



Weather Forecast

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H 31°C L 21°C	H 34°C L 24°C	H 32°C L 23°C

Telangana Cabinet Approves Major Infrastructure and Welfare Initiatives



- Cabinet that lasted for 4 hours
- Cabinet approval for Metrorail expansion
- Decision to complete caste census by 31st November
- Nagol-LBnagar, LBnagar- Hayatnagar..
- Metro extension to LBnagar- Shamshabad Airport
- Decision to fill 54 posts in RERA
- Allotment of land to Central University in Mulugu

municipality and expand the boundaries of Hanmakonda and Warangal districts. A new revenue division will be established at Ethurunagaram.

health, and mutual requests under the 317 jyo, while acknowledging ongoing legal challenges with the 46 jyo cases.

In a commitment to housing, the Cabinet announced that 3,500 homes will be provided to each constituency, ensuring transparency and a corruption-free process. This initiative will offer "Indiramma" houses to deserving individuals, with distribution set for the day after Diwali. Additionally, a dearness allowance (DA) will be granted to government employees as a Diwali gift.

The Cabinet aims to complete the social, economic, and caste-related survey before November 31. Unlike other states, the decisions taken reflect a commitment to the welfare of all citizens.

Furthermore, the Cabinet has approved a second phase of the Metro Rail, stretching 74.4 km, and plans to send a Detailed Project Report (DPR) to the central government to undertake these expansions through a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model. A committee will be formed to conduct DPRs for road construction projects in collaboration with engineering officers from various departments over the next four years.

TPN , Hyderabad: The Telangana Cabinet concluded a significant four-hour meeting, during which it approved multiple development initiatives aimed at enhancing infrastructure and social welfare across the state.

from Nagol to LB Nagar and LB Nagar to Hayat Nagar. Additionally, the Metro will extend to LB Nagar- Shamshabad Airport, facilitating better connectivity for commuters.

infrastructure, with plans set for the construction of Osmania Hospital and the transfer of land for the Goshamahal Police Grounds.

To support the local economy, a bonus of Rs. 500 was approved for Sanna Vad. The Cabinet also decided to upgrade the Maddur mandal center to a

One of the major decisions was the approval for the expansion of the Metro Rail, which will include extensions

In the education sector, the Cabinet has decided to allocate land for a Central University in Mulugu. The meeting also addressed healthcare

Hyderabad Police Seek Extradition of Accused in Phone Tapping Incident



TPN , Hyderabad : In a significant development in the ongoing phone tapping case, authorities have cancelled the passports of key accused individuals, former Officer on Special Duty (OSD) Prabhakar Rao and Shravan Rao. This decision follows a report submitted by the Hyderabad police to the regional passport office, indicating that both men had fled to the United States to evade investigation.

The cancellation of their passports was made in response to concerns that Rao and Shravan had gone into hiding in America. The police's request was based on earlier claims from the accused that they had traveled abroad for medical treatment due to ill health. Following the cancellation, the Hyderabad police are now working to inform American law enforcement about the status of the passports, complicating the accused's ability to remain abroad.

The case took a decisive turn after allegations of phone tapping surfaced, prompting the police to register a case on March 10. After the case was registered, both accused reportedly left for the United States. The Hyderabad police issued notices urging them to return for questioning; however, there was no response from either party.

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TGSRTC to Launch Parcel Home Delivery Service Starting October 27

TPN , Hyderabad : Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) will begin its home delivery services on Sunday, October 27, as announced by Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnampati Prabhakar.

The delivery charges are as follows: 0 – 1 kg: Rs 50, 1 – 5 kg: Rs 60, 5 – 10 kg: Rs 65, 10 – 20 kg: Rs 70, 20 – 30 kg: Rs 75, Above 30 kg: Rs 75, plus applicable slab rates.

The pilot project will launch in 31 areas across Hyderabad, with plans for expansion to other districts in the state. TGSRTC logistics centers will facilitate the delivery of parcels to any location within the city.

Minister Prabhakar encouraged residents to utilize the service to strengthen TGSRTC's logistics wing. For more details, contact 9030134242 or 9030135252, or visit www.tgsrtclogistics.co.in.



Ambati Lakshman Rao

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In remembrance of the beautiful life of Justice Ambati Lakshman Rao, former Chief Justice of the Allahabad High Court, we humbly invite you to join us, The Ambati Family, in honoring his memory.

The Memorial will be held on 27th October 2024 from 11 A.M onwards at Grand Lawn's banquet hall, Jalavihar, Necklace Road, near Tank Bund, Hyderabad



MEIL Commits ₹200 Crore for Young India Skills University Construction

TPN , Hyderabad : Megha Engineering Infrastructure Limited (MEIL) has pledged ₹200 crore under its corporate social responsibility (CSR) initiative for the construction of the Young India Skills University in Meerkhanpet, Kandukur mandal, on the outskirts of Hyderabad. A memorandum of understanding (MoU) was signed on October 26, during a meeting between MEIL's Managing Director Krishna Reddy and Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar Telangana State Secretariat.

The MoU was finalized in the presence of Chief Secretary Santhi Kumari, Special Chief Secretary Jayesh Ranjan, and the university's Vice-Chancellor VLVSS Subbarao.

The university is set to feature world-class infrastructure, including academic blocks, workshops, classrooms, and hostel facilities.

CM Revanth Reddy directed officials to finalize building designs within a week and initiate construction by November 8. He praised MEIL for its support and assured the state government's backing for the project.

In August, CM Revanth Reddy performed the 'bhumi puja' for the university, which will be constructed on 57 acres of land and aims to provide advanced teaching facilities to students, with academic operations expected to commence next year.



Government Pledges Support to State Employees, Assures Resolution of Issues



TPN , Hyderabad : Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu affirmed the government's commitment to addressing the concerns of state employees during a meeting with union leaders at Praja Bhavan

on Saturday. He assured the leaders of the Udyoga Joint Action Committee (JAC) that issues, including dearness allowances (DAs), will be resolved systematically.

Mallu emphasized that the entire cabinet, along with Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, is dedicated to listening to and discussing employees' problems. He also urged employees and teachers to cooperate in the timely completion of caste enumeration, highlighting its importance.

Among those present at the meeting were JAC Chairman Maram Jagadish, General Secretary Eluru Srinivas, and Vice Chairman Devarakonda Saidulu. The Deputy CM's assurances aim to foster a collaborative environment as the government works to address the various challenges faced by state employees.

Urgency in Forest Clearances for Road Projects Stressed by Telangana Ministers



TPN , Hyderabad : Ministers Komatireddy Venkat Reddy and Konda Surekha underscored the critical need for timely forest clearances during a review meeting regarding road construction permits. Held at the Telangana Secretariat, Minister Komatireddy expressed concern that halting road projects without necessary permits would obstruct the state's progress and affect living standards.

He lamented that seven road projects had been stalled over the past five years due to a lack of forest permits, questioning the inaction of officials. The ministers attributed these delays to the previous government's negligence and vowed to intensify efforts to secure the required clearances.

To expedite the process, they announced the appointment of a senior officer in the Roads and Buildings (R&B) Department to oversee forest permit applications. Minister Konda Surekha assured that she would fast-track the clearance of pending files related to road construction in forest areas.

Both ministers criticized the delays caused by the Central Government's Environment and Forest Department, urging officials to address minor technical issues swiftly to facilitate road development. They emphasized the importance of prioritizing the clearance of forest permissions for ongoing and upcoming road projects in the state.

Special App to Streamline Selection of Indiramma House Beneficiaries



TPN , Hyderabad: Telangana's Revenue, Home, and Information Civil Relations Minister, Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, announced on Saturday the development of a special app for the transparent selection of beneficiaries under the Indiramma Housing Scheme. This initiative aims to provide housing for all eligible individuals, regardless of their political affiliations or regional backgrounds.

During a review at the Secretariat, the minister examined the app designed for beneficiary selection and received several suggestions for improvements. He instructed officials to implement these changes and expects the app to be operational by next week.

Minister Reddy reiterated the government's commitment to fulfilling electoral promises, stating that the Indiramma Housing Scheme is nearing its launch. He emphasized the importance of incorporating technology at every stage, from beneficiary selection to house allotment, and suggested that the app be available in Telugu to accommodate rural residents. The minister affirmed that the Congress government's mission is to ensure that deserving individuals have access to adequate housing.

DGP Urges Telangana Special Police to Halt Protests

TPN , Hyderabad : As Telangana special police (TGSP) joined ongoing protests demanding improved working conditions, Director General of Police (DGP) Jitender urged them to withdraw from demonstrations. He emphasized that the protests could harm the force's image and discipline. The protests primarily focus on the need for consistent treatment and equitable working conditions for police personnel. In Warangal, constables from the 4th Battalion staged a sit-in, advocating for a "One Police, One State" policy to standardize transfer rules.



In Nalgonda, tensions rose when Sub-Inspector Saida Babu faced backlash from constables after allegedly behaving rudely towards their families during the protests. Family members of constables also joined the demonstrations at the State Secretariat.

The DGP acknowledged the challenges faced by TGSP personnel and highlighted their salaries and welfare schemes. He urged them to express grievances through official channels and warned of disciplinary action for any acts of indiscipline.

BRS Criticizes Telangana Government Amid Protests by Police Constables



TPN , Hyderabad: The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) has ridiculed the Congress-led Telangana government as protests by constables from the Telangana Special Police (TGSP) continue to escalate. BRS leaders K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) and T. Harish Rao took to X to express their discontent with the government's handling of the situation.

KTR shared videos of the protesting battalion constables, who are demanding the implementation of the "One Police, One State" policy. He sarcastically commented, "Fantastic Governance in Telangana. Police rebel against Police. Elect a clown, Expect a Circus."

Siddipet MLA T. Harish Rao echoed KTR's sentiments, emphasizing the unusual nature of the protests. He stated, "Police personnel are raising slogans like workers. This is a protest which is not a protest." These remarks highlight the BRS's strategy to leverage the unrest among police personnel to criticize the Congress administration. The protests have emerged due to ongoing frustrations within the police force, including long working hours and inconsistent transfer policies. As tensions rise, the BRS is seizing the opportunity to question the effectiveness of the Congress government in managing the discontent within the police ranks. The situation remains fluid, with no immediate resolution in sight for the protesting constables.

Telangana Police Constables Protest for Better Working Conditions



backlash from constables after allegedly behaving rudely towards the families of policemen during the protests. Many constables and their families are frustrated with long working hours and frequent relocations that disrupt family life.

Significant participation from families, particularly women,

TPN , Hyderabad : Police constables and their families across Telangana have launched widespread protests demanding a uniform policing policy to ensure consistent treatment and equitable working conditions for all personnel.

was noted in Ibrahimpatnam, Rangareddy district, where relatives of constables held a dharna on Sagar Road. They highlighted exhausting work schedules and erratic postings, handing over a petition at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's statue.

In Warangal, constables from the 4th Battalion staged a sit-in outside their battalion commander's office, advocating for a "One Police, One State" policy. This initiative seeks to standardize transfer rules and ensure fair postings for constables throughout Telangana, aiming to alleviate the administrative burdens faced by officers and provide stability in their roles.

The protests have also gained traction at the State Secretariat, where family members attempted to march for immediate reforms but were met with police resistance. Protesters are advocating for policies similar to those in Tamil Nadu, which would allow special police personnel to transition into regular law enforcement roles, enabling them to access the same benefits and career advancement opportunities as their civil policing counterparts.

Tensions escalated in Nalgonda district when Sub-Inspector Saida Babu faced



Madhu Yashki Criticizes Defecting MLAs They Join Congress to Protect Their Illegal Assets



TPN , Hyderabad: TPCC Publicity Secretary and former MP Madhuyashki Goud made sensational remarks regarding MLAs defecting to Congress, asserting that their motivations are not rooted in loyalty to the party but rather in self-interest. He claimed that these MLAs are joining Congress primarily to safeguard their illegal assets and lack genuine faith in the party's ideologies.

Madhuyashki's comments followed a tragic incident in which Congress leader Gangareddy was murdered in Jagityala. In response to this gruesome killing, MLC Jeevan Reddy expressed his frustration with the encouragement of defections within the party. He criticized Congress leaders for their silence on such critical issues. Madhuyashki visited Jeevan Reddy to offer support and pacify his concerns.

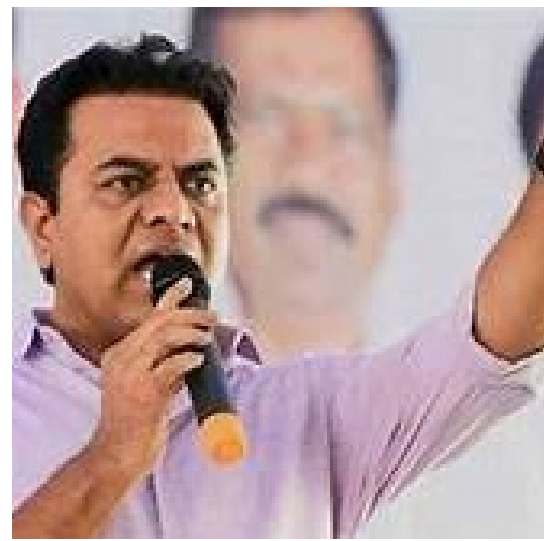
During this visit, Madhuyashki expressed his sorrow over Gangareddy's death, promising to support the bereaved family. He condemned the police's handling of the case, stating that they attributed the murder to old rivalries without conducting a thorough investigation. Gangareddy had reportedly warned the police of threats to his life, but they failed to provide adequate protection.

Madhuyashki emphasized that many MLAs from other parties join Congress out of insecurity rather than ideological alignment. He noted that defectors have not been promised any guarantees regarding nominated positions, insisting that only those who have consistently supported the party will receive priority for such roles.

KTR Accuses CM Revanth Reddy's Brothers of Dandupalayam-like Conduct

TPN , Hyderabad: BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) has launched a scathing attack on Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's brothers, likening their behavior to that of the notorious Dandupalayam gang. KTR alleged that the CM's brothers have made a claim on a lawyer's land, raising serious questions about law and order in Telangana.

KTR expressed concern over the implications for citizens seeking justice, questioning whether the police would advise aggrieved individuals to settle matters with the CM's brothers instead. He challenged the effectiveness of law enforcement in the



state, asking, "Is Revanth running a private army? If a lawyer cannot obtain justice, what hope is there for the average person?"

Further, KTR criticized the apparent conflict of interest involving a ₹1,000 crore deal linked to the CM's brother's company in America. He questioned the motivations behind such agreements, asking if this was a reward for the family's long-standing support of the Congress party.

KTR's comments highlight growing tensions within Telangana politics, as allegations of corruption and favoritism continue to surface in the wake of recent developments.

Minister Sitakka Warns Officials on Drinking Water Supply Responsibilities



TPN , Hyderabad: Minister Seethakka has issued a stern warning to officials regarding their responsibilities in ensuring the supply of drinking water across Telangana. During a review meeting at the Mission Bhagiratha office, she emphasized that there should be no disruption in drinking water supply and that only purified water must be provided to the public.

Minister Sitakka stated that the staff of Mission Bhagiratha hold the lives of millions in their hands and urged all officers to work responsibly. She warned that actions would be taken against anyone neglecting their duties. Despite previous water shortages, she noted that drinking water was supplied without issues last summer, thanks to the training of 13,456 fresh water helpers. A toll-free number for complaints will soon be established, she added. Sitakka highlighted the importance of utilizing sufficient water reserves in the state's reservoirs and focusing on local water sources. She suggested planning water supply strategies based on groups of five or six constituencies, stating that while Mission Bhagiratha has improved access, some communities have resorted to digging boreholes and installing ARV plants, raising concerns about dependency on alternative water sources.

Jaggareddy Vows Legal Action Against Media for Distorting Comments



TPN , Hyderabad : Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) Working President Jaggareddy has launched a scathing attack on the media, accusing various outlets of distorting his recent comments about women collectors. He expressed his outrage, stating that his remarks were misrepresented and warned that he would take legal action against specific television and social media platforms.

Jaggareddy's comments about women collectors have sparked controversy across the state, drawing criticism from various quarters. He alleged that while he had previously expressed frustration toward a male collector during his tenure as an MLA, many channels are erroneously portraying him as having insulted the current female collector.

"I made it clear at a public meeting that I criticized a male collector two years ago. However, some channels are misrepresenting my words, suggesting I cursed the woman collector. I have not made any derogatory comments about the current female collector," he said. He reiterated that he would issue legal notices to all media outlets involved, including BRS TV, for what he termed false propaganda against him.

Families of Constables Protest Over Revanth Reddy's Leadership, Says Sabitha Indra Reddy

TPN , Hyderabad: Former minister and senior BRS leader Sabitha Indra Reddy has claimed that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's attitude has led to the unprecedented protest by families of constables seeking justice. Speaking at a media conference at Telangana Bhavan, Reddy stated that the police families were compelled to take to the streets due to the failure of the Home Department under Revanth's leadership.

Sabitha Indra Reddy expressed her dismay, noting that it was painful for security personnel to protest for justice, emphasizing that this marked the first time in history that police families had to resort to such measures. She questioned what public governance entailed under Revanth Reddy's administration and highlighted the lack of a



functioning Home Minister in Telangana, leaving constables unsure about whom to approach for their concerns.

The former minister stressed the need for a commitment to a single police system and called for the continuation of the long-standing practice allowing officers to spend four out of 18 days with their families. She expressed alarm over the rising incidents of atrocities against women and urged DGP-level officials to intervene and address the issues at hand.

MLA Sunitha Lakshmareddy echoed Reddy's sentiments, asserting that it was a shame for police to protest in an independent country. She called for the government to resolve the ongoing police problems and questioned the state of democracy in Telangana, expressing concerns about the lack of responsiveness from the administration.

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In light of their absence, the police have filed a charge sheet, setting the stage for potential extradition proceedings. Efforts are also underway to issue red corner notices against the accused. The Telangana Criminal Investigation Department (CID) has sent a detailed report to the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI), which in turn forwarded the findings to Interpol.

The issuance of red corner notices would mark a significant step in the police's efforts to bring the accused back to India to face charges. The swift actions taken by the Hyderabad police demonstrate the seriousness of the allegations and their commitment to pursuing justice in this high-profile case. As investigations continue, the phone tapping case raises concerns about privacy and security, drawing public attention to the accountability of individuals in positions of power. Authorities remain hopeful that the cancellation of passports and the potential for red corner notices will compel Prabhakar Rao and Shraavan Rao to return to India to answer the charges against them.

Mahesh Kumar Goud Calls for Action Against KCR's Corruption

TPN , Hyderabad : Telangana Congress president Mahesh Kumar Goud has made bold statements regarding former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR), alleging rampant corruption during his tenure. Goud criticized KCR for incurring a debt of ₹8 lakh crores over ten years while promising to uphold various welfare schemes. He emphasized that his government intends to ground these initiatives without any halt, despite the financial burdens left behind by the previous administration.

In a striking assertion, Goud demanded that KCR and his son KTR face two to three years of imprisonment for their alleged misconduct, questioning the necessity of the costly Kaleshwaram project and alleging irregularities in electricity purchases. He asserted that electricity prices have now stabilized and dismissed claims of increasing tariffs under his administration.



Goud expressed frustration over a "malicious campaign" against the Congress government on social media, accusing opponents of extravagant spending and engaging in deceptive practices. He pledged

to take action to protect the interests of the poor and middle class while ensuring that no unjust treatment occurs regarding the ongoing cleansing of the Musi River.

Critiquing KCR's absence from the public sphere, Goud questioned the former CM's commitment to addressing people's issues and indicated that there are no efforts to dilute ongoing investigations into various controversies, including phone tapping and land encroachment.

Goud also noted that the Congress party remains resilient, asserting that state revenues are stable and expressing confidence that more leaders from other parties, including BRS, will soon join the Congress. He called for unity and focus on implementing the six guarantees promised to the electorate, despite funding challenges.

HYDRA Completes 100 Days

HYDRA Sets New Targets for Land Protection and Environmental Initiatives



HYDRA to Replace Damaged Pipelines at Lakdikapul to Address Flooding Issues

TPN , Hyderabad: During an on-site inspection on Friday, October 26, AV Ranganath, the commissioner of the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Assets Protection Agency (HYDRA), announced plans to replace damaged pipelines and canals contributing to ongoing flooding at Lakdikapul.

Accompanied by Traffic Additional Commissioner P. Vishwaprasad and officials from the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWSSB), Ranganath examined manholes and pipelines along the route from Dwarka Hotel near Telephone Bhavan to Lucky Restaurant on the way to Mehdiapatnam. Despite efforts to clear silt from stormwater pipelines, blockages persist due to the severe deterioration of aging infrastructure.

The project is set to begin within a week and aims to be completed quickly to minimize traffic disruptions. Additionally, Ranganath plans to inspect 30 other flood-prone areas across the city to implement preventive measures ahead of the next monsoon season.

In a separate initiative, HYDRA will launch a drive to clear permanent commercial outlets from footpaths along major and colony roads, with advance notice provided to traders. The effort will also include removing obstructions around power transformers, telecommunication ducts, and garbage bins.



TPN , Hyderabad : The Hyderabad Disaster Response and Assets Monitoring and Protection Agency (HYDRA) has marked a successful 100

days since its formation, with a renewed commitment to protecting public lands, improving urban tree care, and addressing city flooding and traffic issues. Established by Government Order (GO) 99 on July 19, HYDRA launched operations on July 26 with a mission to combat encroachment on government lands and safeguard public assets.

Within these 100 days, HYDRA has made a significant impact, demolishing over 300 illegal structures across 30 Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) areas and reclaiming approximately 120 acres of government land. Notably, the agency took decisive action against encroachments in 27 municipalities and 33 villages now integrated under the GHMC jurisdiction.

HYDRA's actions have drawn national attention, especially following the demolition of the N Convention Centre, owned by actor Nagarjuna, reportedly built on encroached land. This aggressive approach has sent a strong message

to encroachers, and no legal challenges against HYDRA's actions have been reported so far.

Recently, with the addition of GO 191, HYDRA has received expanded authority. Its current priorities include resolving urban flooding issues, improving traffic management, and protecting urban green spaces. HYDRA officials have been coordinating with relevant departments and conducting field inspections to prepare for monsoon-related challenges and to preserve city landscapes.

Additionally, HYDRA has set a six-month target to beautify and restore city ponds, contributing to environmental conservation and aesthetic improvements. HYDRA's comprehensive approach to urban management, combining land protection with environmental initiatives, has established it as a formidable agency in Hyderabad, promoting both regulatory enforcement and sustainable development for the city's future.

TGMC Conducts Raids on Quack Clinics Across Four Towns

TPN , Hyderabad: On Saturday, October 26, four teams from the Telangana Medical Council (TGMC) inspected clinics in Parigi, Vikarabad, Moinabad, and Tandur, filing criminal complaints against 25 unqualified individuals posing as doctors.

TGMC Vice-Chairman Dr. Srinivas reported that six quacks were found operating in Parigi without MBBS certifications, having only completed their intermediate education. Many fled upon noticing the inspection teams. The inspections revealed that these clinics operated with 8-10 beds and included in-house pharmacies and scanning centers, while failing to follow proper biomedical waste disposal procedures.

The TGMC has filed 300 FIRs against quacks since January, with cases filed under sections 34 and 54 of the National Medical Council Act, which can lead to a jail term of one year and a fine of ₹5 lakh. Dr. Srinivas urged the public to seek treatment only from qualified doctors and AYUSH practitioners



RTC Bus Runs Over Biker in Overtaking Accident Near Hyderabad



TPN , Hyderabad: A tragic accident occurred on the outskirts of Hyderabad on Thursday, October 24, when a young man on a mo-

torcycle was run over by a Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (RTC) bus. The incident took place in Shamirpet as the biker attempted to overtake the bus. The victim, Sheikh Saklin, a resident of Karkhana Gadda in Karimnagar district, was riding with his friend Mohammed Furkan when the accident happened. As they tried to pass the bus, the motorcycle collided with it, causing both riders to fall under the bus's wheels. Tragically, Saklin died at the scene, while Furkan sustained injuries.

The incident gained attention after a video surfaced on social media, highlighting the brutal nature of the accident.

According to reports, unintentional injuries, including road traffic crashes (RTCs), accounted for a significant portion of fatalities in India, with 430,504 deaths recorded in 2022. Despite ongoing road safety initiatives, the country continues to face high numbers of road traffic injuries (RTIs) and fatalities.

Three Arrested for Cheating Hyderabad Resident of ₹1.45 Crore

TPN , Hyderabad: In a significant cybercrime case, three individuals from Bengaluru were arrested for defrauding a local resident of ₹1.45 crore. The accused—Rameswara Behera alias RK Bhatt, Shaik Jainab alias Niharika, and her husband Akbar Khan—were involved in an online investment scheme through their company, 'X-T Square Financial Services,' which promised substantial returns.

The victim reported receiving a phone call from Niharika in January 2019, encouraging them to invest in the company. Initially investing ₹2 lakhs, the resident later poured in additional funds, bringing the total to ₹1.45 crore, but failed to receive any returns.

Upon realizing the fraud, the victim filed a complaint with the Hyderabad Cyber Crime Police. Investigations revealed that the trio had siphoned off large sums through various transactions using multiple bank accounts.

Authorities warn citizens to remain cautious of companies promising high returns and to report any cybercrime incidents through Helpline 1930 or the cybercrime police website.

BRSV Protests Against Unlawful Admissions at Amrita College of Medical Sciences



TPN , Hyderabad: The State President of the Bharatiya Rashtra Samithi Vidhyarthi (BRSV), Gellu Srinivas Yadav, led a dharna in front of the Office of the Director of Medical Education, demanding accountability for illegal admissions at Amrita College of Medical Sciences.

A petition was submitted to the Secretary of the Para Medical Board, Prem Kumar, urging immediate action against those responsible for granting admissions without the necessary permissions. During the protest, Gellu Srinivas Yadav highlighted that students are being deceived by being offered admissions under the guise of Para Medical Diploma and BSc Nursing programs. He insisted that students should not face any academic losses this year. The protesters also called for the return of illegally collected fees and urged authorities to monitor illegal colleges and initiate legal action against them. BRSV State Vice President Tunga Balu and other leaders, including Khurram Ali, Vikas, Praveen, Saiteja, Sai Patel, and Vamsi Yadav, participated in the demonstration.

SCSC Honors Traffic Volunteers for Excellence in Traffic Management

TPN , Hyderabad: The Society for Cyberabad Security Council (SCSC) recently honored traffic volunteers and personnel for their outstanding contributions to traffic management and commuter safety in Cyberabad. During a special event, awards were presented to traffic volunteers for their dedicated efforts, officials from the Traffic Training Institute for enhancing the skills of traffic personnel, and Good Samaritans recognized for their selfless acts of kindness. Traffic officials were also commended for maintaining order and ensuring road safety in the region.

Joel Davis, Joint Commissioner of Police (Traffic) Cyberabad, praised the SCSC for promoting road safety and expressed gratitude for the collective efforts of officials and volunteers. SCSC General Secretary Ramesh Kaza emphasized the importance of community involvement in improving road safety.

A total of 160 volunteers, including professionals, students, and social activists, were recognized. Special acknowledgment was given to Lokendra Singh (@hydtrafficman), a citizen advocate for traffic regulations. Citizens can report violations to Cyberabad Traffic Police via WhatsApp at 9490617346.



Invitation to Deputy CM for Telangana Sadar Sammelan



TPN , Hyderabad : Rajya Sabha members Anil Kumar Yadav and former MP Anjan Kumar Yadav have extended an invitation to Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu to attend the Telangana Sadar Sammelan, taking place on Sunday at NTR Stadium, opposite Indira Park. During their discussion at Praja Bhavan on Saturday, they emphasized that the Sadar Sammelan is organized with a focus on unity and inclusivity, without regard to politics or caste. The invitation aims to encourage the Deputy CM's participation alongside Sadar Committee members in this significant event.

Minister Ponnam Prabhakar Distributes Shoes to Karimnagar Students in CSR Initiative

TPN , Karimnagar : Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar visited Chinna Malkanuru Model School and Junior College in Chigurumamidi Mandal, Husnabad Constituency, where he distributed shoes to students as part of a Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative led by District Collector Pamela Satpathy. The event was attended by Additional Collector Prapool Desai, RDO Mahesh, DEO Janardhan, MEO Pavani, and other education officials.

The CSR program aims to provide shoes to 1,098 students in the mandal, with plans to benefit 23,000 students across Karimnagar district. Minister Prabhakar encouraged students to focus on their education and pursue their goals diligently. "Success comes with hard work and dedication. Strive to make your families and villages proud," he told them.

Under Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's leadership, Telangana has al-



located Rs. 1,100 crore to enhance infrastructure in 25,000 schools, covering amenities like sanitation, free electricity, and drinking water.

Minister Prabhakar also emphasized learning multiple languages, citing former Prime Minister PV

Narasimha Rao's linguistic skills as inspiration. He urged students to excel academically and contribute meaningfully to society.

Former Minister's Brother Remanded for 14 Days in Double Bedroom Housing Scam

TPN , Mahbubnagar : Srikanth Goud, brother of former minister Srinivas Goud, was arrested and remanded by the police for his involvement in an alleged illegal sale of double bedroom houses in Mahbubnagar district center. The case was initially registered on September 2 after a complaint from the tehsildar reported irregularities in government lands in survey number 523 in Adarsha Nagar, near Christian Palli in Mahbubnagar town.

Srikanth Goud, listed as accused A4, was reportedly absconding but was located in Hyderabad. Former minister Srinivas Goud personally brought his brother to the rural police station, where his statement was recorded before his arrest. Srikanth underwent a medical examination at the district hospital and was later presented before a judge in Achchampet, as the Mahbubnagar judge was unavailable.

Three other individuals have already been arrested and remanded in this case, which continues to unfold as part of a broader investigation into land and housing irregularities. Srikanth Goud has been remanded to judicial custody for 14 days as the investigation progresses.

Constable Pleads for Justice Amid Protests in Sircilla

TPN , Rajanna-Sircilla: During an ongoing protest by Armed Reserve constables and their families at the Telangana Special Police (AR) 17th Battalion in Sardapur, a constable fell at the feet of Sircilla Superintendent of Police Akhil Mahajan, pleading for justice.

The constables, protesting at the Commandant's Office on Saturday, raised slogans against Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and the Congress party, demanding fair treatment and the implementation of the promised "Ek Police" system across the state.

As SP Mahajan visited the battalion to address the agitating personnel, one constable emotionally recounted the hardships faced by constables, alleging forced labor and duties at higher officials' residences. Many constables requested the government adopt uniform duty policies similar to



those in Tamil Nadu and Karnataka.

SP Mahajan and his staff attempted to console the constable, highlighting the depth of grievances among law enforcement personnel in the region.

Padma Shri Awardee Kanaka Raju Laid to Rest with State Honors in Asifabad

TPN , Kumram Bheem Asifabad: Padma Shri awardee and renowned Gussadi dance maestro Kanaka Raju was laid to rest with full state honors in Marlavai village, Jainoor mandal, on Saturday. Kanaka Raju, aged 83, passed away on Friday due to illness. He is survived by his wife, eight daughters, and four sons.

MLAs Vedma Bojju and Kova Lakshmi, along with Collector Venkatesh Dothre and SP DV Srinivas Rao, paid tribute by placing a wreath on his body. As a mark of respect, four rounds of bullets were fired. A large gathering of tribals attended the funeral to honor the Gussadi master, sharing their fond memories of him.

Kanaka Raju, a member of the Raj Gond community, was awarded the Padma Shri in 2021 for his significant contributions to the Gussadi dance. Former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhara Rao also recognized his contributions with a cash award of Rs. 1 crore. He began performing the dance at the age of eight and went on to give 350 performances, including one for former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi in 1982.

Raju served as the chief dance instructor at the School of Gussadi in Adilabad, leaving an enduring legacy in the field of traditional dance.

3 Youngsters Drown in Pranahita River During Picnic in Asifabad

TPN , Kumram Bheem Asifabad: In a tragic incident, three youngsters from Bejjur mandal drowned in the Pranahita River near Somini village on Saturday while on a picnic outing. The victims, identified as Zahir Hussain (22), Irshad (20), and Moiz (19), were attempting to take a dip in the river when the tragedy occurred. Irshad and Moiz were cousins, and Zahir was their friend.

The group, which included a fourth friend, Qasim, had gone to a popular picnic spot by the river. While Zahir, Irshad, and Moiz entered the river, Qasim stayed on the riverbank. The three reportedly ventured into a deep spot, unaware of the risks due to their limited swimming skills. Upon witnessing the incident, Qasim quickly informed their families, who sought assistance from the police. Police, accompanied by expert divers, launched a search operation, but efforts to recover the bodies were suspended as night fell. The search will resume on Sunday.



Errabelli Dayakar Rao Mocks Minister Ponguleti's Comments on Political 'Bombs'

TPN , Hyderabad: Former minister Errabelli Dayakar Rao has humorously criticized state minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy's recent statement about "political bombs" set to shake Telangana before Diwali. Echoing Ponguleti's prediction, Errabelli agreed, stating that these "bombs" are indeed likely to explode but within the Congress party itself.

Errabelli alleged that Minister Ponguleti has sensed an imminent threat to the Congress-led state government, accusing Congress ministers and MLAs of diversionary tactics aimed at distracting the public. He claimed these "political dramas" are merely a strategy to shift focus from unfulfilled promises.

Errabelli also criticized Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, stating that he is struggling to secure a meeting with Rahul Gandhi. Suggesting instability within Congress, Errabelli warned that significant changes in leadership may soon be seen. He accused CM Revanth Reddy and Congress leaders of engaging in "diversion politics" rather than addressing the needs of the people and fulfilling campaign promises.

Woman Disqualified for Cheating in TGPSC Group 1 Mains Exam



TPN , Hyderabad: In a significant development during the Telangana State Public Service Commission (TGPSC) Group 1 Mains exams, a woman candidate from an engineering college in Ranga Reddy District was disqualified for cheating on October 25. The incident occurred during Paper IV (Economy and Development) when an invigilator noticed suspicious behavior. Upon inspection, the candidate was found with concealed study material and was reportedly copying notes from her left palm onto the rough section of her answer booklet before the exam began. She was immediately barred from completing the test.

The TGPSC Group 1 Mains exams commenced on October 21, despite protests calling for postponement over reservations introduced by Government Order (GO) 29. Opposition parties, including the BRS and BJP, had supported these demands. However, the Supreme Court dismissed petitions for a stay, allowing exams to proceed across 46 centers in Hyderabad, Ranga Reddy, and Medchal-Malkajgiri districts. Out of approximately 3.02 lakh aspirants, 31,383 candidates qualified for the Mains, which concludes on October 27, competing for 563 government posts.

BRICS Challenges Dollar Dominance at Kazan Summit



Ahead of the recent BRICS Summit in Kazan, Russia, the Ministry of Finance released a significant document titled "Improvement of The International Monetary System." This document aimed to spark discussions among the leaders of the five original BRICS nations—Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa—alongside representatives from over 20 other countries.

The document asserted that the current International Monetary and Financial System (IMFS) has reached its peak and requires improvements to better address the evolving global economy. It highlighted Russia's struggles against Western sanctions, arguing that the existing system poses destabilizing risks due to excessive reliance on a single currency and centralized financial infrastructure. The proposed future model should prioritize security, independence, inclusion, and sustainability, suggesting the exploration of a multilateral settlement platform based on modern technologies.

In the lead-up to the summit, President Vladimir Putin emphasized BRICS as key drivers of global economic growth. He argued that this coalition could generate the majority of the world's GDP growth in the foreseeable future. During his speech at the BRICS Business Forum, he introduced initiatives like a joint cross-border payments system and a SWIFT-like financial messaging service designed to withstand Western sanctions. He urged BRICS nations to reconsider holding sovereign reserves in US dollars, aligning with his broader agenda to challenge the dollar's supremacy.

Last year's summit in Johannesburg had already set the stage for a potential challenge to dollar dominance, with Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva questioning why trade couldn't be conducted using member countries' own currencies. His remarks stirred discussions about the legitimacy of the dollar as the default currency since the abandonment of the gold

standard.

Despite BRICS not being the first group to challenge dollar hegemony—France initiated such discussions in the 1950s—the recent sentiment suggests that "de-dollarisation" could gain momentum post-Kazan. Historical context shows that France's resistance included calls for dethroning the dollar, with President Charles de Gaulle expressing discontent over America's privileged position in the global monetary system.

The formation of the European Economic Union and the introduction of the Euro as a common currency were also strategic moves against dollar dominance. Over the past two decades, the Euro has successfully captured approximately 21% of global forex reserves.

As BRICS continues to navigate these complex economic waters, its ability to challenge the dollar's dominance will be closely

Elon Musk's Shift to Conservatism: Understanding the Surprising Pivot



Elon Musk's recent support for Donald Trump at political rallies has raised eyebrows, particularly within the traditionally liberal landscape of Silicon Valley. While Musk is often labeled as a libertarian, he has described himself as a centrist or "politically moderate." This apparent shift toward conservatism prompts the question: why is it perceived as such a radical departure?

Three primary factors contribute to this surprise. First, Musk has cultivated an image as a futuristic techno-optimist and maverick, which has obscured some of his more unconventional personal beliefs. This persona has led many to overlook the complexities of his political views, framing him as an innovator rather than a traditional political figure. His enthusiastic embrace of cutting-edge technologies and bold ventures like SpaceX and Tesla has distracted from his underlying ideological shifts.

Second, despite his current leanings, Musk has a history of supporting Democratic candidates, including Barack Obama, Bill Clinton, and even Joe Biden in the 2020 election. This prior affiliation with the Democratic Party has created a sense of cognitive dissonance among observers who now see him aligning with the Right. His past support for progressive policies and candidates adds another layer of complexity to his current positioning, making his pivot seem abrupt and contradictory.

The third factor is the magnitude of his ideological shift and the financial resources he has directed toward right-wing causes. Musk's opposition to what he describes as the "woke" Left has manifested in a notable endorsement of the Dark MAGA movement, which advocates for a return to Trumpism characterized by a vengeful and dystopian outlook. This alignment with fringe elements of the conservative movement has shocked many who view it as an extreme transformation rather than a simple political evolution. However, beneath the sensationalism lies a more straightforward reality. Musk's conservatism appears to stem from a profit motive and a contrarian desire for recognition and validation. His pivot may be less about deep ideological convictions and more about aligning with narratives that challenge the status quo, appealing to a segment of the population that feels marginalized by contemporary liberalism.

Congress (I) Pursues Alliances Amid Challenges

In light of increasing electoral challenges, the Congress (I) party has intensified efforts to forge alliances with various regional parties ahead of the upcoming elections. Recognizing the need for a broader coalition to enhance their chances at the polls, Congress (I) leaders are actively engaging with over a dozen regional factions, some of which have controversial communal affiliations. This strategy places the party in a precarious position, relying heavily on a diverse array of partners for electoral success.

As Congress (I) negotiates with these regional parties, the discussions underscore the urgency to consolidate support in the face of anticipated difficulties during the elections. By reaching out to parties across the spectrum, Congress (I) aims to bolster its electoral base and increase its influence in key states. The party's emissaries are navigating a complex political landscape, seeking to align with groups that may not traditionally share their values but are crucial for building a viable coalition.

In the context of regional politics, the Congress (I) faces competition from various state-based parties, each with their unique agendas and voter bases. As alliances form, the party must carefully manage its relationships to avoid alienating its core supporters while appealing to new constituencies. This balancing act is critical as Congress (I) looks to re-establish its prominence in the political arena.

Supreme Court Critiques Government Response to Stubble Burning



On Wednesday, the Supreme Court criticized the Central and state governments of Delhi and its neighboring regions for their inadequate response to the issue of crop stubble burning. The Court emphasized the significance of Article 21 of the Constitution, which guarantees the right to a pollution-free environment. Despite a reported decline in the number of farm-fire incidents in recent years, the Court highlighted that punitive measures against farmers remain the primary approach, overlooking the underlying reasons for their actions.

The issue of stubble burning is often met with swift blame directed at farmers, yet this perspective fails to consider the economic and logistical pressures they face. Many farmers resort to burning crop residue as a cost-effective method to clear fields for the next planting season. This practice is compounded by a lack of efficient alternatives for managing agricultural

waste, such as proper disposal or utilization of stubble for bioenergy or composting. The governments' emphasis on penalties does little to address these root causes, perpetuating a cycle of blame without offering real solutions.

The Supreme Court also pointed out that pollution in the Delhi-NCR region arises from multiple sources beyond stubble burning. Key contributors include local traffic, industrial emissions, construction activities, road dust, and biomass burning. According to government data, stubble burning accounts for only 5 to 30 percent of the pollution load in the National Capital Region (NCR) during peak pollution periods. This statistic highlights the necessity for a more comprehensive approach to tackling air quality issues, rather than fixating solely on agricultural practices.

While the reduction in stubble burning in-

cidents is commendable, it is essential for the governments to engage with farmers to understand their challenges and to facilitate better agricultural practices. Solutions might involve providing subsidies for machinery that helps in stubble management, promoting awareness about sustainable practices, and investing in research for alternative uses of crop residue.

The Supreme Court's strong stance calls for a reevaluation of strategies employed by the government. It advocates for a balanced approach that incorporates both regulatory measures and supportive initiatives aimed at fostering environmental responsibility among farmers. Addressing the multifaceted nature of pollution will require collaboration among various stakeholders, including the government, agricultural communities, and environmental organizations, to ensure a cleaner and healthier environment for all.



PM Modi to Inaugurate Tata Aircraft Complex in Gujarat

Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez are set to inaugurate the Tata aircraft complex in Vadodra, Gujarat, on Monday, marking a significant milestone in India's defense manufacturing capabilities. This facility will be dedicated to the production of C-295 aircraft by Tata Advanced Systems and represents the first private sector final assembly line (FAL) for military aircraft in India.

In a statement released by the Prime Minister's Office (PMO) on Saturday, it was announced that Modi's visit to his home state will also include the launch of various development projects worth over ₹4,900 crore in Amreli.

Under the agreement, the Vadodra facility is expected to manufacture 40 aircraft, while aerospace giant Airbus will deliver an additional 16 aircraft directly. This collaboration underscores the growing partnership between Tata Advanced Systems and Airbus, further strengthening India's defense manufacturing landscape.

The Tata facility will encompass a comprehensive ecosystem that includes the manufacture, assembly, testing, qualification, and maintenance of the air-



craft throughout its lifecycle. The PMO highlighted that this initiative will not only enhance India's defense capabilities but also promote self-reliance in military aircraft production.

In addition to Tata Advanced Systems, the project will engage prominent de-

fense public sector units, including Bharat Electronics and Bharat Dynamics, along with numerous private micro, small, and medium enterprises. This collaborative approach aims to foster innovation and support the broader defense manufacturing ecosystem in India.

India Needs Revolutionary Growth To Become Developed Economy': ISRO Chief Somanath



ISRO Chairman S. Somanathan emphasized the need for India to undergo a revolutionary transformation to emerge as a developed economy. Speaking at the 13th convocation ceremony of the Indraprastha Institute of Information Technology (IIIT) in Delhi, he highlighted that technological advancements and product development are crucial for driving economic growth.

Somanathan's remarks were particularly directed at India's aspirations to rank among the world's largest economies. He stated, "If India aims to become the third, second, or even the largest global economy, a revolutionary change is imperative. Growth cannot rely solely on trade and resources; we need to create value through technology that fuels product development."

In his address, he also commended visionary Elon Musk for his groundbreaking work in the space sector, noting that Musk's accomplishments have inspired global efforts, including those within ISRO. "Elon Musk is making heads turn with his rockets. Everyone, from Europe to Russia to China, is looking at what he is doing. He is a great man doing fantastic work, and we are all inspired by his achievements," Somanathan said.

While acknowledging India's significant achievements in space exploration, including recent successful lunar missions, he stressed the importance of ongoing innovation and effort to maintain momentum. "We have reached a level where we are the fifth-largest global economy, but to ascend further, we must enhance our technology. We need to develop expertise in areas such as propulsion, material sciences, and orbital dynamics," he added.

Restoration of statehood policy matter, not political issue: J&K BJP chief Ravinder Raina

Jammu and Kashmir BJP chief Ravinder Raina emphasized on Saturday that the restoration of statehood to the Union Territory is a matter of policy rather than a political issue. He urged against any rush in making decisions, highlighting that Jammu and Kashmir has already endured significant challenges in recent years.

Raina's comments come in the context of ongoing discussions about the political status of Jammu and Kashmir following its reorganization in 2019, when it was converted from a state into a Union Territory. He stressed the importance of taking a careful and measured approach to the statehood debate, considering the region's complex history and ongoing challenges.

"Restoring statehood is not merely a political agenda; it is a matter of policy that requires thoughtful consideration," Raina stated. He pointed out that hasty decisions could exacerbate existing issues and that the government should prioritize stability and development in the region. The BJP leader acknowledged the sentiments of various stakeholders in Jammu and Kashmir who advocate for the restoration of statehood. However, he emphasized the need for a comprehensive assessment of the situation before proceeding.

Aam Aadmi Party to Support Maha Vikas Aghadi in Maharashtra Elections



The Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) has announced that it will not contest the upcoming assembly elections in Maharashtra. Instead, party chief Arvind Kejriwal will actively campaign for the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) coalition, which includes Uddhav Thackeray's Shiv Sena (UBT), Sharad Pawar's NCP-SP, and the Congress. AAP leader Sanjay

Singh confirmed this decision on Saturday via a post on X.

Singh, a Rajya Sabha MP, stated, "In the Maharashtra elections, the party's National Convener, Arvind Kejriwal, will campaign for the MVA candidates. Aam Aadmi Party will not contest elections in Maharashtra." According to AAP sources, the Shiv Sena (UBT) and NCP-SP reached out to the party to request Kejriwal's involvement in the campaign.

In addition to his efforts in Maharashtra, Kejriwal is also set to campaign for Hemant Soren's ruling Jharkhand Mukti Morcha in the upcoming Jharkhand assembly polls. The political landscape in Maharashtra is critical, with 288 assembly seats up for grabs in the elec-

tions scheduled for November 20.

The Jharkhand polls will occur in two phases on November 13 and 20, with the counting of votes for both states set for November 23. AAP, along with the MVA constituents, is part of the Indian National Developmental Inclusive Alliance (INDIA), a coalition formed to challenge the BJP ahead of the 2024 Lok Sabha elections.

While AAP has allied with Congress, the largest member of the INDIA bloc, in Delhi, Gujarat, and Haryana for the Lok Sabha elections, it contested independently in Punjab. In the recent assembly elections in Haryana, AAP also ran on its own but did not secure any seats.

Tribal community integral to India's development: President Murmu



President Droupadi Murmu emphasized the vital contribution of the tribal community to India's progress during her address at the third and fourth joint convocation of IIT Bhilai in Chhattisgarh on October 26. She asserted that the nation's development would remain incomplete without the active participation of these communities.

In her speech, President Murmu praised the innovative thinking and far-reaching vision of IIT graduates, noting their significant impact on advancing both India and the global landscape. She commended IIT Bhilai for its state-of-the-art facilities and its commitment to integrating natural resources into its educational framework. "This first convocation at the newly-developed campus showcases advanced teaching and research amenities that embody a forward-thinking design," she remarked.

Highlighting the knowledge-rich, nature-centered lifestyle of the tribal community, President Murmu stated, "Our tribal brothers and sisters are a reservoir of knowledge. Their natural way of life offers invaluable insights for sustainable development." She emphasized that understanding and learning from this community could significantly contribute to India's growth trajectory.

The President lauded IIT Bhilai's initiatives in agri-tech, health-tech, and fintech aimed at tribal development. She specifically mentioned a mobile health app developed in collaboration with AIIMS-Raipur, designed to provide health advice directly to villagers in their homes, thereby enhancing healthcare access.

Reflecting on the legacy of IITs over the past six decades, President Murmu noted, "IITians have carved a unique identity globally, leading major corporations and influencing the technology landscape." She expressed confidence that IIT Bhilai, along with its students, would play a crucial role in enhancing India's international standing.



Jaishankar credits military, diplomacy for India-China LAC breakthrough

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar credited the recent breakthrough agreement with China regarding patrolling along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) to the efforts of the military and effective diplomacy, achieved under "very unimaginable" conditions. Speaking to students in Pune, he acknowledged that while progress has been made, it is still too early for a full normalization of relations, which will take time to rebuild.

Jaishankar referenced a meeting between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and President Xi Jinping during the BRICS summit in Kazan, where it was agreed that the foreign ministers and National Security Advisors of both countries would convene to discuss future steps. He emphasized that the current situation was the result of India's determined stance and the military's role in defending the nation under challenging circumstances.

The minister highlighted significant improvements in India's border infrastructure over the past decade, noting, "We have put in five times more resources annually than we did ten years ago, which is showing results." This enhancement has allowed the military to be effectively deployed, contributing to the recent diplomatic progress.

Earlier this week, India announced an agreement with China that would enable patrolling along the LAC in eastern Ladakh, marking a major step toward resolving a military standoff that has persisted for over four years. Jaishankar pointed out that the situation along the border has been tense since 2020, which has adversely affected the overall relationship between the two nations.

He outlined the various aspects of the ongoing negotiations, highlighting three key components: disengagement, de-escalation, and the broader issue of border management and boundary settlement. Currently, the focus is primarily on disengagement, as troops are positioned very close to one another, raising the risk of conflicts.

Germany Strengthens Ties with India: Focus on Skilled Labor and Education

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz's recent visit to India, accompanied by a high-profile delegation of eight ministers, marks a significant milestone in the Indo-German relationship. This trip aims to enhance economic collaboration, particularly in response to Germany's urgent need for skilled labor, opening new migration pathways for Indian professionals.

The visit aligns with the release of Germany's "India Focus Paper," which outlines its goals to deepen strategic partnerships with India. As the world's most populous democracy and a rapidly growing economy, India is poised to play a critical role for Germany, especially in sectors like education, technology, and skill development.

A key focus of the delegation's discussions is the anticipated expansion of the Migration and Mobility Agreement, which will facilitate the movement of skilled Indian workers to Germany. This agreement is crucial in addressing Germany's skill shortages in digital, engineering, and healthcare sectors. German Finance Minister Robert Habeck emphasized the alignment between Germany's needs and India's youthful workforce, stating, "India is a young, growing society."

In addition to easing migration pathways, Germany is committed to investing in India's educational ecosystem. The German Embassy hosted its fifth Green and Sustainable Development Partnership (GSDP) Conversation Series at IIT Delhi, bringing together leaders from various sectors to discuss building a workforce prepared for



the digital and green economies. Germany has a history of supporting India's skill development initiatives, particularly in high-demand areas like Artificial Intelligence (AI) and renewable energy.

One notable initiative is "Experimento India," launched by Siemens Stiftung and other partners. This project aims to provide Open Educational Resources (OER) to underserved communities, focusing on STEM skills and promoting educational equity in India.

Chancellor Scholz's visit emphasizes India's strategic importance to Germany's long-term vision, which encompasses cooperation in skill development, sustainable energy, and trade. The ongoing discussions and initiatives symbolize a robust partnership aimed at cultivating a skilled, interconnected workforce, ready to meet the demands of a rapidly evolving global economy. This collaboration not only benefits both nations but also fosters a deeper understanding and exchange of expertise that is crucial for future growth.



US Sends Back Illegal Indian Immigrants On Chartered Flight Ahead Of Polls

The United States has initiated the deportation of Indian nationals residing illegally in the country by hiring a chartered flight, according to the Department of Homeland Security (DHS). This operation was carried out in coordination with the Indian government, highlighting ongoing efforts to manage immigration effectively.

On October 22, the charter flight departed for India, with DHS officials emphasizing the seriousness of unlawful immigration. "Indian nationals without a legal basis to remain in the United States are subject to swift removal," stated Kristie A. Canegallo, a senior official performing the duties of Deputy Secretary of Homeland Security. She further warned potential migrants against falling prey to smugglers who propagate misleading information about immigration.

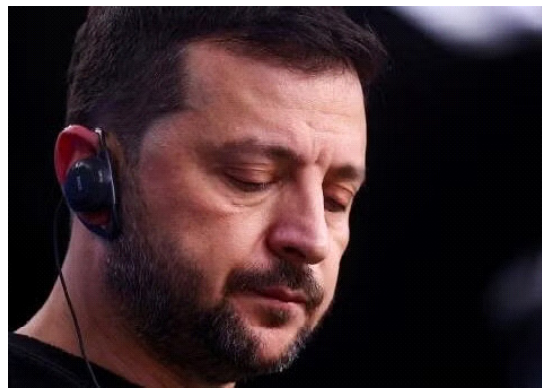
The DHS has reiterated its commitment to enforcing U.S. immigration laws and implementing strict measures for those who enter the country unlawfully. The agency encourages individuals to pursue legal pathways for immigration rather than resorting to dangerous and illegal methods.

Since the implementation of the Securing the Border Presidential Proclamation and the accompanying Interim Final Rule in June 2024, the DHS reports a significant decrease in encounters at the southwest border. Specifically, there has been a 55 percent reduction in such encounters, indicating the effectiveness of these new policies.

In fiscal year 2024 alone, the DHS removed or returned over 160,000 individuals and facilitated more than 495 international repatriation flights to over 145 countries, including India. This underscores the DHS's ongoing engagement with foreign governments to ensure the repatriation of nationals without legal status in the U.S.

The department noted that this charter flight is just one of many tools employed to reduce irregular migration, encourage safe and lawful immigration pathways, and hold transnational criminal networks accountable for smuggling operations that exploit vulnerable individuals.

Over the past year, the DHS has also removed individuals from various countries, including Colombia, Ecuador, Peru, Egypt, Mauritania, Senegal, Uzbekistan, China, and India, reflecting a comprehensive approach to immigration enforcement and international cooperation.



G7 Leaders Agree on \$50 Billion Loan Package for Ukraine

Leaders of the Group of Seven (G7) wealthy democracies reached a significant agreement on Friday, approving a loan package of approximately \$50 billion for Ukraine. This financial support will be backed by the revenue generated from frozen Russian sovereign assets, with the aim of beginning disbursement as early as December.

The consensus among G7 nations underscores their commitment to supporting Ukraine amidst its ongoing challenges. As the conflict with Russia continues to strain the Ukrainian economy, this loan package is seen as a crucial lifeline to help stabilize the country's financial situation and facilitate recovery efforts.

The G7 leaders highlighted the importance of utilizing Russian assets that have been frozen as a result of sanctions imposed in response to the invasion of Ukraine. By leveraging these resources, the G7 aims to provide significant financial assistance while also sending a strong message to Russia regarding the consequences of its actions.

During the discussions, the leaders emphasized the need for a coordinated approach to aid Ukraine, not only through financial support but also through humanitarian assistance and military aid. The agreement signals a united front among the G7 countries in their resolve to bolster Ukraine's sovereignty and territorial integrity.

The \$50 billion loan package is expected to play a vital role in helping Ukraine address immediate economic needs, including funding for essential services and infrastructure repair. Ukrainian officials have expressed gratitude for the ongoing support from G7 nations, recognizing its importance in the country's efforts to rebuild and strengthen its economy.



Send them to a small rally: Kamala Harris To Trump supporters

Vice President Kamala Harris encountered disruptions from alleged Donald Trump supporters during her rally in Houston, Texas, on Friday, just ten days before the presidential election. Despite the heckling and boos, Harris remained composed, attempting to calm the crowd as she addressed her supporters.

In a light-hearted jab at the disruptions, Harris suggested to the crowd, "Just send them to do a small rally down the street. It'll be fun. Some people don't have a great sense of direction. That's okay." Her supporters quickly rallied behind her, breaking into chants of encouragement, while security escorted one disruptive individual from the venue.

Amidst the charged atmosphere, pop star Beyonce made her first public political appearance this election cycle, joining Harris at the abortion rights-themed rally. Instead of performing, she took the opportunity to address the audience, stating, "I'm not here as a celebrity. I'm not here as a politician. I'm here as a mother... Your freedom is your God-given right, your human right." Beyonce emphasized the urgency of their cause, declaring, "It's time to sing a new song... The old notes of downfall, discord, despair no longer resonate."

Following Beyonce's impassioned speech, Harris expressed optimism about her campaign, asserting, "Momentum is on our side." She acknowledged the challenges in Texas, historically a Republican stronghold, and urged her supporters to stay committed. "So to all the friends here, let us remember: momentum is on our side. I know sometimes in Texas folks are like, 'Is it worth it? Is it? Does it make a difference?' Yes, it does," Harris affirmed.



US warns Iran against retaliation to Israeli strikes

The White House has indicated that Israel's recent military strikes on Iran should bring an end to direct hostilities between the two nations, while also cautioning Tehran about potential consequences if it retaliates. A senior official emphasized that the administration views the Israeli operation as a significant step in reducing military exchanges between Israel and Iran, aligning with perspectives shared by other allied nations.

As the situation unfolded, President Joe Biden was kept informed throughout the day on Friday, receiving updates from his National Security Adviser, Jake Sullivan. The official, who spoke to reporters under the condition of anonymity, described the Israeli operation as "extensive, targeted, and precise," highlighting the strategic nature of the strikes.

The administration clarified that the United States had no direct involvement in the operation, reinforcing its stance of supporting Israel's right to defend itself against perceived threats. The White House's comments reflect ongoing tensions in the region, with Iran's military capabilities and activities being closely monitored by both Israeli and American officials.

While the Israeli strikes aim to disrupt Iranian operations that pose threats to Israel, the potential for escalation remains a concern. The official reiterated the U.S. commitment to Israel's security, while also urging Iran to refrain from any retaliatory actions that could further destabilize the already volatile situation in the region.

As the global community watches closely, the ramifications of this military engagement could have significant implications for U.S.-Iran relations and broader geopolitical dynamics.



Justice Yahya Afridi Sworn in as 30th Chief Justice of Pakistan

Justice Yahya Afridi was sworn in as the 30th Chief Justice of Pakistan on Saturday, marking a significant transition in the country's judiciary. The oath-taking ceremony took place in Islamabad and was attended by top government officials and dignitaries, reflecting the importance of this judicial appointment.

Justice Afridi succeeds Qazi Faez Isa, who retired on Friday upon reaching the mandatory retirement age of 65. Afridi's elevation to the highest judicial position in the country comes at a crucial time, as Pakistan continues to navigate various legal and constitutional challenges.

Born in Peshawar, Justice Afridi has had a distinguished career in law. He has served on the Supreme Court since 2018 and has been involved in numerous landmark judgments that have shaped the legal landscape of Pakistan. His extensive experience and commitment to justice have garnered respect from his peers and the legal community.

During the ceremony, officials expressed confidence in Justice Afridi's ability to uphold the rule of law and deliver justice impartially. He takes the helm at a time when the judiciary is under scrutiny, and public expectations for transparency and accountability are high. Justice Afridi's appointment comes amid ongoing discussions about judicial reforms and the judiciary's role in safeguarding the constitution. His leadership will be pivotal in addressing these issues, as well as maintaining the independence of the judiciary in Pakistan.

Strengthening Trade Ties: SBI and India Exim Bank Support African Businesses



The State Bank of India (SBI) and India Exim Bank are stepping up efforts to bridge the trade finance gap for businesses in African countries, as highlighted by their leadership during the recent India Entrepreneurs Forum (IEF) in South Africa. This initiative, launched by the Indian Consul General, Mahesh Kumar, aims to provide ongoing support for companies engaged in trade and business relations with India.

Kumar emphasized the importance of this engagement, particularly for smaller businesses that often struggle to navigate the complexities of trade finance. "Larger companies typically manage their financing needs effectively, but for smaller enterprises, the challenges can seem daunting," he explained. The fo-

rum is designed to enhance the capacity of these businesses, equipping them with the tools and knowledge necessary for successful international trade.

During the event, SBI CEO Ashutosh Kumar and Shyamashish Acharya, the Resident Representative at the Johannesburg office of India Exim Bank, shared insights into how their institutions can facilitate import and export activities between India and Africa. They underscored the significant advantages of leveraging their services, which can help mitigate the obstacles many businesses face in accessing financing.

"SBI is committed to expanding India's presence in Africa and plays a vital role in enhancing trade through

strategic funding to South African banks via syndications," Ashutosh Kumar stated. He also noted that SBI has consistently reinvested in South Africa, maintaining a strong financial presence there for the past 27 years.

The collaboration between SBI and India Exim Bank represents a pivotal step toward empowering African businesses, fostering a more inclusive trading environment. As these banks continue to provide essential resources and support, they are not only contributing to individual business success but also strengthening the overall economic ties between India and the African continent. This partnership signals a promising future for trade relations, paving the way for growth and innovation in both regions.

Inflation to moderate from last quarter of FY2025: RBI Governor



Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das has indicated that the trajectory of consumer price-based inflation (CPI) is expected to moderate starting in the last quarter of the current fiscal year. However, he also highlighted significant upside risks to this outlook, stemming from erratic weather patterns and escalating geopolitical tensions.

Speaking at the Macro Week event organized by the Peterson Institute for International Economics (PIIE) in Washington, Das stated, "The headline inflation trajectory is projected to sequentially moderate from the last quarter of this financial year." He emphasized that while there are optimistic projections for inflation rates, unpredictable weather events and the worsening of geopolitical conflicts could complicate this forecast.

Das's remarks come at a time when various factors are influencing inflation trends globally, including supply chain disruptions and fluctuating energy prices. He underscored the importance of monitoring these potential risks closely, as they could significantly impact both domestic and international economic stability.

The RBI has been actively managing monetary policy to curb inflation, aiming to strike a balance between supporting economic growth and maintaining price stability. Das reiterated that any shifts in inflation dynamics require vigilant attention, especially as the global economic landscape continues to evolve.

The potential for erratic weather, which could affect agricultural output and food prices, remains a crucial concern for policymakers. Additionally, ongoing geopolitical conflicts can lead to volatility in global markets, influencing inflationary pressures in India and beyond.

As the RBI navigates these challenges, the focus will be on ensuring that inflation remains within acceptable limits while fostering sustainable economic growth. Das's comments reflect a proactive approach to managing the complexities of the current economic environment, emphasizing the need for flexibility in policy responses to emerging risks.

ICICI Bank Reports Strong Q2 Performance with Significant Profit Growth

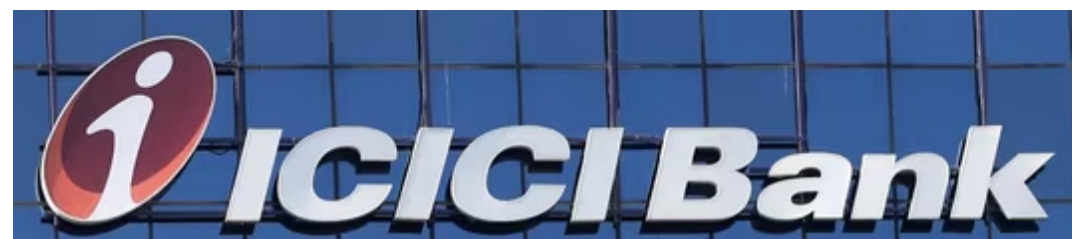
ICICI Bank Ltd, India's second-largest private sector lender, has released its financial results for the second quarter of the fiscal year 2024-25, showing impressive growth in profitability and income. The announcement was made on Saturday, October 26, 2024.

The bank reported a standalone net profit of ₹11,745.88 crore, reflecting a 14.47% increase, or ₹1,484.88 crore, compared to the same quarter last year, where profits stood at ₹10,261 crore. This growth underscores ICICI Bank's robust performance in a competitive banking landscape.

Interest income saw a significant rise, reaching ₹40,537.38 crore, marking a 16.08% increase, or ₹5,616.99 crore, from the ₹34,920.39 crore recorded in the corresponding quarter of the previous year. This surge is indicative of the bank's effective lending strategies and strong demand for loans.

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This acquisition is coupled with an open offer from Renew Exim to purchase an additional 26% stake in ITD Cementation from public shareholders at ₹571.68 per share, which could amount to ₹2,553 crore if fully subscribed. The initiative aligns with the Adani Group's strategic expansion plans, particularly in civil engineering, as it seeks to enhance its involvement in infrastructure projects, including airports, highways, and metro systems.



Additionally, the bank's income from investments increased to ₹8,311.33 crore, up by 18.38% or ₹1,291.02 crore compared to ₹7,020.31 crore in the previous year's second quarter. This rise in investment income highlights ICICI Bank's strategic asset management and favorable market conditions.

On the asset quality front, ICICI Bank reported gross non-performing assets (NPAs) of ₹27,121.15 crore, which is a notable decline of 9.10% or ₹2,715.79 crore from ₹29,836.94 crore in the same quarter last year. This reduction in gross NPAs signals improved credit quality and effective risk management practices.

However, the bank's net NPAs increased to ₹5,685.14 crore, a rise of 12.65% or ₹638.67 crore compared to ₹5,046.47 crore during the corresponding quarter last year. This increase warrants attention, as it reflects some challenges in asset recovery, despite the overall positive trajectory in other financial metrics.

Overall, ICICI Bank's Q2 results demonstrate its strong financial health and commitment to growth, positioning it well for future opportunities in India's evolving banking sector. The bank's strategic focus on enhancing profitability while managing risks continues to yield positive results, contributing to its reputation as a leading player in the industry.

Adani Group Expands Its Portfolio with ITD Cementation Acquisition

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ITD Cementation specializes in a wide range of engineering and construction projects, boasting a portfolio that includes metro systems, maritime structures, mass rapid transit systems, airports, hydroelectric power projects, tunnels, dams, irrigation, highways, bridges, flyovers, and industrial structures. For the fiscal year 2024, the company reported revenues of ₹7,542 crore and a profit of ₹274 crore, indicating a solid financial foundation.

The move to acquire a stake in ITD Cementation comes after its promoter, Italian-Thai Development Public Company Ltd, announced in July 2024 that it was exploring the sale of its stake in the company. This initial exploration was reported to be in the preliminary stages, setting the groundwork for the current acquisition.

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In addition to the ITD Cementation deal, the Adani Group is also making waves in the cement industry. On October 22, 2024, the group announced plans to acquire Orient Cement Ltd, a CK Birla Group firm, for ₹8,100 crore. Ambuja Cements, part of the Adani Cement division, will acquire a 46.8% stake in Orient Cement from its current promoters and certain public shareholders, with the acquisition fully funded through internal accruals.

These strategic acquisitions reflect the Adani Group's commitment to expanding its footprint in crucial sectors and enhancing its capabilities in engineering and construction, further solidifying its position in India's rapidly growing infrastructure landscape.

India's business activity grows at faster clip in October

Growth in India's business activity experienced a modest uptick in October, reversing a trend of softening observed in the previous month. This positive shift is primarily driven by a surge in demand within the manufacturing sector, according to a recent survey. Notably, the data indicates that job creation also accelerated, reaching its highest level since February 2006.

The survey reflects a growing optimism among businesses, as they respond to increased demand with expanded production capabilities. The manufacturing sector, in particular, has shown resilience, contributing significantly to the overall growth. Factors such as improved consumer sentiment and a revival in orders have propelled manufacturers to ramp up out-



put, resulting in enhanced business confidence.

In addition to manufacturing, service sector activity has also seen growth, although it remains somewhat subdued compared to manufactur-

ing. The overall business environment has benefited from this dual boost, leading to a broader recovery in economic activity. Businesses are reporting increased orders, which has prompted many to invest in expanding their workforce to meet rising demands.

The job creation figures are particularly noteworthy, as they signify a strengthening labor market. Employers are hiring at rates not seen in nearly two decades, which bodes well for consumer spending and economic stability. This growth in employment is expected to further support demand, creating a positive feedback loop that can stimulate additional economic activity.

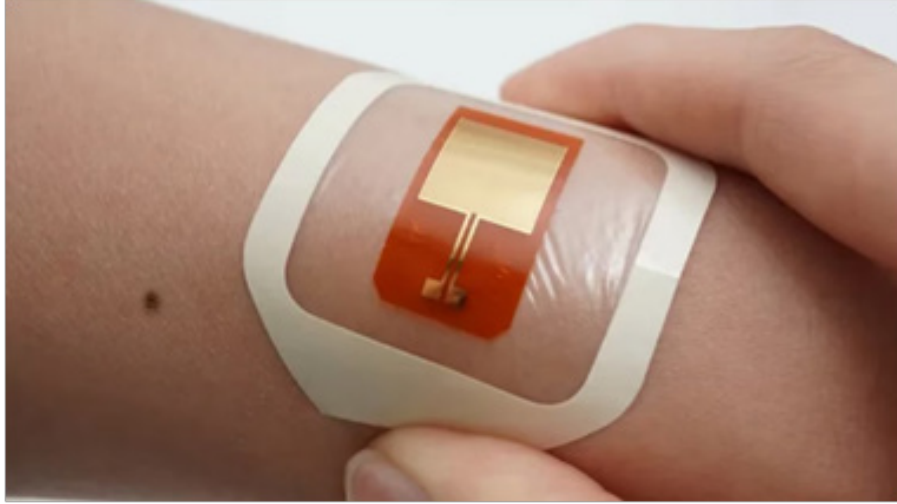
Despite these positive signs, some challenges re-

main. Businesses are keeping a close watch on inflationary pressures, which could impact their operational costs. Additionally, geopolitical uncertainties and fluctuating raw material prices may pose risks to sustained growth. Nevertheless, the current data indicates a resilient economy that is adapting to challenges while capitalizing on opportunities for growth.

Overall, the improved business activity in October suggests a recovery trajectory for the Indian economy, underpinned by strong manufacturing demand and significant job creation. As businesses navigate the coming months, continued focus on productivity and efficiency will be essential to maintain this momentum and support broader economic recovery.

New Patch Device Uses Electricity To Combat Harmful Skin Bacteria

Scientists have unveiled a groundbreaking patch designed to combat harmful bacteria on the skin using mild electric pulses. Dubbed the Bioelectronic Localized Antimicrobial Stimulation Therapy (BLAST) patch, this innovative device emits a harmless electrical current specifically targeting skin bacteria that could potentially lead to infections if they enter the bloodstream.



mildly acidic conditions, similar to the natural pH of human skin. To enhance this effect, researchers incorporated an acidifying hydrogel into the BLAST patch. The acidic environment is crucial for curtailing bacterial biofilm formation, a common challenge in infection management within medical settings.

The BLAST patch has undergone successful testing on pig skin, which shares important structural similarities with human skin and is frequently used in preclinical studies. Researchers applied *Staphylococcus epidermidis*, a common skin bacterium, to the skin. While this bacterium typically coexists harmlessly on human skin, it can cause serious infections if introduced into the body via medical devices, such as catheters.

When the BLAST patch was applied to the infected pig skin, it emitted electric pulses every ten minutes over an 18-hour duration. The electric charge was comparable to that used in pacemakers, resulting in a nearly tenfold reduction in bacterial levels on the treated skin and significantly minimizing the formation of biofilms—dense clusters of bacteria that can adhere to surfaces and resist treatments.

Laboratory studies revealed that *S. epidermidis* reacted to the electric currents only under

Published on October 24 in the journal *Device*, the study suggests that the BLAST patch could also be utilized for sterilizing medical device surfaces, providing an additional layer of protection against bacterial infections. Bozhi Tian, a professor of chemistry at the University of Chicago and one of the study's authors, emphasized that this innovation could reduce the need for preventive antibiotics, addressing growing concerns around antibiotic resistance.

Further research is needed to evaluate the effectiveness of the BLAST patch against various bacterial strains and in future animal and human trials. If successful, this device may become a valuable tool for infection prevention in medical facilities within the next five years.

The Importance of Hydration: Finding the Balance

Hydration is often hailed as the secret behind glowing skin, optimal health, and fitness. From social media influencers to health experts, the message is clear: drink plenty of water. However, while staying hydrated is crucial, it's equally important to understand that excessive water consumption can be dangerous.



Water intoxication, or hyponatremia, occurs when an individual consumes an excessive amount of water in a short period, diluting the sodium levels in the bloodstream. Dr. Tushar Tayal, a consultant in internal medicine, explains that sodium is a vital electrolyte that helps regulate fluid balance within and outside cells. When the kidneys struggle to expel excess water, it seeps into cells, causing them to swell.

Dr. P. Venkata Krishnan adds that sodium is essential for nerve signaling, muscle function, and maintaining fluid balance. The kidneys can filter about 0.8 to 1 liter of water per hour, and exceeding this can lead to water retention and a dilution of blood electrolytes.

As blood volume increases with excessive water intake, electrolyte concentration decreases, leading to cellular swelling. While swelling may not pose immediate risks in most tissues, it becomes critical when it affects the brain, leading to cerebral edema. This condition increases pressure within the skull, resulting in severe complications like headaches, confusion, seizures, and even death.

In extreme cases, untreated water intoxication can be life-threatening, as it may cause herniation of the brain. Recognizing the symptoms of

water intoxication is crucial

To avoid the risks associated with excessive water consumption, individuals should be mindful of signs that they may be overhydrated. These include frequent urination, clear urine, headaches, and swelling in extremities. If symptoms of water intoxication arise, it is essential to stop drinking water immediately and seek medical attention.

While hydration is essential, knowing how much water you actually need is key. General guidelines suggest that men should aim for about 3.7 liters (125 ounces) of total fluids daily, while women should target around 2.7 liters (91 ounces). These recommendations include fluids from all sources, not just drinking water.

Ultimately, listening to your body—paying attention to thirst cues and the color of your urine—can help maintain the right balance. Keeping hydrated is crucial, but moderation is the key to preventing potential health risks.

Octopus Arms Move Independently Without Constant Brain Signals

Octopuses are celebrated for their extraordinary mobility, flexibility, and intelligence, yet many aspects of their arm movements have puzzled scientists for years. A groundbreaking study published in *Current Biology* has uncovered new insights into the nervous networks that allow octopus arms to move independently and flexibly, without the need for constant signals from the brain.



Led by Robyn Crook, an Associate Professor and Associate Chair of the Biology Department at San Francisco State University, this research focuses on the kinematics of *Octopus bimaculoides*. The study explores how each of the eight limbs contributes to the octopus's remarkable abilities, utilizing advanced 3D visualization technology to analyze the arms' intricate movements.

One of the key questions addressed in this study is how octopus limbs can execute complex motions autonomously. The researchers found that the octopus possesses a decentralized nervous system, with a significant number of neurons located in its arms. This unique arrangement allows the arms to process sensory information and coordinate movements independently from the brain, enabling them to perform tasks without needing direct oversight.

The study highlights the remarkable capabilities of octopus arms, which can move in various directions, adapt to different tasks, and even exhibit fine motor skills. This flexibility is crucial for survival, allowing them to navigate complex environments, hunt for prey, and interact with their surroundings.

Using state-of-the-art equipment, the research team visualized the arms of *Octopus bimaculoides* in three dimensions, providing a detailed look at their movement mechanics. This advanced analysis reveals how the arms work together and independently to execute intricate maneuvers, shedding light on the evolutionary advantages of such a sophisticated system.

The findings not only enhance our understanding of octopus biology but also raise intriguing questions about the nature of intelligence and autonomy in other species. As researchers continue to explore the complexities of octopus movement, this study marks a significant step in unraveling the mysteries surrounding one of the ocean's most enigmatic creatures.

Poop-emoji statue near US Capitol evokes stain

A provocative sign beneath a desk captures attention with its bold statement: "This memorial honors the brave men and women who broke into the United States Capitol on January 6th, 2021, to loot, urinate, and defecate throughout those hallowed halls in order to overturn an election." The wording is stark and unapologetic, inviting reflection on a day that has become emblematic of division and unrest in the United States.



January 6th was a watershed moment in American history, marked by a violent assault on the Capitol as supporters of then-President Donald Trump sought to overturn the results of the 2020 election. The event shocked the nation and the world, raising questions about democracy, civil discourse, and the boundaries of protest. This memorial, situated in an unexpected location, serves as a stark reminder of the chaos that ensued and the actions taken by individuals that day.

The choice of words—"brave" juxtaposed with references to looting and desecration—underscores the deep polarization surrounding the event. For some, the individuals who stormed the Capitol are seen as patriots standing up for their beliefs; for others, they are labeled insurrectionists undermining the democratic process. This memorial forces viewers to confront their own interpretations of that day and the broader

implications for American democracy.

The act of placing a memorial in such a context invites dialogue and debate. It challenges the traditional narratives of heroism and valor, prompting individuals to question what it means to honor someone in a democratic society. Is bravery defined by the willingness to fight for one's beliefs, or is it found in the commitment to uphold democratic principles, even in the face of adversity?

As visitors engage with this memorial, they are encouraged to reflect on the complexity of the events of January 6th and their lasting impact on the nation's political landscape. It stands not only as a reminder of a tumultuous moment but also as a call to examine the values that underpin American democracy and the actions taken in its name.

Swiggy Launches Feature for NRIs to Send Food and Gifts to India

Food delivery giant Swiggy, renowned for its efficient service and timely deliveries, has taken a significant step towards enhancing its global presence. The company has launched an International Login feature, allowing users from 27 countries—including the US, Canada, UK, Germany, Australia, and the UAE—to order food and products from its quick commerce service, Instamart, and even make restaurant reservations in India.



stay connected with their loved ones back home, especially during the festive season.

"Food and gifts are essential to family gatherings, particularly during festivals. With International Login, those living abroad can now surprise their loved ones on special occasions," stated Phani Kishan, Co-founder and Chief Growth Officer of Swiggy. The feature addresses long-standing requests from NRIs, providing a user-friendly gifting layout that simplifies sending festive gifts or making dinner reservations.

Founded in 2014 and based in Bengaluru, Swiggy has built partnerships with nearly 200,000 restaurants across over 600 cities in India. Its quick commerce platform, Instamart, operates in 43 cities and offers delivery of groceries and essentials in approximately 10 minutes, covering more than 20 categories.

Additionally, Swiggy is currently preparing for its Initial Public Offering (IPO), having filed draft papers for a ₹3,750 crore offering on September 26, 2024. The IPO includes a fresh issue of 37.5 million equity shares and an offer for sale (OFS) of over 185 million equity shares. However, due to market volatility, Swiggy has reportedly reduced its valuation estimates for the upcoming IPO by 10-16%.

As Swiggy continues to innovate and expand its services, the International Login feature is poised to strengthen its connection with the global Indian diaspora, making it easier than ever for them to share experiences and celebrate traditions with family and friends back home.



Manika Batra Shocks World No. 14 to Reach WTT Champions Quarter-Finals

Indian table tennis star Manika Batra delivered a stunning performance by defeating world No. 14 Bernadette Szocs of Romania, advancing to the quarter-finals of the WTT Champions event in Montpellier, France. The world No. 30 player showcased her skills in a tense round of 16 match, winning 3-1 with scores of 11-9, 6-11, 13-11, and 11-9 in just 29 minutes.

Batra's victory was particularly impressive, as she saved two game points in the third game, which proved crucial in maintaining her momentum. After securing the third game, she went on to clinch the match by converting her second match point in the fourth game, demonstrating her ability to handle pressure in critical moments.

With this win, Batra now holds a 6-5 advantage in her head-to-head record against Szocs, having previously defeated her during India's 3-2 victory over Romania in the pre-quarterfinals of the Paris Olympics. This latest triumph underscores Batra's growing stature in the sport and her capacity to compete against higher-ranked

players.

Looking ahead, Batra is set to face China's Qian Tianyi in the quarter-finals on Saturday. Qian, currently ranked No. 21 in the world, also made headlines by stunning top seed Wang Yidi, another Chinese player, with a commanding 3-0 victory in her round of 16 match. This upcoming clash promises to be an exciting contest between two formidable opponents.

In contrast, fellow Indian paddler Sreeja Akula faced a challenging first-round exit, losing 2-3 against world No. 13 Adriana Diaz of Puerto Rico. Despite the setback for Akula, Batra's remarkable run at the WTT Champions continues to inspire fans and showcase the talent of Indian athletes on the global stage.

As Batra prepares for her next match, the table tennis community will be eagerly watching to see if she can continue her impressive form and secure a spot in the semi-finals.

Chris Wood Shines with Brace as Nottingham Forest Defeats Leicester

Chris Wood delivered a standout performance, scoring twice in Nottingham Forest's 3-1 victory over Leicester City, a result that left Foxes manager Steve Cooper facing defeat against his former club. The match, held at the King Power Stadium, showcased Wood's impact as he helped guide Forest to their second consecutive win and pushed them into fifth place in the Premier League standings.



The match kicked off with Ryan Yates putting Forest ahead in the 16th minute. Taking advantage of a defensive error from Leicester, Wood's deflected shot led to a chaotic clearance attempt by James Justin, allowing Yates to curl a precise strike from 20 yards into the bottom corner.

Leicester responded swiftly, leveling the score just seven minutes later. Jamie Vardy showcased his trademark poaching ability, getting on the end of a well-delivered cross from Harry Winks to poke the ball home from close range.

Despite Leicester's efforts, Nottingham Forest regained control shortly after halftime. Wood put the visitors back in front in the 47th minute, demonstrating his skill by deftly controlling a pass from Elliot Anderson before firing a precise shot into the bottom corner from 12 yards.

Leicester's hopes for a penalty were dashed when Vardy went down in the box after a light tug from Nikola Milenkovic, a deci-

sion that went unheeded by the officials. Instead, Wood would capitalize on Leicester's defensive lapses, scoring his second goal in the 60th minute. A long kick from Forest's goalkeeper, Matz Sels, was misjudged by Leicester's Wout Faes, allowing Wood to loop a header over goalkeeper Mads Hermansen from close range.

Cooper, who was managing against his former team for the first time since his dismissal from Forest, expressed frustration at his team's mistakes. "It's self-inflicted, no doubt about that. We all have to take responsibility for how the game panned out," he said, acknowledging the setbacks following a string of recent victories.

Meanwhile, Nuno Espirito Santo, who watched the match from the press box due to suspension, praised Wood's performance, emphasizing the importance of teamwork and the desire to entertain their fans. Nottingham Forest's victory marked their first win at Leicester since 2013, highlighting a promising turnaround under Nuno's management.

Lorenzo Musetti Shocks Top Seed Alexander Zverev in Vienna Quarter-Finals

Lorenzo Musetti delivered a stunning upset in Vienna on Friday, defeating world number three Alexander Zverev to secure his spot in the semi-finals. The 22-year-old Italian, currently ranked 17th in the world, described his comeback victory as "a pretty big win." Musetti triumphed with a scoreline of 2-6, 7-6 (7/5), 6-4 after a grueling two hours and 36 minutes of play, knocking out the 2021 champion in the process.

The match did not start in Musetti's favor; he struggled to find his rhythm early on, particularly with his forehand and backhand variations. "It didn't start how we planned," he admitted. However, after the first round, he felt increasingly confident, and his performance reflected that belief as he fought back to claim victory. "Sascha really loves to play here, on this court, in these conditions," Musetti noted, highlighting the significance of the win.

With this victory, Musetti moves on to face world number 18 Jack Draper, who advanced after defeating Tomas Machac from the Czech Republic in a closely contested quarter-final match, finishing 6-3, 3-6, 6-1. Draper acknowledged the challenge posed by Machac, describing their match as physically demanding due to Machac's solid groundstrokes.

In other matches, Australian second seed Alex de Minaur also faced adversity, battling back from a set down to defeat Czech teenager Jakub Mensik 6-7 (2/7), 6-3, 6-4. De Minaur's victory keeps his hopes



alive for a spot in the season-ending ATP Finals in Turin, as he prepares to face Russia's Karen Khachanov in the semi-finals. Khachanov eased past Italy's Matteo Berrettini with a convincing 6-1, 6-4 performance.

As the tournament progresses, all eyes will be on Musetti as he aims to continue his impressive run and challenge for the title in Vienna. The stage is set for an exciting semi-final showdown, with Musetti and Draper both eager to capitalize on their momentum.

MS Dhoni Hints at Continued IPL Presence Beyond 2025

Legendary cricketer Mahendra Singh Dhoni, captain of the Chennai Super Kings (CSK), has dropped a significant hint about his future in the Indian Premier League (IPL), suggesting he plans to play in 2025 and potentially beyond. At 43, Dhoni's comments have quelled speculation regarding his retirement, as he expressed his desire to remain in peak physical condition to continue playing cricket for the "next few years."



Speaking at a promotional event for the software brand Rigi, where he serves as a brand ambassador, Dhoni emphasized the importance of enjoying the final years of his cricketing career. "I just want to enjoy whatever last few years of cricket I am able to play," he stated, reflecting on the challenges of maintaining joy in professional sports amidst emotional and commitment-driven pressures.

His comments further indicated a clear intention to participate in the IPL. "I have to keep myself fit for nine months, so that I can play two and a half months of IPL," Dhoni elaborated. This statement reveals his commitment to planning his fitness

around the tournament, indicating that he is not only focused on the upcoming season but also on the long-term.

In a significant transition for CSK, Dhoni handed over the captaincy to Rituraj Gaikwad ahead of IPL 2024. However, his status as a five-time IPL-winning captain and one of the tournament's most iconic figures means that his continued presence would be a boon for the league.

Moreover, Dhoni's eligibility as an uncapped player allows CSK to retain him at a minimal price of Rs 4 crore, thanks to a rule revival that reintroduces this option for players who have not appeared for the national team in recent years. This regulation, removed in 2021, now provides CSK with a financial advantage while keeping Dhoni in their squad.

As the cricketing world eagerly awaits the next season, Dhoni's potential participation in IPL 2025 and beyond is set to thrill fans and add to the tournament's allure. His unwavering commitment and strategic planning ensure that he remains a key figure in Indian cricket, both on and off the field.

New Zealand Ends India's Home Test Series Win Streak with 2-0 Victory

India's remarkable 12-year streak of winning Test series at home has come to an unexpected halt, as New Zealand clinched the three-match series 2-0 following a decisive 113-run victory in the second Test held in Pune. The New Zealand team showcased their prowess, with Mitchell Santner delivering a standout performance that proved crucial in sealing the series.

In the second Test, India was set a challenging target of 359 runs. However, the home team's chase got off to a rocky start, with skipper Rohit Sharma dismissed for a mere 8 runs. Despite this early setback, Yashasvi Jaiswal and Shubman Gill formed a promising partnership, providing hope for the Indian side as they fought to stay in the game. Their collaboration was a brief respite from the mounting pressure, as New Zealand's bowlers were relentless.

Mitchell Santner's exceptional bowling spell was pivotal, as he consistently struck at critical moments, dismantling India's batting order. Santner finished the match with impressive figures of seven wickets for 79 runs in the first innings and six wickets for 55 runs in the second, demonstrating his dominance over the Indian batsmen. Ajaz Patel also contributed significantly with two wickets, further restricting India's scoring opportunities.

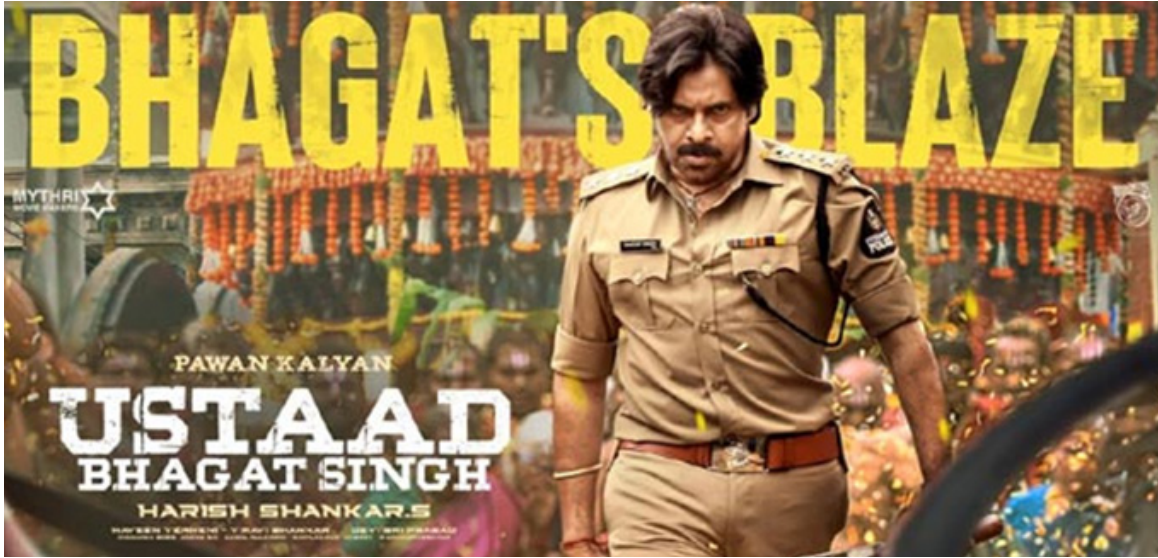


Ultimately, India was bowled out for 245 runs, falling well short of the target and succumbing to a comprehensive defeat. Yashasvi Jaiswal emerged as the top scorer for India with a commendable 77 runs, while Ravindra Jadeja added a valuable 42 runs, but their efforts were insufficient to counter the relentless New Zealand attack.

This series defeat marks a significant moment in Indian cricket history, ending a long-standing home dominance and raising questions about the team's future performance. New Zealand's triumph is a testament to their resilience and skill, positioning them as formidable opponents in the Test arena. As India reflects on this loss, they will undoubtedly be looking to regroup and come back stronger in future series.



Ustaad Bhagat Singh: Not a Remake, But a Celebration of Pawan Kalyan



Since the announcement of Pawan Kalyan's highly anticipated cop action drama, *Ustaad Bhagat Singh*, directed by Harish Shankar, speculation has been rampant regarding its connection to Kollywood star Vijay's hit film, *Theri*. The film's team has largely remained silent, which has only fueled the rumors surrounding its plot similarities.

This has left many of Pawan Kalyan's fans disheartened, especially given the ongoing trend of remaking Tamil films in Telugu cinema. Fans have expressed their frustration over their beloved star potentially revisiting a story that already enjoyed success in the twin Telugu states. However, recent statements from Dasarath, the film's screenplay writer, have brought some much-needed clarity to the situation.

In a recent interview, Dasarath emphasized that *Ustaad Bhagat Singh* is not a remake of *Theri*. "There has been a lot of miscommunication regarding UBS and Theri due to some similarities," he stated. "However, UBS will

feature all the elements that Pawan Kalyan fans cherish—his unique attitude, captivating dance moves, and sharp wit. This film is designed to be a true fan moment."

Dasarath further assured fans that director Harish Shankar has crafted Pawan Kalyan's character with great care, ensuring it resonates with his audience. The film is being produced under the banner of Mythri Movie Makers, promising high production values and a captivating narrative.

Additionally, *Ustaad Bhagat Singh* will star young actress Sreeleela alongside veteran actor Ashutosh Rana, adding to the film's dynamic appeal. The soundtrack, composed by the talented Devi Sri Prasad, is expected to elevate the film's energetic vibe even further.

In summary, while rumors have surrounded *Ustaad Bhagat Singh*, both the director and screenplay writer have made it clear that the film is not a remake of *Theri*, but rather an original project that aims to showcase Pawan Kalyan in a manner that his fans will love.

Lokesh Kanagaraj Cinematic Universe with Chapter Zero

Filmmaker Lokesh Kanagaraj has captured the imagination of movie enthusiasts with his innovative Lokesh Kanagaraj Cinematic Universe (LCU), which includes hit films like *Kaithi*, *Vikram*, and *Leo*. This unique cinematic universe has generated significant buzz, particularly as such concepts are relatively rare in Indian cinema, contributing to the immense anticipation surrounding the LCU.

Recently, Lokesh announced an exciting addition to this universe: a short film titled *Chapter Zero*, which will delve into the origins of the LCU. This prelude, lasting just 10 minutes, promises to shed light on key events that have shaped the universe as fans know it. The first look of the film was unveiled on social media, accompanied by the intriguing tagline: "1 shot 2 stories 24 hours."

The short film is set to feature notable actors Arjun Das, Nara-in, and Kalidas Jayaram, each of whom has made a mark in their respective roles in the LCU. Fans are eager to see how this project will tie into the larger narrative and address some lingering questions from previous films.

While the short film's release date has yet to be announced, speculation is rife regarding the potential appearances of major stars such as Thalapathy Vijay, Suriya, Karthi, and Kamal Haasan. The possibility of their involvement adds another layer of excitement and intrigue to the project.

As movie lovers await further details, *Chapter Zero* is anticipated to enhance the depth of the



LCU, providing fans with a richer understanding of the interconnected stories and characters. With Lokesh Kanagaraj at the helm, the cinematic universe continues to expand, capturing the interest of audiences across the country. The addition of this short film is sure to elevate the anticipation for future projects within the LCU, making it a thrilling time for fans of Indian cinema.

Sujith with Exciting Updates on Pawan Kalyan's OG



Sujith Sain, renowned for his work in *Run Raja Run* and *Saaho*, has solidified his reputation as a star director in the Telugu film industry. His latest project, *Oji* (Original Gangster), featuring Pawan Kalyan, is generating significant buzz with its intriguing gangster storyline set against the backdrop of Japan. Recently, the film's shooting resumed, and fans are eagerly anticipating what's in store.

As part of the film's promotional campaign, the production team has already released the first look and several glimpses that have successfully captured the attention of Pawan Kalyan's dedicated fanbase. Today marks Sujith's birthday, and to celebrate, DVV Entertainments shared a special video from *Oji* wishing him well. The video has quickly gone viral, further heightening excitement around the film.

Currently, filming is taking place at Ramoji Film City in Hyderabad, a popular location for many major

productions. The cast features Bollywood actor Emraan Hashmi, who takes on the role of the film's antagonist, a gangster named Omi Bhavu. His inclusion adds a layer of intrigue, as fans are curious to see how he will complement Pawan Kalyan's character.

Joining them is Priyanka Arul Mohan, who will portray the female lead opposite Pawan. Additionally, Arjun Das and Shriya Reddy are also part of the cast, playing significant roles that are expected to add depth to the storyline.

As the film progresses, the anticipation continues to build, with fans eager to see how Sujith Sain's vision will come to life on screen. With its unique premise and a star-studded cast, *Oji* is shaping up to be one of the most awaited releases in Telugu cinema. As Sujith celebrates his birthday, the excitement surrounding *Oji* serves as a fitting tribute to his directorial talents and the promising future of this high-octane film.