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Minister Lokesh Invites Tesla to Invest in Anantapur, a Strategic Hub for EV Sector

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: IT and Electronics Minister, Nara Lokesh, recently visited Tesla's headquarters in Austin, Texas, where he met with Tesla's Chief Financial Officer, VaibhavTaneja, to discuss potential investments in Andhra Pradesh's (AP) electric vehicle (EV) and renewable energy sectors. Minister Lokesh emphasized the state's commitment to progressive policies favorable to industries and highlighted Anantapur as a strategic location for EV manufacturing and battery production.



During their meeting, CFO VaibhavTaneja shared Tesla's growth trajectory in the EV and clean energy sectors. He detailed Tesla's recent accomplishments, including an 18.8% growth rate last year and a revenue increase to \$97 billion with a market capitalization of \$832 billion. Taneja highlighted Tesla's success in producing innovations like the Model 3, Powerwall, and solar solutions that are contributing to clean energy storage.

Minister Lokesh expressed Andhra Pradesh's ambition, under the leadership of Chandrababu Naidu, to achieve 72 gigawatts of renewable energy production by 2029, emphasizing that partnerships with global leaders like Tesla are essential to reaching this goal. He noted that AP's favorable policies have already attracted major automotive companies like Kia and Hero Motors to the state, and he urged Tesla to join this list to further advance AP's renewable energy and EV infrastructure.

Lokesh invited Tesla to participate in projects like solar panel installations for smart cities, rural electrification, and innovative battery power storage solutions for data centers and IT hubs in AP. Additionally, he encouraged Tesla to set up technology parks in the state,

which would enhance local R&D and innovation. He emphasized that Tesla's involvement could play a pivotal role in developing a statewide EV charging network and deploying advanced supercharging technology across AP.

The delegation accompanying Minister Lokesh included Karthikeya Mishra and SaikanthVerma, who, alongside Lokesh, extended AP's commitment to supporting sustainable energy solutions and technological innovation in collaboration with Tesla.

YSRCP Leaders Implicated in TDP Office Attack, Claims Panuganti Chaitanya During Interrogation

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Panuganti Chaitanya, a YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) leader and the primary accused (A1) in the recent attack on the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) office, has been remanded for an additional 11 days by the court following his production by the Andhra Pradesh CID police. His custody period concluded on Monday, after which the CID presented him in court.



Chaitanya, who had already spent three days in CID custody, reportedly provided significant information regarding the attack during his interrogation. According to sources, he implicated several YSRCP leaders, including Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy, ThalashilaRaghuram, Appireddy, and DevineeniAvinash, claiming they organized a meeting that led to the assault on the TDP office.

further based on the information Chaitanya provided.

Chaitanya, a key follower of MLC Appireddy, had evaded capture for nearly five months before surrendering at the Mangalagiri court on October 14. Following the court's decision, he will be transferred to the district jail after undergoing a medical examination.

CCTV footage has corroborated Chaitanya's involvement as the main orchestrator of the attack, leading to heightened scrutiny of the actions and communications among those named in his testimony. The CID has expressed intentions to investigate

The developments in this case raise questions about the extent of political tensions in Andhra Pradesh, particularly regarding the allegations of orchestrated violence against opposition party offices. The CID's ongoing investigation is anticipated to bring further revelations regarding the political dynamics at play in the region.

Corruption Exposed in APMSIDC Electrical Department, Contract Employee Accused of Fraud

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Allegations of rampant corruption within the Andhra Pradesh Medical Services and Infrastructure Development Corporation (APMSIDC) Electrical Department have come to light, centering on a contract employee, Phani Kumar, who serves as an Assistant Engineer (AE).



Investigations reveal that Kumar has been managing a civil contractor, reportedly operating under a benami contractor named Vinay. He is accused of submitting fraudulent bills for electrical works throughout the NTR and Krishna districts, particularly at the Government General Hospital in Vijayawada and the Srikakulam Municipal Corporation (SMC).

have little recourse to challenge him, as delays in bill payments can occur if they do not comply with his demands. The contractors have reportedly formed a syndicate under Kumar's direction, agreeing to pay commissions and other expenses to ensure their projects are executed smoothly.

To mask his fraudulent activities, Kumar has allegedly hired a permanent electrician to oversee these works, excluding other workers to prevent exposure of the corrupt practices. It has been noted that, according to regulations, materials from at least three different brands should be utilized in one project. However, Kumar prefers to use a single brand that provides him with substantial kickbacks.

Despite being an outsourced employee with a modest salary of ₹35,000, Kumar has amassed significant wealth, acquiring land in Murali Nagar and constructing a new house.

A formal complaint has been lodged against Phani Kumar with the officials of the corruption department, highlighting the need for immediate action to address the growing corruption in the APMSIDC Electrical Department.

Contractors working with Kumar claim they

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Strict Action Against Wildlife Poaching – DCM PawanKalyan

Toll-Free Number Launched for Conservation Efforts

TPN, Mangalagiri: To strengthen wildlife conservation efforts, Deputy Chief Minister and Minister of Forest and Environment, PawanKalyan, has announced harsh penalties for wildlife poaching, killing, and smuggling. During a ceremony held at the Mangalagiri camp office, he released a poster created by the Anti-Poaching Cell of the Forest Department and launched a new toll-free number, 18004255909, for reporting wildlife crimes.



DCM PawanKalyan emphasized the shared responsibility to protect forests and wildlife, echoing Prime Minister Narendra Modi's philosophy of "VasudhaivaKutumbakam" or "the world is one family." He urged citizens to show compassion toward all forms of life, from animals and trees to smaller creatures like ants and cattle, which have an equal right to inhabit the earth.

In alignment with the Wildlife Protection Act of 1972, the Minister reinforced that hunting, killing, and trafficking of wild animals are strictly prohibited, and violators will face severe consequences. He applauded the proactive measures of the state's NDA government, led by Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, in protecting wildlife and natural re-

sources. The government has been quick to act on recent incidents, such as the arrest of individuals involved in the killing of a leopard at Kaundinya Sanctuary in Chittoor district, who were apprehended within three days.

Citizens are encouraged to report incidents of wildlife poaching, smuggling, or illegal mining via the toll-free number. Prompt action by the Forest Department officials, led by Special Chief Secretary Mr. Anantaramu and PCCF Mr. ChiranjeevChoudhary, aims to uphold wildlife conservation and forest protection across the state.

Forest officials, including Mr. A.K. Naik, Mr. Saravanan, Mr. Rahul Pandey, and Mrs. Shantipriya Pandey, were present at the event, underscoring the department's dedication to safeguarding the region's biodiversity.

ACB Conducts Inspections at APMDC Office Over Alleged Irregularities

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) conducted inspections at the Andhra Pradesh Mineral Development Corporation (APMDC) office today as part of an ongoing investigation into alleged irregularities believed to have occurred during the previous administration. This action aligns with the coalition government's broader probe into suspected misconduct across various departments under the prior government.

These inspections follow the recent arrest of former Mines Department Director Venkata Reddy, who is implicated in a sand tender irregularities case. Reddy, currently held in remand at Vijayawada Jail, was taken into ACB custody for questioning. During interrogation, he reportedly provided information that led ACB officials to conduct today's searches at the APMDC office.

The ACB is expected to continue its investigation based on findings from the APMDC inspections and further information derived from Reddy's statements.

AP Govt Launches Free Gas Cylinder Scheme Ahead of Diwali

Bookings Are Start From Today

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Andhra Pradesh government has announced the launch of its free gas cylinder initiative, with bookings set to begin on November 29. The first cylinder will be distributed immediately after a formal launch by Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu on Diwali (October 31), aimed at alleviating household expenses for families across the state.



This initiative promises three free gas cylinders per year for beneficiaries, fulfilling a key commitment made in the coalition's joint manifesto prior to the general elections. The government has allocated ₹894.92 crores for initial administrative approvals, with an anticipated total cost of ₹2,684.75 crores to sustain the program annually.

CM Naidu emphasized the significance of the Deepam scheme, stating, "By providing free gas cylinders, we empower housewives to redirect funds spent on cooking gas towards other essential needs." He reiterated the government's dedication to implementing this initiative despite existing financial challenges.

The booking process will allow beneficiaries to register starting November 29.

Upon booking, an SMS confirmation will be sent, and payment will be processed online. Funds will be transferred to beneficiaries' accounts under the Direct Benefit Transfer (DBT) system within 24 hours in urban areas and 48 hours in rural areas.

To qualify for the free cylinders, beneficiaries must complete an e-KYC verification at their gas dealers. With over 5,53,000 white card holders in the district, officials are urging gas dealers to facilitate this process promptly to avoid delays.

The initiative is expected to significantly benefit households, particularly women, during the festive season, reinforcing the government's commitment to welfare and support for families in Andhra Pradesh.

Nadendla Manohar Commits to Funding Welfare and Development Initiatives

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Minister Nadendla Manohar recently addressed the media regarding the upcoming distribution of free cooking gas cylinders, a scheme expected to benefit around seven lakh people in the state. He announced that beneficiaries can start booking their cylinders from the 29th of this month, with the government set to pay gas companies an advance of ₹900 crores to facilitate the process.



Manohar emphasized the government's commitment to securing necessary funds for welfare and development projects. He highlighted that this meeting marked the first comprehensive review under the new leadership, focusing on financial allocations for various districts.

In response to ongoing issues, Manohar warned of strict actions against those involved in the ration mafia, underlining the government's zero-tolerance policy towards corruption and exploitation.

During a review meeting led by in-charge minister KandulaDurgesh,

KandulaDurgesh on Collaborative Development Efforts

Minister KandulaDurgesh reiterated the importance of collaboration between officials and politicians for effective governance and development, emphasizing Guntur's strategic role in the state. He shared insights on various developmental aspects discussed during the review, including the establishment of grain purchase centers and the modernization of canals.



Durgesh announced plans to develop Suryalanka Beach as a key tourist destination, with the potential introduction of maintenance charges post-development. Additionally, he revealed that a seaplane service will commence from the 9th of next month, with arrangements underway to set up operations at four designated beaches.

Addressing allegations of corruption related to Rushikonda

buildings, Durgesh stated that Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu is exploring how to leverage these assets effectively. To enhance inter-departmental coordination, he mentioned the formation of a sub-committee by CM Naidu aimed at streamlining efforts for development initiatives.

Overall, both ministers expressed optimism about the future, promising transparency and dedication to enhancing the welfare and development of the state.

AP Govt Shuts Down SapNet, Transfers Responsibilities to Higher Education Board

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: In a significant move, the Andhra Pradesh government has ordered the shutdown of the Society for Andhra Pradesh Network (SapNet). According to the latest government directive, all assets, staff, and liabilities associated with SapNet will now be managed by the Board of Higher Education.



SapNet was established in 2018 under the previous TDP government to enhance educational services across the state through initiatives like Mana TV, which delivered educational programming to students. However, the current administration has opted to streamline operations by transferring SapNet's responsibilities to the Higher Education Board. Officials stated that this move aims to improve the

efficiency and accessibility of educational services directly through the education board.

The decision reflects the coalition government's approach to consolidating educational resources under a single entity, enhancing direct oversight and service delivery.

AP Power Minister Ravi Kumar Criticizes Jagan Reddy's Handling of Electricity Tariffs

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: State Power Minister Gottipati Ravi Kumar sharply criticized Pulivendula MLA and former Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy for his handling of electricity tariffs, accusing him of imposing a heavy burden on the public during his tenure. Ravi Kumar claimed that Jagan raised electricity charges nine times over five years, leading to widespread financial strain, particularly on low-income households.



The minister further criticized Jagan for allegedly dismantling the state's power sector, which had been handed over in a stable condition by former Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu. Ravi Kumar argued that Jagan's governance led to an electricity surplus turning into a crisis, citing the financial difficulties faced by AP Genco, strained relations with banks, and disputes over Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) with producers, which he claims tarnished the state's reputation with both national and international financial institutions.

Highlighting Jagan's policies, Ravi Kumar questioned decisions that led to the imposition of fuel adjustment charges and permission for the ERC to increase discom tariffs, which he claims further burdened the public. He also cited a financial liability of ₹1200 crore linked to Hinduja Power, which he attributed to poor governance choices made during Jagan's administration.

Additionally, Ravi Kumar accused Jagan of stirring unrest with unfulfilled promises on the Polavaram project and the idea of establishing three capitals. He concluded by stating that the repercussions of the former Chief Minister's decisions continue to impact the state's economy and governance.

AP Govt to Make Classified GOs Public on GOIR Website

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Andhra Pradesh government has announced a significant decision to make previously confidential Government Orders (GOs) from the YCP regime publicly accessible. The General Administration Department has instructed that all classified GOs issued between August 15, 2021, and August 28, 2024, be uploaded to the GOIR (Government Orders Issue Register) website.

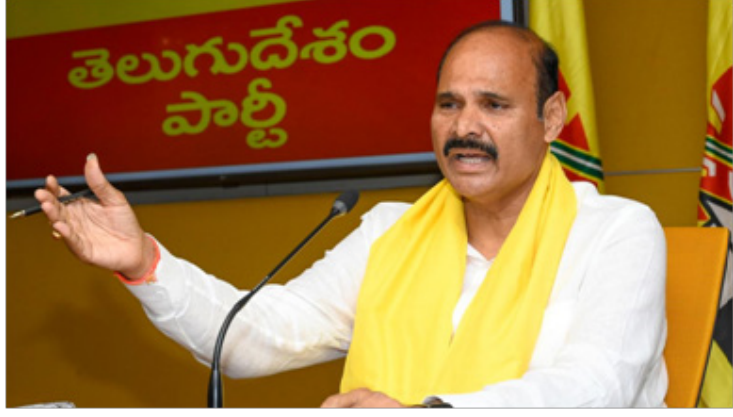
access to information that was previously restricted. This move is intended to enhance transparency by making official decisions openly available for review.

General Administration Department Secretary S. Suresh Kumar issued orders directing officials from the IT Electronics Department to update the GOIR website with these GOs, allowing public

The General Administration Department noted that, while most GOs from 2008 onwards have been accessible since the website's launch, those issued between mid-2021 and August 2024 were not publicly available. By addressing this gap, the government aims to ensure that official decisions from the last three years are accessible, providing citizens with insights into the administration's actions during this period.

Minister Parthasarathy Criticizes Jagan on Electricity Charges, Cites Financial Burden

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Minister KoluParthasarathy has sharply criticized former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, labeling his recent remarks on electricity charges as ironic. Parthasarathy pointed out that electricity rates were increased nine times during Jagan's administration, questioning his stance on the issue.



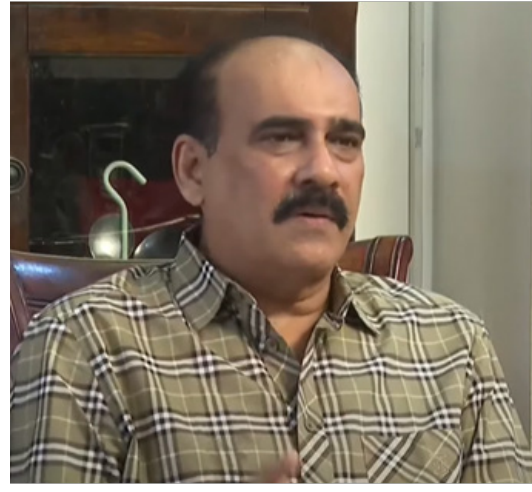
crores in true-up charges. Parthasarathy argued that this financial strain is a direct result of what he described as Jagan's "ill-advised decisions."

The minister also highlighted that the Electricity Regulatory Commission (ERC) proposal on "true-up" charges is a consequence of the previous government's policies. He claimed that due to Jagan's alleged poor decision-making, the state incurred a burden of Rs. 6,072

These remarks add to the ongoing criticisms surrounding Jagan's tenure, particularly in relation to economic impacts on the state's utilities and financial structure.

Former Minister Balineni Comments on YS Family Property Dispute

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: In a recent statement, former minister and Jana Sena leader Balineni Srinivas Reddy expressed sadness over the ongoing property dispute between Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy and his sister, Y.S. Sharmila, the APCC chief. Balineni remarked that family disputes, especially involving siblings, are unfortunate, adding, "A girl's tears are considered inauspicious for any household." He suggested that Y.S. Vijayamma, the mother of Jagan and Sharmila, step forward to resolve the issue amicably.



him, Balineni clarified that some YCP leaders have been spreading misinformation, suggesting he switched parties after amassing wealth. Refuting these claims, he stated that he had actually lost property while in the YCP, emphasizing that his son had testified to this fact. "My father and daughter-in-law sold property to settle family debts, and Jagan is aware of this," he added.

Balineni emphasized that no one else should interfere in this personal matter and advised against political exploitation of the situation. He specifically mentioned that it would be inappropriate to criticize former

Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu in connection with this dispute, as it is a private family affair. "Regardless of party affiliations, I genuinely wish for the well-being of the YS family," he stated.

Addressing allegations against

Balineni also shared insights into his interactions with Janasena leader and Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister PawanKalyan, recalling how Pawan expressed his reluctance to request Jagan's support due to their family ties. Balineni concluded by highlighting his decision to leave the YCP and Jagan's leadership, trusting the public to understand his stance.

Yanamala Ramakrishnudu Criticizes YS Jagan, Predicts Legal Troubles Ahead

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Senior TDP leader and former minister Yanamala Ramakrishnudu has launched sharp criticisms against Andhra Pradesh Former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy, accusing him of betraying his own family for political gain. In a recent



of this substantial amount and criticized the inaction of authorities in scrutinizing the transaction.

Further intensifying his remarks, Yanamala expressed skepticism about Jagan's political future, describing any expectations of his return to power as

a "daydream." Citing Jagan's longstanding legal issues, he noted that the Chief Minister has been out on bail for over a decade and claimed that additional cases are prepared against him. Yanamala predicted that Jagan will face jail time, if not today, then sometime in the future, as his legal troubles continue to mount.

Ramakrishnudu highlighted that Jagan reportedly transferred ₹200 crore to his sister, Sharmila, questioning the silence of investigative agencies like the IT and ED. He demanded clarity on the source

Yanamala's statement underscores the tense political climate in Andhra Pradesh, as he advocates for greater scrutiny and accountability for the current leadership.

PerniNani Criticized NDA Govt And Balineni Comments Over Jagan-Sharmila Dispute

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Political tensions are rising in Andhra Pradesh as former YSR Congress Party (YCP) leaders who left the party voice criticism against former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy. Among them is Balineni Srinivas Reddy, a relative of Jagan who has now joined Janasena. Balineni recently commented on the ongoing property dispute between Jagan and his sister, Y.S. Sharmila, suggesting that their feud is tarnishing the legacy of their father, Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy. He recommended that both siblings respect their mother, Y.S. Vijayamma's advice to resolve the issue. In response, YCP leader PerniNani dismissed Balineni's remarks, stating that his recent criticisms are politically motivated and align with Jana Sena's agenda.



electricity charges during elections but was now ready to impose an additional burden of Rs. 6,000 crore on the public. Nani claimed that under the coalition, prices for essentials had skyrocketed and criticized Naidu for allegedly misusing the Supreme Court's name to justify the increases, demanding that he show proof of a court order.

Now that he's with Jana Sena, he's just following their line," Nani remarked. He added that those in a position to mediate should remain impartial if they are to offer solutions, hinting at Balineni's past allegiance to YCP.

Nani further accused the coalition of creating Rs. 47,000 crore in debt within five months and exploiting state resources under the guise of providing "free sand." He alleged that sand prices had surged to two or three times their previous levels and pointed to recent unrest in Kakinada over illegal rice distribution, accusing the opposition of "rushing" resources without accountability.

PerniNani took a swipe at Balineni, questioning his sudden change in tone since joining Jana Sena. "Balineni will say anything for politics.

Addressing criticisms of the government's economic policies, PerniNani also targeted Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu. He alleged that Naidu had promised not to increase

The exchanges reveal the intensifying political rivalry as both sides defend their records and policies leading up to the upcoming elections.

Rachamallu Criticizes CM Chandrababu for Alleged Broken Promises and Increased Electricity Charges

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) spokesperson Rachamallu Sivaprasad Reddy has criticized Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, accusing him of failing to keep promises made to the public. According to Reddy, Naidu has a history of saying one thing before elections and doing another afterward, ultimately increasing financial burdens on the people.



Reddy highlighted that, under Naidu's administration, families using 200 units of electricity are facing an additional monthly cost of Rs. 400. He argued that Naidu is framing a gas bill reduction of Rs. 200 per month as a "Diwali gift" while placing heavier burdens on households through increased electricity charges. Reddy demanded that Naidu keep his election promises and refrain from further rate hikes.

also emphasized that even during challenges like COVID-19 and coal shortages, Jagan did not increase electricity charges and provided 200 units of free electricity to economically disadvantaged families.

Reflecting on YSRCP's own record, Reddy noted that during Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy's tenure from 2019 to 2024, the state's electricity-related debt grew at a rate of 7.3%, which he claimed was a more controlled pace compared to the 24% growth under Naidu's previous administration from 2014 to 2019. Reddy

Citing past movements, such as the large-scale protest at Bashir Bagh, Reddy indicated that YSRCP is prepared to mobilize against further increases in electricity charges if Naidu's policies continue. He urged the public to recognize what he described as a "people-led uprising" against these policies, asserting that Naidu's current stance contrasts sharply with his pre-election promises.

Congress Holds Statewide Meetings to Strengthen Party and Boost Cadre Morale – YS Sharmila

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Congress party is intensifying its efforts to strengthen its base in the state through a series of special meetings with leaders at the district, constituency, and mandal levels. Key issues concerning party strategy and community concerns were discussed in these review meetings, with an emphasis on Congress's distinct credibility among the electorate.



Leaders highlighted that Congress is the only party in the state with a proven track record and genuine credibility. They criticized the BJP for focusing on religious politics, YCP for making empty promises, and TDP and Jana Sena for supporting policies that failed to deliver on pledges made to the public. Congress leaders underscored that these parties' ac-

tions have led to public disillusionment, providing Congress with a unique opportunity to rebuild trust and support.

among the people. Party leadership has also introduced bi-weekly meetings to energize the cadre, ensuring that Congress is continuously connected to the needs of its supporters.

To harness this momentum, the Congress working group has been tasked with consistently advocating for public issues, conducting regular programs to address community concerns, and instilling confidence

These initiatives mark a renewed push by Congress to reclaim its position as a credible and responsive force in state politics.

Tension in Palasa as Ex-Minister Appalaraju Under House Arrest Amid YCP-TDP Clashes

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Tensions escalated in Palasa, Srikakulam district, after a series of violent incidents between YCP and TDP workers, leading to the house arrest of former minister SidiriAppalaraju. The unrest began on Saturday night when Telugu Desam Party (TDP) Palasamandal president, Delhi Rao, was accused of assaulting a young girl, sparking outrage and subsequent clashes between party supporters.

plaint, and as more TDP activists arrived at the police station, they reportedly assaulted YCP workers, including Ramana and another individual, Manmatha Rao, a known associate of former minister Appalaraju.

individuals.



Circle Inspector (CI) Mohan Rao stated that a case has been registered against four individuals based on a complaint from a constable present at the scene. He noted, however, that no formal complaint has been received from YCP worker Ramana regarding the incident.

The situation intensified further when a TDP activist, Korla Vishnu, alleged he was attacked with a knife by YCP worker Allu Ramana on Katy Road, under the jurisdiction of the Palasa-Kashibugga municipality. Vishnu attempted to file a police com-

In response to the escalating situation, Appalaraju attempted to visit the police station to demand that cases of attempted murder be registered against those involved in the attacks. However, the police placed him under house arrest to prevent further escalation. Despite being stopped, Appalaraju staged a roadside protest along with his supporters, intensifying the tension. The situation eased only after police assured him that they would take action against the accused

Appalaraju later stated that if appropriate cases are not registered, he and his supporters would continue their protest to ensure justice.



Investigation Ordered into Corruption Allegations Against Vijayawada Government Hospital Superintendent

TPN, Vijayawada: Serious corruption allegations have surfaced against Dr. D. Venkateshwara Rao, Superintendent of the Vijayawada Government Hospital, following a complaint by Kokkeregadda Kannayya, an APCOS employee working as an electrician at the hospital. Kannayya's report, submitted to Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, Minister Nara Lokesh, and Home Minister Anitha, highlights various irregularities and mismanagement in hospital maintenance and staff payments.

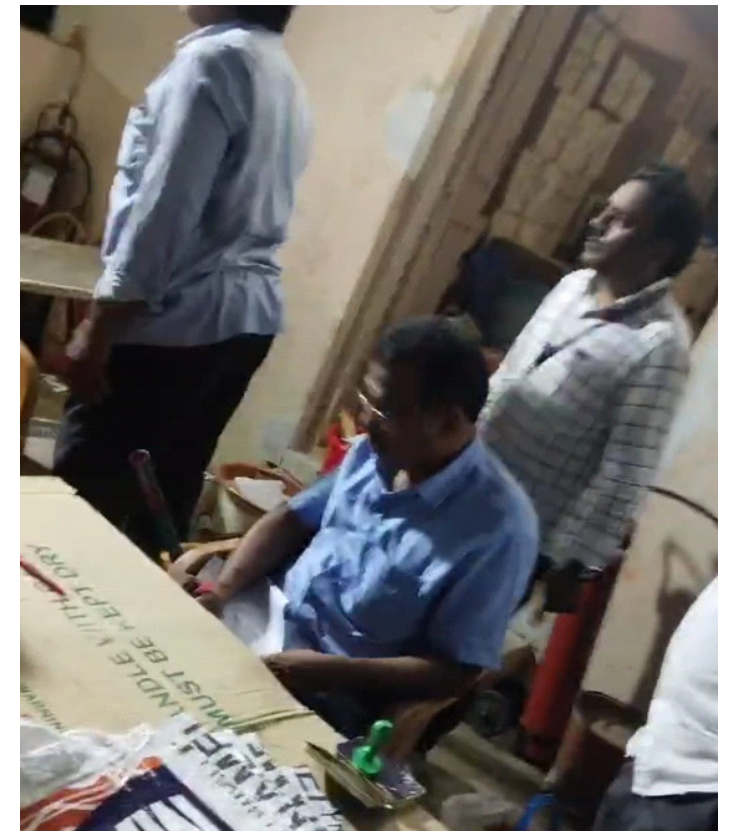
Kannayya alleged that the hospital's electrical department, led by the superintendent, has been rife with malpractice. He claimed that manpower agreements are not fol-

lowed, with some staff receiving salaries as low as INR 12,000 instead of the agreed INR 18,000. Moreover, essential benefits like ESI and EPF are allegedly withheld, with payments reportedly made in cash instead of direct transfers.

Additional claims include issues in the maintenance of the SS Block power substation, where disruptions have delayed generator activation, critically affecting ICU wards. Kannayya cited instances of patient deaths potentially tied to these failures. The complaint also raised concerns about STP operations, asserting that faulty billing practices drain INR 3 lakh per month from hospital funds. Allegations also extend to improper

maintenance of central AC systems and fuel procurement from private suppliers, deviating from established sources like Indian Oil.

Following this complaint, both Pawan Kalyan and Nara Lokesh directed the Commissioner of Medical Health and Family Welfare to form an investigative committee. However, the committee's composition has drawn criticism, as it includes lower-level officials, fueling suspicions that influential figures might shield the superintendent from accountability. The outcome of this investigation will reveal whether the coalition government is committed to addressing corruption within the healthcare system or if past patterns of protecting officials will persist.



Illegal Sale of Firecrackers at VTPS Store Sparks Concern in Ibrahimpatnam

TPN, V.V.S. MadhuBabu: Amidst preparations for the Diwali festival, concerns have emerged over the illegal storage and sale of firecrackers at the VTPS store in Ibrahimpatnam, which reportedly lacks the necessary government permits. According to sources, firecrackers are being brought in and sold in bulk, disregarding safety and regulatory guidelines. Authorities, however, seem to have taken minimal action against these large-scale operations, while smaller, unlicensed vendors face frequent fines and legal scrutiny.

The city police commissioner, IPS Rajasekhar, has issued statements emphasizing that strict action will be taken against those who manufacture, store, and sell firecrackers without the appropriate licenses, in line with the Explosive Substances Act and relevant IPC sections. The commissioner further stressed that all vendors must adhere to safety protocols to prevent accidents, especially during the festive season. Despite these warnings, the VTPS store continues its unauthorized operations, sparking concerns about possible corruption and negligence among local officials.

Under Section 19b (1)a of the Explosives Act of 1884, anyone found importing or manufacturing explosives without a license faces up to three years of imprisonment and a ₹5,000 fine. Similarly, unlicensed sale, transport, or use of explosive materials can result in two years' imprisonment and fines under Section 19b(1)b of the same Act. IPC Section 286 also imposes penalties for negligent handling of explosive substances, with additional legal repercussions for unlicensed storage.

With mounting concerns over public safety and rising community pressure, authorities are being urged to investigate and take action against any officials complicit in these unlawful activities. Police have assured that they will monitor all firecracker sales closely, emphasizing the need for stringent adherence to safety and licensing standards during this festive period.



Massive TDP Membership Registration Drive in Vijayawada West

TPN, Vijayawada: The Telugu Desam Party (TDP) conducted a large-scale membership registration drive in Vijayawada's West constituency, covering the 53rd, 54th, and 55th divisions. The event, held on Monday, saw enthusiastic participation from TDP activists, supporters, and sympathizers, with a goal to strengthen the party's presence in the region.

Former MLC and State Chief Secretary Buddha Venkanna attended as the chief guest, where he highlighted the party's initiatives and membership benefits. Venkanna emphasized the significance of membership in TDP's updated system, which, for a fee of Rs.100, offers various facilities to registered members. He encouraged supporters to join in strengthening the party and building a robust membership base.

Leaders from each division, including Madhu and Imran from the 53rd division, Salim and Tajuddin from the 54th, and Zaheed and Bhavani Prasad from the 55th, actively participated in the registration efforts. This massive turnout and support reflect the party's commitment to expanding its influence and engagement with constituents in Vijayawada West.



Vijayawada Division Observes Vigilance Awareness Week with Integrity Pledge and Walkathon

TPN, Vijayawada: The Vijayawada Division of South Central Railway has launched its Vigilance Awareness Week observance, running from October 28 to November 3, 2024. The week, which coincides with the birth anniversary of Bharat Ratna Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel, features various events designed to promote integrity, transparency, and accountability among railway employees.

The observance began with Shri Narendra A. Patil, Divisional Railway Manager (DRM), leading the Integrity Pledge at the DRM Office Portico. Addressing railway staff and Branch officers, Shri Patil emphasized the importance of maintaining ethical standards and fostering a culture of transparency.

Following the pledge, a Walkathon from the

DRM office to Vijayawada Railway Station was held, with enthusiastic participation from Jack n Jill School students, members of the Bharat Scouts and Guides, and railway employees. Participants carried placards spreading messages of integrity and transparency.

Speaking at the event, DRM Shri Patil remarked that Vigilance Awareness Week serves as an opportunity to reaffirm the railway's commitment to ethical conduct and accountability. He encouraged all railway employees to uphold the highest standards in their roles. Senior officials, including Shri Srinivasa Rao Konda, ADRM (Operations), and Shri Anand Katta, Sr. DPO, also took part in the event, underscoring their commitment to these values.



Devineni Avinash Criticizes NDA Govt Performance in Vijayawada

TPN, Vijayawada: Devineni Avinash, the YCP President of NTR District, has sharply criticized the coalition government for its alleged failure to deliver on promises and for misleading the public. Speaking at a recent event, Avinash accused the coalition of running false campaigns and perpetuating negativity about the past five years of YCP rule.

He expressed concerns over rising prices for essential goods and electricity, stating, "The coalition government has increased the prices of daily necessities, leaving the people burdened." Avinash emphasized that, contrary to promises made by opposition leader Chandrababu Naidu to reduce electricity charges by 35%, the current administration has shocked the public with increased rates, labeling it an early Diwali gift of "current shock."

Highlighting the exorbitant prices of essential vegetables, he urged the public to visit farmer's markets and supermarkets to witness the price hikes firsthand. Avinash alleged that the coalition is diverting attention from pressing issues by engaging in controversy and political theatrics rather than focusing on public welfare.

He recalled the various development and welfare programs initiated during the YCP's tenure, pointing out that the effectiveness of infrastructure like the retaining wall was only recognized during the recent floods. "Where are the welfare schemes promised by TDP now?" he questioned, asserting that the coalition government has failed to provide adequate support during crises. Avinash also raised alarms about the increase in drug-related issues and criminal activities, stating that problems like call money and sex rackets have resurfaced under the coalition's governance. He demanded accountability from Chandrababu Naidu regarding electricity charges, highlighting that the YCP government managed to maintain rates even during the financial challenges posed by the COVID-19 pandemic.

Janasena Distributes Essential Kits to Flood Victims in Vijayawada

TPN, Vijayawada: The Janasena Party took swift action to assist flood victims in the 38th Ward, Kummariapalem, under the Vijayawada West Constituency. Following orders from party president Mr. Pawan Kalyan, essential commodity kits were distributed to 300 families affected by the recent floods during an event held at Punnami Ghat on Monday.



Local residents, particularly women from the 38th division, expressed their frustration over not receiving flood compensation and staged a protest during the Janavani program at the Mangalagiri party headquarters. In response to their concerns, Mr. Pawan Kalyan directed local leaders to provide immediate assistance as temporary relief.

On Monday, party district president Mr. Samineni Udayabhanu oversaw the distribution of essential goods worth Rs. 4 lakhs. Each kit, valued at Rs. 1,200, included vital items such as rice, cooking oil, kandi dal, wheat flour, tamarind, and sugar.

The residents expressed their heartfelt gratitude to Mr. Pawan Kalyan for his prompt response and support during their time of need. The event was attended by various party leaders, including State Secretary Mr. Mandali Rajesh, and other prominent members such as Mr. Dasari Satyanarayana, Mr. Badita Shankar, Mr. Koppinidi Suryanarayana Murthy, Mr. Garikipati Sivashankar, and Mrs. Mallepu Vijayalakshmi, along with Mr. Sanaka Prasad.

Elderly Woman Donates Land for Housing the Poor, CM Chandrababu Naidu Commends Her Generosity



ferred land to accommodate 15 poor families if the government initiates a housing scheme.

Accompanied by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, Rajamma visited the secretariat on Monday to present a check for relief aid to Vadara victims. During her visit, she informed CM Naidu of the dire housing needs of families in her village and expressed her willingness to provide 2-3 cents of land per family if the government approves the construction.

Acknowledging Rajamma's selflessness, CM Naidu assured her that the housing initiative would be underway soon and that officials would coordinate with her to formalize the land allocation. Commending her for her charitable gesture, CM Naidu congratulated Rajamma for her commitment to helping the less fortunate, highlighting her as an inspiration for her community and beyond.

TPN, Amaravati: In a remarkable act of generosity, Narishetti Rajamma, an elderly woman from Kammavaripalem in the Nakarikallu mandal of Palnadu district, has volunteered to donate her own land for the construction of houses for underprivileged families in her village. Rajamma, motivated by the need to support the homeless in her community, has of-

Visakhapatnam Should Lead in Sports Alongside Being Financial Capital - MP Keshineni Shivnath

TPN, Visakhapatnam: The financial capital of Andhra Pradesh, Visakhapatnam (Vizag), should also take the lead in sports, said MP Keshineni Shivnath (Chini) during the inauguration of the Sri Ramaneni Kodandaramaiah Sports Complex at Andhra University on Monday. He was joined by MP Sribharat, TDP State President Palla Srinivas, Velagapudi Ramakrishna Babu, and PGVR Naidu (Ganababu) at the event. The dignitaries paid tribute to Kodandaramaiah by offering flowers to his statue, honoring his contributions to sports.



In a proud moment, MP Shivnath and MP Sribharat honored Olympian athlete Jyoti Erraji, the first athlete from Vizag selected for the Olympics. A check of Rs. 5 lakhs was presented to her by Seeramaneni Srinivasa Rao and Neduramalli Gautham Reddy as a token of appreciation for her achievements.

MP Shivnath praised Kodandaramaiah's lifelong dedication to sports, especially volleyball, which earned him national recognition. He recalled Kodandaramaiah's achievements, noting his success in training athletes who later won Dronacharya and Arjuna Awards. The newly inaugurated sports complex, donated by Kodandaramaiah's son Sridhar, is dedicated to continuing this legacy, supporting and inspiring future athletes.

The event saw an impressive turnout, with dignitaries such as AU Vice Chancellor Acharya G. Sasibhushan Rao, Registrar Acharya E.N. Dhanunjaya Rao, former Deputy CM Dharmana Krishna Das, Arts College Principal Acharya A. Narasimha Rao, Kodandaramaiah's family, AP Olympic Association member Sriramaneni Ramalinga Prasad, and numerous Arjuna and Dronacharya awardees, including Olympian Manikya Nageswara Rao. Sports enthusiasts, association representatives, and fans gathered in large numbers to celebrate the launch of the sports complex, marking a significant milestone for sports development in Vizag.

Janasena Party's Janavani Program Sees Public Concerns Addressed in Mangalagiri



TPN, Mangalagiri: People from across the state gathered at the Janasena Party's central office in Mangalagiri on Monday to voice their grievances and submit petitions as part of the Janavani program. Nelimarla legislator Mr. Lokam Madhavi led the event, receiving petitions directly from the public and listening to their concerns.

Also present at the program were Janasena State Secretary Mr. Ammishetti Vasu, along with party leaders Mr. Lokam Prasad, Mr. Boosa Ramanjaneyulu, and Mrs. Pothireddy Anita. Legal team member Mr. Kappera Nagendrababu and other party representatives actively participated, demonstrating the party's commitment to addressing public issues.

The Janavani program serves as a platform for the party to understand and address the challenges faced by citizens, with Janasena leaders emphasizing their dedication to resolving the issues brought forward.

Fire Accident at GV Mall in Gudivada Highlights Safety Concerns

TPN, Gudivada: A fire broke out at GV Mall in Gudivada due to an air cooler compressor short-circuit, causing a significant blaze that put the lives of approximately 150 employees at risk. Fortunately, firefighters responded quickly, managing to control the fire and prevent further tragedy. Despite the quick response, the incident has raised serious concerns over safety protocols in the mall.

Reports indicate that GV Mall lacks adequate safety measures, including emergency exits, which could pose a serious risk to employees and visitors in case of future incidents. Fire department officials voiced frustration with the mall's management, noting that employees were still inside the building when the fire erupted. This lapse could have resulted in severe casualties had the fire not been contained in time. Firefighters on the scene criticized the building's construction for failing to adhere to safety standards. The absence of escape routes in the building underscores the urgent need for stricter compliance with fire safety regulations to safeguard employees and visitors.

Authorities are expected to investigate the GV Mall's adherence to construction and safety guidelines, especially given the fire department's concerns.

MLA Sujana Chaudhary Pushes for Timely Completion of Pending Works in Vijayawada West



TPN, Vijayawada: West Constituency MLA Yalamanchili Satyanarayana (Sujana Chaudhary) held a review meeting with officials from various departments on Monday at the MLA's office in Tadigadapa, urging for swift completion of pending development projects. Chaudhary emphasized the need to expedite the ongoing works related to roads, stormwater drains, and the construction of an indoor stadium, all aimed at enhancing infrastructure and

public welfare in the West Constituency. During the meeting, Sujana Chaudhary highlighted the new indoor stadium project in Vidyadharapuram, which is being developed at an estimated cost of ₹6 crores. He also stressed the importance of accelerating the BRTS road winding works from Misala Raja Rao Bridge. Further, with ₹74 crores allocated through the Amrit scheme, Chaudhary urged officials to promptly begin the tendering process to resolve drinking water issues in the region.

The MLA directed officials to prioritize road construction across 41 divisions that have already received council approval. In addition, he recommended a project to

improve accessibility in the hilly areas around the Chitti Nagar tunnel, suggesting the installation of lifts to help residents meet their daily needs more conveniently. He also encouraged officials to address any complaints received from the constituency in a coordinated manner.

Chief Engineer Srinath Reddy, SE Satyanarayana, SE Projects Officer Satya Kumari, EI Venkateswara Reddy, Zonal Commissioner Ramya Keertana, Narayanamurthy, and other key officials attended the meeting, where they discussed strategies for accelerating the pending works to meet community needs effectively.

Krishna District Police Hosts Open House Program as Part of Police Martyrs' Week



TPN, Machilipatnam: As part of the ongoing Police Martyrs' Week celebrations, an open house program was organized by the district police at the district police office grounds. The program, which was inaugurated by District Superintendent of Police Gangadhara Rao IPS, along with In-Charge Additional SP Admin B. Satyanarayana, was aimed at educating students and locals about the role and operations of the police force. Students from various schools and colleges across Machilipatnam town attended the event, where they had the opportunity to view a wide array of police equipment, weap-



ons, and demonstrations. The event included a special demonstration by the K9 unit, which showcased how trained dogs assist in identifying suspects by scent during investigations of thefts and murders. Students were also educated about the security measures undertaken by the BD (Bomb Disposal) Team during VIP and VVIP meetings. In addition to this, the police explained the use of forensic techniques, such as fingerprint analysis, to gather evidence from crime scenes. The students also witnessed a display of communication devices like the Man Pack, used by

the police to exchange critical information.

A variety of weapons, including 303 rifles, pistols, SLRs, AK-47s, LMGs, and INSAS rifles, were displayed to educate the public on police preparedness against criminal and anti-social elements. The students were introduced to the latest police technologies, such as body-worn cameras, breath analyzers, bomb disposal equipment, and various traffic control tools. SP Gangadhara Rao personally demonstrated the operation of different weapons and explained crowd control tactics, including the use of rubber bullets and multi-launchers. The interactive event allowed students to ask questions and gain insights into police operations.

The SP remarked on the importance of public awareness about the police force's role and the equipment they use to ensure safety and security. The program concluded with snacks provided to the students, who left with a better understanding of the police's dedication and duties in safeguarding the community.

Kapu Community Leaders Issue Warning to TDP Leader Over Remarks

TPN, Ongole: In Ongole, Kapu community leaders have strongly condemned recent comments made by TDP leader Sasikant Bhushan about the nominated posts awarded to Kapus. During an event held at the Kapu Sangham office on Sunday, community leaders warned Bhushan against further derogatory remarks, urging him to show respect towards their community.

The controversy arose after Bhushan reportedly made comments in the presence of MLA Damacharla Janardhan at a TDP constituen-

cy meeting in Ongole. Kapu leaders reminded Bhushan of their strong support for the coalition government, which was instrumental in TDP's success. They highlighted instances in which past leaders, like Balineni Srinivasa Reddy, recognized the Kapu community's contributions by appointing dedicated members to important posts.

MLA Damacharla was also urged to consider Kapu representation when assigning significant roles within the alliance. The Kapu lead-

ers stated that they would not tolerate further disrespect and advised the TDP to address the matter.

In conjunction with this, the leaders unveiled the invitation for the upcoming Kapu Vanabhajana Mahotsava, an annual community gathering. Nine teams with 36 community members have been formed to oversee the event's organization. Attendees at the unveiling included community leaders such as Kapu Sanjeevkumar, T. Srinivasamoorthy, K. Srinivasa Rao, Narahari Sambaiah, among others.



Gurpatwant Singh Pannun: A Puppet of Terrorism in the Khalistani Movement

Gurpatwant Singh Pannun embodies a bizarre caricature of bravado, often seen in videos where he threatens violence against a nation of 1.4 billion people, armed with the world's fifth-largest economy and fourth-mightiest military. His antics might seem humorous if they weren't orchestrated by the very real threat of Pakistan, a nation notorious for its role in global terrorism.

Pannun represents a separatist movement that has been responsible for some of India's most horrific terrorist acts, including the Hoshiarpur bus massacre and the Air India Kanishka explosion in 1985, which claimed 329 lives. Now, this movement appears to be gaining momentum again, bolstered by funding from the Pakistani ISI and supported by Western nations like the US, Canada, and the UK. Recent violent attacks on Indian embassies and the intimidation of patriotic Sikhs highlight the increasing boldness of Khalistani supporters abroad.

The Western response to these acts has been disheartening. Pannun has publicly threatened violent actions against Indian interests, including a recent warning directed at Air India. Yet, both the US and Canada have remained largely silent, failing to condemn these threats. Canada's historical context is particularly troubling, as it was the site of the most devastating terror attack in its history when Khalistani militants destroyed Air India's Kanishka flight.

Recent incidents, such as the violent assault on the Indian High Commission in Ottawa and attacks in London and San Francisco, reveal a troubling trend of rising Khalistani extremism in the West. While these nations espouse values of free speech and assembly, they ignore the distinction between peaceful protest and acts of intimidation and violence.

Indian External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar has aptly criticized this Western hypocrisy, stating that political convenience should not dictate responses to terrorism. The West seems oblivious to the long-term consequences of harboring radical elements like Pannun, which only serves to undermine their own security.

The Pakistani ISI has been exploiting the situation, leveraging discontent within the Sikh community to advance its agenda. By promoting figures like Pannun, they seek to create a hostile environment for India while simultaneously using these movements to galvanize support from sympathetic elements within the diaspora.

Despite the challenges posed by Khalistani separatism, the overwhelming majority of Sikhs in India and abroad remain patriotic, serving in the armed forces and contributing positively to society. The dangerous flirtation with extremism, however, threatens to create isolated enclaves of lawlessness in Western nations, a scenario that serves no one's interest.

India's Defense Milestone: Tata-Airbus C295 Project Launched

Since Prime Minister Narendra Modi took office in 2014, India has been on a transformative journey towards self-reliance in manufacturing, encapsulated in the ambitious "Make in India" initiative. This vision aims to empower India to develop its own manufacturing capabilities, reducing reliance on imports and establishing a robust domestic economy.

The "Make in India" initiative aligns closely with the "Atmanirbhar Bharat" (Self-reliant India) ethos. Initially met with skepticism and ridicule from political opponents, the initiative has proven to be a game-changer. Modi's relentless energy and forward-thinking approach have galvanized an aspirational India, steering the nation towards greater self-sufficiency, particularly in the defense sector.

On October 28, a landmark moment in India's defense history unfolded as Modi and Spanish Prime Minister Pedro Sanchez inaugurated the Tata-Airbus C295 project in Vadodara. This project marks the first instance of a military aircraft being manufactured by a private Indian compa-

ny, signaling a significant stride toward self-reliance in defense. Notably, the initiative is set to produce over 18,000 components domestically, ensuring that the entire aircraft manufacturing process is anchored in India.

Under the agreement, India will receive a total of 56 C-295 aircraft for the Indian Air Force. Of these, 16 will be delivered directly from Airbus in Spain, while the remaining 40 will be manufactured locally. The first of these locally produced aircraft is expected to roll out in 2026, with all deliveries slated for completion by 2031, effectively replacing the legacy Avro aircraft used by the Indian Air Force.

The push for domestic defense manufacturing is grounded in the belief that a strong self-reliant security infrastructure is essential for national economic prosperity. The facts speak volumes about the progress made:

- In 2019, India ranked 23rd among the world's arms exporters, marking a significant achievement.

- The proportion of defense spending on foreign procurement has decreased from 46% in 2018-19 to 36.7% by late 2022.

- Defense exports skyrocketed from ₹686 crore in 2013-14 to ₹21,083 crore in 2023-24, now extending to over 100 countries.

- India's defense budget has nearly tripled, from ₹2.03 lakh crore in 2013-14 to ₹5.93 lakh crore in 2023-24.

- Significant investments have been made in two major defense industrial corridors in Tamil Nadu and Uttar Pradesh, enhancing the indigenous defense production ecosystem.

With plans for further investment in startups and MSMEs, the Indian defense sector is on a promising path to becoming a self-sustaining powerhouse. The inauguration of the Tata Aircraft Complex for C295 production stands as a testament to how a nation's aspirations can materialize with strong political will and targeted policy initiatives. While challenges remain, the progress made thus far indicates a bright future for India's defense manufacturing capabilities.



The Sudden Rise of Rajiv Gandhi: A Shift in Indian Politics

On October 31, 1984, India experienced a swift political upheaval as Rajiv Gandhi was sworn in as Prime Minister just hours after the assassination of his mother, Indira Gandhi. Unlike previous transitions, which allowed for a mourning period, this change was marked by urgency and chaos. Indira Gandhi's assassination by her own bodyguards, following the controversial Operation Blue Star, set a grim tone for the political landscape.

The circumstances surrounding her assassination were striking: key political figures, including the President and various ministers, were out of the country or engaged elsewhere. This absence created a power vacuum that led to a tumultuous but rapid transfer of authority. The assassination sparked anti-Sikh riots, which were further fueled by misinformation and mob mentality, leading to wide-

spread violence against the Sikh community. As Indira Gandhi's body lay at the All India Institute of Medical Sciences, a shadowy power play unfolded. Despite the tragedy, the Congress Party swiftly maneuvered to position Rajiv Gandhi as her successor. There was no constitutional framework for an "acting Prime Minister," yet the party bypassed established norms. The absence of a prominent leader like K. Kamraj, who had facilitated previous transitions, left a leadership gap that was quickly filled by Rajiv's allies and advisors.

Rajiv Gandhi was alerted to the news while traveling in West Bengal and returned to Delhi urgently, with former minister Pranab Mukherjee by his side. Despite the chaos, his ascent was orchestrated with remarkable efficiency. Minister Buta Singh and other loyalists promoted a signature campaign to ensure Rajiv's quick appointment,

bypassing formalities traditionally observed in such transitions. When President Zail Singh returned from Yemen, he faced public hostility as riots erupted in the capital. However, he decided to honor Indira Gandhi's presumed wish for her son to succeed her. Singh's interpretation of the Constitution allowed him to exercise his discretion in selecting the new Prime Minister. The Congress Parliamentary Board, meeting in disarray, formally endorsed Rajiv's selection, albeit after the fact.

Rajiv Gandhi's swearing-in marked a new chapter in Indian politics, shifting the focus from democratic endorsement to swift party control over leadership appointments. Although he won the subsequent general elections in a landslide, this approach set a precedent that would influence the trajectory of Indian politics for decades to come.

Reflections on Inclusivity and Communal Identity in Civil Rights Discourse

I recently attended a meeting of an organization dedicated to civil rights, where a speaker raised a concern about the demographic makeup of the attendees. Noting that most participants were Muslims, he urged the organizers to include more Hindus, arguing that the gathering risked appearing solely focused on Muslim issues. He claimed this exclusivity undermined the broader struggle for rights that includes not only Muslims but also Dalits and Hindus facing their own violations.

This speech sparked a deep reflection in me. Why is it considered problematic if a meeting comprises predominantly Muslims? Would the same scrutiny apply if a gathering were overwhelmingly Hindu? When meetings feature 99% Hindus, no one questions the absence of Muslims, Sikhs, or Christians. Yet, a similar composition of Muslims raises eyebrows and is labeled incomplete. If decisions are made by a largely Muslim assembly, will those outcomes also be deemed invalid for lacking Hindu representation?

I must confess that several years ago, I experienced a similar epiphany. Invited to speak in Patna, I found that 99% of the audience was Muslim. This struck me, whereas I had never thought it odd that previous gatherings—

composed almost entirely of Hindus—were deemed perfectly normal. This reflection reveals a subtle but pervasive form of communalism that can even infect those who pride themselves on being logical and secular. Our tendency to accept one demographic's presence as 'normal' while questioning another's reveals underlying biases we might not even recognize.

The meeting focused on civil or human rights. In today's India, whose rights are systematically being eroded? Whose homes are being bulldozed, and whose places of worship are under attack? Which community faces arrests, draconian laws, and continuous vilification from mainstream media? The answers are painfully clear: it is the Muslim community that faces these organized assaults on its rights.

We must confront these uncomfortable truths. It is crucial to acknowledge the specific struggles of Muslims in India, not to diminish the experiences of other marginalized communities but to recognize the urgency of addressing targeted attacks against them. Only by fully understanding and confronting these dynamics can we strive for genuine inclusivity in our advocacy for civil rights.

PM Modi to Launch ₹12,850 Crore Health Sector Projects on Ayurveda Day

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to lay the foundation stone for multiple health sector initiatives worth approximately ₹12,850 crore on Tuesday, coinciding with Dhanvantari Jayanti and the 9th Ayurveda Day. The announcement will take place at the All India Institute of Ayurveda, highlighting the government's commitment to enhancing healthcare infrastructure across the country.

Among the key projects being launched is the expansion of health coverage under the Ayushman Bharat Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY) to include all senior citizens aged 70 and above. This initiative aims to ensure better access to health services for the elderly population.

Additionally, PM Modi will introduce the U-WIN portal, designed to digitalize the vaccination process for pregnant women and children up to 16 years old. This portal will facilitate timely administration of vaccines against 12 preventable diseases, thus improving health outcomes for mothers and infants.

The Prime Minister will also unveil a centralized database portal for allied and healthcare professionals, which will streamline information about existing healthcare personnel and institutions. Significant enhancements to research and development, as well as testing infrastructure, will also be



announced to strengthen the overall healthcare ecosystem. A new Central Drugs Testing Laboratory in Gopathatna, Odisha, will be inaugurated, furthering the government's aim to provide quality healthcare services nationwide.

PM Modi will also launch drone services at 11 Tertiary Healthcare Institutions, utilizing technology to enhance healthcare delivery. Furthermore, four Centres of Excellence in Ayurveda will be established at premier institutions, aiming to advance research and innovation in traditional medicine.

In a significant push for the Make in India initiative, the Prime Minister will inaugurate five projects under the Production Linked Incentive scheme for medical devices and bulk drugs, fostering local manufacturing capabilities in the healthcare sector.

Among the notable inaugurations is the second phase of the All India Institute of Ayurveda, which will feature a Panchakarma hospital, an Ayurvedic pharmacy, a sports medicine unit, and an incubation center for IT startups. The foundation stone will be laid for five Nursing Colleges in Madhya Pradesh, along with 21 Critical Care Blocks across various states, as part



UP CM Yogi Adityanath Announces Scholarship Scheme For Students And Teachers

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath has announced a new Sanskrit Scholarship Scheme aimed at supporting students and teachers engaged in Sanskrit studies across the state. Launched during a ceremony at Sanskrit University, the initiative underscores the importance of Sanskrit in preserving India's rich linguistic and cultural heritage.

In his address to the gathering, CM Yogi highlighted the initiative's significance in connecting individuals to their cultural roots. He stated, "This scheme is crucial for our cultural identity and reflects the unity of those who value the language. To truly appreciate Sanskrit, one must explore its spiritual dimensions, which connect us to the divine."

The scholarship program will offer financial support to both students and teachers involved in substantial research and thesis writing on specialized topics in Sanskrit. "Sanskrit has the potential to play a vital role in safeguarding Indian culture, and those who cherish the language bear the responsibility of upholding its legacy. Today's youth, with their reverence for Sanskrit, stand to gain significantly from this initiative," the Chief Minister added.

Additionally, Yogi Adityanath announced a new policy mandating that grants for Sanskrit schools will only be awarded to institutions that provide free hostel accommodations, including food and lodging for students. This move aims to enhance accessibility and support for students pursuing Sanskrit education.

While acknowledging that Sanskrit has traditionally been less familiar to many, he expressed admiration for the dedicated students who have kept the language alive. "I am continually impressed by how Sanskrit, often overlooked, still attracts committed learners. Since 2017, there has been a resurgence of respect for this ancient language, and we are witnessing a notable increase in students dedicated to mastering it," he remarked.

"Corruption First": Eknath Shinde's Take On Opposition Priorities

Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde, following the filing of his nomination today, addressed allegations from the opposition regarding women-centric schemes like 'Ladki Behena.' In an exclusive interview with NDTV, Shinde dismissed the opposition's claims, asserting that the state government took proactive measures to adhere to the Model Code of Conduct by transferring funds for November in October, before elections were announced.

When questioned about opposition accusations of the initiatives being mere "pre-election stunts," Shinde labeled these claims as fabrications. "They promised quick disbursement of welfare funds under various schemes, but nothing has materialized in Karnataka or Himachal Pradesh. They halted their schemes, claiming they needed to obtain funds from the Centre first," he said. In contrast, he emphasized that his government has successfully implemented programs and made payments, alleging that the opposition's motives are dubious. "Our policy is 'Nation first'; theirs is 'corruption first,'" he added.



On the topic of the opposition's lack of a Chief Ministerial candidate, Shinde remarked, "We don't have the 'Make me CM' culture." He contrasted this with the era of Balasaheb Thackeray, stating that prominent leaders would come to meet him, whereas he believes Uddhav Thackeray's current approach is more about soliciting support to become Chief Minister. This comment was a direct jibe at his political rival Uddhav Thackeray, whose government Shinde previously toppled with support from the BJP.

Despite Shinde's aspirations to embody Bal Thackeray's legacy, voter response has been mixed. In the recent Lok Sabha elections, the opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi secured 30 out of 48 seats in Maharashtra, while the ruling alliance managed only 17.

DMK Dismisses Actor-Politician Vijay's Ideology as a Copycat Attempt



Tamil Nadu's ruling Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) has dismissed the political ideology espoused by actor-politician Vijay and his newly formed party, Tamizhaga Vetri Kazhagam (TVK), characterizing it as a mere imitation of their policies. DMK leader TKS Elangovan stated, "These are all our policies; he is copying us. Whatever he says has already been articulated and is being implemented by us," as reported by the Press Trust of India.

In his inaugural public address, Vijay criticized the DMK's leadership, targeting the party's first family and accusing them of "cheating people in the name of the Dravidian model." He further claimed that "one family is looting the state" through dubious dealings.

The DMK, which has a long history of political rivalries, responded with skepticism about Vijay's party. Elangovan

remarked, "This is the first conference, and let us see; we have encountered many parties before." He emphasized that the DMK has a strong ideological foundation built over 75 years, focusing on fighting for the people's issues, while suggesting that Vijay's TVK is more focused on achieving power quickly, aiming for the 2026 elections just two years after its inception.

Vijay has expressed a commitment to social justice and women's empowerment, drawing inspiration from iconic figures such as Periyar, Kamaraj, and Ambedkar. However, he clarified that while he respects Periyar's contributions, his party will not adopt the stance of "No god," emphasizing that they are "against nobody's faith."

AIADMK spokesperson Kovai Sathyan acknowledged Vijay's entry into politics, congratulating him but cautioning that he has a long journey ahead to establish himself and deliver on his promises. The unfolding political landscape in Tamil Nadu remains dynamic, with established parties scrutinizing the intentions of emerging players like TVK as they prepare for future elections.

Udhayanidhi Stalin Must Adhere To Government Dress Code: AIADMK



The AIADMK has urged Tamil Nadu's Deputy Chief Minister Udhayanidhi Stalin to comply with the dress code outlined in a government order applicable to state employees. S. Imbadurai, the AIADMK's legal cell secretary and former MLA, emphasized that the dress code should be uniformly enforced, including for the Deputy Chief Minister.

According to the Tamil Nadu Government Order (GO), male employees are expected to wear formal shirts with pants or dhotis that reflect Tamil culture, alongside other traditional Indian attire. For female employees, sarees or salwar suits are mandated.

Imbadurai criticized Udhayanidhi Stalin for wearing a T-shirt featuring the DMK flag and the party's rising sun symbol at official events, asserting that such informal attire is inappropriate for government functions. The Deputy Chief Minister's casual dress choices have sparked considerable backlash from opposition parties within Tamil Nadu.



Ishiba's Coalition Loses Majority in Japan's Election Setback

Japan's political landscape is in turmoil after Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba's ruling coalition faced a significant setback in the recent election, leaving no party with a clear mandate to govern. The Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) and its junior coalition partner Komeito secured only 215 seats in the lower house of parliament, a sharp decline from the previous 279 seats. This loss is attributed to public dissatisfaction over a funding scandal and a rising cost-of-living crisis.

The election results sent the yen to a three-month low, as investors braced for potential weeks of political negotiations and instability. Analysts are now questioning Ishiba's future as prime minister, especially since he has been in office for less than a month. His leadership could be challenged, although he might remain in a caretaker role during the transitional period.

The main opposition party, the Constitutional Democratic Party of Japan (CDPJ), emerged as the biggest winner, increasing its seat count from 98 to 148, though still falling short of the majority needed to govern. CDPJ leader Yoshihiko Noda has indicated a willingness to collaborate with other parties to attempt to unseat the ruling coalition, though this scenario remains uncertain.

As mandated by Japan's constitution, the parties have 30 days to form a viable government. Smaller parties have also gained traction, potentially playing a crucial role in the upcoming negotiations. Political analysts suggest that Ishiba's position may be untenable given the poor election outcome, but he may still lead as a caretaker until a new government is established.

In the backdrop of these developments, Japan faces economic challenges and a tense security situation, exacerbated by a more assertive China and the nuclear threat from North Korea.

China-India pact on border positive development in bilateral ties: Russian envoy



The recent pact on border issues has been hailed as a significant positive development in India-China relations. This agreement marks a crucial step toward enhancing bilateral ties between the two nations, which have faced prolonged tensions over territorial disputes.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi's meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping on the sidelines of the BRICS summit in Kazan has been particularly welcomed by diplomatic observers. This high-level interaction underscores the commitment of both leaders to address longstanding issues and foster cooperation in various sectors.

The border agreement aims to reduce friction along the Line of Actual Control (LAC), a contentious area that has been the focus of military standoffs in recent years. The pact is expected to facilitate better commu-

nication and understanding between the armed forces of both countries, paving the way for a more stable and peaceful coexistence.

In the context of global politics, the meeting in Kazan highlights the importance of India and China as key players in the BRICS bloc, which also includes Brazil, Russia, and South Africa. Their collaboration is vital not only for regional stability but also for promoting economic growth and development within the framework of emerging economies.

Analysts note that while challenges remain, including unresolved territorial claims and strategic competition, this recent engagement reflects a willingness to engage in dialogue and seek common ground. The commitment to working through disputes can potentially lead to a more constructive relationship in the future.

As both nations navigate the complexities of their interactions, the focus on diplomatic channels and peaceful negotiations may yield further progress. The global community is watching closely, as improved India-China relations could have far-reaching implications for regional security and economic dynamics.

In conclusion, the recent developments at the BRICS summit signal a cautious optimism for the future of India-China relations, emphasizing the need for continued dialogue and collaboration to resolve outstanding issues and enhance mutual trust.

Trump attacks China, says US has greatest military in the world

At a recent campaign rally, Republican presidential candidate Donald Trump asserted that the United States would prevail against China, stating, "we will kick their a**." He emphasized the strength of the U.S. military, countering claims of military weakness under President Joe Biden's administration.

Trump criticized a report that suggested the U.S. could struggle in a conflict with China, declaring it untrue and unnecessary to publish. He pointed to a report from the Commission on the National Defense Strategy, which indicated that China was outpacing the U.S. militarily, particularly in the Western Pacific. "We have the greatest military in the world," he reiterated, dismissing concerns about the country's military capabilities.



President Biden Hosts Diwali Celebration at the White House



President Joe Biden is set to celebrate Diwali at the White House on Monday evening, welcoming a large gathering of Indian Americans from across the country. This event continues a cherished tradition from previous years, highlighting the administration's commitment to recognizing and honoring cultural diversity.

The celebration will begin with President Biden lighting a Diya lamp in the Blue Room, a symbolic act representing the victory of light over darkness and knowledge over ignorance. Following this, the President will deliver remarks to the attendees, emphasizing the importance of community and cultural heritage.

This year's Diwali celebration holds special significance as it marks President Biden's final reception for the festival at the White House, given his decision not

to run for reelection. The event is expected to reflect on his administration's efforts to foster inclusivity and support for the Indian American community.

Among the highlights of the evening is a video message from Sunita "Sunni" Williams, a decorated NASA astronaut and retired Navy Captain. Currently serving as the Commander of the International Space Station, Williams recorded her Diwali greetings from space. A practicing Hindu, she has previously celebrated Diwali in orbit, bringing cultural items such as samosas and copies of the Upanishads and Bhagavad Gita to honor her heritage.

In addition to the ceremonial lighting of the Diya and remarks, the event will feature musical entertainment from Nootana, a classical South Asian dance and music ensemble based in Washington, D.C., as well as performances by the Marine Corps Band.



Iran Supreme Leader's Hebrew X Account Suspended

Iran's Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei's newly created Hebrew account on the social media platform X has been suspended after just two posts, according to reports from the Jerusalem Post. The suspension follows Khamenei's remarks aimed at Israel in the wake of recent military tensions.

Khamenei's latest post, dated Sunday, warned, "The Zionist regime made a mistake, and erred in its calculation regarding Iran. We will make it understand what power, ability, initiative, and desire the Iranian nation has." This statement came after Israel conducted airstrikes targeting Iranian military installations, which Iran claims resulted in the death of two soldiers.

The first post on Khamenei's Hebrew account appeared on Saturday, where he introduced his message with the phrase, "In the name of Allah the merciful." Both posts were issued after Israel's strikes against Iran's military sites, highlighting the escalating rhetoric between the two nations.

On his main X account, Khamenei frequently addresses his audience in Hebrew, often employing strong language against Israel. He commented that the recent airstrikes should neither be overstated nor underestimated, stating, "They're making a miscalculation concerning Iran," emphasizing that Israel has not grasped the determination and capabilities of the Iranian people.

Pakistan Launches Campaign to Vaccinate 45 Million Children Against Polio



Pakistan has initiated a significant vaccination campaign aimed at immunizing 45 million children against polio, following the detection of the virus in environmental samples across 16 districts. Prime Minister Shehbaz Sharif officially launched the campaign during a ceremony at the Prime Minister's House, underscoring the urgent need to protect the nation's children from this crippling disease.

The detection of polio in environmental samples serves as a stark reminder of the ongoing threat posed by the virus. In response, health officials have ramped up efforts to ensure that children are vaccinated to curb the spread of polio. The campaign will run across various regions, focusing on high-risk areas where the virus has been identified.

During the inauguration, Prime Minister Sharif emphasized the importance of collective action to eliminate polio in Pakistan, a country that has

faced significant challenges in its fight against this disease. He called on parents to participate actively in the campaign and ensure their children receive the necessary vaccinations. "This is not just a government initiative; it requires the commitment of every citizen," he stated.

Health authorities are deploying thousands of vaccinators to reach children in remote areas, ensuring that no child is left unprotected. The campaign is expected to not only enhance immunization coverage but also raise awareness about the importance of vaccination in preventing polio and other vaccine-preventable diseases.

In addition to the immediate goal of vaccinating millions of children, the government aims to strengthen surveillance and response measures to monitor and respond to any future outbreaks. By investing in robust healthcare infrastructure and education, officials hope to create a lasting impact in the fight against polio.

RBI's Optimistic Growth Forecast Sparks Concern Among Economists

The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) optimistic growth projections for the nation, predicted to be the world's fastest-growing major economy, have sparked confusion and concern among economists. Despite recent signs of economic activity tapering off, the RBI maintains its forecast of a 7.2% expansion for the fiscal year ending March 2025. This outlook contrasts sharply with the Indian government's more conservative estimate of 6.5% to 7% growth, and investment banks like Goldman Sachs have even downgraded their projections to as low as 6.5%.



Dhiraj Nim, an economist at Australia & New Zealand Banking Corp, emphasized the discrepancy, stating, "The RBI's forecast exceeds what a margin of error around market forecasts would allow. The overall macroeconomic indicators have not evolved positively in recent months to support the central bank's predictions."

Various sectors are already showing signs of a downturn, with reports indicating declines in car and coffee sales and manufacturing activity. Although factory activity showed a slight uptick this month, it has generally softened since

The RBI's confidence is largely based on its assessment of improving rural spending and a rebound in private investment. However, economists are increasingly worried about sluggish urban consumption and declining exports, which could undermine the central bank's optimistic stance. They caution that if these warning signs are ignored, the RBI may inadvertently adopt a too-restrictive monetary policy, potentially stunting growth even further.

July. Passenger vehicle sales have dropped for two consecutive months, and air travel has seen declines in three of the last four months since June.

As the RBI continues to stand firm on its growth estimates, the disparity between its projections and those of economists and market analysts raises questions about the future trajectory of India's economy and the potential implications for monetary policy moving forward.

NTPC Green Energy Set to Raise ₹10,000 Crore in Upcoming IPO

NTPC Green Energy, a wholly owned subsidiary of NTPC, has received the final observation from the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI), paving the way for its initial public offering (IPO) to raise ₹10,000 crore. The company submitted its IPO documents to SEBI on September 18, 2024. According to a CRISIL report referenced in the draft red herring prospectus (DRHP), NTPC Green Energy is the largest public sector enterprise in renewable energy (excluding hydro) in terms of operating capacity and power generation as of Fiscal 2024. As of June 30, 2024, the company was engaged with 15 offtakers through 37 solar projects and 9 wind projects, and it is currently constructing 31 renewable energy projects across seven states, totaling 11,771 MWs contracted and awarded. Additionally, NTPC Green operates 2,925 MWs through 14 solar projects and 2 wind projects.



proceeds from the IPO, totaling ₹7,500 crore, will be allocated towards investments in NTPC Renewable Energy Limited (NREL), repayment or prepayment of certain existing debts related to NREL, and general corporate purposes.

The lead managers for this offering include IDBI Capital Markets & Securities Limited, HDFC Bank Limited, IIFL Securities Limited, and Nuvama Wealth Management Limited, with KFin Technologies Limited serving as the registrar. NTPC Green Energy

has demonstrated robust financial growth, reporting a revenue increase of 46.82%, from ₹910.42 crore in fiscal 2022 to ₹1,962.60 crore in fiscal 2024. The profit after tax has shown a remarkable compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of 90.75%, rising from ₹94.74 crore in fiscal 2022 to ₹344.72 crore in fiscal 2024.

For the quarter ending June 30, 2024, revenue from operations stood at ₹578.44 crore, with a profit after tax of ₹138.61 crore, both figures calculated on a restated basis.

The IPO will consist entirely of new equity shares with a face value of ₹10 each. A portion of the offer is reserved for qualified employees, who will receive a discount for participating in the employee reservation section. The

Adani Power Reports 50% Decline in Q2 Net Profit Amid Higher Taxes and Lower Income



Adani Power announced a significant 50% drop in its consolidated net profit for the September quarter, reporting ₹3,297.52 crore compared to ₹6,594.17 crore in the same period last year. This decline is attributed to reduced income and increased tax expenses, as detailed in a filing with the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE).

The company noted a substantial decrease in one-time revenue recognition, with ₹1,020 crore recognized in the first half of FY25 (April-September

2024) versus ₹9,278 crore in H1 FY24. This drop followed the resolution of major regulatory issues and the collection of outstanding dues from power distribution companies (discoms) in the previous year.

In the second quarter of FY25 (July-September 2024), the one-time prior period revenue recognition was ₹598 crore, compared to ₹2,781 crore in Q2 FY24. Additionally, Adani Power faced higher tax liabilities, including a deferred tax charge totaling ₹1,829

crore in H1 FY25, while H1 FY24 included a deferred tax credit of ₹1,330 crore. The tax expense for Q2 FY25 stood at ₹837 crore, contrasting with a deferred tax credit of ₹1,371 crore from the previous year. Total income for the company fell to ₹14,062.84 crore in the quarter, down from ₹14,935.68 crore a year earlier. Despite these challenges, CEO S B Khyalia expressed optimism about the company's future, highlighting that Adani Power is focused on capacity expansion and securing power supply agreements for long-term revenue stability. He also emphasized efforts to revitalize recently acquired stressed power plants using the company's core competencies.

To support its growth strategy, the board of directors has approved the raising of up to ₹5,000 crore through secured, rated, listed, redeemable, non-convertible debentures. This includes a public issue of up to ₹2,500 crore and a private placement of the same amount. Additionally, Adani Power reported a 21% increase in consolidated power sale volume, reaching 21.9 billion units in Q2 FY25, up from 18.1 billion units in Q2 FY24, driven by improved power demand and higher operational capacity.

Stock Markets Rebound with Strong Gains as Investors Capitalize on Attractive Valuations



The five-session losing streak ended. Stock markets closed with huge gains on Monday. Despite mixed signals from the global markets, they have been bullish since morning. Investors bought valuable shares available at attractive prices. With the release of better results, there was a buying frenzy in the shares of public sector banks and finance companies. But don't think that the turn around has started from today. Nifty and Sensex will gain more strength only if they sustain at the current levels.



digital initiatives are also expected to drive growth and improve customer retention.

2. Laurus Labs

The company's revenue growth has been consistent, although profitability has recently faced pressures due to high raw material costs. However, the company is working to offset this by increasing its share of high-margin formulations. With strategic expansion into higher-margin products and diversification of its product



The BSE Senex, which closed at 74,402 in the previous session, opened at 79,653 today. It touched an intraday low of 79,418. It then rebounded and hit a high of 80,539. Finally, profit-taking took place, jumping 602 points to close at 80,005. The NSE Nifty opened at 24,251 and touched a low of 24,134 and a high of 24,496. Finally settled at 24,339, up 158 points. Nifty Bank gained 471 points to close at 51,259.

base, Laurus Labs aims to grow in the long term. Its investments in R&D and capacity expansion also support its future growth prospects.

3. DLF

DLF recently reported impressive revenue growth, with a significant increase in pre-sales driven by res-



idential segment demand. Debt levels have reduced, helping improve the balance sheet. The company's debt-to-equity ratio has improved over the years, reducing leverage and enhancing shareholder value. The ROE has been steady, indicating efficient use of equity.

4. Wipro

Wipro's revenue growth has been moderate, with profitability under pressure due to increased competition and wage inflation. However, the company's recent acquisitions and digital investments are beginning to yield returns. Wipro has a high ROA, indicative of efficient asset utilization, and a low debt-to-equity ratio, suggesting a strong balance sheet. The Price-to-Earnings (P/E) ratio is reasonable compared to peers, making it an attractive choice for investors.



5. Bank of Baroda

The bank has recently shown improvement in both its net profit and net interest income, benefiting from a robust growth in deposits and loans. Asset quality has also improved, with a reduction in NPAs and a strong capital adequacy ratio. Bank of Baroda's ROE and ROA are improving, although they still trail behind private sector banks. Its high NPA ratio is a challenge but has been decreasing consistently, suggesting effective risk management.

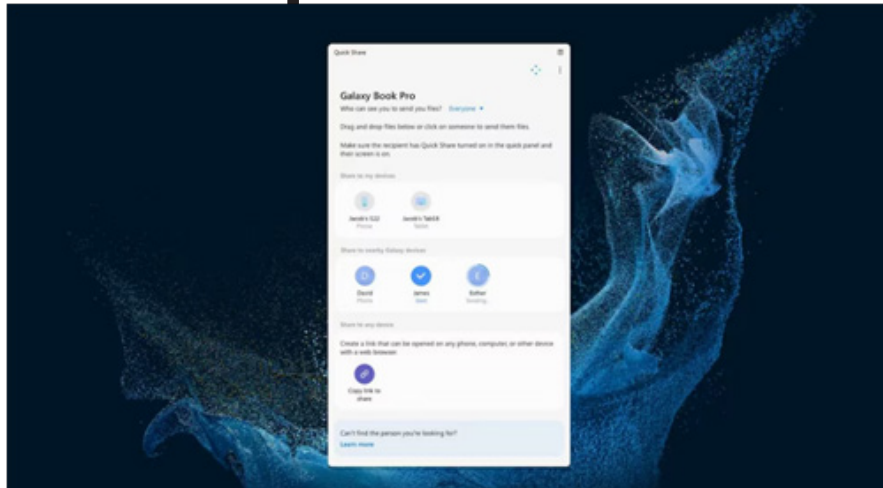


1. ICICI Bank

The bank recently reported strong earnings growth, with net profit rising over 35% year-on-year due to increased interest income and a stable net interest margin. Asset quality has also shown improvement, with non-performing assets (NPAs) reducing quarter-on-quarter. ICICI Bank is well-positioned to benefit from India's growing credit demand and economic recovery, especially in retail and corporate lending. The bank's



Google Releases Update for Quick Bug Fixes and Improvements



Google has rolled out a new update for its Quick Share application on the Windows platform, focusing primarily on addressing various bugs rather than introducing new features. This latest version aims to enhance user experience by fixing several issues that have been affecting users in recent weeks.

The updated Quick Share, now at version 1.0.2002.2, is available for download and includes fixes for a total of 12 problems. One significant bug that has been resolved involved app crashes when files contained non-ASCII characters in their names. This update also addresses issues related to Wi-Fi LAN advertising, Wi-Fi Hotspot functionality, and the Quick Share shortcut icon.

Among the key fixes included in this update is the resolution of a problem where the Wi-Fi hotspot could fail to recover if the application was closed during a file transfer. Additionally, users had reported occasional crashes when reading input files or connecting via Bluetooth; these issues have also been rectified.

Here's a summary of the fixes in-

cluded in the latest update: Fixed crashes related to file names with non-ASCII characters.

Resolved issues preventing files with non-ASCII characters from opening successfully. Corrected bugs that hindered the saving of user preferences in certain system configurations.

Ensured the Quick Share shortcut icon appears in the Start menu post-installation. Addressed multiple crashes when reading input files. Stopped unnecessary GATT reads during device discovery. Fixed Wi-Fi LAN advertising bugs. Resolved issues related to the deletion of Wi-Fi hotspot profiles. Corrected a bug that prevented the recovery of Wi-Fi hotspot settings after the app was closed during a transfer.

This update builds on the earlier version 1.0.1939.4, which was released earlier this month. Users are encouraged to download the latest version to benefit from these improvements and enjoy a more stable Quick Share experience.

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Do Ghosts Really Exist? What Researchers Say

Belief in ghosts has sparked countless theories and debates, with opinions divided on their existence. Some people firmly believe in the paranormal, while others dismiss ghosts as figments of imagination. A recent discussion with Barry Markovsky, a sociology professor at the University of South Carolina, sheds light on why many people are inclined to believe in ghosts, and his insights may surprise you.



Markovsky explains that personal experiences often play a significant role in shaping beliefs about ghosts. Many individuals report strange occurrences, such as flickering lights or unusual noises, leading them to conclude that they have encountered supernatural beings. He notes that "ghosts are almost always seen under ambiguous circumstances," which include poor lighting, moments of awakening, or during sleep when our senses aren't fully alert.

This suggests that the environment and mental state can heavily influence ghost sightings. When people visit supposedly haunted locations, they often approach these experiences with a sense of anticipation, expecting to encounter something unusual. Markovsky emphasizes that this expectation can heighten their sensitivity to stimuli that might otherwise go unnoticed. As a result, they may interpret ordinary sounds or sights as ghostly phe-

nomena.

Moreover, the psychology behind these experiences reveals a fascinating interplay between belief and perception. The human brain tends to fill in gaps in understanding, especially when faced with ambiguous stimuli. In such scenarios, the mind may default to familiar explanations, such as attributing the experience to ghosts.

Markovsky's analysis suggests that belief in ghosts isn't merely a matter of faith; it is intertwined with psychological and environmental factors. The combination of anticipation, context, and heightened sensitivity can create powerful experiences that reinforce the belief in the supernatural.

In conclusion, while science may not definitively support the existence of ghosts, it offers valuable insights into why many people believe in them. Our experiences, expectations, and the circumstances surrounding them shape our perceptions of reality, leading some to conclude that ghosts are more than just myths.

Apple Macs Set for Major Update with M4 Processor and Generative AI Features

Apple is preparing for a significant transformation of its Mac lineup, aligning with the recent rollout of Apple Intelligence on iPhone and iPad. The next generation of Macs will integrate Apple's generative AI capabilities, marking a major leap in performance and functionality. This update is expected to feature the new M4 processor, which promises enhanced performance and increased memory—both critical for users seeking a powerful computing experience.



During a recent teaser, Apple Senior Vice President Greg Joswiak hinted at the unveiling of these new Macs in the final week of October, starting Monday. This suggestion has generated excitement among fans and industry experts alike, as it indicates that the upcoming models will boast substantial upgrades in both hardware and software compared to their predecessors.

Enhanced Performance: The M4 processor is anticipated to deliver a significant boost in processing power, making tasks like video editing, gaming, and running demanding applications smoother and more efficient.

Increased Memory: With advance-

ments in memory capacity, users can expect improved multitasking capabilities, allowing them to run multiple applications simultaneously without lag.

Apple Intelligence Features: Incorporating generative AI will enhance user experience through smarter automation, improved predictive capabilities, and seamless integration with Apple's ecosystem.

Among the anticipated releases is a redesigned Mac Mini, which promises to offer a fresh look along with the new chip and AI capabilities. This redesign

aims to enhance the overall user experience while maintaining the compact form factor that the Mac Mini is known for.

As Apple gears up for this major launch, excitement builds in the tech community. The combination of cutting-edge hardware and innovative software features in the upcoming Macs is set to redefine user expectations and further establish Apple's commitment to delivering powerful and versatile computing solutions. Stay tuned for more updates as the launch date approaches!

Google To Develop AI That Takes Over Computers

Alphabet's Google is working on an innovative artificial intelligence technology designed to take over web browsing tasks such as research and online shopping, according to a report from The Information. The product, internally referred to as Project Jarvis, is expected to be demonstrated as early as December, coinciding with the launch of Google's next flagship Gemini large language model.

Project Jarvis aims to enhance the browsing experience by allowing AI to autonomously conduct research and perform various online tasks. This development is part of a broader trend in which tech companies are seeking to create AI agents that can interact with users' computers or browsers to streamline their online activities.

Microsoft-backed OpenAI is also venturing into this space, aspiring to create models that can autonomously browse the web with the help of a "CUA," or computer-using agent. This agent would enable the AI to take actions based on its findings, enhancing its functionality and making it a more powerful tool for users.

In addition to Google and OpenAI, companies like Anthropic are exploring similar concepts, aiming to elevate the



capabilities of AI agents beyond simple task completion. By developing software that can directly interact with a user's computer or browser, these companies hope to create more sophisticated and intuitive AI assistants.

The move towards AI-powered browsing tools reflects a growing recognition of the potential for AI to transform everyday online experiences. As Google prepares to unveil Project Jarvis, industry observers are keenly watching how this technology could change the land-

scape of web interaction.

With the competitive AI landscape rapidly evolving, Google's Project Jarvis could set a new standard for what users can expect from their online experiences, making tasks like research and shopping more efficient and seamless. As the December demonstration approaches, anticipation is building around the capabilities of this cutting-edge AI technology.

Instagram Adjusts Video Quality Based on Views and Connection Speed

Ever noticed a drop in video quality on your Instagram reels or stories after uploading? You're not alone, and Instagram CEO Adam Mosseri has confirmed that this is by design. During a recent AMA session, Mosseri addressed concerns about video quality, revealing that the platform reduces the quality of videos that aren't receiving many views.

He explained that Instagram aims to showcase the highest quality videos possible. However, if a video doesn't garner significant attention shortly after being posted—since most views happen soon after uploading—Instagram will switch to a lower quality version. "If something isn't watched for a long time, we will move to a lower quality video," Mosseri stated. Interestingly, if that video suddenly gains traction again, the platform will re-render



it in higher quality.

Moreover, Mosseri highlighted that video quality is also affected by the viewer's internet connection. If a user is on a slower network, Instagram will automatically serve a lower quality video to ensure faster loading times rather than leaving viewers with an endless load-

ing spinner. "It's a pretty dynamic system," he said, emphasizing that the goal is to provide the best viewing experience possible under varying conditions.

This approach aims to balance user experience with performance, allowing users with slower internet to still enjoy content without frustrating delays. For creators, this might mean keeping an eye on how their videos perform in the hours and days following their upload, as well as understanding the potential impacts of viewer connectivity on video quality.

In summary, while Instagram works hard to deliver high-quality content, both the number of views and connection speeds play crucial roles in determining the quality of the videos you see.



RCB's Retention Strategy: 6 Players to Keep Ahead of IPL 2025 Mega Auction

Royal Challengers Bengaluru (RCB) remains one of the most popular teams in the Indian Premier League (IPL) despite their ongoing quest for a maiden title. As the franchise prepares for the upcoming mega auction, the focus is on retaining key players who can help turn their aspirations into reality.

The journey of RCB in IPL 2024 was characterized by a rollercoaster of performances. The team struggled significantly in the first half of the season, facing the possibility of finishing at the bottom of the standings. However, a strategic shift in their approach during the crucial phase turned the tide. RCB found a winning combination that defied expectations and propelled them into the playoffs, showcasing their resilience and fighting spirit.

Throughout the season, standout performances from both seasoned players and emerging talents played a pivotal role in RCB's resurgence. The ability to adapt and make quick decisions on the field became evident, allowing the team

to overcome early setbacks. As the playoffs approached, RCB's confidence grew, highlighting their potential to compete at the highest level.

Looking ahead to the mega auction, RCB's management is keenly aware of the importance of retaining their core players. The team has a mix of experienced veterans and promising young talents, and maintaining this balance will be crucial in their quest for the title. The franchise aims to build on the momentum gained from their playoff appearance, ensuring that they come back stronger for the next season.

Fans of RCB are hopeful that the franchise will make smart moves in the auction to enhance their squad further. With a loyal fan base and a strong commitment to success, RCB remains determined to break their title drought. As the IPL continues to evolve, RCB's efforts to refine their strategy and retain key players will be instrumental in their ongoing pursuit of glory.

Jason Gillespie Takes Over as Temporary White-Ball Coach for Pakistan

The Pakistan cricket team has announced the appointment of Jason Gillespie, currently the Test team coach, as the new white-ball coach for the upcoming series against Australia and Zimbabwe. Gillespie's role will be temporary while the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) searches for a full-time head coach for white-ball cricket. This decision follows the resignation of Gary Kirsten, who stepped down after just six months in the position due to reported disagreements with the PCB.



felt sidelined as the PCB did not incorporate his recommendations for the team, leading to increased tensions. Sources have suggested that the PCB's selection committee had a similar approach with Gillespie and captain Shan Masood, ignoring their input on player selections.

Despite these challenges, Gillespie has opted to continue with his duties as Test coach, while Kirsten chose to resign amid the turmoil. Kirsten was initially appointed as Pakistan's white-ball coach in April 2024 on a two-year contract, but the team's underwhelming performance in the T20 World Cup raised serious concerns about his tenure.

As Pakistan prepares for the series against Australia and Zimbabwe, the focus will be on Gillespie to navigate these turbulent waters and help steer the team toward success. The PCB's decision-making process will be under scrutiny as they seek a long-term solution for their white-ball coaching needs, with fans and stakeholders hoping for a more cohesive approach moving forward.

The PCB confirmed Kirsten's exit, stating that his resignation had been accepted. Gillespie will now lead the team during next month's white-ball tour, marking a significant shift in the coaching staff as the team looks to improve its performance. The announcement was made via a post on X (formerly Twitter), where the PCB highlighted Gillespie's new responsibilities.

Kirsten's resignation comes in the wake of ongoing conflicts regarding team selection and the announcement of the squad for the upcoming series. Reports indicate that Kirsten

Salima Tete Named India Captain For Women's Asian Champions Trophy

Salima Tete has been appointed captain of the 18-member Indian women's hockey team for the upcoming Asian Champions Trophy, scheduled to take place from November 11 to 20 at the newly-developed Rajgir Hockey Stadium in Bihar. Navneet Kaur will serve as Tete's deputy in this important tournament, where India will aim to defend their title after clinching the championship in last year's edition held in Ranchi.

India enters the tournament with high expectations and will face tough competition from five other nations, including Olympic silver medallists China, Japan, Korea, Malaysia, and Thailand. The Indian team is set to kick off their campaign against Malaysia on November 11.

Reflecting on her leadership role, Tete expressed her excitement: "It's an incredible feeling to lead the team into another major tournament, especially as defending champions. We have trained rigorously and have a strong unit with both experienced players and young talent. Our goal is to defend our title and play with the same passion and determination we showed last year."

The team's defensive line will be anchored by Udita, Jyoti,



Ishika Chaudhary, Sushila Channu Pukhrabam, and Vaishnavi Vitthal Phalke, providing a solid foundation for their campaign. Goalkeeping duties will be shared between seasoned player Savita and rising star Bichu Devi Kharibam.

In midfield, Tete will lead a dynamic group that includes Neha, Sharmila Devi, Manisha Chauhan, Sunelita Toppo, and Lalremsiami, all known for their agility and skill. The forward line features a powerful mix of talent with Navneet Kaur, Sangita Kumari, Deepika, Preeti Dubey, and Beauty Dungdung set to make an impact.

Notably, Sushila and Beauty Dungdung return to the team after successful rehabilitation, adding depth to the squad. Vice-captain Navneet Kaur emphasized the confidence within the team, saying, "Playing in front of our home crowd is a huge boost, and we are ready to face tough competition from the best teams in Asia. Working alongside Salima has been great, and we are determined to make this tournament a memorable one."

With strong preparations in place, the Indian women's hockey team is poised to make a significant impact at the Asian Champions Trophy.

Yildiz's Late Goals Secure 4-4 Draw for Juventus Against Inter

In a thrilling encounter at the San Siro, Juventus staged a remarkable comeback to draw 4-4 with Inter Milan, thanks in large part to 19-year-old Kenan Yildiz. Coming off the bench with about half an hour left, Yildiz scored two stunning goals in the final 20 minutes, pulling Juventus back from the brink after they had trailed by two goals.

The match seemed to be slipping away from Juventus when Denzel Dumfries put Inter ahead 4-2 in the 53rd minute, following earlier goals from Henrikh Mkhitaryan and two penalties by Piotr Zielinski. Despite the pressure from the home side, who dominated much of the match and had numerous chances to extend their lead, Juventus displayed resilience and determination.

Yildiz expressed his joy after the match, stating, "I was really happy to score my first and second goals against a big team like Inter. I hope to contin-



served to score seven or eight goals... You can't concede four goals from four shots on target. It'll serve as a lesson for us."

Juventus remains in third place, now a further point behind the title race leaders, Napoli. The team had earlier fought back from a goal down, with contributions from Dusan Vlahovic and Timothy Weah before Yildiz's late intervention.

In other Serie A action, Roma faced a dismal 5-1 defeat against Fiorentina, leaving coach Ivan Juric's position in jeopardy. Roma's poor performance sees them languishing in 11th place, while local rivals Lazio continue to thrive, securing a 3-0 victory over Genoa.

ue like this." He emphasized the team's ambition to fight for the title, saying, "We hope always, but the season is still long."

Despite the draw, Inter Milan, now in second place, will likely feel the sting more acutely after missing several key opportunities to seal the game. Head coach Simone Inzaghi noted, "We de-

As the season progresses, the stakes grow higher, with teams battling for position and aiming for redemption.

Armaan Bhatia Wins Triple Crown at India Masters Pickleball

In a thrilling display of skill and determination, Armaan Bhatia triumphed at the \$50,000 PWR DUPR India Masters Pickleball tournament, securing victories in men's singles, men's doubles, and mixed doubles at the Delhi Lawn Tennis Association Stadium on Sunday.

Bhatia's day began with a challenging singles final against top-seeded American player Dusty Boyer. The 25-year-old Indian, seeded second, showcased his resilience by coming back from a game down to win the match in three hard-fought games. After losing the first game 8-11, Bhatia rallied to claim the second 11-9, and in a nail-biting decider, he overturned an 0-8 deficit to win 11-8, thrilling the home crowd.

Earlier in the tournament, Bhatia had a dominant run, defeating fellow Indian Aashutosh Mehta 15-1 in the first round, followed by a 15-7 victory over Ronav Motiani and a closely contested quarter-final against Aditya Ruhela. In the semifinals, he cruised past Willy Chung with a score of 11-4, 11-1.

Later in the evening, Bhatia teamed up with Roos van Reek from the Nether-



lands to win the mixed doubles final against the Australian duo of George Wall and Danni Elle Townsend. The pair started strong, taking the first game 11-5, but faced resistance in the second, losing 10-11. However, they dominated the decider, winning 11-1.

Bhatia's successful day concluded with a commanding performance in the men's doubles final alongside partner Harsh Mehta. The duo overwhelmed

the American-Australian team of Roman Estareja and Mitchell Hargreaves, winning decisively with scores of 11-3 and 11-2.

Reflecting on his achievements, Bhatia expressed his excitement and noted the growing popularity of pickleball in India. "It's been a great day... I see a lot of youngsters taking up the sport. I wish to play in the US where the game has a huge following," he said.



Chiranjeevi Honored with ANR National Award 2024

The ANR National Award 2024 was a grand celebration held at the iconic Annapurna Studios, marking a significant occasion in the Indian film industry. This year, the event featured the legendary Bollywood actor Amitabh Bachchan as the chief guest, whose presence added a remarkable flair to the ceremony.

Amitabh Bachchan took the stage to honor Megastar Chiranjeevi with a traditional shawl, a gesture symbolizing respect and admiration. This moment not only celebrated Chiranjeevi's illustrious career but also highlighted the bonds of camaraderie that exist within the film fraternity. The megastar's contributions to Indian cinema have been profound, and receiving such recognition from a fellow legend was a testament to his impact on the industry.

During the event, Amitabh also conferred the prestigious National Award on Akkineni, acknowledging his remarkable achievements and legacy. Akkineni has made significant contributions to Indian cinema, and this award further cements his place in the pantheon of great artists. The ceremony was a reminder of the rich heritage of storytelling in film, showcasing the dedication and talent that define the industry.

The event attracted a host of other prominent per-

sonalities, making it a star-studded affair. Among the attendees were Chiranjeevi's mother, Anjana Devi, whose unwavering support has played a crucial role in his success. Renowned director K Raghavendra Rao and acclaimed screenwriter Trivikram Srinivas were also present, reinforcing the collaborative spirit that drives the film industry forward.

Prominent producers such as Allu Aravind and Ashwinidat graced the occasion, representing the influential figures who help bring cinematic visions to life. The gathering also included celebrated actors like Venkatesh, Nani, Ram Charan, Prakash Raj, Brahmanandam, and music maestro MM Keeravani, all of whom contribute to the vibrant tapestry of Indian cinema.

As the evening unfolded, it became evident that the ANR National Award is more than just a recognition of individual achievements; it is a celebration of the collective spirit and shared passion of the film community. The event underscored the enduring legacies of artists like Akkineni and Chiranjeevi, inspiring future generations to continue their creative journeys in storytelling. The ANR National Award 2024 will be remembered not just for the honors bestowed but for the unity and inspiration it fostered among the luminaries of Indian cinema.

Ram Charan's Game Changer: New Poster and Teaser Sparks Buzz

Following the immense success of *RRR*, global star Ram Charan is set to captivate audiences once again with his highly anticipated film, *Game Changer*. Recent updates about the movie have created a buzz among mega fans, leaving them eager for more. With its release date set for January 10, excitement is at an all-time high as fans eagerly await each new development.

The film has already generated significant attention with the release of two songs, both of which are trending on YouTube. The catchy tunes and engaging visuals have only fueled anticipation for the film's premiere. Recently, a striking new poster was unveiled, showcasing Ram Charan in a dramatic pose. In this image, he appears to be confronting a group of bullies while seated on a chair, hinting at a powerful action sequence that promises to be a highlight of the film.

Fans have been analyzing the poster for clues, and the imagery suggests a high-stakes confrontation that could be pivotal to the film's narrative. The teaser also teased the release of the film during the Diwali festival, indicated by the inclusion of firecracker symbols, further ramping up the excitement surrounding *Game Changer*.

The combination of Ram Charan's charisma, dynamic action scenes, and engaging music positions *Game Changer* as one of the most anticipated films of the upcoming year. With director Shan-

kar at the helm, known for his visually stunning storytelling, fans can expect a cinematic experience that blends action



with emotional depth.

As the release date approaches, speculation about the plot and character arcs continues to grow, keeping fans on their toes. With every update, the excitement builds, and *Game Changer* is poised to make a significant impact at the box office. Stay tuned for more updates as the countdown to January 10 continues!

NBK 109 title teaser to arrive on Diwali

Nandamuri Balakrishna is back in the spotlight, captivating audiences as the host of the immensely popular celebrity talk show *Unstoppable with NBK*. While fans revel in his charismatic hosting, they are also eagerly anticipating his upcoming film, *NBK 109*, directed by Bobby Kolli.



Set to hit theaters during the Sankranti festival in 2025, *NBK 109* has generated significant buzz in the industry. Recent reports suggest that the team is gearing up to unveil the film's title teaser this Diwali, adding to the excitement. Fans are abuzz with speculation about the film's title, and an official announcement is expected soon, promising to make this festive season even more special for Balakrishna's supporters.

The film boasts a talented ensemble cast, including Bobby Deol, Urvashi Rautela, Chandini Chowdary, and Shine Tom Chacko, all playing pivotal roles. With such a diverse cast, expectations are high for the film's dynamic performances and engaging storytelling. The production is in the capable hands of Naga Vamsi from Sithara Entertainments and Sai Soujanya of Fortune Four Cinema, both known for deliver-

ing successful projects. Adding to the film's appeal, the music is composed by the renowned Thaman, whose work has consistently resonated with audiences.

As the release date draws nearer, fans are eagerly waiting for more updates and teasers that will offer a glimpse into what *NBK 109* has in store. The combination of Balakrishna's star power, a talented crew, and the festive release window makes this film one of the most anticipated projects in Telugu cinema.

Stay tuned for more thrilling updates as we approach the unveiling of *NBK 109*! The excitement is palpable, and fans are ready for another unforgettable experience with their favorite star.

Unveiling SSMB 29: Mahesh Babu's Bold New Look for Rajamouli's Vision

Renowned filmmaker SS Rajamouli is once again set to elevate Indian cinema on the global stage with his upcoming project, SSMB 29, featuring Mahesh Babu in the lead role. Following the monumental success of the Baahubali franchise and RRR, Rajamouli aims to break new ground with this highly anticipated film, which is already generating considerable excitement among movie enthusiasts.

Scheduled to begin filming early next year, SSMB 29 is touted as a global adventure film, boasting a staggering budget of ₹1000 crores. The project will be released in two parts, positioning it to become India's most expensive film to date. This ambitious undertaking highlights Rajamouli's vision and dedication to pushing the boundaries of Indian cinema.

Mahesh Babu is embracing a transformative look for his role, sporting long hair, a beard, and a ponytail, which has sparked significant buzz online. These changes reflect the



film's adventurous

industry and captivate audiences worldwide.

theme, promising a character that resonates with audiences. The film, directed by KL Narayana under the Durga Arts banner, is set against a backdrop of action and drama, drawing inspiration from African adventures.

Industry insiders suggest that the film is planned for a global release in the first quarter of 2027. This timeline adds to the anticipation, as fans eagerly await more details about the plot and supporting cast. Rajamouli's track record of delivering blockbuster hits has set high expectations for this project, and the stakes are higher than ever.

Mirzapur movie is now officially on cards

The acclaimed crime thriller series *Mirzapur* has just unveiled thrilling news following the release of its third season on Amazon Prime Video: a *Mirzapur* movie is officially in the pipeline!



An official teaser has been released, generating buzz among fans eager for more content from the gritty world of *Mirzapur*. The film will be helmed by director Gurmeet Singh, with the screenplay penned by Puneet Krishna, who has been a key creative force behind the series. Set for a theatrical release in 2026, the movie will enjoy an eight-week run in theaters before making its way to Amazon Prime Video.

This announcement is particularly exciting for fans who have been invested in the series' intricate narratives and com-

plex characters. The *Mirzapur* movie promises to deliver the same intense drama and thrilling action that audiences have come to love. In addition to the movie, viewers can also anticipate *Mirzapur* Season 4, which is already in development, ensuring that the franchise continues to expand its universe.

The film is being produced by the dynam-

ic duo of Ritesh Sidhwani and Farhan Akhtar, known for their successful contributions to Indian cinema. They are joined by co-producers Kassim Jaggamia and Vishal Ramchandani, who bring additional expertise to the project. The cast will feature notable actors such as Pankaj Tripathi, Ali Fazal, Divyenndu, and Abhishek Banerjee, all reprising their pivotal roles that have captivated audiences.

While specific plot details remain under wraps, the anticipation is building. Fans are eager to see how the film will evolve the storylines and character arcs that have become staples of the *Mirzapur* saga. As more information emerges, it's clear that the *Mirzapur* franchise continues to thrive, keeping its audience on the edge of their seats. Stay tuned for further updates!