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Telangana Government Transfers 13 IAS Officers

TPN , Hyderabad: In a significant administrative reshuffle, the Telangana government has issued orders transferring 13 Indian Administrative Service (IAS) officers across various departments.

Among the key changes, Narayana Reddy has been appointed as the new Collector of Rangareddy, while Tripathi will serve as the Collector of Nalgonda. Hanumantha Rao has been designated as the Collector of Yadadri Bhuvanagiri. Additionally, TK Sridevi will take on the role of Director of the CCLA project, and ZK Ha will lead the Tourism Department.

Hanumantha Rao will also assume additional responsibilities as the Director of the Debt Department. S. Harish has been appointed as the Special Commissioner of Information and Public Relations, while Disaster Management Harish will serve as Joint Secretary.

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Minister Ponguleti 1st Bomb "Formula One Race Case"

TPN , Telangana : In a major development in Telangana politics, the Formula One race case has resurfaced, and sources indicate the potential arrest of high-ranking IAS officers and prominent political leaders. Speculation is strong that this could be the "first bomb" hinted at by Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy, as he had recently forecasted several high-profile arrests by Diwali. Political analysts suggest that if arrests follow, it could create significant political upheaval in the state.

Reliable sources indicate that a former senior IAS officer is already in detention and undergoing questioning. Additionally, there are reports that a top opposition leader may be arrested within two days. ACB officials allege that large sums of money have been exchanged in the Formula One race case, involving several key figures. With substantial funds reportedly changing hands, the case has been referred to the Enforcement Directorate (ED) for further investigation. The public awaits developments over the next 48 hours, which may reveal the key figures implicated in this scandal.



ERC Announces Key Decision on Electricity Charges in Telangana

- No increase in electricity charges for domestic consumers
- Slight increase in charges on customers exceeding 800 units
- ERC Chairman that energy charges will not be increased in any category

TPN , Telangana : The Electricity Regulatory Commission (ERC) has made a crucial decision regarding electricity charges in Telangana. Following a review of eight petitions, the commission has committed to disclosing all relevant petitions without any lapses and plans to issue a final decision within 40 days. ERC Chairman Srirangarao emphasized that the commission's decision considers the financial health of power companies, consumers, and government subsidies.



tionally, charges for high-tension (HT) categories, including 132 kVA, 133 kVA, and 11 kVA, will remain unchanged.

In a positive development, the commission approved lift irrigation and confirmed that there would be no changes to peak hour rates. A new discount of Rs. 1.50 has been introduced during non-peak hours from 10 PM to 6 AM. Moreover, the horsepower limit for handloom workers has been increased from 10 HP to 25 HP. The ERC has also eliminated minimum charges for domestic consumers, a move that is expected to provide relief to households.

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Importantly, the ERC has decided not to increase energy charges across any consumer category. Fixed charges will remain at Rs. 10 per month, while proposals concerning poultry and goat farms have been rejected. Addi-

People Upset by CM's Ugly Governance": Harish Rao Speaks Out

- Revanth Reddy's rule of 11 months was the rule of public pressure
- No group is getting the assurances given by the Congress
- Dharnas and protests seen anywhere in the state
- There is no procurement of cotton in the state



TPN , Telangana : Former minister and Sidipet MLA Harish Rao has publicly criticized Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, claiming that the people of Telangana are distressed by what he described as the CM's "ugly appearance" in governance. Speaking at a media conference at Telangana Bhavan, Rao stated that

democratic rule has been eroded under Reddy's leadership, exposing the Congress party's failures. Rao highlighted that Revanth Reddy's eleven-month rule has been characterized by oppression rather than a focus on the people's needs. He argued that the Congress party has failed to fulfill its promises, leaving citizens disillusioned. "Wherever you look in the state, protests are ongoing," he noted, questioning the government's lack of dialogue with demonstrators and criticizing the CM's communication style.

Rao also addressed the government's failure to continue schemes initiated by former CM K. Chandrashekar Rao, emphasizing that even basic promises, such as the distribution of Bathukamma sarees and support under the Rythu Bandhu scheme, have not been met.

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Other notable appointments include Vinay Krishna Reddy as the Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) and Land Acquisition Commissioner, Nikhil Chakraborty as Additional Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, and K. Chandrasekhar Reddy as the Managing Director of the Dairy Corporation. S. Dilip Kumar has been named the Municipal Commissioner of Nizamabad. These transfers reflect the government's ongoing efforts to optimize administrative efficiency within the state.

Electricity Charges in Telangana

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The government has granted a substantial subsidy of Rs. 11,499.52 crores, with proposals totaling Rs. 1,800 crores. Out of the Rs. 57,728.90 crore petition submitted by distribution companies, the commission has approved Rs. 54,183.28 crores. This comprehensive decision by the ERC aims to balance the interests of consumers and power providers while ensuring a stable energy supply in the state.

People Upset by CM's Ugly Governance": Harish Rao Speaks Out

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He stated that while the government announced a support price of Rs. 7,521 per quintal for cotton, many farmers are forced to sell their crop for as low as Rs. 5,500 due to a lack of procurement initiatives. Furthermore, he pointed out the absence of buying centers for cotton and soybean farmers, condemning the government's inaction as farmers take to the streets in frustration. Rao concluded by asserting that the current Congress rule has concealed the struggles of farmers rather than addressing their critical issues.

Telangana HC Grants Interim Relief to KTR's Brother-in-Law in Drug Case



TPN , Hyderabad: In a recent development, the Telangana High Court granted Raj Pakala, brother-in-law of Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) leader KT Rama Rao (KTR), two days to appear before the police in connection with a drugs case. This interim relief follows a police raid on his farmhouse in Janwada near Hyderabad, during which 21 men and 14 women were reportedly present.

Raj Pakala, who challenged the police notice, claimed through his counsel that he is being targeted due to his relationship with KTR, describing the case as politically motivated. The Additional Advocate General Mohammed Imran Khan stated that no arrests were made and

that the notices issued adhered to procedural rules.

The police, acting on information, conducted the raid on the night of October 26-27, finding several bottles of foreign and local liquor, along with other items related to gaming. One attendee tested positive for cocaine, prompting charges under the NDPS and Excise Acts. Police stated that failure to appear at Mokila Police Station for questioning could lead to Pakala's arrest.

Pakala was booked under the NDPS Act, Excise Act, and Telangana Gaming Act, and a separate case was filed by the Excise Department.

TGSP Personnel Warned Against Joining Protests, Ordered to Exit Social Media Groups

TPN , Hyderabad: Telangana Special Police (TGSP) personnel stationed at Dr. BR Ambedkar State Secretariat have been strictly cautioned against participating in protests or engaging in social media activities that could harm the department's integrity. On Monday, October 28, the Chief Security Officer (CSO) issued a memo to all battalion constables and officers, urging them to avoid actions that could compromise the TGSP's reputation.



In the memo, the CSO reminded personnel that Section 144 would be enforced within a 2-kilometer radius of the Secretariat and warned that any dissent within the organi-

zation would have consequences for all TGSP members. TGSP officers and constables were instructed to inform their families not to par-

take in protests or gatherings near the Secretariat, as well as to avoid unnecessary conflicts. The CSO highlighted concerns over TGSP members managing social media groups that spread misinformation and directed all personnel to exit these groups immediately. Personnel were warned against sharing, liking, or posting content that could provoke their colleagues, as the department remains under close scrutiny.

The memo stressed that failure to comply with these instructions would result in both legal and departmental actions against the violators.

Bakka Judson Files NHRC Complaint to Lift Section-163 in Hyderabad



TPN , Hyderabad: Suspended Congress leader Bakka Judson has called for the immediate removal of Section-163, which restricts gatherings of more than five people, imposed across Hyderabad. Judson filed a petition with the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC), urging that the restrictions be lifted, describing them as a violation of citizens' rights to freely assemble.

The restriction, in place for a month, has sparked significant opposition, with Chief Minister Revanth Reddy condemning it as an infringement on human rights. Group-1 aspirants and unemployed youth have expressed frustration, accusing the Revanth administration of suppressing peaceful protests and disregarding their demands. Tensions are also reportedly growing among battalion constables who feel similarly restricted by the imposition of Section-163.

Judson emphasized the urgency for the NHRC to address the petition, highlighting concerns over citizens' freedoms and the right to peaceful assembly.

BRS MLAs and MLCs Boycott PAC Meeting Over Leadership Dispute

TPN , Hyderabad: In a significant move, BRS MLAs and MLCs boycotted the recent Public Accounts Committee (PAC) meeting chaired by PAC Chairman Arikepudi Gandhi. BRS members, including former minister Vemula Prashanth Reddy, MLC L. Ramana, and Satyavathi Rathore, declined to attend the meeting, voicing their dissatisfaction with the leadership selection.

Gandhi, held the PAC chair role at the central level. Reddy questioned the recent rejection of Harish Rao's nomination for PAC chairman, stating that BRS expects Rao, suggested by opposition leader KCR, to assume the role. Minister Sridhar Babu countered, clarifying that Arikepudi Gandhi is a BRS MLA. Congress MLC Jeevan Reddy has reportedly submitted a letter requesting action against MLAs who have defected from Congress, intensifying the ongoing dispute.

Speaking to the media at Telangana Bhavan, Prashanth Reddy highlighted that during BRS's time in power, leaders nominated by the Congress, including Krishna Reddy and Geetha Reddy, were appointed as PAC chairpersons. He also pointed out that K.C. Venugopal, recommended by Congress leader Rahul



Telangana to Set Model for Caste Census, Says Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka

TPN , Hyderabad: Telangana's upcoming caste census, starting on November 6, is expected to be a national model, according to Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu. During a meeting on Monday with social scientists and intellectuals at Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's Secretariat, he discussed necessary changes, additions, and precautions for the census process.



A conference with district collectors is scheduled for Tuesday to finalize the action plan. The government will seek public input through extensive consultations, including a special meeting with 300 social scientists, intellectuals, and representatives from various caste and youth associations.

Minister Ponnampalapati Prabhakar highlighted that the caste enumeration was a commitment made in the Congress's election manifesto. Since taking office, the Congress-led government formed a new BC Commission to

ensure effective execution of this promise. Pilot projects have already been completed in 56 households across four districts.

Attendees, including Professor Murali Manohar and Education Commission Chairman Akunuri Murali, provided input on the enumeration process, suggesting a reduced workload for enumerators. MLC Kodandaram and other experts participated in the discussions, emphasizing the significance of a legally sound approach.

Shabbir Ali Alleges Threat to CM Revanth Reddy's Life; Calls for Investigation into Janwada Farmhouse Incident

TPN , Hyderabad: In a series of explosive statements, government advisor Shabbir Ali claimed that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy faced threats while detained in jail for 40 days following revelations regarding the Janwada Farmhouse incident.



Speaking to the media, Ali alleged that CM Reddy's detention aimed to silence him for exposing details surrounding the farmhouse of KTR's brother-in-law, Raj Pakala. Ali demanded that KTR provide transparency on the alleged presence of drugs, foreign liquor, and both male and female attendees at the Janwada farmhouse party. He stated that authorities must explain how these substances were brought into the farmhouse and questioned why no cases had

yet been filed. Ali criticized KTR's response to the incident, calling for the BRS leader to submit to a narcotics test as a demonstration of accountability. The advisor further alleged that Raj Pakala was involved in drug consumption while participating in poker games, an activity Ali claims requires immediate investigation. Additionally, he raised questions regarding the wealth accumulation of Chief Minister KCR's family, urging authorities to launch an inquiry into their assets, which he described as reaching "thousands of crores." Ali's statements have intensified scrutiny on the government, sparking public demands for a thorough investigation into the alleged illegal activities at Janwada and the wealth amassed by KCR's family members.

Enhanced Facilities for BC Gurukuls Announced by Welfare Minister

TPN , Telangana: BC Welfare Minister Ponnampalapati Prabhakar has unveiled a series of initiatives aimed at improving facilities in Gurukula educational institutions. During a review meeting with the Board of Governors of MJP Residential Schools, he emphasized the importance of comprehensive development for students. Key decisions include the establishment of eight new Centers of Excellence (COEs) and an increase in the number of vocational courses to enhance employability.

Additionally, two pairs of night dresses will be provided to students along with their uniforms. The installation of RO plants in 104 schools, solar water heaters, and CCTV cameras in every Gurukula was also approved. The minister stressed the need for a hygienic kitchen and cleanliness within the school premises. He announced that students completing class 10 at Gurukulas would be allowed direct admission into intermediate courses under the Navodaya system.

Principal Secretary Burra Venkatesham instructed officials to finalize infrastructure improvements and report on the conditions of kitchens and washrooms. He also highlighted the importance of physical education, cultural activities, and mental health awareness for students, particularly girls. This initiative marks a significant step toward better educational opportunities for BC students in Telangana.





KTR Criticizes Government for Neglecting Farmers Ahead of Festivals



TPN , Hyderabad: BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) has expressed his anger over the government's negligence in establishing purchase centers for farmers in Telangana. He raised concerns that farmers might face financial ruin not only during Dussehra but also during Diwali, questioning whether they would be bankrupted in the upcoming festive season.

KTR criticized the authorities for failing to place orders to buy grains that have been lying in purchase centers for days, emphasizing that the government appears indifferent to the plight of farmers. He questioned why political attention is diverted from crucial issues like grain purchases and why farmers continue to suffer. "Is it because farmers believe in your hollow promises and end up being cheated? Do they not know how to voice their concerns?" he asked.

He urged the government to stop politicizing the issue and instead focus on supporting farmers. KTR took to social media platform X (formerly Twitter) to further express his frustration, stating:

"Ideas that increase wealth are ours—yours is the intelligence that sweeps away what is. If we put a golden duck in your hand, you will end up in a pot in ten months. Fear of buying new and selling old stems from your misguided antics. Your dream of owning a home in Hyderabad was left unfulfilled due to your chaotic governance."

KTR also criticized the government's handling of financial decisions, claiming that their "stupid decisions" would lead to corruption within the state. He lamented that registration offices, once bustling with activity, are now in disrepair, causing daily losses for the state. He referred to the past ten months as a period of "sinful rule" that undermines the promise of a prosperous Telangana.

No One Has as Many Curses as a Farmer: Minister Thummala

TPN , Telangana : In a recent statement, Telangana Minister for Agriculture, Thummala Nageswara Rao, highlighted the challenges faced by farmers, saying, "No one has as many curses as a farmer." His comments came during a discussion on the state's plans to promote large-scale cultivation of oil palm across 31 districts. The state government has received permissions to expand palm oil cultivation, with 14 private companies, along with Oil Fed, stepping forward to support this initiative.

Minister Thummala stated that each union district will have one Oil Fed Centre dedicated to palm oil production, aiming for a target of one lakh acres per year. However, he expressed concerns that progress has been slow, noting that 80 percent of the state's farmers are smallholders. To support palm oil cul-



ivation, subsidies are being provided for inter-crops, although he noted that intercropping practices differ significantly from those in Malaysia, where cultivation is primarily done on mounds without intercropping.

The minister emphasized that better agricultural methods have been explored,

but results have not met expectations. He revealed that Malaysia has requested Telangana to establish manufacturing units utilizing palm oil waste, underscoring the potential for local production. "If cultivated on 70 lakh acres, we would not need to import palm oil," he said.

Minister Thummala also suggested that palm oil could be planted as an inter-crop with mulga, and that coconut may also be suitable for intercropping. He mentioned plans to send teams of officials to Karnataka for further investigation into profitable cultivation methods.

Despite the challenges, he stressed the importance of harvesting crops even in the face of losses and stated that farmers are demanding a minimum price of ₹20,000 for palm oil to ensure their sustainability.

Yennam Srinivas Reddy Criticizes KTR Over Handling of Raj Pakala's Controversy



TPN , Telangana : In a recent assembly session, Yennam Srinivas Reddy, MLA, criticized K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) for his apparent lack of legal knowledge regarding allegations against Raj Pakala, a figure linked to

drug-related rumors in Jubilee Hills. Reddy accused KTR of prioritizing the protection of his brother-in-law instead of addressing serious allegations.

Reddy pointed out that if there is more than 6.5 liters of alcohol at a party, permission must be obtained from the Excise Police. He questioned how Jivo's trespasser, Raj, was allowed to build houses in Pakala Janwada without scrutiny. He emphasized that the Excise Police do not require a warrant for inspections and criticized KTR for failing to understand this.

Amid rumors of a rave party, Reddy stated that the government had not confirmed such events, attributing the information to media speculation. He accused KTR of using political tactics and urged transparency in the investigation.

Reddy highlighted past allegations against Raj Pakala, including his attempt to organize a drug-infested sunburn event in Hyderabad. He insisted that Pakala must surrender to authorities and clarify his involvement, especially after Vijay Madduri's serious claim that Pakala provided him cocaine.

Ultimately, Reddy dismissed the Janwada farmhouse affair as a minor issue compared to more significant scandals, such as the Kaleswaram scam and power purchase controversies.

Minister Ponnam's Key Announcement on Janwada Farm House Party

TPN , Hyderabad: The political turmoil surrounding the Janwada Farm House Party has intensified, with major parties engaged in a war of words. While Congress alleges that a rave party was held at the farmhouse, the BJP is demanding the release of CCTV footage to substantiate claims. In response, the BRS has accused both parties of sensationalizing the issue to benefit their political narratives.

Recently, Minister Ponnabharan Prabhakar made a crucial announcement regarding the situation. He clarified that gatherings involving alcohol consumption in public



spaces require permission from the Excise Department, stating that there are no special rules for different groups. He emphasized that alcohol is not prohibited in the state.

Minister Prabhakar also revealed that a case has been registered concerning the Janwada Farm House, citing a lack of proper regulations in place during the event. As the controversy unfolds, the Janwada Farm House Party continues to shake the foundations of Telangana politics, with implications for all involved parties.

Harish Rao Criticizes Government's Support for Cotton Farmers

TPN , Telangana : Former minister Harish Rao has expressed his frustration over the government's lack of action regarding the cotton farmers in Telangana. He stated that while ministers are performing rituals, such as beating coconuts, to support cotton farmers, they are failing to purchase cotton at the announced support price of Rs. 7,521. Rao pointed out that many farmers are selling their cotton for as low as Rs. 5,500 and criticized the Chief Minister and ministers for not addressing the issue.



Rao also mentioned that farmers are not receiving the promised Rs. 500 bonus, and many are not even getting the minimum support price of Rs. 7,500. He warned that if farmers across the state resort to protests, the government will face significant repercussions.

Additionally, he highlighted that there is no mechanism in place for purchasing paddy, and the announced support price of Rs. 2,320 is unjust for farmers who cultivated it at costs between Rs. 1,800 and Rs. 1,900. Rao's statements underscore the growing discontent among farmers regarding government support and pricing policies.

Complaint Filed Against Harish Rao for Disrespecting CM

TPN , Telangana : Telangana Fisheries Chairman Mettu Saikumar has called for the immediate arrest of former Minister Harish Rao following controversial remarks directed at Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR). Speaking at a media conference at Gandhi Bhavan, Saikumar announced that he has officially lodged a complaint against Rao under sections 352, 353/1, and 353/2 at the Begum Bazar police station.

Saikumar criticized Harish Rao for making disrespectful comments that he believes undermine the dignity of the Chief Minister's constitutional position. He emphasized that as a legislator, such statements send a troubling message to the public.

Additionally, Saikumar highlighted that Harish Rao referred to KCR as a "cheap man" and also targeted Congress leader Revanth Reddy. He defended Reddy, stating that he has significantly elevated the status of the Chief Minister's office over the past ten months, asserting that Revanth Reddy deserves credit for restoring credibility to the position. The escalating political tensions in Telangana continue to unfold as party leaders engage in public disputes.

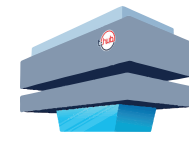
Communists Urged to Mobilize Against BJP's Anti-People Policies: Tammineni



TPN , Hyderabad: CPM State Secretary Tammineni Veerabhadram has urged communists to take a stand against the anti-people policies of the BJP-led central government. He expressed concerns that the government's alignment of public sector organizations with corporate entities would severely impact workers and farmers.

Veerabhadram accused the Modi administration of inciting religious tensions to consolidate power in various states. He criticized the Congress government in Telangana for failing to fulfill promises made during the elections, particularly regarding free guarantee schemes. "Ten months have passed since these promises were made, yet only the free bus scheme for women has been implemented. The Rythu Bharosa initiative has not been launched, and the Mahila Shakti and employment schemes for workers remain unaddressed," he stated.

While acknowledging that a loan waiver of two lakh benefited a few individuals, he emphasized the ongoing struggles faced by the wider population. Veerabhadram highlighted the formation of the India alliance by CPM National General Secretary Sitaram Yechury, which includes 28 parties aiming to challenge the BJP's rule in the upcoming parliamentary elections.



Hyderabad Police Imposes One-Month Ban on Public Gatherings



TPN , Hyderabad : In an effort to maintain public safety and order, the Hyderabad police have enforced a month-long prohibition on public gatherings, protests, and demonstrations across the city, including Secunderabad. The ban, which took effect on Sunday, October 27, will remain in place until 6 p.m. on November 28, 2024.

The order was issued by Hyderabad City Police Commissioner C.V. Anand under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023, formerly Section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code (CrPC). This directive restricts the assembly of five or more individuals, effectively sus-

pending all public meetings, rallies, processions, and demonstrations. Additionally, the use of banners, placards, flags, and electronic symbols that could incite public disorder has been restricted.

According to the official notification, Commissioner Anand cited "reliable information" indicating that certain organizations and political groups were planning activities that could disrupt public peace in Hyderabad. He stated, "With a view to maintain public order, peace, and tranquility in Hyderabad City, I, CV Anand, IPS, Commissioner of Police, Hyderabad City, in the exercise of the powers vested in me under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023, hereby prohibit every kind of gathering of five or more persons, processions, dharnas, rallies, or public meetings."

Exceptions to the ban are limited, with peaceful protests permitted only at Indira Park's Dharna Chowk, a designated site for demonstrations. However, any gatherings outside this area, particularly near sensitive locations such as the Secretariat, are strictly prohibited. Violators of the order will face legal action under relevant penal laws.

Minister Ponnam Prabhakar Attends SETWIN Ceremony, Announces Diwali Bonus



TPN , Hyderabad : Telangana Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar attended a pooja ceremony at the SETWIN headquarters in Purana Haveli, led by SETWIN Chairman Giridhar Reddy. The event included SETWIN MD Venugopal Rao

and other staff. Minister Prabhakar extended Diwali greetings to employees and announced an early salary release as a holiday gift. He encouraged employees to enhance their performance to strengthen SETWIN's reputation.

Acknowledging SETWIN's contributions since its establishment in 1978 by former Chief Minister Chenna Reddy, Prabhakar praised the organization's success in training thousands and promoting job opportunities. Minister Prabhakar also announced that SETWIN would begin operations in Husnabad on November 17 to support local families. Future plans include exploring new transport routes and addressing initiatives like EV autos for women, under Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's leadership.

Water Supply Disrupted in Hyderabad Outskirts After Pipeline Damage

TPN , Hyderabad : Drinking water supply to around 800 houses and 20 villas on the outskirts of Hyderabad was disrupted after a man damaged a water pipeline while installing a sewerage line to his residence. The incident occurred in an area under the jurisdiction of the Narsingi Police Station when the individual, identified as Naseer, damaged a 500 mm diameter DI pipeline constructed under the ORR Phase-II scheme by the Hyderabad Metropolitan Water Supply and Sewerage Board (HMWS&SB).

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Hyderabad Excise Department Burns Drugs Worth ₹2.78 Crore



TPN , Hyderabad : In a significant drug disposal operation, the Hyderabad Excise Division incinerated confiscated drugs worth ₹2.78 crore on Monday, following directives from excise officials. This burning included contraband seized in 79 cases across three excise police stations.

Chairman of the Hyderabad Drug Disposal Committee, KAB Shastri Adeshala, confirmed the incineration of various narcotics, which included 135.8 kg

of ganja, 174.8 grams of MDMA, 1939.5 kg of poppy straw, 2.1 grams of hashish oil, 300.6 grams of charas, 5.14 grams of cocaine, 25 LSD strips, 9.8 kg of alprazolam, and 14 grams of estoste peels.

The cases originated from Ameerpet (27), Charminar (13), and Golconda (39) Excise Police Stations. The drugs were destroyed at the GJ Multi Cove India incineration center as part of the ongoing crackdown on narcotics under the NDPS Act.

SCR to Run Special Trains from Hyderabad to Clear Festive Rush in November

TPN , Hyderabad : In response to the anticipated festival rush, South Central Railway (SCR) will operate weekly special trains from Hyderabad to Gorakhpur, Jaipur, and Agartala in November. These services aim to ease travel congestion by connecting the city to key locations across India's West, North, and East regions.

The Hyderabad-Gorakhpur Super Fast (02575) will run through major cities like Nagpur, Bhopal, Jhansi, Kanpur, and Lucknow before reaching Gorakhpur. It will depart Hyderabad Deccan at 9:05 p.m. and Secunderabad Junction at 9:30 p.m. on Fridays: November 1, 8, 15, and 22.



The Hyderabad-Jaipur Weekly Special Express (07115) will pass through Nizamabad, Akola, Bhopal, Ujjain, and Ajmer. It departs from Hyderabad Deccan at 8:20

p.m. and Secunderabad at 9:00 p.m., on the same Fridays in November.

The Secunderabad-Agartala Weekly Special Express (07030) will take a 58-hour journey to Agartala, Tripura, with stops in Guntur, Vijayawada, Rajamundry, Visakhapatnam, and several other cities. It departs Secunderabad at 4:35 p.m. on Mondays: November 4, 11, 18, and 25. The return train (07029) from Agartala departs at 6:10 a.m. on Fridays: November 1, 8, 15, and 22.

These special trains are expected to offer passengers convenience and reduce travel delays during the festival season.

Hyderabad Airport Launches Four Weekly Direct Flights to Bangkok



TPN , Hyderabad : Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) in Hyderabad has introduced four new direct flights to Bangkok, Thailand, as of Sunday, October 27, enhancing connectivity between the two cities. Operated by Thai AirAsia, the flights will depart every Monday, Wednesday, Friday, and Sunday, offering

travelers more options for both business and leisure.

The outbound flight, FD119, leaves Hyderabad at 11:25 p.m., reaching Bangkok's Don Mueang International Airport (DMK) at 4:30 a.m. the following day. The return flight, FD118, departs from Bangkok at 8:50

p.m. local time and arrives in Hyderabad at 10:55 p.m.

Pradeep Panicker, CEO of GMR Hyderabad International Airport Limited, welcomed this development as a boost to international travel options from Hyderabad. "This partnership with Thai AirAsia not only facilitates affordable and flexible travel but also strengthens the cultural and economic ties between Hyderabad and Bangkok," he noted.

The addition of Hyderabad brings Thai AirAsia's network to 12 Indian cities, with a total of 67 weekly flights between India and Thailand. Known for its vibrant street life, cultural heritage, and ornate temples, Bangkok remains a top destination for Indian tourists and business travelers alike.

Woman Dies, 50 Hospitalized After Consuming Momos in Hyderabad

TPN , Hyderabad : A woman lost her life and around 50 others fell ill after eating momos from a roadside stall in Banjara Hills. Reshma Begum, 31, along with her children and other residents of Singadakunta Basti, consumed momos on Friday, after which they developed symptoms of food poisoning, including vomiting and diarrhea.

Upon their condition worsening on Saturday, many sought medical attention at local hospitals, with Reshma ultimately being transferred to Nizam's Institute of Medical Sciences (NIMS), where she succumbed to her condition.



Following complaints from some victims, Banjara Hills Police launched an investigation and arrested two individuals involved in selling the momos. Authorities suspect that mayonnaise and chutney served with the momos may have contributed to the food poisoning.

In a separate incident, 36 female students at Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalaya in Peddapalli district reported respiratory issues after allegedly being exposed to pesticides while removing grass at their school. The students are currently stable, with District Medical and Health Officer K. Pramood Kumar ruling out food poisoning.

KTR Visits Family Affected by Hydra Demolitions, Offers Support

TPN , Hyderabad : Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) visited the family of young Vedashree, who lost her home and schoolbooks due to the recent Hydra demolitions in Hyderabad. During the visit, KTR spoke with Vedashree and inquired about the events on the day their home was demolished. To support her education, he provided her with new books and a school bag, along with financial assistance for the family.

Vedashree's family expressed their distress, recounting how the sudden demolition left them homeless and struggling. They criticized the actions of the Revanth-led administration, alleging that it targeted homes registered under the previous Congress government. The family voiced their frustration over the lack of consideration for the lives of the underprivileged.



In response, KTR reassured the family of BRS's continued support and pledged to provide legal assistance to all families impacted by the demolitions. He also condemned the current government's actions as lacking compassion for the poor, asserting that the public would see the government's "anarchy" and insensitivity.

Jogu Ramanna Criticizes Center and State for Inadequate MSP to Cotton Farmers

TPN , Adilabad : BRS district president and former minister Jogu Ramanna criticized both the Central and State governments for what he called anti-farmer policies that harm the cotton farming community. Addressing the press at Bela mandal on Monday, he alleged that the government, in collusion with private traders, is procuring cotton at a nominal minimum support price (MSP), effectively cheating farmers.



Ramanna argued that this practice has left farmers facing financial uncertainty, especially during the Diwali festival season. He lamented that while Adilabad is one of the largest cotton-producing regions, it lags behind other states, such as Gujarat, in terms of receiving a fair MSP. Ramanna demanded that

Adilabad farmers be provided a better MSP than what is currently offered. The press conference was attended by several BRS leaders, including Manohar, Satish, Pawar, Gambhir, Takare, Pramod, Tanwar, Tejo Rao, Devanna, Mangesh, and Manjor.

Minister Sridhar Babu Visits Ailing Students at Kasturba Girls' School

TPN , Peddapalli: Minister Sridhar Babu visited the girls who fell ill at Kasturba Girls' School today at Peddapalli Hospital. He instructed the hospital superintendent to ensure that all necessary treatment is provided for their swift recovery. An officer from the revenue department is supervising the care given to the girls at the hospital.



During his visit, Minister Babu emphasized the importance of providing support to the parents of the affected students, encouraging them to stay strong during this difficult time. He also ordered an investigation into the reasons behind the simultaneous illness of the girls and directed officials to relocate the dumping yard adjacent to the school. Following reports of the situation at Muttaram Kasturba Girls' School, the Peddapally Collector and

District Superintendent were tasked with providing immediate assistance. Minister Babu confirmed that 53 children have been admitted to Peddapalli Hospital and are being treated without

any complications, as reported by the superintendent. The district administration is closely monitoring their condition and providing regular updates to ensure the well-being of the students.

Mass Transfers of Deputy Collectors in Telangana Revenue Department Initiated by Minister Ponguleti

TPN , Hyderabad: Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy marked his birthday with a major shake-up in the Telangana Revenue Department, transferring 70 Deputy Collectors and Special Deputy Collectors. The sweeping transfers came following complaints from revenue associations about delays in promotions and transfers, prompting the minister to initiate the "Park regime."

The transfers affected Additional Collectors, RDOs, Land Acquisition Officers, and officials from departments like Civil Supplies, moving them to divisions that were reportedly unexpected. Ten RDOs who had been awaiting posts received their assignments, while Deputy Collectors L. Ramesh, N. Anand Kumar, and Hanmanayak were directed to report to the revenue department without specific postings. Principal Secretary of Revenue, Naveen Mittal, issued the official transfer orders on Monday. The large-scale reassignments have sparked discussions within the department and among stakeholders about the impact on ongoing projects and administrative priorities.

Siddipet Students Donate ₹1,07,500 to NGO for Visually Challenged

TPN , Siddipet: Students of Ambitus Private School in Siddipet have raised ₹1,07,500 to support ITRR, an NGO dedicated to building a home for the visually challenged in Hyderabad.

On Monday, the students and staff presented the check to ITRR representatives through Siddipet ACP Madhu, who praised their initiative and commitment to social causes.

Correspondent Edla Srinivas Reddy emphasized the school's goal of engaging students in educational and extracurricular activities that foster social responsibility. Representatives from ITRR, Padma and Nagen-dramma, highlighted their organization's long-standing efforts in providing skill-upgradation programs for individuals with disabilities since 1995. This generous donation reflects the students' dedication to making a positive impact in their community.



Telangana Health Minister Emphasizes Sanitation in Government Hospitals

TPN , Hyderabad: During a surprise inspection on October 28, Telangana Health Minister C. Damodar Raja Narasimha highlighted the need for improved sanitation in government hospitals. While visiting the Sangareddy government hospital, he interacted with patients and inquired about their health status, emphasizing the state's commitment to enhancing health and education sectors.

Narasimha scrutinized the attendance of medical staff and urged officials to ensure that patients receive better medical treatment. His visit comes as part of the Telangana health department's ongoing efforts to en-

hance healthcare services. Last week, the minister instructed officials to provide essential medical facilities at Telangana Vaidya Vidhana Parishad (TVVP) hospitals.

Additionally, he reviewed proposals from the Administration Staff College of India (ASCI) aimed at bolstering the performance of TVVP hospitals and their role as secondary health care directorates. "Most patients are treated in district and area hospitals under TVVP, so it is crucial that all necessary facilities are available in these hospitals," Narasimha stated, reaffirming the government's focus on improving healthcare accessibility.



67.17% of Candidates Attend TGPSC Group 1 Mains Exam

TPN , Hyderabad: The Telangana Public Service Commission (TGPSC) reported that 67.17% of candidates attended the Group 1 mains exam, which consisted of seven papers. Out of the 31,383 candidates who qualified, only 21,093 appeared for all seven papers.

Malkajgiri district topped the list with 17,779 candidates qualifying for the mains, of which 10,869 participated in all seven papers. Rangareddy district followed with 8,011 qualifiers and 5,505 candidates attending the full exam. In Hyderabad, 5,613 candidates qualified for the Group 1 exam, with 4,719 appearing.

A week before the exams, TGPSC aspirants protested at various locations across Telangana, seeking a postponement until the Telangana High Court addressed their appeals against Government Order (GO) 29, which amended the reservation rules. Their demands garnered support from opposition parties, including the BRS and BJP. However, the Supreme Court denied the request to delay the exam, allowing the TGPSC to proceed with the assessment to fill 563 Group 1 positions in various state departments.

Telangana Lok Adalat Resolves 1.2 Million Cases with 98.88% Disposal Rate

TPN , Hyderabad: The third National Lok Adalat held in Telangana on September 14 achieved a remarkable milestone by resolving 1,239,044 cases, resulting in an impressive 98.88% disposal rate.

In a statement to the media on October 28, CH Panchakshari, member secretary of the Telangana State Legal Services Authority, reported that out of 611,996 pending criminal and civil cases, 605,805 were settled, achieving a disposal rate of 98.99%. Among these, 602,601 were criminal cases, while 3,204 were civil cases.

The Lok Adalat also addressed 641,022 pre-litigation cases, with 633,239 cases disposed of, resulting in a disposal rate of 98.79%. The proceedings included various categories of cases such as motor accident compensation claims, civil lawsuits, check bounce cases, and matrimonial disputes, culminating in awards totaling Rs. 2,501,944,447.

To facilitate this significant outcome, district courts organized 130 pre-Lok Adalat conciliation sessions, allowing for the settlement of a substantial number of cases. Additionally, a total of 230 benches were established across the state to handle the influx of cases efficiently.



This successful event highlights the commitment of the Telangana government and its legal services authority to expedite justice and provide timely resolutions to the citizens of the state.



Four Urban Development Authorities Established in Adilabad

TPN , Adilabad: The recent establishment of four urban development authorities in erstwhile Adilabad has generated surprise among residents, as their jurisdictions are larger than many existing entities.

Khanapur municipalities, covering 420 villages. Additionally, Asifabad and Kaghaznagar municipalities, along with 199 villages, were merged into a single authority, while the Adilabad Urban Development Authority comprises the Adilabad municipality and 107 villages across seven mandals.

On October 25, the government formed the Mancheril Urban Development Authority (MUDA), which encompasses the Mancheril, Luxettipet, Naspur, Bellampalli, Kyathanapalli, and Chennur municipalities, along with 350 villages, excluding Mandamarri municipality and 21 villages. The Nirmal Urban Development Authority includes the Nirmal, Bhainsa, and

Comprising five members, including the Collector and Additional Collector, the authorities aim to foster development. However, concerns have arisen among residents of urban and rural areas about potential neglect of rural parts and increased tax burdens for housing permits.

Hanuman Idol Vandalized in Telangana's Jagtiyal District

TPN , Jagtiyal : A Hanuman idol was vandalized at the Birpur Lakshminarasimha Swamy temple in Jagtiyal district on October 27, sparking outrage among local priests and devotees. Following the incident, a protest was held at the temple, demanding swift action to identify the culprits responsible for the desecration.

The Birpur police responded promptly to the situation and assured the protestors that the investigation would be thorough and the offenders would be brought to justice. This incident is part of a troubling trend of idol desecration in Telangana; earlier this month, on October 10, an unidentified individual vandalized a Durga idol at a pandal in Nampally during the Devi Sharan Navaratri celebrations, a significant festival in the region.



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 communication 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.



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.

In Nifty50, 36 companies gained while 14 lost. Sriram Finance, Adani Enterprises, ICICI Bank, JSW Steel, Wipro were the top gainers. Coal India, Bajaj Auto, Axis Bank, Heromoto and BEL were the biggest losers. Today, PSU Banks, Metal, Pharma, Realty, Healthcare and Media indices rallied. In NSE, 2919 stocks were traded, 1907 closed with gains and 941 with losses.

Adani Power's Q2 profit fell 50% to Rs 3,298 crore. Revenue is Rs 13,339 crore with a growth rate of 3%. The rupee closed flat at 84.07 against the dollar. Sudarshan Chemical's net profit stood at Rs 29.9 crore with a growth rate of 67%. The net profit of Indian Oil Corporation was Rs.180 crores and the revenue was Rs.1.74 lakh crores. LIC Housing Finance's net profit increased from Rs.1188 crore to Rs.1329 crore. Kotak Equities has given InterGlobe Aviation a Buy rating with a target of Rs.5200. Motilal Oswal gave ICICI Bank a buy rating with a target price of Rs.1500. Sun Pharma's net profit grew by 27.5% to Rs.3040 crore. HSBC has given Ola Electric a Buy rating with a target price of Rs.110. Paras Defense's profit jumped 49% to Rs 14 crore. RVNL received an order worth Rs 187 crore from East Coast Railways. Punjab National Bank's profit jumped from Rs.1756 crores to Rs.4303 crores.

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



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



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.

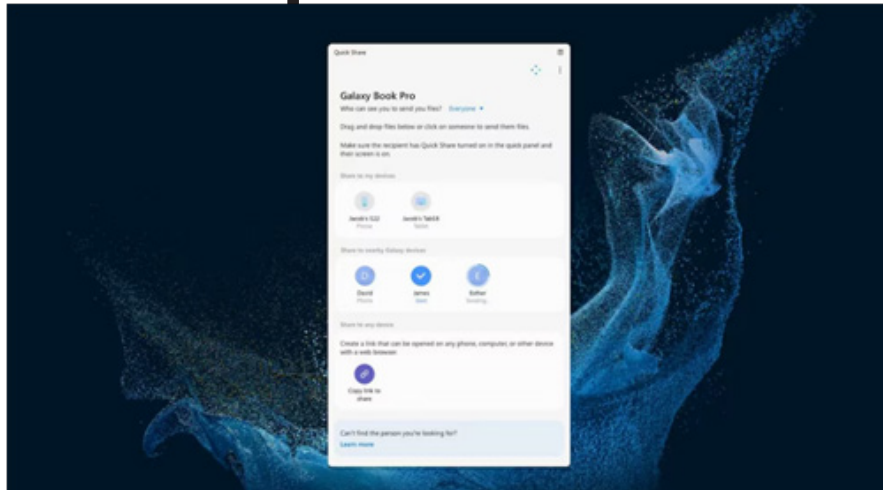
4. Wipro
Wipro's revenue growth has been moderate, with profitability under pressure due to increased competition and wage inflation. However, the company's recent acquisitions and digital investments are beginning to yield returns. Wipro has a high ROA, indicative of efficient asset utilization, and 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.



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.

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



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.

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 Gurmmeet 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 Jagmagia 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!