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World-Class Gandhi Memorial at Bapughat- CM Revanth Reddy

Criticizes Center's Funding Discrimination Against Southern States



TPN , Hyderabad : At the Southern Rising Summit 2024, Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy announced plans for a world-class Gandhi memorial at Bapughat, located at the confluence of the Musi and Isa rivers, declaring it a tribute to Mahatma Gandhi and the spirit of Telangana's progress. The event, organized by ABP Network in Hyderabad, provided a platform for Reddy to address the role of southern states in national development and the urgent need for fair distribution of tax revenue.

Reddy criticized the central government's allocation practices, accusing it of "discriminating against southern states" in tax shares. He stressed that the country can only advance if all states receive equal developmental support, stating that equal growth is essential to achieving balanced progress across India.

Discussing the ambitious "Rising Telangana" and "Rising Hyderabad" initiatives, Reddy outlined the Musi Riverfront development

and a Future City project, which he said will elevate the urban and environmental landscape of Telangana. He countered opposition from some who support similar projects, like the Sabarmati Riverfront, yet oppose the revitalization of Musi.

Reflecting on the legacy of former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru, Reddy praised landmark reforms such as multi-purpose projects, the Green Revolution, and advancements in education

and science. These, he stated, laid the foundation for India's development.

He highlighted that Telangana was built on the sacrifices of many young people and urged collective support to further the state's prosperity.

In conclusion, CM Reddy called on citizens to join efforts in making Telangana a model of "Rising Telangana" and "Rising Hyderabad," honoring its past while driving forward to a brighter future.



KTR Oppose Electricity Rate Hikes and Protect Telangana's Middle-Class and Farmers

TPN , Hyderabad : BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) voiced his opposition to the proposed electricity rate hike, stating that the BRS will not allow any additional burden on farmers and the middle class. KTR remarked that the past ten years under the previous administration were a "golden era," whereas the last ten months under the Congress-led government have brought daily challenges for people across Telangana.

KTR's remarks came during a public hearing by the Telangana Electricity Regulatory Board in Sirisilla on the proposed hike in electricity charges. He argued that increasing electricity rates fivefold would impose an unreasonable financial burden on households, small industries, and cottage industries, leading to decreased employment opportunities. Emphasizing that electricity should not be treated as a business, KTR noted that power distribution companies (DISCOMs) are intended to serve the public, not generate profit.

The BRS government, according to KTR, had previously borne the cost of providing free electricity, totaling Rs 1,200 crore, to support Telangana's farmers.

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Relief for Battalion Constables Telangana Government Pauses Leave Cancellations



TPN , Hyderabad : In a move welcomed by battalion constables and their families, the Telangana government has temporarily halted the cancellation of leave orders for battalion police personnel. This decision comes after family members, particularly the wives of constables,

expressed concerns about the impact of continuous duty on family life, urging the government to adopt a more humane approach to police deployment. The suspension aims to address the demands of the constables' families, who have been advocating for a unified police policy

across the state. This policy, they argue, would assign constables to posts near their homes, eliminating the need for prolonged separation from their families. In recent weeks, the families of battalion constables across Telangana have staged protests, demanding the right to a stable family life for those who serve in the police force. Many constable families have voiced frustration over the current system, where constables are often stationed far from their families despite a standardized recruitment and examination process.

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He questioned why the current government could not do the same. He also opposed the Center's directive to install meters on agricultural motors, reiterating that the BRS government had resisted such measures to ease the burden on farmers. KTR criticized the Congress government for attempting to raise charges and undermine the livelihood of poor and middle-class families. He questioned the fairness of placing all industries under the same rate category, especially comparing small businesses with major conglomerates like Adani and Ambani. The new government's lack of support for initiatives like 24-hour electricity and free water for farmers, once available under KCR's administration, is a significant setback, he stated.

Furthermore, KTR highlighted that the BRS had provided substantial subsidies, including a 50% subsidy on 10 HP motors for farmers, especially in Sirisilla. He urged the government to extend this subsidy to 30 HP motors and requested that the proposal to increase fixed charges from Rs 10 to Rs 50 for households exceeding 300 units be withdrawn.

KTR concluded by urging the Telangana Electricity Regulatory Commission (ERC) to reject the proposed hikes, keeping the welfare of the people as a priority. He promised to oppose the rate increase and protect the state's interests through continued public efforts.

Caste Enumeration Survey to Begin in Telangana After KC Venugopal Review

TPN , Telangana : The Telangana government has finalized preparations for a caste enumeration survey across the state. Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, currently in Delhi, presented the survey format to Congress General Secretary KC Venugopal. This survey follows the pledge made by Congress leader Rahul Gandhi during the Telangana election campaign to address caste-based issues.

According to party sources, KC Venugopal, after a detailed review, has given preliminary approval for the survey format, which covers social, economic, educational, employment, and political aspects. The Telangana government had passed a resolution on the caste census in the state assembly, responding to longstanding demands from Backward Class (BC) communities.

The timing aligns with the Supreme Court's recent approval for SC classification, prompting the Telangana government to take swift action. Local body elections are anticipated to follow the completion of this comprehensive survey, which will include BC, Scheduled Tribes (ST), and Scheduled Castes (SC) data.

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Protesters argue that constables should have consistent rules and postings that allow them to live near their families, noting that the current arrangement undermines family stability.

Family members have also raised concerns about the nature of duties assigned to constables, such as performing labor-intensive tasks that are unrelated to policing. Wives of battalion members have shared the emotional toll of frequent and sudden duty calls, lamenting that the work demands disregard the officers' family responsibilities. The government's temporary suspension of leave cancellation orders brings hope that these concerns will be addressed. Further discussions between the police department and family members are anticipated, as calls for a "one state, one police" policy continue to grow.

Telangana Cabinet Meeting Set to Approve Key Decisions



TPN , Hyderabad: The Telangana Cabinet is set to meet on Saturday at 4 pm in the Cabinet hall on the sixth floor of the State Secretariat, where several significant decisions are expected to be finalized. Among these is the approval of a new revenue law and additional powers for the Hy-

derabad Disaster Response and Asset Management Authority (HYDRA).

New Revenue Law and 'Bhumatha' Portal

Initially scheduled for the 23rd, the Cabinet meeting was rescheduled for October 26. A major agenda item is the new revenue law, including the replacement of the Dharani portal with the new 'Bhumatha' portal, designed for improved land management.

Enhanced Powers for HYDRA

Amendments are anticipated to expand HYDRA's authority over the protection of public assets and water bodies. Additionally, the Cabinet will discuss the reinstatement of the Vil-

lage Revenue System (VRS), appointing a revenue officer for each village.

VRO and VRA Appointments

The Cabinet will likely approve filling half of the village revenue officer (VRO) positions with existing Village Revenue Assistants (VRAs) and VROs, while the other half will be filled via direct recruitment.

Assembly Session Planning

The winter session of the Telangana Assembly, tentatively set for November, will include discussions on both HYDRA and revenue bills. The Cabinet will likely finalize the dates for the session in this meeting, setting the stage for legislative approval of these critical reforms.

CM Revanth Reddy Pushes for Comprehensive Sports Policy and Sports University Bill

TPN , Hyderabad : Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy held a high-level review meeting with officials to discuss the state's upcoming sports policy. He directed officials to draft a comprehensive sports policy by the end of November, aiming to position Telangana as a leader in promoting sports excellence at both national and international levels.

The Chief Minister emphasized the importance of formulating an exceptional sports policy, suggesting that officials study sports policies from various countries to incorporate global best practices. Additionally, he instructed that a governing board be finalized within the next ten days to oversee the policy's implementation.

In line with these efforts, Reddy directed officials to expedite the drafting of a Sports University Bill to establish a dedicated institution for sports education and development in Telangana. He also stressed the importance of creating an



annual sports calendar to ensure Telangana athletes have opportunities to participate in both national and international competitions.

With these measures, CM Reddy envisions a robust framework to foster talent and elevate Telangana's sports ecosystem.

High Court Hears Disqualification Petition Against MLAs



TPN , Hyderabad : The Telangana High Court convened today to address a disqualification petition concerning MLAs who have switched allegiance from the BRS (Bharat Rashtra Samithi) to the Congress party. The court heard arguments from petitioner KA Paul, who filed the Public Interest Litigation (PIL) seeking the disqualification of these MLAs. Following the proceedings, the High Court issued notices to the respondents and adjourned further hearings to November 4.

The petitions were specifically filed by Kukatpally MLA KP Vivekanand Goud and Hujurabad MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy. They argued that their complaints to the Speaker, Gaddam Prasad Kumar, regarding the disqualification were ignored, despite the Supreme Court's directive to resolve such matters within three months.

Additionally, another PIL concerning the rising incidents of violence against women across Telangana was also heard, with KA Paul presenting arguments. The court issued notices to the Telangana government regarding this issue and postponed further discussions until November 4.

The ongoing legal battles highlight the political tensions within the state as former BRS members face scrutiny following their switch to the Congress party.

Telangana BJP Protests Demolition of Homes for Musi Project



TPN , Hyderabad: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has vowed to oppose the demolition of houses for the Musi Riverfront Development project. A protest was staged on Friday at Dharna Chowk near Indira Park, led by Union Minister for Coal and Mines G. Kishan Reddy, who also serves as the state BJP president. The party demanded that the Congress government abandon its plans to evict residents from their homes along the river.

Kishan Reddy affirmed that the BJP

stands with the poor and will not allow the government to demolish their homes. He clarified that the party supports the rejuvenation and beautification of the Musi but opposes the displacement of long-time residents.

In response to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's allegations that opposition parties favor maintaining the current pollution levels, Kishan Reddy questioned whether residents had ever approached the government with complaints about living conditions near the Musi.

He suggested constructing retaining walls on both sides of the river to facilitate the project without displacing residents. Kishan Reddy criticized the Congress for initiating demolitions, claiming that it has failed to fulfill its promises to the people, similar to the previous BRS government.

Court Orders Konda Surekha to Refrain from Remarks Against KTR



TPN , Hyderabad : The Hyderabad City Civil Court took significant action on Friday in a defamation case filed by BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) against Minister Konda Surekha. The court issued an interim order instructing Surekha to refrain from making further derogatory comments about KTR, which he alleged were obscene and defamatory.

KTR's petition highlighted that Konda Surekha had made objectionable remarks, prompting him to seek legal recourse. The court agreed with KTR's concerns, emphasizing that such comments could have a detrimental impact on society. As a result, the court ordered the immediate removal of videos and other content related to Surekha's statements from all social media platforms, websites, and media outlets.

In its ruling, the court also directed media organizations that had broadcast or published Surekha's comments to delete the offending material. The court's decision reflects a commitment to upholding the dignity of individuals and preventing the spread of harmful rhetoric.

This legal battle highlights the ongoing tensions within Telangana's political landscape, where public figures are often at odds with one another. The case has drawn considerable attention, as it underscores the importance of responsible discourse among politicians.

The court has adjourned the case, with further hearings scheduled for October 27. KTR's pursuit of justice in this matter signals a broader push against defamatory remarks in the political arena, reinforcing the need for accountability among public officials.

Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy Addresses Concerns Over HYDRA Demolitions

TPN , Hyderabad : Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy has clarified that HYDRA (Hyderabad Disaster Response and Assets Monitoring Protection Agency) will not demolish structures that possess valid permits. His remarks come amid rising tensions and protests from opposition parties, including the BRS and BJP, regarding the demolitions affecting residents in the Musi catchment area.

During a press conference, Reddy emphasized the Congress government's commitment to transforming Hyderabad into a world-class city. He stated, "HYDRA will not demolish structures that have previous permits," reassuring affected residents. The minister highlighted that the government is expanding the metro system rapidly, a key component in enhancing urban infrastructure.

Reddy also reminded attendees of the Congress government's



past achievements, such as the Outer Ring Road (ORR) construction, and expressed confidence in the ongoing development of the Regional Ring Road (RRR) project.

His comments aimed to address public concerns and counter the backlash from opposition parties, who have organized protests, including a significant dharna at Indira Park to support those displaced by the ongoing demolition efforts.

Bandi Sanjay Blames Congress for Musi River Destruction Amid Ongoing Political Tensions

TPN , Hyderabad: The ongoing war of words between the Congress and BJP over the Musi River cleanup has intensified, with Union Minister of State Bandi Sanjay blaming the Congress party for the river's degradation. Sanjay accused Congress of granting permissions to industries that contributed to the river's destruction, asserting that the current administration lacks a clear vision for its revival.

Sanjay expressed frustration over Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's comments regarding the Musi initiative, questioning whether the river is undergoing beautification or renaissance. "There is no clarity on that," he said, criticizing Reddy



for previously promising to allocate ₹1.5 crore for the project but failing to follow through.

He condemned the ongoing purge as ineffective for the poor, suggesting that the government's actions under the guise of the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Assets Protection Agency (HYDRA) are merely a distraction from the Congress party's six key promises.

Furthermore, Bandi Sanjay announced plans to send legal notices to KTR, emphasizing that while political criticism is natural, it should not cross boundaries. "The people of Telangana understand the difference in language and culture," he remarked, asserting the BJP's commitment to holding the Congress accountable.



Speaker Gaddam Prasad Criticizes KCR's Family, Compares Them to Ghajini

TPN , Vikarabad: Telangana Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar has launched a scathing critique of BRS leader and former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR), asserting that his family has become like the character Ghajini following their defeats in the Assembly and Lok Sabha elections.

During a public governance meeting at Ambedkar Bhavan in Vikarabad District on Friday, Prasad stated, "KCR, KTR, and Harish Rao have become like Ghajini due to their defeats. They forget their mistakes and constantly spread lies, reminiscent of the film's hero." He accused the BRS of failing to deliver essential services, claiming that the party had not issued ration cards in ten years while KCR's family falsely claims otherwise.

Prasad emphasized that the BRS leaders are out of touch with reality, urging citizens not to be misled any longer. He criticized KCR for prioritizing personal interests over the public good, contrasting this with the current Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, who he claims is dedicated to fulfilling promises made to the people.

Additionally, he highlighted the establishment of international model schools in every constituency, asserting that the government aims to provide educational opportunities for all citizens, regardless of caste.

Jeevan Reddy Alleges State Leadership Undermines AICC Policies on Defections



TPN , Hyderabad: Congress MLC T Jeevan Reddy has raised serious objections regarding the state leadership's encouragement of defections into the party, claiming these actions contradict the All India

Congress Committee's (AICC) policies and leave local leaders feeling distressed.

In a letter addressed to Congress MP Rahul Gandhi, Reddy highlighted the party's Panch Nyay, which stipulates the immediate loss of membership upon defection. He noted that, in sharp contrast to this policy, the state leadership has welcomed MLAs from other parties, particularly from the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS). He expressed concern over the admission of M Sanjay Kumar, who previously won against him on a BRS ticket, into the party.

Reddy mentioned that despite experiencing mental trauma and humiliation, along with pressure from his supporters to resign, AICC General Secretary KC Venugopal, Telangana in-charge Deepa-

das Munshi, Deputy Chief Minister Malu Bhatti Vikramarka, and IT Minister D. Sridhar Babu urged him to reconsider his decision.

He also pointed out that Banswada MLA Pocharam Srinivas Reddy, known for his role in undermining Bhatti Vikramarka, was welcomed into the party and recently organized a meeting of defectors, attended by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. Reddy criticized this meeting, stating that it signaled support for defectors at the expense of local leaders.

Meanwhile, TPCC chief Mahesh Kumar Goud has flown to New Delhi to discuss these internal party issues and the current political situation with the high command.

Minister Sridhar Babu Highlights Commitment to Student Futures

TPN , Telangana : IT Minister Sridhar Babu emphasized the new Congress government's commitment to students and employment opportunities in Telangana. He criticized the previous government for failing to provide 40,000 jobs over a decade, stating that the Congress administration has already created over 50,000 jobs within just ten months.



Babu addressed concerns over attempts to disrupt the Group 1 exams, asserting that the previous government's neglect had cornered technical systems and disrupted financial stability. He highlighted the current government's focus on enhancing education and healthcare.

To support this mission, Babu announced plans to establish two advanced technical centers in Palamuru and a Skill University to enhance the skills of local youth. He noted that the previous government failed to appoint vice-chancellors for universities, but the current administration aims to set up incubation centers that will connect industries with educational institutions.

The minister revealed that students would receive training through partnerships with Tata Technologies, with 33 new courses being introduced, including banking and finance for BA and BCom students. He reiterated the government's responsibility for students' futures, pledging to create jobs through industrial development in the region.

Kaushik Reddy Criticizes Congress and Raises Concerns Over Telangana Politics

TPN , Telangana : Telangana's political landscape is heating up as MLA Kaushik Reddy voiced strong criticism against the Congress party and its leader Revanth Reddy. He questioned the party's intentions regarding Telangana, remarking, "What does the Congress party want to do with Telangana? The CM and ministers are busy with tours while the people are confused." Reddy claimed that if the six guarantees promised by the Congress are not implemented, the people will respond decisively at the polls.

Reddy accused Revanth Reddy of harming Telangana and stated that he will not be freed until the guarantees are fulfilled. He also touched upon a recent photo shoot outside the Yadagirigutta Temple, explaining it was done with permission to showcase the temple built by KCR.

Reddy alleged that funds from Telangana are being flown to Wayanad for Priyanka Gandhi, and warned that they would hold accountable any officers who overstep their bounds. He also referenced recent suspensions of three IPS officers in

Andhra Pradesh, suggesting a lack of law and order in Telangana.

Additionally, MLC Jeevan Reddy raised serious allegations regarding MLA Sanjay Kumar's involvement in a murder case, demanding that action be taken. Reddy challenged the integrity of the political system in Telangana, questioning why those who switch parties do not resign, as their condition is worse than that of brokers. He reiterated that disqualifications of these MLAs should occur as per Rahul Gandhi's manifesto.

Jaggareddy Expresses Sadness Over Jeevan Reddy's Agony



TPN , Telangana : Congress leader Jaggareddy shared his deep sadness after

witnessing the struggles of fellow party member Jeevan Reddy. "I don't understand what is happening; I can't find the words to express my feelings," he remarked, reflecting on the pain that Reddy faces at his age. Jaggareddy emphasized his solidarity, stating, "Even if it's just this, I want Jeevan Reddy to know that I am with him."

While Jaggareddy clarified that he does not blame anyone for the current situation, he reassured Reddy that he would stand by him when needed. He acknowl-

edged the challenges Reddy has faced throughout his life and expressed confusion over the political dynamics that led to his defeat, despite his contributions to the development of Sangareddy.

Jaggareddy noted, "Our party is not at fault for the people's decisions," while expressing concern about the current political climate. He also highlighted the generational differences in their experiences, admitting it is painful for him to confront such political issues at this stage in life.

Rising Unrest in Telangana: KTR Challenges Congress Leadership



TPN , Telangana : BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) launched a fierce attack on Telangana's Revenue and I&PR Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, questioning the significance of "bombs" in the context of upcoming Diwali celebrations. KTR referred to the recent Enforcement Directorate (ED) raids on Ponguleti, challenging him to address the issue. He asserted that threats only instill fear in the vulnerable, while the

BRS remains unafraid. KTR emphasized the ongoing protests in Telangana, likening them to the unrest during "Daddamma's rule," and criticized the current regime for rendering lives meaningless. He addressed various agitations, including those by battalion constable families, farmers, and gurukula teacher candidates, using screenshots of articles about these sit-ins to highlight the Congress government's failures.

From Alampur to Adilabad, KTR noted widespread discontent among various sectors, including farmers, laborers, teachers, police families, and students. He underscored a unifying sentiment among the populace: a rejection of Congress rule. KTR condemned the party's record, describing it as riddled with deceit and hardship, and voiced the collective desire for change among the people of Telangana.



Wives of Battalion Constables Stage Dharna at Secretariat Demanding Justice



TPN , Hyderabad: The plight of battalion constables' families escalated as their wives protested at the state secretariat, demanding the implementation of a single police system. Their grievances stem from what they describe as miserable living conditions and inadequate treatment of their husbands, who they claim are treated worse than laborers. On Friday morning, a large number of wives and family members of battalion constables from across the state gathered in Hyderabad to voice their frustrations. They criticized the current govern-

ment for its failure to address their needs, with one protester lamenting, "This Congress government has never seen such a poor administration." Many expressed concern that their husbands, despite being well-educated, are forced into menial labor.

The situation intensified as police attempted to disperse the protesters, leading to heated arguments between the police and the families. Reports indicate that several family members were arrested and taken to police stations, with some women

being forcibly removed from the site. This created a tense atmosphere outside the secretariat.

Amidst the protest, one constable's wife tearfully shared her struggle, stating, "I am two months pregnant, and my husband is unable to take me to the hospital. My baby is 19 months old, and there is no one to take me for scanning. It is better to die than to live this life." The demonstration highlights the urgent need for governmental action to address the grievances of police personnel and their families.

Hyderabad Police Seize Drugs Worth ₹25 Lakh; CP CV Anand



One key player identified is Abdul Rahman, who operates as a local drug delivery agent. He reportedly arrived in Hyderabad on a student visa in 2014 and has continued to stay despite its expiration. Rahman receives drug orders from a supplier named Khurbha in Bangalore and fulfills deliveries to designated addresses without direct contact.

Additionally, the police have apprehended a man named Imran, a known drug user from Banjara Hills, who was recently arrested for supplying MDMA. Imran is connected to drug suppliers in Bangalore, including a Nigerian associate, and utilizes a dead drop method for transactions.

CP Anand also mentioned that the police are gathering details about drug users, including wealthy individuals, and are closely monitoring financial transactions through mule accounts. He assured that the investigation into the ongoing drug operations will intensify, with joint operations planned with the Andhra Pradesh Police.

In related news, CP Anand addressed the ongoing phone tapping case, clarifying that the main accused, Prabhakar Rao, has not returned to India and that efforts to apprehend him are ongoing. Lookout notices have been issued to ensure his arrest upon arrival.

TPN , Hyderabad : In a significant crackdown on drug trafficking, the Hyderabad Police seized a large quantity of drugs valued at approximately ₹25 lakh. Police Commissioner CV Anand disclosed the details to the media, emphasizing that the fight against drugs in Hyderabad will continue unabated. The operation led to the detention of an international drug dealer and an interstate supplier.

CP Anand revealed that drugs are being supplied from various locations, including Bangalore, Goa, Orissa, Chhattisgarh, and Andhra Pradesh. He noted that both synthetic and natural drugs are being trafficked, with synthetic drugs primarily sourced from Bangalore and Goa. Recent efforts have resulted in the capture of two African gangs, including two Sudanese nationals involved in the drug trade.

Telangana Prajavani Program Sees 509 Applications Submitted



TPN , Hyderabad : The Prajavani program held at Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Praja Bhavan on Friday saw a significant turnout, with a total of 509 applications submitted by citizens.

Officials reported that the minority welfare department received the highest number of applications, totaling 200. The revenue department followed with 76 applications. Additionally, 57 applications were directed to the electricity department, while 35 were submitted to the panchayati raj and rural development department. A total of five applications were filed under pravasi prajavani, and 136 applications were categorized under other departments.

The event featured State Planning Commission Vice Chairman Dr. Chinna Reddy and Public Administration Special Officer Divya, who interacted with attendees and addressed their concerns. The Prajavani program aims to provide a platform for citizens to voice their grievances and seek assistance from various government departments. This initiative continues to foster transparency and responsiveness within the state administration.

PIL Filed in Telangana High Court Against HYDRA Ordinance

TPN , Hyderabad: A public interest litigation (PIL) has been filed in the Telangana High Court challenging the ordinance that grants extensive powers to the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Assets Protection Agency (HYDRA). The petition was submitted by former corporator Manchireddy Prashant Reddy, who seeks an interim order to suspend the ordinance.

During the hearing, the High Court issued notices to the respondents, including the Chief Secretary of the Government and others, requiring them to file a counter within three weeks. The court adjourned further proceedings for the same period.

Governor Jishnudev Verma recently approved the ordinance, which the government intends to legitimize through upcoming assembly sessions. The ordinance has sparked controversy, leading to the legal challenge aimed at curtailing the powers granted to HYDRA.

As the situation develops, the court's decision on the PIL will be closely watched, given its implications for HYDRA's operations and the government's regulatory framework.

DCA Seizes Unlicensed Pharmacy in Dilsukhnagar, Drugs Worth Rs 1.15 Lakh Confiscated

TPN , Hyderabad : The Drug Control Administration (DCA) conducted a raid on an unlicensed medical store in Dilsukhnagar, seizing medicines worth Rs 1.15 lakh on Thursday.

The store, operated by Neerkanti Nagesh, was found to be selling a substantial stock of unauthorized medications. During the raid, DCA officers discovered 19 varieties of medicines, including antibiotics, antihistaminics, and antiulcer drugs, improperly stocked for sale.

DCA officials emphasized that dealers supplying medicines to unlicensed shops are also liable under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act. They warned that stringent action will be taken against such dealers, stating that wholesalers must ensure that recipients hold valid drug licenses before supplying any medications. This operation highlights the DCA's commitment to enforcing regulations and ensuring public safety in pharmaceutical practices.



Six Arrested in Hyderabad for Plot to Illegally Acquire Rs 600 Crore Government Land

TPN , Hyderabad: The Cyberabad Economic Offenses Wing (EOW) has arrested six individuals implicated in a conspiracy to illegally seize government property valued at Rs 600 crore. The targeted land spans 12.09 acres and is located in Raidurgam, a prime area.

The arrested suspects include Mohd Abdul Razzak, Naveen Kumar Goyal, J. Guru Sai Raj (Senior Assistant and In-charge Sub-Registrar, Ranga Reddy District), Mohd Abdul Adil, Syeda Kouser,

and Afsha Sara. They allegedly created forged documents and manipulated records to falsely present their claims as legitimate.

According to police reports, the group intended to construct a commercial-cum-residential mega complex with a built-up area of 19 lakh square feet across 39 floors, despite the land's prohibitive status. Senior officials stated that the case reflects significant collusion between private developers and officials, raising serious concerns

about forgery and conspiracy.

The genuine owner of the land, the Telangana Leather Industries Promotion Corporation Limited (TSLIPCO), has been in possession for several decades and recently entered into a lease agreement with the Telangana State Trade Promotion Corporation Limited (TSTPC) for a Unity Mall project on part of the land.

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.

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.

BRS MLA Kova Lakshmi Receives Relief from HC

TPN , Hyderabad: BRS MLA Kova Lakshmi has received significant relief from the High Court, which dismissed a petition challenging her election victory from the Asifabad constituency. The petition was filed by Congress leader Ajmira Shyam Naik, who contested against Lakshmi in the 2023 assembly elections and alleged that she provided false information in her election affidavit.

In the elections, Kova Lakshmi secured a win against Ajmira Shyam with a substantial majority of 22,000 votes. Shyam's petition argued that this purported misinformation invalidated Lakshmi's election. However, after hearing the case, the High Court rejected Shyam's claims, affirming Kova Lakshmi's electoral legitimacy and allowing her to retain her position as MLA.



Former Engineer-in-Chief Blames Structural Issues for Kaleshwaram Project Cost Overruns

TPN , Hyderabad: Former Engineer-in-Chief N. Venkateswarlu continued his testimony before the Justice P.C. Ghose Commission of Inquiry into irregularities in the Kaleshwaram Lift Irrigation Scheme (KLIS) on Friday. He attributed the project's cost escalation to structural issues that arose during the construction of the Medigadda, An-naram, and Sundilla barrages in 2019.



Venkateswarlu revealed that the cofferdam was washed away in floods, necessitating an increase in its height. He noted that design changes and delays in approvals, along with additional work, contributed to the rising costs. He also mentioned that out of the Rs 14,000

crore spent under the earlier Prana-hitha-Chevella scheme, Rs 750 crore worth of work became useless. The commission expressed dissatisfaction with discrepancies between

Venkateswarlu's affidavit and his explanations. He requested to provide additional information regarding the raised concerns, which the commission accepted.

TGPSC Accelerates Group-I Main Exam Evaluation Amid Legal Challenges

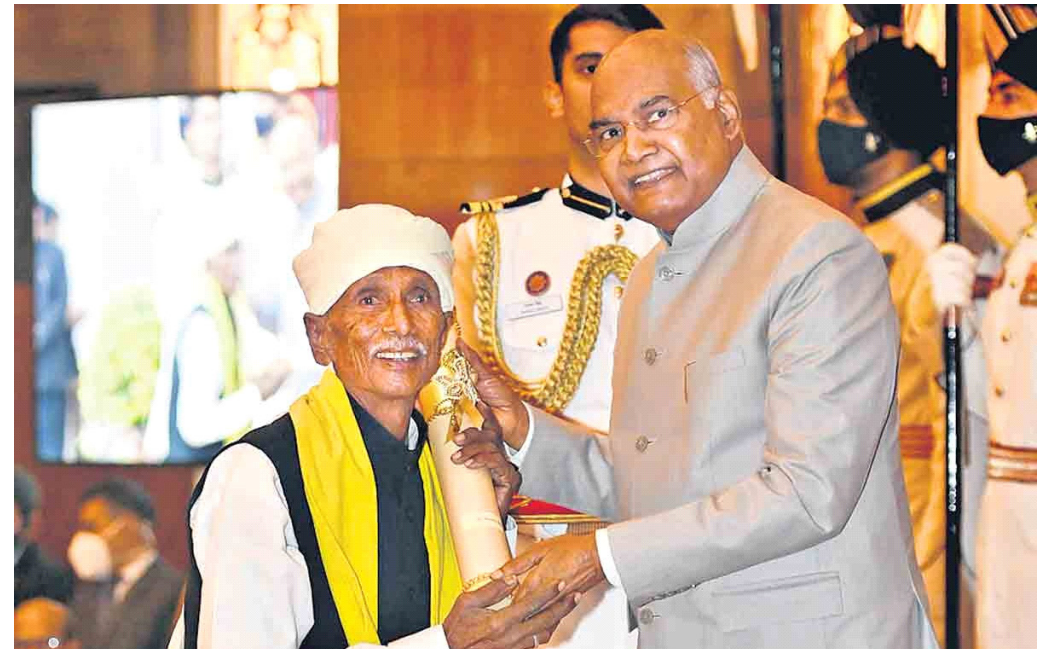
TPN , Hyderabad: The Telangana Public Service Commission (TGPSC) has expedited the evaluation process for the ongoing Group-I Main examinations, raising fresh concerns among candidates. Reports suggest that the TGPSC plans to announce the exam results on November 20, coinciding with a High Court hearing regarding the controversial GO 29.



The exams, which began on October 21, are set to conclude on October 27. In a bid to facilitate rapid evaluation, the TGPSC has engaged numerous professors to assess the answer scripts, with two professors assigned to each script. If there's a 15% discrepancy in the scores assigned by the evaluators, a third professor will review the answer.

The controversy stems from GO 29, which aspirants argue violates reservation rules for the Group-I Main exams. The previous BRS government had issued GO 55, enabling candidates from reserved categories to compete for both open and reserved quotas based on their ex-

amination merit. However, GO 29 restricts SC, ST, and BC candidates to the reserved category, even if they score high enough for open category selection. This change has reportedly disqualified many candidates who were eligible under the earlier rules.



Padma Shri Awardee Gussadi Dancer Kanakaraju Passes Away in Asifabad District

TPN , Komuram Bhim Asifabad : Renowned Gussadi dancer Kanakaraju, a Padma Shri awardee, has passed away due to illness. He hailed from Marlavai village in the Jainur Mandal and was celebrated for his contributions to the Gussadi dance, both performing and teaching it across the country. Kanakaraju gained national recognition for his exceptional talent, which culminated in the prestigious Padma Shri award conferred by the Government of India in 2021. His family has announced that the last rites will be conducted in accordance with tribal traditions in Marlavai village on Saturday afternoon, October 26. His legacy in preserving and promoting Gussadi dance will be remembered by many.

Mega Foreign Job Mela to be Held in Husnabad in November

TPN , Telangana : Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnampalapati Prabhakar announced plans for a Mega Foreign Job Mela in Husnabad during the second week of November. The event aims to train qualified unemployed youth and connect them with high-paying job opportunities in developed countries based on their skills.

In a review meeting with Tankom representatives at the Secretariat, Minister Prabhakar emphasized the importance of creating awareness among the youth in the region about the job fair. He directed the Collectors of three districts to promote the event at the mandal level and encouraged the collection of data on interested unemployed individuals from every village.

Shepherd Escapes Leopard Attack in Nirmal Forest

TPN , Hyderabad: A shepherd narrowly escaped a leopard attack while grazing his herd in the forest at Ravindranagar village, Saran-gapur mandal, in Nirmal district on Friday morning, October 25.



The shepherd, identified as Sai, was tending to his sheep when the leopard emerged from the bushes and attacked. The predator killed two sheep before turning its attention to Sai.

In a desperate bid for survival, Sai climbed a tree, remaining there until the leopard left the area. After the threat had passed, he informed the villagers about the incident, prompting local forest officials to be alerted.

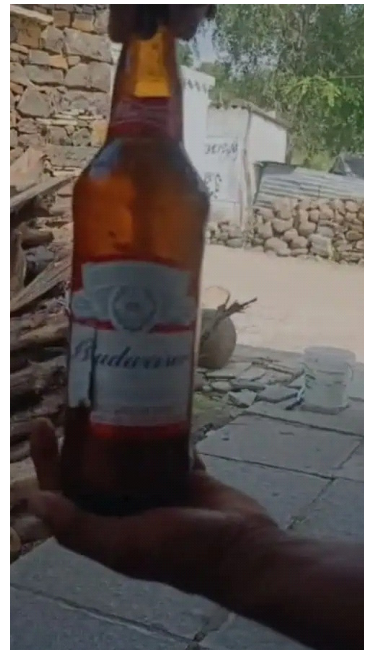
Telangana Farmers Struggle with Quality Assessment Issues for Fine-Grade Paddy

TPN , Hyderabad: Farmers cultivating fine-grade paddy varieties in Telangana are facing significant challenges in securing fair prices for their produce. Key issues include quality assessment problems, inadequate testing infrastructure, and ineffective identification methods at paddy purchase centers.

Farmers report inadequate assistance with sampling, testing, and certifying paddy quality, leading to complications in market yards. These challenges have resulted in inferior quality paddy being mixed with higher-grade varieties, causing farmers to receive lower prices than expected. The lack of proper identification and quality control further exacerbates this issue.

With insufficient compensation for quality paddy, farmers' productivity and profitability are negatively impacted, resulting in a loss of trust in the market system. Dominance by middlemen complicates matters, as they control supply chains and diminish farmers' bargaining power. Additionally, many farmers lack access to real-time market information, forcing them to sell to local traders at reduced prices.

The production of fine-grade paddy is projected to exceed 88 lakh metric tonnes this season, with 33 varieties eligible for an incentive bonus of Rs. 500 per quintal. However, issues related to quality assessment and market fluctuations persist, jeopardizing the livelihoods of growers and threatening agricultural sustainability.



Remains of Lizard Found in Beer Bottle in Telangana's Vikarabad

TPN , Hyderabad: Shocking findings emerged when remains of a lizard were discovered in a beer bottle purchased by two individuals from Dharur in Vikarabad district. The men had spent ₹4,000 at a local wine shop when they noticed the unsettling contents.

The beer bottle, reportedly containing Budweiser, clearly revealed the lizard remains after they shook it, as shown in a video. Following this discovery, a complaint was promptly filed, marking yet another troubling incident.

This case is not isolated; there have been numerous previous reports of lizard remains found in food and beverages. In one alarming instance, at least eight people fell ill after consuming biryani in which a lizard's tail was allegedly discovered at the Deccan Elite restaurant in Rajendranagar.

Tensions Rise as Farmers Protest Pharma Company in Dudyala Mandal



TPN , Vikarabad: Agitations by farmers against the establishment of a pharma company in Dudyala Mandal have escalated tensions in the region. Farmers from Dudyala, Lagacharla, Polepalli, and Rotibanda Tanda villages are resisting the loss of their lands due to the proposed project.

District Collector Pratik Jain is scheduled to visit the affected villages to engage with the farmers and hold a referendum regarding the land acquisition. However, tensions flared ahead of the collector's arrival when farmers initiated a mass protest, attempting to set fire to a stool using petrol. Police intervened to prevent the act.

Meanwhile, Dudyala Mandal Congress Party President Aviti Shekhar arrived from Hyderabad to support the farmers' cause. Upon reaching Rotibanda Tanda, he faced opposition from local tribal farmers, leading to a confrontation. Despite Shekhar urging the farmers to comply, tensions mounted, resulting in an attack on him. The police deployed in large numbers to rescue Shekhar, leading to heated arguments and clashes with the farmers. Several protesters were injured as police resorted to using lathis to disperse the crowd, creating a tense atmosphere in Dudyala Mandal.

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

Jojana 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.

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.



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.

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.



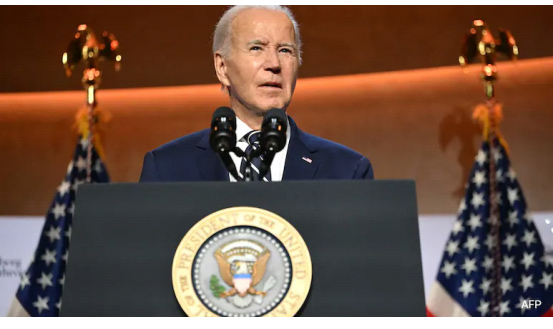
Key candidates in the Congress lineup include state chief Nana Patole, contesting from Sakoli; Legislature Party leader Balasaheb Thorat from Sangamner; Leader of Opposition Vijay Wadettiwar from Bramhapuri; former Chief Minister Prithviraj Chavan from Karad South; and CWC Member and Regional Working

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



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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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

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.

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.

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.

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.

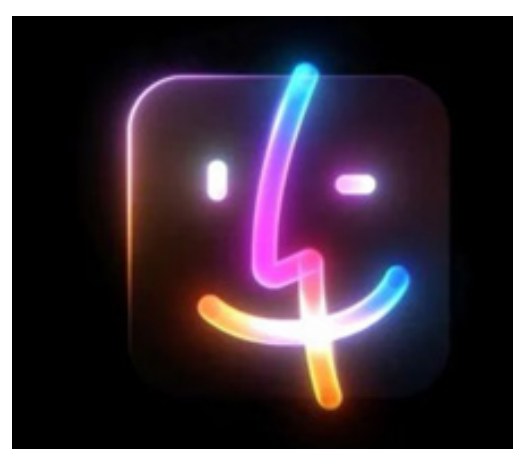
As the company navigates these changes, the loss of the AGI Readiness team raises questions about OpenAI's ongoing commitment to responsible AI development. The departures of top executives and the restructuring efforts suggest a significant transformation within the organization, po-

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 hamstring 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 counter-attacks. 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 Entertainments 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.



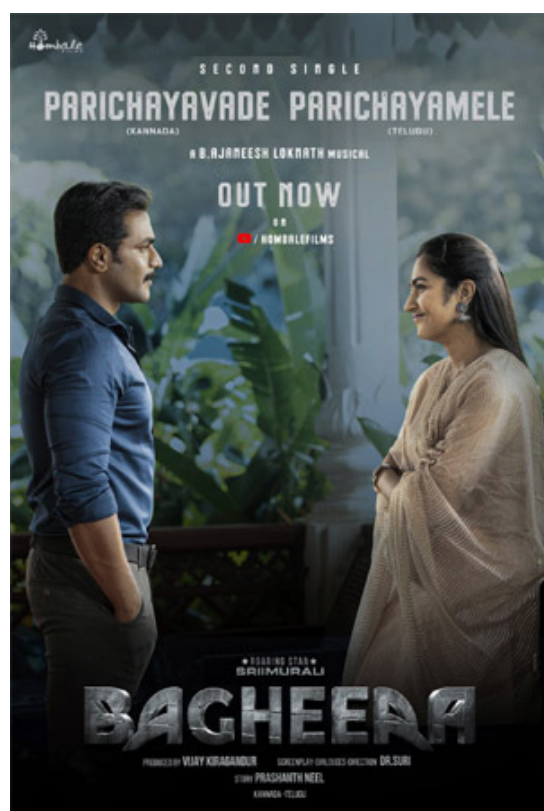
As fans await further updates on the new release date, *Zebra* remains on the radar as one of the most talked-about films in the South Indian cinema landscape. With its talented cast and dedicated production team, the film promises to make a strong impression once it finally hits theaters.

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.