palace and Southampton, both struggling to find form. Palace, currently at the bottom, has the league's lowest goal tally with just five, raising concerns over their attacking capabilities. Manager Oliver Glasner acknowledged the issue as more of a mental challenge than tactical, stressing the need to rebuild confidence.

As the weekend approaches, all eyes will be on these key matchups, particularly the clash between Arsenal and Liverpool, where the stakes couldn't be higher for both sides.

David Warner's Lifetime Leadership Ban Lifted by Cricket Australia

David Warner's lifetime ban from leadership roles has been lifted by Cricket Australia (CA), allowing him to captain the Sydney Thunder in the Big Bash League. This decision follows a recent review where Warner successfully presented his case to a three-member independent panel, which found that he met all criteria for lifting the ban.

The panel noted Warner's respectful and contrite demeanor during the review, concluding that he displayed sincerity in acknowledging his past conduct and expressed genuine remorse. "Mr. Warner's conduct and behavior since the imposition of the sanction has been excellent, and he appears to have made a substantial change," the panel stated. They highlighted that Warner no longer engages in sledging or provocative behavior toward opposing teams, affirming their confidence that he would not repeat the actions that led to his original sanction in 2018.

Warner, then vice-captain of the Australian team, was implicated as the instigator of the infamous ball-tampering incident in Cape Town, which resulted in a one-year ban from cricket for him and bans for then-captain Steve Smith and Cameron Bancroft. Following the scandal, Warner faced a lifetime ban from any leadership roles, a decision he initially appealed but later retracted in 2022 due to frustrations with the inquiry process.



CA's Chief Executive Officer, Nick Hockley, expressed satisfaction that Warner opted for a review of his sanction under the updated Code of Conduct, which aims to provide a fair process for players facing long-term penalties. Warner's eligibility to assume leadership roles again marks a significant milestone in his career, especially as he prepares for the upcoming BBL season.

During the hearing, Warner received support from notable figures, including current Test captain Pat Cummins and head coach Andrew McDonald, as well as former players like Greg Chappell and Lisa Sthalekar. The panel also considered endorsements from New Zealand's Kane Williamson, showcasing Warner's strong backing within the cricket community.

As Warner looks to lead the Thunder this season, he aims to demonstrate the growth and change that have characterized his post-ban career.

Western Australia Suffers Shocking Collapse: From 52/2 to 53 All Out



In a stunning display of batting collapse, Western Australia fell from a promising 52 for 2 to being bowled out for just 53 runs in their domestic One-Day Cup match against Tasmania. The defending champions faced an unprecedented downfall, losing eight wickets for a mere single run—a statistic that has since gone viral and captured the attention of cricket fans worldwide.

At one point, the match seemed to be going well for Western Australia, but everything changed rapidly. The team could only add one run to their total after reaching 52, and that single run was a result of a wide delivery. The batting lineup crumbled under pressure, with six players departing without scoring, and even pacer Lance Morris remained stranded at the crease with an unbeaten score of zero.

Beau Webster was the standout performer for Tasmania, wreaking havoc on Western Australia's batting order. He claimed six wickets while conceding only 17 runs, showcasing an impressive bowling performance that contributed significantly to his team's success. His ability to dismantle the opposition's batting lineup highlights not only his skill but also the frailty of Western Australia's batting approach.

This bizarre collapse has sparked discussions and disbelief across social media, with fans and cricket analysts alike trying to comprehend how a team can go from a solid start to a disastrous finish in such a short span. Such performances, while rare, remind everyone of the unpredictable nature of cricket, where fortunes can shift dramatically within a few overs.

As Western Australia regroups after this humiliating defeat, the team will need to reassess its strategy and mental fortitude. The cricketing world will be watching closely to see how they bounce back from this extraordinary low point in their season.

Yashasvi Jaiswal has etched his name in the record books by becoming the youngest Indian cricketer to score 1,000 Test runs in a single calendar year. This remarkable achievement occurred on Day 2 of the second Test against New Zealand at the Maharashtra Cricket Association Stadium in Pune. At just 22 years old, Jaiswal surpassed the previous record held by Dilip Vengsarkar, who reached the milestone at the age of 23 in 1979.

Jaiswal's impressive performance this year places him second among the highest Test run-scorers in 2024, trailing only England's Joe Root, who has amassed 1,305 runs in 14 matches. So far, Jaiswal has accumulated 1,007 runs in just 10 matches, boasting an average of 59.23 that includes two centuries and six half-centuries. His consistent form has solidified his position as a key player for the Indian team.

With three more Tests remaining in 2024, Jaiswal has a golden opportunity to challenge several records held by Indian cricket legends. Notably, Sachin Tendulkar holds the record for the most Test runs scored by an Indian in a calendar year, having achieved 1,562 runs across 14 matches in 2010. Additionally, Virender Sehwag's 1,462 runs in 2008 stand as the highest by an Indian opener in a single year.

Jaiswal's remarkable journey and record-setting performance have generated significant excitement among cricket fans

Yashasvi Jaiswal Becomes Youngest Indian to Score 1000 Test Runs in a Year



and experts alike. As he continues to excel on the international stage, all eyes will be on him to see how far he can push his limits and potentially set new benchmarks in Indi-

an cricket history. His rise as a young talent exemplifies the future of Indian cricket, and fans eagerly anticipate his contributions in the upcoming matches.

India Hold New Zealand to Thrilling 3-3 Draw at Sultan of Johor Cup

In an exhilarating showdown at the Sultan of Johor Cup, the Indian colts showcased remarkable composure, finishing their round-robin stage with a thrilling 3-3 draw against New Zealand. The match saw goals from Gurjot Singh (6'), Rohit (17'), and Talem Priyobarta (60'), while New Zealand's Jonty Elmes made headlines by scoring a hat-trick with goals in the 17th, 32nd, and 45th minutes.

India got off to a strong start when Gurjot opened the scoring in the 6th minute. After his initial shot was saved by the New Zealand goalkeeper, he skillfully lifted the ball into the net on his second attempt, giving India a crucial 1-0 lead. Shortly after, India had a chance to double their lead with two consecutive penalty corners, but the New Zealand custodian made stellar saves to keep his team in the game.

As the match progressed, New Zealand began to find their footing and made a successful foray into the Indian striking circle, leading to their equalizer. Elmes scored a fine field goal in the 17th minute, bringing the score to 1-1. India quickly responded, regaining the lead through Rohit's penalty corner conversion just minutes later, putting them ahead 2-1.



Both teams displayed frantic energy, with India pushing for more goals towards the end of the second quarter. However, New Zealand equalized again in the third quarter with Elmes converting another penalty corner, making it 2-2. The New Zealand drag-flicker then completed his hat-trick in the 45th minute, giving his team a 3-2 lead.

Despite struggling with penalty corner conversions in the fourth quarter, India held strong against New Zealand's counterattacks. With just 90 seconds remaining, India earned a crucial penalty corner and executed a splendid variation, allowing Priyobarta to score and seal the match at 3-3.

As India leads the points table with 10 points, their fate in the tournament will hinge on the outcomes of Great Britain and Australia's matches later in the day.



Sivakarthikeyan’s Amaran Set to Captivate Audiences This Diwali

Sivakarthikeyan is all set to entertain audiences with his upcoming film, **Amaran**, a compelling biopic based on the life of Major Mukund Varadarajan. The movie features the talented Sai Pallavi as the female lead and has already generated considerable buzz, especially following the release of its theatrical trailer yesterday, which has received a phenomenal response from fans and critics alike.

This inspiring saga has successfully completed its censor formalities, with the Central Board of Film Certification (CBFC) granting it a U/A certificate. With an approved runtime of 169 minutes (2 hours and 49 minutes), the film promises an engaging experience that will keep viewers captivated throughout its length. The screenplay, crafted by Rajkumar Periyasamy, known for his work in **Rangoon**, is expected to be tightly woven to maintain audience interest.

Amaran is produced by the legendary Ulaganayagan Ka-

mal Hassan, in collaboration with R. Mahendran and Sony Pictures International Productions, lending the film significant credibility and production quality. The music is composed by GV Prakash Kumar, whose tunes are anticipated to enhance the film’s emotional and patriotic themes.

A substantial portion of the film was shot in the picturesque landscapes of Kashmir, adding a visually stunning backdrop to the narrative. With the Diwali festival approaching, **Amaran** is poised to capitalize on the holiday audience, and given the positive buzz surrounding it, the film is expected to have a strong opening at the box office.

As Sivakarthikeyan takes on this significant role, fans are eagerly awaiting the opportunity to witness a blend of action, drama, and patriotism in **Amaran**. With its inspiring storyline and star-studded cast, the film aims to resonate deeply with audiences and leave a lasting impact this festive season.

KA Trailer: A Gripping Blend of Suspense, Action, and Romance

Kiran Abbavaram’s highly anticipated film, *KA*, promises an exhilarating ride as the trailer teases an intense blend of suspense, thrills, and action. Opening with a chilling image of a blood-stained gunny bag, the 164-second teaser immerses viewers in the mysterious village of Krishnagiri, where peculiar occurrences—like sunsets before 3 PM—set the stage for a gripping narrative.

At the heart of the story is Abhinaya Vasudev, portrayed by Kiran Abbavaram, who arrives in Krishnagiri as the village postman. The trailer skillfully introduces a range of intriguing characters, hinting at complex relationships and underlying tensions that will unfold throughout the film. Amidst the suspense, a charming love story blossoms between Abhinaya and Satyabhama, played by Nayan Sarika, adding a romantic touch to the narrative.

As the trailer progresses, it shifts dramatically from romance to action, highlighting Abbavaram’s impressive performance in intense sequences that promise to keep audiences on the edge of their seats. The presence of a masked antagonist adds another layer of mystery, compelling viewers to unravel the film’s deeper secrets.



The commercial elements are well-balanced, ensuring a captivating experience for a broad audience.

The emotional core of *KA* is encapsulated in Abbavaram’s powerful final dialogue about his beloved village, underscoring the personal stakes involved in the unfolding drama. Sam CS’s evocative background score and stunning visuals further enhance the trailer’s impact, creating a palpable sense of anticipation.

Directed by Sujith and Sandeep, *KA* boasts an ensemble cast, including Tanvi Ram in a pivotal role. Produced by Chinta Gopalakrishna Reddy under the Srichakraas Entertainment banner, the film is set for a Telugu release, with the Malayalam version distributed globally by Dulquer Salmaan’s Wayfarer Films. Fans can look forward to experiencing this ambitious thriller on the big screen in just a few days.

Satya Dev’s Zebra Postponed: New Release To Be Announced Soon

Talented actor Satya Dev, who recently garnered praise for his compelling performance in the action drama **Krishnamma**, is set to return to the screen in his upcoming film **Zebra**. Directed by Eashvar Karthic, **Zebra** was initially slated for release on October 31st across South Indian languages, coinciding with the festive season. However, doubts surrounding the film’s promotional efforts have led to the official announcement that it will no longer premiere during Diwali.

The makers of **Zebra** have not disclosed the specific reasons for the postponement, but they assure fans that a new release date will be communicated soon. This decision has sparked curiosity among audiences eager to see Satya Dev in another promising role.

Zebra boasts a diverse cast, featuring notable actors such as Jeniffer Piccinato, Priya Bhavani Shankar, Satyaraj, Sunil, and Dhananjaya alongside Satya Dev. The film aims to blend engaging storytelling with strong performances from its ensemble cast. Music for the film is composed by Ravi Basrur, whose work is anticipated to enhance the overall cinematic experience.

Produced by SN Reddy, Bala Sundaram, and Dinesh Sundaram under the banners of Padmaja Films Private Ltd and Old Town Pictures, **Zebra** is expected to deliver a unique narrative that captivates audiences. Despite the setback with the release date, there is still significant anticipation surrounding the film, especially considering Satya Dev’s rising star power and the intriguing premise.



As fans await further updates on the new release date, **Zebra** remains on the radar as one of the most talked-about films in the South Indian cinema landscape. With its talented cast and dedicated production team, the film promises to make a strong impression once it finally hits theaters.

Parichayamele song from Bagheera Out Now

Roaring Star Sriimurali, celebrated for his remarkable performance in **Ugramm**, is gearing up to enthrall audiences once again with the action-packed entertainer **Bagheera**. Directed by Dr. Suri and featuring a story by Prashanth Neel, this highly anticipated film is set to hit theaters worldwide on October 31, 2024.

Following the successful launch of its first single and trailer, **Bagheera** recently unveiled its second single, “Parichayamele.” This melodious track beautifully encapsulates the tender love story between Sriimurali and Rukmini Vasanth, showcasing their romantic connection. Composed by B. Ajaneesh Loknath, the song features the enchanting vocals of Ritesh G. Rao and heartfelt lyrics by Rambabu Gosala, adding depth to the film’s emotional narrative.

In **Bagheera**, Sriimurali takes on the role of a dedicated police



officer, fiercely committed to protecting women in his community. Rukmini Vasanth portrays a gentle doctor, and the contrasting personalities of these characters create a compelling dynamic

that is vividly reflected in the song. Their relationship is set against the backdrop of high-stakes action, promising an engaging viewing experience.

Produced by Vijay Kiragandur under the renowned Hom bale Films banner, **Bagheera** is being presented to Telugu audiences by Asian Suresh Entertainment LLP. The film features an impressive ensemble cast, including the talented Prakash Raj, Rangayana Raghu, Achyuth Kumar, and Garuda Ram, each bringing their unique flair to significant roles.

As the release date approaches, excitement continues to build for **Bagheera**, with fans eagerly anticipating Sriimurali’s return to the big screen in a role that combines action, romance, and powerful storytelling. With its engaging soundtrack and captivating performances, **Bagheera** is poised to make a lasting impression this October.

Vikrant Massey Stars in The Sabarmati : A Gripping Tale of Tragedy

Bollywood actor Vikrant Massey is set to captivate audiences in his latest film, **The Sabarmati Report**, which delves into the harrowing events surrounding the Godhra train arson incident. Directed by Ranjan Chandel, the film features Raashi Khanna and Riddhi Dogra as the female leads, adding depth to this poignant narrative. Produced by the renowned Ekta Kapoor, **The Sabarmati Report** is slated for release on November 15, and the trailer has just been unveiled, generating significant buzz.

In the film, Vikrant Massey portrays a journalist tasked with uncovering the truth behind the tragic events of February 27, 2002, when the Sabarmati Express was attacked in Gujarat. The train was en route from Godhra to Ahmedabad, carrying pilgrims returning from Ayodhya. During the journey, someone pulled the emergency chain, causing the train to stop. What followed was a shocking assault; stones were hurled at the coaches, and some individuals set one bogie ablaze with petrol, resulting in the deaths of 59 people.

This catastrophic incident served as a catalyst for widespread riots across Gujarat, leading to the loss of over a thousand lives. **The Sabarmati Report** aims to explore the



complexities and aftermath of this tragedy, shedding light on the social and political ramifications that ensued.

The trailer hints at a gripping narrative, blending drama with investigative journalism, as Massey’s character seeks to unravel the layers of truth amidst chaos and turmoil. With its compelling storyline and strong performances, **The Sabarmati Report** promises to be a thought-provoking exploration of a pivotal moment in Indian history.

As the release date approaches, anticipation builds for a film that not only recounts a dark chapter but also examines the broader implications of such events on society. With Vikrant Massey at the forefront, **The Sabarmati Report** is poised to make a significant impact upon its release.