

# Jagan committed Unforgivable sins and Unforgivable mistakes



**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** On October 1, Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu visited Puchkayalamada village in Kurnool district to distribute pensions. During the Gram Sabha organized on the occasion, he launched a scathing attack on the previous YSR Congress Party (YCP) government, accusing former Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy

of causing extensive damage to the state's systems and finances. Chandrababu alleged that Jagan left the state in financial ruins, claiming that the treasury was emptied, leaving behind debts of ₹10 lakh crore. He commended the public for their enthusiasm in the recent elections and praised the success of the coalition government, noting that the alliance had

performed well by winning a majority of MP seats. The Chief Minister highlighted the improvements under the current government, stating that after the coalition came to power, the monthly pension amount was increased to ₹4,000, and now officials are ensuring that pensions are delivered to beneficiaries' homes on the first day of each month.

He reassured the people that this pension distribution system would continue indefinitely.

Chandrababu also emphasized that employees are now receiving their salaries and pensions regularly, and there is no need for anyone to worry about delayed payments.

In his address, Chandrababu

draw a controversial comparison between Jagan and infamous drug lord Pablo Escobar. He remarked that like Escobar, who smuggled drugs to America and silenced anyone who opposed him, Jagan has committed unforgivable sins and serious mistakes. Chandrababu referenced the murder of Y.S. Vivekananda Reddy, hinting that those who crossed Ja-

gan faced severe consequences.

He stated that in his long political career, he had never encountered anyone like Jagan, whom he accused of having no regard for his own father. Chandrababu concluded by saying that Jagan's actions have become curses for the people of Andhra Pradesh.

## Judges Never Said Ghee Was Not Adulterated - Pawan Kalyan



The Supreme Court took up the case based on a petition filed by BJP MP Subrahmanya Swamy, who sought clarity on the allegations made by Chandrababu Naidu. The court concluded that there was no evidence of ghee adulteration, deeming the allegations baseless. In its judgment, the court also advised that religious matters, particularly those involving sacred offerings like the Tirumala Laddu, should not be politicized.

Responding to the Supreme Court's remarks, Pawan Kalyan spoke briefly to reporters in Vijayawada. He stated that the Supreme Court judges never explicitly said that the ghee used in the making of the Tirumala Laddu had not been adulterated. Instead, he explained that the judges likely made their conclusions based on the information available to them during the trial.

Pawan Kalyan further pointed out that the court mentioned some discrepancies in the dates on the laboratory reports concerning the ghee adulteration tests. He emphasized that these discrepancies were the source of confusion, and the court indicated that these issues would be clarified in due course.

As the controversy continues to unfold, Pawan Kalyan remains firm in his stance, suggesting that the truth behind the allegations may still come to light with further investigation and clarification.

### DCM Pawan Kalyan Ascends Tirumala via Alipiri Stairway

Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister and Janasena Party leader Pawan Kalyan has arrived in Tirupati to visit the sacred Tirumala temple. The Jana Sena cadre gave him a grand reception upon his arrival. As part

of his spiritual journey, Pawan Kalyan performed a puja at the Alipiri foot mandapam in Tirupati before beginning his ascent to Tirumala on foot, accompanied by his close friend and art director Anand Sai. Given the significance of his visit, heavy security measures have been put in place along the Alipiri staircase route.

This visit comes in the wake of the recent Tirumala laddu adulteration controversy, which prompted Pawan Kalyan to undertake a symbolic penance. As part of his penance, he will visit Lord Venkateswara at the Tirumala temple tomorrow to conclude his initiation.

Following his spiritual visit, Pawan Kalyan is scheduled to hold a Varahi Sabha in Tirupati on the evening of October 3rd, where he is expected to address his followers and the public.



## End of Jagan-Era Liquor Shops in Andhra Pradesh

**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** One of the most controversial policies during the tenure of former Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy was the state-controlled liquor distribution system. Under this plan, all liquor shops in Andhra Pradesh were brought under government control, eliminating private ownership.

This policy was met with widespread criticism, particularly regarding the quality of the liquor being sold. Many consumers complained about contaminated products, while the steep prices and a cash-only payment system added to the discontent. The flaws in the policy became a major point of contention during Jagan's time in office.

In a significant shift, the new NDA government in Andhra Pradesh has taken decisive action to dismantle the liquor system established by Jagan. As per the latest notification issued by the state government, all the government-run liquor shops from the previous regime will be closed, and new private outlets will be introduced.

Between October 1 and October 9, tenders for private liquor shops will be issued. Each tender will be priced at Rs 2 lakh, and the allocation will be decided through a lottery system on October 11. From October 12 onward, 3,396 private liquor outlets will open across Andhra Pradesh, marking the complete closure of the old government-run shops.



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The remaining liquor stock from the Jagan administration will be returned to the Andhra Pradesh excise department, and any tainted liquor will be removed from circulation. The government has also promised to ensure only high-quality liquor is available moving forward.

Additionally, the licensing fees for these new private shops have been significantly increased. Depending on the location and population density, a liquor license could now cost between Rs 50 lakh and Rs 85 lakh, a major hike from previous policies.

This move by the NDA government aims to restore consumer trust and improve the quality of liquor available in the state, while also eliminating the much-criticized policies of the previous regime.

# Good News for Ration Card Holders, 4 Crore People to Benefit... !



**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** The coalition government in Andhra Pradesh has delivered good news to ration card holders, especially at a time when the prices of essential commodities are rising across the state. Civil Supplies Minister Nadendra Manohar made a key announcement, stating that 4.32 crore people will benefit from the government's decision. This announcement is expected to lead to long queues at ration shops as people take advantage of the scheme.

Minister Manohar revealed that the government has decided to reduce the prices of jaggery and sugar in response to the escalating prices of essential commodities in Andhra Pradesh. He emphasized that this crucial decision comes at a time when prices are soar-

ing, causing hardship for the common people. The government has already reduced the price of jaggery, which was selling for around Rs.180 per kg in the open market, to Rs.160, and later to Rs.150, twice within the same month.

Starting today, Minister Nadendra Manohar announced that sugar will be sold at Rs.67 per kg, and half a kilogram of sugar at Rs.17. The distribution program for sugar and jaggery will be officially launched in Tenali at 3 p.m. today by Minister Manohar. The state's 1.49 crore ration card holders will receive pulses and sugar as part of the scheme, benefiting an estimated 4.32 crore people. From today, 29,811 ration shops across the state will distribute 1 kg of jaggery and 1 kg of sugar to each eligible household.

## Home Minister Anitha Brings Good News for Constable Candidates



**TPN, Amaravati:** In a positive development for aspiring police constables in Andhra Pradesh, Home Minister Anitha has announced the resumption of the recruitment process for 6,100 constable posts, which was stalled over a year and a half ago. The recruitment process had been halted due to the MLC elections for graduates. However, with the coalition government now in place, the process is set to continue.

Minister Anitha confirmed that further tests for the recruitment will begin soon. The Physical Measurement Test (PMT) and Physical Efficiency Test (PET) will be completed within five months. Complete details about the process will be available on

the official website, [slprb.ap.gov.in](http://slprb.ap.gov.in). The recruitment for these posts was originally initiated by the previous YSR Congress Party (YCP) government in 2022, when a notification was released for 6,100 constable positions. The preliminary written exam was conducted, and results were announced in January 2023, with 95,208 candidates passing. However, the recruitment process came to a halt due to the MLC elections.

Now, with the recruitment back on track, candidates can prepare for the upcoming phases, and the government is committed to ensuring the timely completion of the process.

## Govt Allocates ₹10,000 Crore to Revamp Andhra Pradesh Roads

**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** The NDA government in Andhra Pradesh, led by Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan, has announced a significant investment of ₹10,000 crore to address the state's road infrastructure issues. This comes after widespread criticism of the previous YSR Congress Party (YCP) government for failing to build new roads and clear contractor dues between 2019 and 2024.

The newly sanctioned funds will be directed towards both the construction of new roads and the renovation of existing ones, with top priority given to rural areas severely affected by recent floods. A total of ₹614 crore has been allocated for roads under the Panchayatraj department, targeting 3,941 kilometers across 2,534 residential areas. The state government has also set aside ₹3,311 crore for this effort.

Furthermore, an additional ₹1,900 crore has

been approved for the construction of 1,854 kilometers of roads in 162 more residential areas. Loans amounting to ₹693 crore will be sought from the National Bank for Agriculture and Rural Development (NABARD) to fund 1,827 kilometers of new rural roads.

Panchayatraj officials are preparing to invite tenders for 126 kilometers of new roads with an estimated budget of ₹106 crore. Meanwhile, an additional 4,635 kilometers of roads are set for renovation, with ₹1,122 crore earmarked for pothole repairs and the laying of bitumen (BT) roads.

In total, ₹7,312 crore will be spent on 16,627 kilometers of new roads across the state, reflecting the government's commitment to improving Andhra Pradesh's infrastructure. The comprehensive road development plan is expected to significantly enhance connectivity and improve living conditions across both urban and rural regions of the state.



# Promotion Stagnation in Medical Health Department

## Allegations of Corruption and Neglect by Doctors and Staff

**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** The Medical Education Department, led by Superintendent Kanu Saigala of a prominent government hospital, has become a source of frustration for many in the medical community. Doctors and staff are voicing concerns about a lack of promotions and career progression within the department. Many have worked for decades, some as long as 30 years, without receiving a single promotion, leading to a sense of disillusionment among the medical professionals.



Since the coalition government came into power, there has been hope for change. However, the administration's actions have not met the expectations of the medical community. Doctors are now expressing disappointment, claiming that the

situation remains unchanged, describing it as "the same as where the gong is placed."

Recently, the Andhra Pradesh Directorate of Medical Education (AP DME) in Vijayawada released a final seniority list

of 153 individuals eligible for promotion to Additional DMEs. Yet, the promotions file has not progressed, remaining stuck with no discernible movement. Invisible forces are allegedly at play, preventing the Departmental Promotion Committee

(DPC) from convening, further delaying the promotions.

There is a growing sense within the medical community that the government is neglecting the Medical Education Department. Many government hospitals and medical colleges are struggling due to the lack of leadership, with vacant positions for heads of departments remaining unfilled. The blame has been placed on a combination of factors, including the office of the Medical Minister, a Secretariat IAS officer, and the DME, who are accused of being responsible for the lack of promotions.

The Superintendent of a major government general hospital in the capital is at the center of these allegations. He has been accused of wielding significant influence within the depart-

ment, having close contacts with high-ranking officials in the Secretariat. His control over the promotion process is seen as a major obstacle to progress. Allegations also suggest that the same superintendent previously lobbied the former government to increase the retirement age for doctors from 63 to 65 years, reportedly collecting payments from individuals to push the agenda.

The influence of this superintendent, combined with his connections in the Secretariat, is believed to be preventing the promotions file from moving forward. Even though six Additional DMEs have already been promoted, they have been waiting for their postings for months, with no resolution in sight. Additionally, there are claims that another file, which has been pending approval

from the Honorable Minister for over ten days, remains untouched.

Despite multiple allegations and complaints, no action has been taken against this superintendent, who is rumored to have campaigned for votes in favor of the YCP during the elections. It is further alleged that he has boasted to fellow doctors about giving a crore rupees as a gift to a young leader in the coalition government, possibly securing his influence and protection.

The situation has raised serious concerns about the integrity of the promotion process in the Medical Health Department, with many calling for a thorough investigation into the allegations and demanding transparency in the handling of promotion files.

## Chandrababu Would Have Spoken Based on Report -Purandeshwari

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: AP BJP president Daggubati-Purandeshwari stated that former Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu must have made his comments regarding the alleged mixing of animal fat in Tirumala Laddus based on a report. She explained that Chandrababu would only speak after reviewing and confirming the information with the concerned authorities. Purandeshwari also mentioned that the court will evaluate how the government's decisions are being implemented in such cases.



Addressing the recent controversy, she urged people to reflect on whether the courts have the right to question the Chief Minister's statements. These remarks were made during a bridge program held at the BJP state office in Vijayawada, where petitions were being accepted from the public.

Purandeshwari noted that people are sub-

mitting petitions on various issues, with a significant number of them concerning land matters. She added that these petitions are being forwarded to the District Collectors for further action. She emphasized that the Waradhi program is designed to act as a bridge between the government and the people, helping to address their concerns.

## Culprits Will Be Caught Soon- Nagababu on Laddu Issue

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Nagababu, actor and brother of Jana Sena leader PawanKalyan, has provided a strong defense of his brother's recent comments regarding the SrivariLaddu controversy and Sanatana Dharma. PawanKalyan had earlier spoken about the issue of animal fat allegedly being added to the ghee used in the sacred Tirumala Laddu, a matter which has since reached the Supreme Court. Pawan's remarks have drawn criticism from actor Prakash Raj, leading to a war of words between the two.



Pawan's comments reflected this.

Nagababu, who had previously made indirect comments on social media about the Laddu controversy, addressed the issue directly in front of the media for the first time. He was attending an event for the film, Committee Kurrollu, produced by his daughter, KonidelaNiharika, when the media asked him to comment on the ongoing feud between PawanKalyan and Prakash Raj.

Nagababu further noted that PawanKalyan has consistently fought for the rights of all religious communities, citing his support for madrassas and his efforts in resolving land disputes involving Christian missionaries in Visakhapatnam. He clarified that Pawan's focus is on maintaining Dharma and that they are not concerned with what others, including Prakash Raj or Jagan Mohan Reddy, might say.

In his response, Nagababu firmly stood by PawanKalyan's comments, stating that there was nothing wrong with what Pawan had said. He emphasized that PawanKalyan had spoken in defense of Sanatana Dharma and pointed out that his brother has always promoted harmony between all religions. "God is part of Sanatana Dharma, and PawanKalyan spoke about those who insult it," Nagababu explained. He highlighted that the unity of all religions in India has been preserved since the time of their elders, and

In conclusion, Nagababu emphasized that PawanKalyan is a true secularist, committed to protecting the rights of all communities, and that they will continue to stand for Dharma, regardless of any criticism.

## Vijayasai Reddy Accuses Chandrababu of Using Religion for Political Gain



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: YCP Rajya Sabha member Vijayasai Reddy has once again launched a sharp criticism of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu on the social media platform X (formerly Twitter). In his post, Reddy stated that there is a difference between believing in Hinduism and practicing it, adding that a true Hindu believes in God and religion. He went on to accuse Chandrababu of exploiting religious sentiments for political gain, calling him a "backbiter" and "politically ignorant."

This latest attack from Vijayasai Reddy comes amid ongoing controversy surrounding allegations that Tirumala laddoos, the sacred prasadam offered at the temple, were adulterated during the YCP regime. Accusations have been made that animal fat was mixed into the laddoos, which has led to widespread outrage among Hindu communities. The issue reached the Supreme Court, where it was noted that Chandrababu spoke to the media about the laddoo quality without seeking a second opinion. The court has adjourned the next hearing to Thursday.

The laddoo controversy has become a hot topic in Andhra Pradesh politics, with Vijayasai Reddy using the issue to further his criticism of Chandrababu's leadership and religious sincerity. The escalating tension between YCP and TDP leaders continues to fuel political debates in the state as both sides exchange barbs over religious and governance issues.

## R Krishnaiah, Explains Why He Left YCP

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: BC Welfare Association national leader R Krishnaiah recently made headlines with his resignation from the Rajya Sabha and the YSR Congress Party (YCP). Krishnaiah, who was appointed to the Rajya Sabha by Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, cited his inability to work effectively for the welfare of the Backward Classes (BC) as the primary reason for his decision.



Krishnaiah's departure comes in the wake of YCP's significant loss in recent elections, leading several other prominent leaders, such as MopideviVenkataramana and BidhaMastan, to also resign from their posts and the party.

However, Krishnaiah's resignation has drawn sharp criticism from YCP leaders, who accused him of betraying Jagan's trust. They argued that Jagan had given Krishnaiah a key political opportunity, but he chose to abandon the party.

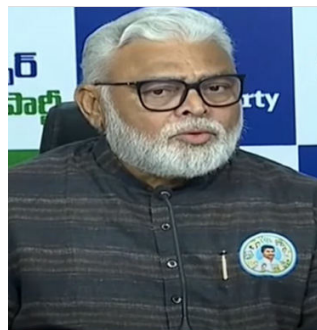
Responding to these accusations, Krishnaiah clarified that his resignation was not driven by personal ambition or any ill will toward Jagan or the YCP. He stated, "I did not enter politics to gain positions. The welfare of the BC community is more important to me than any political post." He added that remaining in the Rajya Sabha was not helping him contribute

meaningfully to the BC movement and that his continued presence there was impeding progress for the community. Krishnaiah praised Jagan's contributions to the welfare of BCs, acknowledging that the Chief Minister has implemented several schemes benefiting the community. "Jagan has done a lot for the BCs, and he deserves credit for giving them power. I still respect him and hold no grudges," Krishnaiah said. He also emphasized that his resignation was not intended to harm Jagan or benefit any other party, such as the TDP.

Looking forward, R Krishnaiah announced plans to form a new party, signaling a fresh political direction focused on BC welfare. His next steps are eagerly awaited, as his resignation continues to stir conversations within Andhra Pradesh's political landscape.

## Ambati - 'Boats, Laddoos, Actresses... Nothing is Beyond Politics'

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Former minister and senior YSR Congress Party (YCP) leader, Ambati Rambabu, has once again targeted the state's coalition government with a satirical tweet. Taking to X (formerly Twitter), he expressed his disdain by stating, "Kadedi is beyond politics," implying that nothing is immune to political manipulation.



"Boats in flood, ladduprasadam, Mumbai actress... nothing is beyond politics!" Rambabu tweeted, referencing several recent controversies that have become hot topics in the state. His post indirectly alludes to the issue of boats being washed away at Prakasam Barrage during floods caused by heavy rains, the Tirumala LadduPrasadam adulteration case, and the Mumbai actress Kadambari controversy.

In his sarcastic remark, Ambati Rambabu criticized the coalition government leaders, suggesting that they were using these events for political gain. His tweet highlights the ongoing political tension and the use of these incidents in the larger political discourse within the state.

## Women's Protest Demands Suspension of TDP MLA Kolikapudi Amid Sexual Harassment Allegations

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: A group of women staged a protest in Chittela village on Monday, demanding the suspension of Thiruvuru TDP MLA KolikapudiSrinivasa Rao from the party over allegations of sexual harassment. The protesters expressed anger over the MLA's alleged inappropriate behavior, claiming that his actions and comments towards women have deeply disturbed the community. Kolikapudi is accused of sending obscene messages to the WhatsApp numbers of female employees and sexually harassing them. The protesting women warned that unless action is taken against the MLA, their movement would intensify.

On the other hand, MLA Kolikapudi has denied the allegations, calling them a "false propaganda scheme" aimed at discrediting him. In response to the accusations, he initiated a protest at his camp office, stating that if the allegations against him were true, he should be arrested and punished.

However, he demanded that if the accusations were proven false, the individuals responsible for making them should be held accountable.

Kolikapudi's protest was cut short after orders from the TDP party leadership, and he called off his initiation on Monday night. Addressing a meeting with constituency-level activists, he claimed that the woman accusing him had a history of attempting suicide, allegedly staging these incidents whenever the police filed cases against her husband. Kolikapudi expressed confidence that the people of his constituency would not believe the accusations made against him, suggesting that they were part of a larger scheme to tarnish his image.

As the situation unfolds, demands for action against Kolikapudi grow louder, with calls for accountability continuing to dominate the political discourse in the region.

## "PanganamaLekkuva!" Prakash Raj's Tweet Targets PawanKalyan

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Amid the ongoing Tirumala Laddu adulteration controversy, actor Prakash Raj has been actively sharing his thoughts on social media. His recent posts, particularly those directed at Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister and Jana Sena Party leader PawanKalyan, have sparked intense discussion among netizens.



many panganamas (confusions)... Isn't it?... Enough... Look at the things to be done for the people..." He ended the post with his signature hashtag, "#JustAsking," a phrase often used by him to highlight issues and raise questions.

Prakash Raj's comment seems to be a subtle dig at PawanKalyan, suggesting that the leader is embroiled in unnecessary controversies instead of focusing on pressing issues concerning the public. This latest tweet has fueled further debate online, with supporters and critics weighing in on the actor's pointed statements.

In a recent tweet on X (formerly Twitter), Prakash Raj made a cryptic remark that has garnered significant attention. His tweet read, "A new devotee has too

## KA Paul Files Petition in Supreme Court to Declare Tirupati a Union Territory

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Prajashanti Party president KA Paul has filed a petition in the Supreme Court seeking to declare Tirupati, a sacred destination visited by millions of devotees, as a Union Territory. Addressing the media, KA Paul emphasized the need for a Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) probe into the controversy surrounding the quality of Tirumala Laddus.



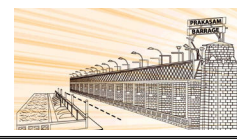
Drawing comparisons, Paul questioned why Vatican City, with only 744 Catholics, is recognized as a separate country, while Tirupati, with its

significance to millions of devotees, remains part of a state. He criticized former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, alleging that the Tirumala Laddu controversy was raised to divert public attention from the failures of the 100-day coalition government. He questioned the timing of the issue, asking why a lab report on the quality of laddus, which was available in July, was only brought up in September.

KA Paul revealed that he has filed a petition in the Supreme Court seek-

ing interim orders regarding the ongoing Laddu controversy. He criticized leaders like Chandrababu Naidu and PawanKalyan for making statements that, in his view, disrupt peace and order. In his petition, Paul requested the court to issue orders preventing any further discussions about the laddus, arguing that such statements are creating unnecessary confusion among devotees by asserting that there was no adulteration in the laddus.

KA Paul's move has sparked further debate on the issue, with many awaiting the Supreme Court's decision on both the Laddu controversy and the broader question of granting Union Territory status to Tirupati.



## Solid Arrangements for Dussehra Celebrations in Indrakiladri



**TPN, Vijayawada:** Legislator Yalamanchili Satyanarayana, popularly known as Sujana Chaudhary, chaired a review meeting at the Model Guest House on Tuesday regarding the Dussehra celebrations set to take place at Indrakiladri from October 3<sup>rd</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup>. The meeting was attended by key officials, including Devadaya Dharmadaya Minister Anam Ramanarayana Reddy, Home Minister Vanagalapudi Anitha, Vijayawada MP Keshineni Sivanath, Excise Minister Kollu Ravindra, and other legislators.

Sujana Chaudhary emphasized that comprehensive arrangements are in place to ensure a grand celebration this year. He stated that several reviews have been conducted with the relevant authorities to finalize the preparations. Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has announced that silk clothes will be offered to the goddess on the auspicious Moola Nakshatra day, October 9<sup>th</sup>.

A highlight of this year's celebrations will be the stunning fasada lighting at Indrakiladri, with electric lights adorning all roads for a 20-kilometer stretch. Sujana Chaudhary noted that extensive queue lines have been established, with provisions for distributing water bottles to quench the thirst of devotees. Emergency gates will be set up every hundred steps, ensuring safety and convenience for attendees.

To accommodate visitors, arrangements have been made for 200 people in holding areas, and facilities to store personal belongings and sandals have been set up for a thousand individuals. Additionally, a temporary stairway will be constructed leading out from the Shiva temple, and a laser show will be featured to showcase the glory of the Indrakiladri site.

The meeting concluded with Sujana Chaudhary and other ministers offering special pujas to Krishna at the Durga Ghat, marking the spiritual significance of the upcoming festival.



## Minister Narayana Reviews Arrangements For CM Chandrababu's Visit

**TPN, Machilipatnam:** Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu is set to participate in the "Swachhata Hi Seva" program on Gandhi Jayanti, October 2 (Today), in Machilipatnam. To ensure the success of this visit, Minister of Municipal Administration and Urban Development, Ponguru Narayana, reviewed the arrangements with officials from Krishna district and Machilipatnam municipality.

The Chief Minister will begin his visit by arriving at a helipad set up at the National Law College, directly from his residence in Undavalli. After inspecting the dumping yard, he will attend the program at the TTD Kalyana Mandapam. During this event, CM Chandrababu is expected to meet with sanitation workers and distribute clothing and protective equipment.

Minister Narayana emphasized the importance of the visit, discussing various development programs undertaken by the Machilipatnam Municipal Corporation. He highlighted that un-

der the previous TDP government, ₹36 crores were allocated through the Amrit-1 scheme to provide safe drinking water to every household. However, he noted that progress has stalled due to the current state government's failure to contribute its share to the project.

Addressing the issue of illegal constructions, Narayana stated that the encroachment of flood water channels has caused significant problems for residents. He announced the initiation of "Operation Buda Meru," aimed at addressing illegal structures statewide.

"No matter the party affiliation, we will not ignore illegal constructions. Those occupying government land and ponds are advised to vacate voluntarily. After providing alternatives for those in illegal structures, we will proceed with demolitions," he affirmed. With these comprehensive arrangements, the government aims to make CM Chandrababu's visit a success while addressing key issues in the region.

## MLA Krishnaprasad Addresses Railway Issues in Mylavaram Constituency



**TPN, Vijayawada:** Mylavaram MLA Sri Vasantha Venkata Krishnaprasad highlighted key railway-related concerns during a special meeting held at the NTR District Collectorate in Vijayawada, ahead of the Railway Board General Manager's meeting scheduled for October 4, 2024.

Attending the meeting were MP Keshineni Sivanath (Chinni), District Collector Mrs. Gummalla Srijana, and various district officials, who gathered to discuss pressing railway issues impacting the Mylavaram assembly constituency.

During the meeting, MLA Krishnaprasad outlined the status of four proposed Road Over Bridges (ROBs) that have been submitted to the Railway Department. He reported that the land acquisition surveys, trans co surveys, and soil tests for these projects have been completed. However,

the files awaiting sanction are currently with the Railway Gati Shakti Board. The proposed locations for the ROBs include:

- LC No. 140 at Kondapalli
- LC No. 147 at Eelaprolu, Ibrahimpatnam Mandal
- RUB along LC No. 148 at Rayanapadu, Vijayawada Rural Mandal
- LC No. 150 at Gollapudi, Vijayawada Rural Mandal

MLA Krishnaprasad also pointed out that three additional tracks have been laid in the Rayanapadu village area, which has led to the blocking of canals on both sides. He urged the Railway Department to construct new drains on both sides and sought permission to repair damaged drinking water pipelines without incurring restoration charges.

He emphasized the need to restore train

number 07755 (Dornakal to Vijayawada), which was halted during the COVID-19 pandemic. This service is crucial for agricultural workers in the region, particularly those from Telangana who rely on it for their daily commuting.

Furthermore, MLA Krishnaprasad requested that Golconda and Satavahana trains be scheduled to stop at Rayanapadu railway station. This would benefit constituents from five assembly areas: Mylavaram, Thiruvuru, Jaggayapet, Nandigama, and parts of Vijayawada West. Such an arrangement would also alleviate congestion at Vijayawada main station.

The General Manager of the Railway Board, who participated in the meeting, assured attendees that efforts would be made to address these pressing railway issues effectively.

## CM Chandrababu, A Champion for the Poor, Says MLA Yarlagadda Venkatarao



ty to widows, the elderly, and the disabled.

"Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has kept his word by ensuring timely disbursement of the increased amounts," Yarlagadda stated. He expressed confidence in the Chief Minister's vision to restore the debt-ridden state to a position of prominence in the country.

The MLA assured attendees that efforts are underway to identify new eligible beneficiaries. He also mentioned plans to review the list of those whose pensions were halted for various reasons and take legal measures to rectify the situation. "We are committed to providing pensions to all eligible individuals in the constituency," he affirmed.

In addition to the pension distribution, Yarlagadda provided cash assistance to many elderly residents from his own funds. The event was attended by notable leaders and activists, including Putta Suresh, Vegireddy Paparao, Chintala Venkata Siva Apparao, Mulpuri Sai Kalyani, Gundapaneni Umamprasad Rajeswara Rao, Chalasani Srinivas, and various alliance leaders and secretariat staff.

Following the event, MLA Yarlagadda visited TDP President Dayala Rajeswara Rao at his home, as he had recently fallen ill. He also paid tribute to the late Dr. Gogineni Bhaskara Rao by visiting his family and honoring his portrait.

**TPN, Vijayawada:** Gannavaram Constituency MLA Yarlagadda Venkatarao praised Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu for his unwavering commitment to the welfare of the poor during a recent pension distribution event. On Tuesday, the NTR Bharosa pensions were distributed by MLA Yarlagadda Venkatarao in the MG Nagar, Tarakarama Nagar, and Hanuman Nagar areas of Bapulapadu mandal.

The pensions were given directly to beneficiaries, including grandparents and disabled individuals suffering from chronic illnesses. Speaking at the event, MLA Yarlagadda emphasized that the Super Six schemes implemented by CM Chandrababu aim to bring smiles to the faces of the impoverished and alleviate their financial burdens. He noted that the pension amounts have been increased as part of a promise made during the elections to provide financial securi-



## Minister Gottipati Ravi Kumar Addresses Pension Distribution and Local Issues in Bapatla

**TPN, Bapatla:** Power Minister Gottipati Ravi Kumar visited Jay Pangaluru on Tuesday, emphasizing the Andhra Pradesh government's commitment to fulfilling every promise made during the last elections. During his visit, he distributed pensions to local elderly residents, widows, and disabled individuals, highlighting that the state is setting an example for others in pension distribution.

Minister Ravi Kumar remarked that pensions are delivered to beneficiaries on a specific date each month, contrasting this with allegations made by YCP leaders who reportedly attempted to obstruct pension distributions for political gain during previous elections. He alleged that some elderly individuals were taken around government offices in a distressing manner during that time. However, he assured that under Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's leadership, the distribution of pensions is now efficiently managed by Secretariat staff.

He also pointed out that while it took YS Jagan Mohan Reddy five years to increase pensions

by ₹1,000, Chief Minister Naidu had implemented the increase immediately.

After the pension distribution, Minister Ravi Kumar held a public forum at the MPDO office in Pangaluru, where locals were encouraged to voice their concerns. In response to a petition about stalled cement road construction due to a lack of funds, he promptly allocated ₹30 lakh to address the issue. He reiterated the government's commitment to completing community halls through CSR funds as promised in the election.

Additionally, Minister Ravi Kumar discussed the PM Kusum scheme, urging villagers to take advantage of it. He explained that the scheme offers subsidies from the central government and allows for the installation of solar plants on non-agricultural lands, generating 3 to 5 megawatts of electricity. He encouraged the setup of rooftop solar plants, asserting that they can generate 3 kilowatts of power, ensuring future energy needs can be met sustainably.



# Roots of the Israel-Hezbollah Conflict: A 42-Year History (1982-2024)

The long-standing conflict between Israel and Hezbollah, the Lebanese Shiite militant group, has been a defining aspect of Middle Eastern geopolitics for over four decades. Born from the turmoil of war and sustained by regional power dynamics, the relationship between the two has been marked by violence, military engagements, and deep animosity.

## 1982: The Birth of Hezbollah

Hezbollah, or “Party of God,” emerged in the aftermath of Israel’s 1982 invasion of Lebanon. The invasion was aimed at dismantling the Palestine Liberation Organization (PLO), which had been using Lebanon as a base for attacks on Israel. This invasion created fertile ground for Hezbollah’s formation, especially in the eastern Bekaa region of Lebanon. Iran’s Revolutionary Guards Corps played a significant role in Hezbollah’s development, providing training, funding, and ideological guidance to shape the organization.



By 1985, Hezbollah had evolved from a shadowy faction into a potent military force. Its armed wing, the Islamic Resistance, spearheaded attacks on Israeli forces occupying southern Lebanon, using tactics like suicide bombings and human wave assaults. Hezbollah’s rise positioned it as a serious adversary to Israel, and the organization began to solidify its reputation as a powerful resistance force.

## 1992: Nasrallah Takes Command

The conflict between Israel and Hezbollah escalated further after an Israeli helicopter strike in 1992 killed Hezbollah’s leader, Sheikh Abbas al-Musawi. His successor, Hassan Nasrallah, then only 32 years old, quickly became a central figure in the group’s leadership.



Nasrallah’s leadership was tested early when Israel launched “Operation Accountability” in 1993, a large-scale incursion into southern Lebanon aimed at weakening Hezbollah. The group, however, proved resilient, continuing its armed resistance despite the operation.

Over the years, Nasrallah’s stature grew as he led Hezbollah through various confrontations with Israel. His reputation as a formidable leader would be cemented by several key events in the mid-1990s.

## 1996: Operation Grapes of Wrath

In April 1996, Israel launched “Operation Grapes of Wrath,” a military campaign aimed at neutralizing Hezbollah’s ability to fire rockets into northern Israel. Over the course of 17 days, Israeli forces conducted hundreds of air raids and fired thousands of artillery shells into Lebanon. The operation caused significant civilian casualties, with 175 Lebanese, mostly civilians, killed and more than 300,000 people displaced from their homes.



A particularly tragic incident during this campaign was the bombing of a United Nations camp in Qana, where over 100 civilians seeking refuge were killed. The attack spurred international outcry, prompting a ceasefire agreement by April 26, 1996. While the operation inflicted considerable damage, Hezbollah survived and continued its operations, further enhancing its image as a defender of Lebanese sovereignty.

## 2000: Israel’s Withdrawal from Lebanon



In May 2000, Israel made a significant strategic decision: it unilaterally withdrew from southern Lebanon, ending an occupation that had lasted nearly two decades. This retreat followed a costly war of attrition, in which Hezbollah’s relentless attacks on Israeli forces and their South Lebanon Army (SLA) allies had steadily eroded Israeli public support for the occupation.

Nasrallah was hailed as the architect of this withdrawal, and Hezbollah portrayed it as a significant victory over the Israeli military. The Israeli pullout was also influenced

by international pressure, particularly a 1998 UN Security Council resolution demanding Israel’s withdrawal from Lebanon. The event remains a pivotal moment in Hezbollah’s history, solidifying its position as a dominant military and political force in Lebanon.

## 2006: The Israel-Hezbollah War

Tensions between Israel and Hezbollah came to a head again in 2006, when Hezbollah fighters seized two Israeli soldiers during a cross-border raid. The abduction triggered a full-scale conflict, often referred to as the Second Lebanon War. Over the course of 34 days, Israeli forces launched a massive military campaign against Hezbollah targets across Lebanon.



The war caused significant destruction, with over 1,200 Lebanese, mostly civilians, killed. On the Israeli side, 160 people, mostly soldiers, died. Despite Israel’s efforts to crush Hezbollah, the group survived, and both sides ultimately claimed victory. For Hezbollah, simply withstanding the Israeli onslaught was seen as a triumph and a validation of its military strategy.

## 2023-2024: A New Front Opens

The most recent chapter in the Israel-Hezbollah conflict began in 2023, when Israel’s war with Hamas in Gaza reignited tensions across the region. Hezbollah, backed by Iran, launched attacks from southern Lebanon in support of Hamas. Cross-border skirmishes escalated over the course of a year, culminating in a significant Israeli airstrike campaign in September 2024.



Israel targeted Hezbollah positions across southern Lebanon and even in the Beirut suburbs. In a major blow to the organization, Israeli forces reportedly killed several senior Hezbollah leaders, including Hassan Nasrallah, in an airstrike on Hezbollah’s southern Beirut stronghold.

As of 2024, the conflict between Israel and Hezbollah remains unresolved, with no end in sight. Both sides continue to exchange fire, and the broader regional dynamics—particularly the involvement of Iran and the ongoing Israeli-Palestinian conflict—ensure that this decades-long struggle is far from over.

# Congress Politics Is Limited To False Promises: PM Modi At Haryana Rally

As the Haryana Assembly polls approach, Prime Minister Narendra Modi launched a scathing attack on the Congress party, accusing it of perpetuating a culture of "false promises." Speaking at a rally in Palwal district, Modi asserted that Congress's aspirations to form the next government in Haryana are mere daydreams that will never materialize.

Highlighting the hardworking ethos of Haryana, Modi stated, "Haryana has taught us to work and do it hard. Congress's formula is - neither work nor let others work." He contrasted BJP's focus on results and dedication with Congress's history of unfulfilled commitments.

Modi urged the people of Haryana to reelect the BJP with a strong mandate, emphasizing that the state traditionally mirrors the central government. He referenced Madhya Pradesh and Rajasthan as examples where Congress's empty promises were met with a strong rebuke from the electorate, suggesting a similar fate awaits the party in Haryana.



The Prime Minister also addressed infighting within Congress, remarking that such disputes are evident to the electorate, particularly among the Dalit community. "The Dalit community has decided they will not be fooled by dynastic politics and will vote based on merit," he proclaimed, receiving enthusiastic applause from the audience.

Critiquing Congress's long tenure in power, Modi lamented the lack of basic amenities in the state, stating, "Even today, people do not have access to drinking water, pucca houses, sanitation, and toilets." He further condemned Congress for obstructing significant initiatives, including the construction of the Ram Temple and denying full constitutional rights to the people of Jammu and Kashmir.



## Bengal Doctors Resume Strike Over RG Kar Hospital

Junior doctors in West Bengal have resumed their indefinite strike, ignited by the tragic rape and murder of a colleague at Kolkata's RG Kar Hospital on August 8. The doctors are pressing for essential demands, including enhanced safety measures for medical professionals across the state. In a statement released on Tuesday, they declared, "We are compelled to return to a full 'ceasework' starting today. Unless we receive clear action from the government on safety and patient services, we will continue our strike."

The striking doctors criticized the slow pace of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) into their colleague's murder, stating, "The CBI has been unable to reach any conclusions, allowing the real culprits to go free due to delays in filing charges." They expressed disappointment over the Supreme Court's handling of the case, noting that hearings have been postponed and judicial processes delayed.

Ten days prior, the junior doctors had temporarily halted their month-long agitation after meeting with Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, returning to provide essential services but refusing to operate outpatient departments. They had given the government a week to fulfill their demands.

The resumption of the strike follows an eight-hour meeting where the doctors reiterated their ten demands, including improved security measures, better hospital infrastructure, and the dismissal of key officials linked to a "threat culture." Although the state has replaced the Kolkata Police chief and two health department officials, the doctors feel insufficient action has been taken.

## Have To Compete, Co-Exist, Confront, Contest With China: Army Chief

Indian Army Chief General Upendra Dwivedi has underscored the complexities of managing tensions with China, stating that India must adopt a strategy that includes competing, cooperating, coexisting, confronting, and contesting with its neighbor. He remarked, "As far as China is concerned, it has been intriguing our minds for quite some time."

General Dwivedi characterized the current situation as "stable but not normal," highlighting the sensitivity of the circumstances. He expressed a desire for the situation to return to what it was before April 2020, particularly concerning ground occupation and the buffer zones established since then. He reiterated the military's readiness, stating, "Until that situation is restored, the situation will remain sensitive, and we are fully operationally prepared to face any kind of contingency." He emphasized that trust has become the "biggest casualty" in the ongoing tensions.



Regarding ongoing diplomatic efforts, Dwivedi noted that both India and China have engaged in approximately 17 Corps Commander-level talks since April. He acknowledged the progress made but stressed the need for both sides to seek a win-win solution in difficult situations.

In a related update, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) described the current state of India-China relations as characterized by ongoing dialogue and efforts to resolve tensions through the Working Mechanism for Consultation and Coordination (WMCC). MEA Spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal highlighted that External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar has addressed the relationship in various forums, ensuring transparency and regular updates on WMCC discussions.

## Have No Role In MUDA Scam, Won't Resign: CM Siddaramaiah

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah firmly reiterated on Tuesday, October 1, that he has no involvement in the alleged Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA) scam and stated that he will not resign from his position. Speaking to reporters at Ravindra Kalakshetra, Siddaramaiah emphasized, "I am working according to my conscience, and there is no need for my resignation."

When questioned about calls for his resignation, he criticized opposition parties, asserting, "They are masters in lying. Will it be over if I tender my resignation? They are demanding my resignation unnecessarily. I have not committed any mistakes." He expressed confusion regarding the money laundering charges leveled against him, stating, "I don't know on what grounds these charges are framed against me."

The controversy intensified after Siddaramaiah's wife, Parvathy, decided to return 14 sites to MUDA, a move the opposition claims indicates guilt. The Chief Minister clarified that he was unaware of his wife's decision until she sent a letter. "Parvathy was the owner of 3.16 acres of land that MUDA had encroached upon and subsequently distributed sites. She sought alternative sites or land, which turned into a major controversy," he explained.

Siddaramaiah further criticized the BJP for referencing a statement he made in 2011 as an opposition leader regarding former Chief Minister B. S. Yediyurappa. He highlighted the differences between their cases, stating, "I have no role in this case. Yediyurappa had denotified land. Have I de-notified? Have I given any orders? Is there any money laundering? There is nothing. There is no comparison to his case."

As the political landscape continues to evolve, Siddaramaiah remains resolute in defending his integrity while challenging the opposition's claims.

## RBI Reports Major Return of ₹2,000 Notes Post Withdrawal Announcement

The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) announced on Tuesday that an impressive 98% of the ₹2,000 denomination notes have been returned since its decision to withdraw them in May 2023. The total value of these notes in circulation has drastically decreased from ₹3.56 lakh crore to ₹7,117 crore.

On May 19, 2023, the RBI made a surprising announcement about the withdrawal of ₹2,000 notes, citing concerns over their quality and indicating that the notes had fulfilled their intended purpose since their introduction following the demonetization initiative in November 2016. The RBI stated, "98% of the ₹2,000 banknotes in circulation as of May 19, 2023, have since been returned."

Despite the withdrawal, the RBI confirmed that ₹2,000 notes remain legal tender. Citizens can still exchange these notes at any of the 19 issue offices of the RBI. The process allows individuals to either physically exchange the notes or send them by post for credit into their bank accounts.

The RBI's decision to withdraw the high-denomination notes has sparked discussions about the implications for the economy, cash transactions, and overall liquidity. While the return of the notes indicates compliance among the public, concerns about cash availability and the impact on everyday transactions persist.

As the RBI continues to monitor the situation, it aims to facilitate a smooth transition for those holding the ₹2,000 notes. The central bank's proactive measures suggest a commitment to ensuring the integrity of the currency system while addressing any challenges that arise from this significant monetary policy shift.

# Will Lay Down Pan-India Guidelines On Demolition Of Properties: SC

The Supreme Court of India announced on Tuesday that it will formulate pan-India guidelines regarding the demolition of properties, emphasizing that any religious structure obstructing public roads, whether a 'dargah' or temple, must be removed to uphold public interest and safety. A bench consisting of Justices BR Gavai and KV Viswanathan clarified that unauthorized constructions, regardless of the individual's religion or belief, should be addressed uniformly across the nation.

During the proceedings, the bench reserved its verdict on a series of petitions alleging that properties owned by individuals accused of crimes were being demolished without due process in various states. The justices highlighted that the mere fact of being an accused or even a convicted individual does not justify property demolition.

"Our guidelines will apply to all citizens and institutions, without favoring any particular community," the bench stated. They reiterated that any religious structure obstructing public space must be removed, asserting that public safety is para-

mount.

The court maintained its earlier order, which requires prior permission for any demolition actions until a decision is reached. The bench stressed that notices for demolition must be sent via registered post to property owners and also displayed on an online portal for transparency.

Moreover, the justices suggested implementing a time window of 10 to 15 days between the issuance of a demolition order and its execution, allowing individuals to make alternative arrangements. The court expressed concern over the distress caused to families, particularly women and children, during abrupt demolitions.

The petitions under review were filed by organizations like Jamiat Ulama-i-Hind, which urged that demolitions should not proceed without following legal protocols. The Supreme Court's discussion also highlighted concerns about unequal enforcement of municipal laws, with some properties facing demolition while others remain untouched.





## Modi Emphasizes Anti-Terrorism Stance in Call with Netanyahu

As Israel intensified its military operations against Iranian proxies, including Hezbollah and Hamas, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi communicated with Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu on Monday, reaffirming that "terrorism has no place in our world." Modi expressed India's commitment to supporting efforts for a swift restoration of peace in the region.

During their discussion, Modi outlined three key priorities: preventing regional escalation, ensuring the safe release of all hostages, and promoting peace and stability. This call comes in the wake of

significant Israeli strikes against Hezbollah, particularly following the assassination of its leader, Hassan Nasrallah, which has heightened tensions across West Asia and raised concerns about the potential for a broader conflict.

Following the phone call, Modi took to social media platform X, emphasizing the importance of addressing "recent developments" in West Asia. He stated, "Terrorism has no place in our world. It is crucial to prevent regional escalation and ensure the safe release of all hostages. India is committed to supporting

efforts for an early restoration of peace and stability."

The situation remains precarious as Israel's actions against groups like Hezbollah and the Houthis escalate, prompting fears of wider regional instability. Modi's comments reflect India's longstanding policy of advocating for peace while standing firmly against terrorism in all its forms. As the international community watches closely, the emphasis on diplomatic dialogue and resolution remains vital in navigating the complexities of the ongoing conflict in the region.

### Biden Urges Ceasefire Amid Escalating Israel-Hezbollah Conflict in Lebanon

Despite U.S. President Joe Biden's calls to avoid ground operations in Lebanon, Israel has initiated "targeted" raids, raising concerns about a potential escalation in the region. On Monday, Biden expressed his discomfort with the situation, urging for an immediate ceasefire amid heightened tensions following the assassination of Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah.

State Department spokesman Matthew Miller confirmed that Israel had informed Washington about its limited operations targeting Hezbollah infrastructure near the border. However, shortly after, the Israeli military announced it had launched "ground raids" on villages in southern Lebanon.

This pattern of escalating military action in response to U.S. calls for diplomacy is familiar. Just last week, Netanyahu ordered airstrikes against Hezbollah shortly after a joint U.S.-French statement advocating for a ceasefire. Brian Katulis from the Middle East Institute noted that the Biden administration has often been caught off guard by Israel's military decisions, despite providing the necessary military support. At the United Nations, as Netanyahu authorized the strike against Nasrallah, Secretary of State Antony Blinken reiterated the U.S. stance, stating that while Israel has the right to defend itself, the focus should be on how to achieve its security objectives effectively.

### Ukraine's President Zelenskyy met Trump and Harris

Since the beginning of its full-scale invasion of Ukraine on February 24, 2022, Russia has reportedly lost 651,810 troops, according to the General Staff of Ukraine's Armed Forces. This figure, announced on September 29, includes 1,170 casualties recorded in just one day.

In addition to troop losses, the report details significant losses of military equipment: 8,869 tanks, 17,476 armored fighting vehicles, and 25,495 vehicles and fuel tanks have been destroyed. Other critical losses include 18,795 artillery systems, 1,204 multiple launch rocket systems, 962 air defense systems, 369 aircraft, 328 helicopters, 16,186 drones, 28 ships, and one submarine.

On the same day, Russian strikes on Zaporizhzhia in southern Ukraine resulted in at least 16 injuries, including two children aged eight and 17. The attacks involved multiple "massive aerial strikes" early in the morning, which destroyed a multi-story building and several homes. Reports indicate that Ukrainian emergency services are working to rescue individuals trapped under the rubble in the neighboring Donetsk region, where three fatalities and additional injuries occurred due to Russian attacks on Pokrovsk.

## Netanyahu's Direct Address to Iranians: A Call for Change and Peace

In a pointed message to the people of Iran, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu delivered a speech on Monday that criticized the Iranian regime while expressing hope for a better future. Speaking in English and subtitled in Persian, Netanyahu's address comes amid escalating Israeli military actions against Iranian-backed groups in the region.

Netanyahu condemned Iran's leadership for prioritizing regional conflicts over the well-being of its citizens. "Every day, you see a regime that subjugates you make fiery speeches about defending Lebanon, defending Gaza," he remarked, accusing the Iranian government of driving the region deeper into turmoil.

He emphasized that Iran's support for groups like Hezbollah and Hamas would not go unchallenged. "Iran's puppets are being eliminated," he stated, asserting



that Israel would take any necessary measures to protect its citizens.

The Prime Minister called for a shift in Iran's spending, suggesting that the billions wasted on warfare and nuclear ambitions could instead improve the lives of ordinary Iranians. He envisioned a future where the Iranian regime is replaced, leading to peace between Israel and Iran. "When Iran is finally free - and

that moment will come a lot sooner than people think - everything will be different," Netanyahu declared.

His address follows intensified Israeli military operations, including a major airstrike that reportedly killed Hezbollah leader Hassan Nasrallah, which has drawn reactions from anti-regime Iranians worldwide.

Netanyahu concluded by emphasizing that the people of Iran deserve better than their current situation. "You deserve more. The people of Iran should know - Israel stands with you," he affirmed, expressing hope for a future of prosperity and peace for both nations.

As tensions escalate, particularly following Iran's missile retaliations and Israel's targeted strikes, Netanyahu's remarks reflect both a warning and a call for solidarity with the Iranian people against their regime.



## Shigeru Ishiba Becomes Japan's New Prime Minister

Japan welcomed a new prime minister on Tuesday as Shigeru Ishiba took office, vowing to reinvigorate the nation's sluggish economy, address a looming demographic crisis, and forge a robust alliance to counter China's influence. Ishiba, 67, who won a closely contested leadership race for the Liberal Democratic Party (LDP), plans to call a general election for October 27.

In a press conference following his appointment, Ishiba emphasized the grave security challenges facing Japan, describing the current environment as the most severe since World War II. "With the Japan-US alliance as a foundation, we will expand the circle of friendly and like-minded countries," he stated, underscoring his commitment to regional peace through strengthened diplomacy and defense.

His cabinet includes 19 ministers, with notable positions filled by Katsunobu Kato as finance minister and Gen Nakatani as defense minister. However, only two ministers are women, highlighting ongoing gender disparities in Japanese politics.

Ishiba's leadership marks a shift from his predecessor, Fumio Kishida, as he aims to restore public confidence and navigate Japan's broader economic and security challenges. Analysts note that Ishiba's experience and voter appeal are key factors in his selection, as the LDP seeks stability ahead of upcoming elections.

The financial markets reacted negatively to Ishiba's selection initially, with the Nikkei index plunging nearly five percent, although it recovered slightly to close up 1.9 percent. His support for potential interest rate hikes and corporate tax increases has raised concerns among investors.

A self-proclaimed defense enthusiast, Ishiba is expected to prioritize military issues, continuing Kishida's pledge to double defense spending and strengthen ties with the US amid rising tensions with China, Russia, and North Korea. He recently expressed support for a collective defense system in Asia similar to NATO, arguing that its absence increases the likelihood of conflict.

With a focus on economic revival and enhanced national security, Ishiba is poised to lead Japan through a critical period, as the nation grapples with both domestic and international challenges.

## Japan's Prime Minister Kishida resigns along with his Cabinet

Japan's Prime Minister Fumio Kishida resigned along with his Cabinet on Tuesday, clearing the path for Shigeru Ishiba to assume leadership. Kishida, who took office in 2021, stepped down amid ongoing scandals that plagued his administration, allowing the ruling Liberal Democratic Party (LDP) to introduce new leadership.

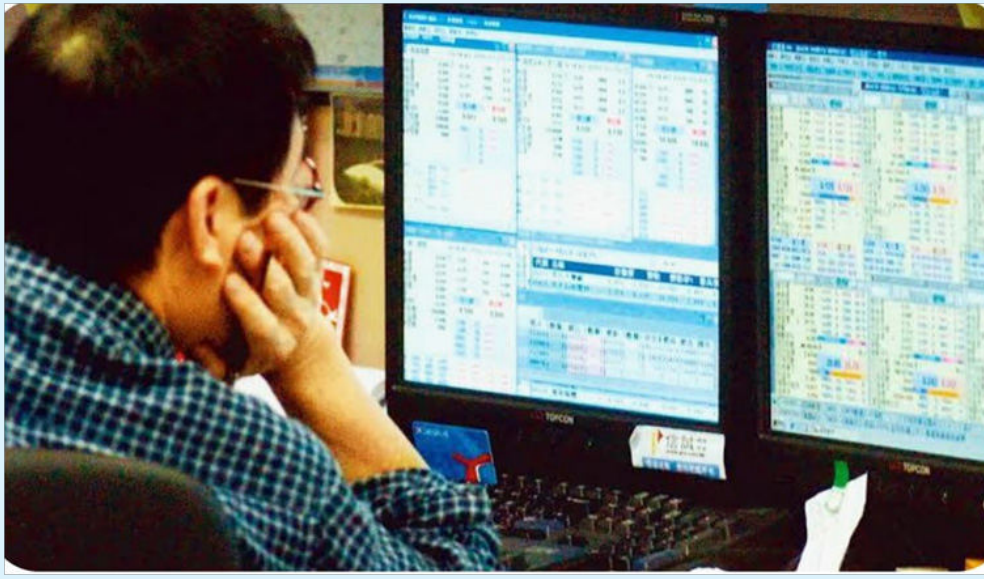
Ishiba is expected to officially become Prime Minister later today, following a parliamentary vote dominated by the ruling coalition. He plans to call a snap election on October 27 to seek public approval for his policies. "I believe it is important to have the new administration get the public's judgment as soon as possible," Ishiba stated, though opposition parties criticized him for the short timeframe for parliamentary discussions before the election.

Kishida's resignation was anticipated after he announced his decision to step down at the end of his three-year term in August. His departure was confirmed during a Cabinet meeting, with Chief Cabinet Secretary Yoshimasa Hayashi acknowledging the global expectations for Japan's diplomatic role, especially amid rising tensions from Russia's war in Ukraine and conflicts in the Middle East. Hayashi expressed hope that the next administration would engage in robust diplomacy, emphasizing the need to uphold Japan's commitment to a free and open Indo-Pacific.

Most of the incoming Cabinet ministers, including Ishiba, are expected to be independent of traditional party factions, distancing themselves from the influence of former Prime Minister Shinzo Abe's powerful group, which has been linked to several scandals. As Japan navigates a complex international landscape, the Ishiba administration aims to restore public confidence and strengthen the country's diplomatic standing.

## Stock Markets End Flat Amid Global Volatility, Tech and Metal Sectors Shine

Domestic stock market indices closed slightly lower today. Investors reacted with mixed signals from global markets and FIIs moving to Chinese markets. Not inclined to buy. Indices started with moderate gains in the morning and gradually fell into losses. In the end, they recovered a bit and reduced the losses. Indexes got a boost from Infi, Mahindra and Mahindra. Market breadth in BSE is in favor of buyers.



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2308 stocks rose and 1655 stocks fell. The BSE Sensex, which closed at 84,299 in the previous session, opened at 84,257 today. It touched an intraday high of 84,648. It eventually closed at 84,266, a loss of 33 points. The NSE Nifty opened at 25,788, touched a low of 25,739 and a high of 25,907. The total fell by 13 points to close at 25,796. Bank Nifty fell 55 points to settle at 52,922. In Nifty50, 21 companies gained while 29 lost. Top gainers are Tech Mahindra, Mahindra and Mahindra, Britannia, Infi and Adani Enterprises. Shares of Indus Ind Bank, ONGC, Asian Paints, Bajaj Auto and Tata Steel were the biggest losers. Today IT, media, metal and consumer durables indices rose more. Bank, finance, realty, oil and gas indices turned red.

Nifty support is at 25,900 and resistance is at 26,000. Investors can buy shares of Adani Enterprises, Kotak Bank, Infi, Indigo, Policy Bazaar in short term.

USFDA has approved Aurobindo Pharma Cephalixin Tablets. APL Apollo Tubes registered highest sales volume in Q2FY25. JTL also recorded the highest quarterly sales. Tata Motors domestic sales fell to 69,694 units compared to 82,023 units in September. Decreased by almost 15%. Atul Auto sales rose 26.26% to 3,361 units in September. TVS Motor sales jumped 20% to 4,82,495 units. GE Power has received orders worth Rs.240 crore from Blue Energy Limited. RVNL has secured orders worth Rs 283 crore from East Coast Railways. Ashok Leyland September sales down. Karur Vysya Bank's monthly sales rose from Rs.1,53,516 crore to Rs.1,76 crore.

### Recommended Stocks:

#### 1. Adani Enterprises (ADANIENT)

Adani Enterprises has been one of the major players in the market with diversified busi-



nesses across ports, energy, and infrastructure. The stock tends to react to both corporate developments and broader macroeconomic factors, such as news surrounding the Adani Group. Recently, the stock has seen volatility due to regulatory concerns, but it remains fundamentally strong with long-term growth prospects.

#### 2. Kotak Mahindra Bank (KOTAKBANK)

Kotak Bank is among the top private banks in India, known for its stable balance sheet and consistent financial performance. The stock has seen some correction recently, which could offer a good buying opportunity. Positive signals from the banking sector might support its upward movement.



#### 3. Infosys (INFY)

Infosys is a leading IT services company. Its stock has seen a mix of movements recently, impacted by global macroeconomic factors and earnings guidance. The IT sector, however, is benefiting from global digitization trends, making Infosys a good long-term hold.



#### 4. Indigo Aviation

Indigo, India's largest airline, has been benefiting from robust travel demand post-pandemic, but rising fuel prices are a concern. The airline continues to expand its fleet and routes, offering long-term growth prospects. However, it may face short-term volatility due to fluctuating fuel costs and geopolitical risks.



#### 5. PolicyBazaar (PB Fintech)

PolicyBazaar is relatively new to the stock market, with a focus on the fintech and insurance sectors. The company has solid growth potential as digital insurance and fintech adoption rise in India. However, the stock can be volatile due to its high growth and tech-driven nature.



## SEBI Introduces Investment Product Bridging Mutual Funds and PMS

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) has approved a new asset class that aims to fill the investment gap between mutual funds (MFs) and portfolio management services (PMS). This innovative product is designed to enhance the investment landscape in India by providing more options for investors.



Currently, the range of investment products available in India includes mutual funds with a minimum investment of Rs 500, while PMS requires a minimum ticket size of Rs 50 lakh. Alternative investments typically start at Rs 1 crore. The introduction of this new asset class aims to offer a flexible option that sits between these two existing categories, allowing for varied portfolio construction.

The new investment product promises a professionally managed and well-regulated option that offers higher flexibility and accommodates greater risk-taking for higher investment amounts. It aims to safeguard investors while providing opportunities for enhanced returns.

To ensure investor protection, the product will implement several safeguards, such as prohibiting leverage and limiting investments in unlisted and unrated instruments to those already permitted for mutual funds. Additionally, derivatives exposure will be capped at 25% of the asset under management (AUM) for purposes other than hedging and rebalancing.

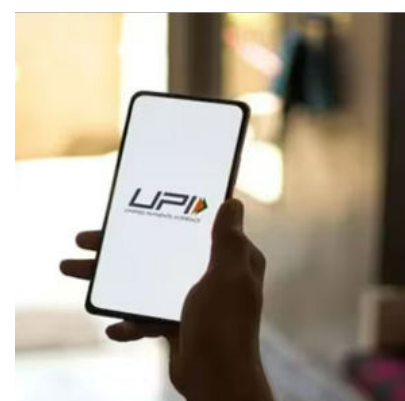
**Addressing Investor Risks**This initiative also seeks to combat the rise of unregistered and unauthorized investment schemes that often lure investors with promises of unrealistic returns. By establishing a regulated framework, SEBI aims to protect investors from potential financial pitfalls associated with such schemes.

**Investment Requirements**The minimum investment limit for this new asset class is set at Rs 10 lakh per investor across all strategies offered by a particular asset management company (AMC). To maintain clarity, all offerings under this product will be referred to as "Investment Strategies," distinguishing them from traditional mutual fund schemes.

As this new investment product rolls out, it is expected to provide a valuable addition to India's financial market, catering to investors seeking professional management with a moderate investment threshold.

## UPI Transactions Surpass 500 Million Daily in September

The Unified Payments Interface (UPI) network, managed by the National Payments Corporation of India (NPCI), achieved a significant milestone in September, processing over 500 million transactions daily. This marks a notable increase in user engagement with the digital payment platform, reflecting the growing trend of cashless transactions in India.



of double-digit growth illustrates the effectiveness and popularity of the UPI system in facilitating seamless transactions across various sectors.

In addition to UPI, FASTag transactions remained steady at 11 million daily transactions. However, the volume of these transactions saw an increase, rising to Rs 187 crore a day, up from

Rs 181 crore in August. This indicates that while the volume of FASTag transactions held steady, the monetary value per transaction has grown, suggesting higher-value toll payments or more frequent usage.

In terms of value, UPI transactions maintained a robust performance, surpassing the Rs 20 lakh crore threshold for the fifth consecutive month. The average daily transaction value reached Rs 68,800 crore, a rise from Rs 66,475 crore in August. This growth underscores the increasing reliance on digital payments among consumers and businesses alike.

Overall, the continued growth of the UPI network not only signifies the success of digital payments in India but also highlights the increasing comfort of consumers with cashless transactions. As UPI becomes an integral part of the Indian financial ecosystem, its role in driving economic activity is expected to strengthen further, paving the way for even more innovative financial solutions in the future.

The annual growth rate for UPI transactions was impressive, with a 31 percent increase to Rs 20.64 lakh crore compared to the same period last year. This trend

## Indian Economy Remains Resilient Despite GST Dip in Q2

The Indian economy has shown resilience in the first half of FY25, even as it faced a minor setback in the second quarter, according to high-frequency data released on October 1. The Goods and Services Tax (GST) collections for September dropped to ₹1.73 lakh crore, down from ₹1.75 lakh crore in August. This marks the slowest annual growth rate of 6.5% since June 2021, but it maintains a steady performance above ₹1.7 lakh crore for the seventh consecutive month.



global economic conditions, but the year-on-year growth remains promising.

The government's focus on improving compliance and expanding the tax base has contributed to the positive trend in GST collections. Initiatives aimed at enhancing digital

transactions and reducing tax evasion have also played a crucial role in maintaining revenue levels.

For the second quarter of FY25, gross GST collections totaled ₹5.3 lakh crore, a decrease from ₹5.57 lakh crore in the first quarter. However, the overall GST collections for the first half of the fiscal year amounted to ₹10.87 lakh crore, reflecting a 9.6% increase compared to the same period last year.

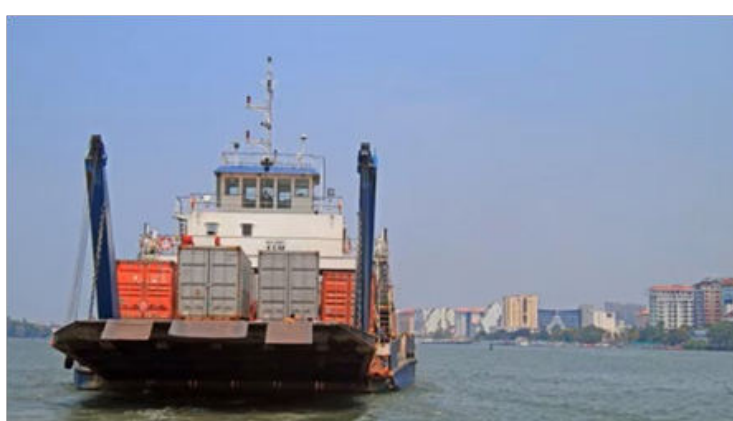
Looking ahead, analysts believe that the economy could benefit from increased consumer spending during the festive season, which typically boosts economic activity. The ongoing efforts to stimulate growth and attract investment are expected to provide further support to the economy in the coming months.

Experts suggest that despite the minor decline in September, the consistent performance in GST collections indicates a stable economic environment. The slight slowdown is attributed to seasonal factors and

In summary, while there are signs of a slight hiccup in the second quarter, the Indian economy appears to be on a stable trajectory, bolstered by robust GST collections and government initiatives aimed at fostering growth.

## India Launches Anti-Dumping Probe Against Chinese Imports

India has initiated an investigation into the alleged dumping of six products, including specific chemicals, cold-rolled electrical steel, and black toner powder cartridges, imported from China. The Directorate General of Trade Remedies (DGTR), under the commerce ministry, is spearheading this probe following complaints from domestic manufacturers who claim that these imports are causing material injury to their industries.



The products under scrutiny include 1,1,1,2-Tetrafluoroethane (R-134a), Acrylonitrile Butadiene Rubber, certain Antioxidants, polytetrafluoroethylene, black toner powder cartridges, and cold-rolled non-oriented electrical steel. Six separate notifications have been issued detailing the applications from various domestic players who argue that the influx of these cheaper imports is detrimental to their business.

Fluorochemicals Ltd is requesting an investigation into polytetrafluoroethylene, used in electronics and chemicals, while Indrayani Sales seeks a probe into black toner powder cartridges originating from China. POSCO Maharashtra Steel and CSCI Steel Corporation India have filed applications concerning cold-rolled electrical steel.

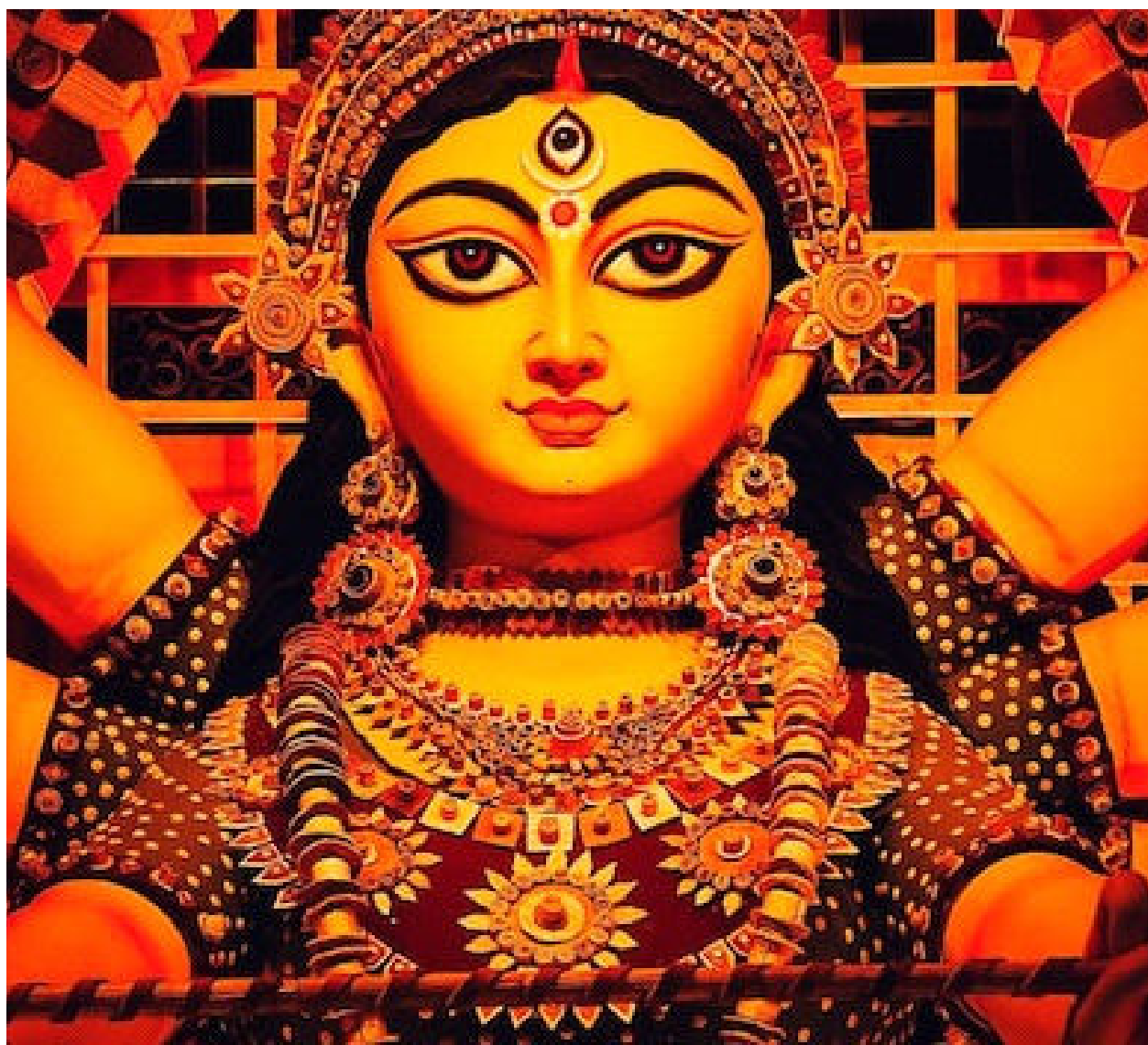
SRF Ltd has filed a request for an anti-dumping investigation specifically regarding R-134a, primarily utilized as a refrigerant in automobile air conditioners. Similarly, Apcotex Industries Ltd is seeking a probe into the imports of Acrylonitrile Butadiene Rubber from China, the European Union, Korea, and Russia. This material is crucial in sectors like oil and gas due to its resistance to chemicals and extreme temperatures.

The DGTR stated that they are proceeding with the anti-dumping investigations based on substantial evidence provided by the applicants. If the investigation confirms that the dumped products have harmed domestic industries, the DGTR will recommend imposing anti-dumping duties. The final decision on these duties will be made by the finance ministry.

Vinati Organics Ltd has approached the DGTR regarding certain antioxidants sourced from China and Singapore, essential for petrochemical companies involved in plastic production. Additionally, Gujarat

These anti-dumping investigations aim to ensure fair trade practices, creating a level playing field for Indian manufacturers against the backdrop of increasing cheap imports.





## Durga Ashtami 2024: Date, Significance, and 5 Delicious Bhog Recipes to Try This Year

Navratri is one of the most significant and widely celebrated festivals in India, a time of devotion, fasting, and vibrant festivities that unite people across the country. While Navratri occurs four times annually, the most prominent celebrations are Chaitra Navratri, which falls in March-April, and Sharad Navratri, observed in September-October. This year, Sharad Navratri begins on October 3, 2024, also known as Sharadiya Navratri, marking nine days dedicated to the worship of Goddess Durga. Among these days, the eighth day, known as Durga Ashtami or Maha Ashtami, holds special significance, particularly in Bengali culture, where it is regarded as the most auspicious day of Durga Puja.

In 2024, Maha Ashtami will be celebrated on Friday, October 11. The sacred day begins with the Ashtami Tithi starting at 12:31 PM PST on October 10 and concluding at 12:06 PM PST on October 11. This day is marked by special rituals and prayers, with one of the most important ceremonies being Sandhi Puja, which is performed during the transition period between Ashtami and Navami Tithi. This brief window is considered incredibly sacred and is a focal point of Durga Puja celebrations.

### The Significance of Ashtami

During Navratri, each day is devoted to honoring a different form of Goddess Durga, and Ashtami is specifically dedicated to her young and fierce avatar. On this day, the tradition of \*Kanjak\* or \*Kanya Pujan\* is observed, where families invite young girls, typically between the ages of 2 and 10, to their homes. These young girls, believed to embody the divine energy of the Goddess, are worshipped, and treated to a special meal known as \*bhog\*.

The \*bhog\* offered on Ashtami typically includes a simple yet hearty meal of \*puri\*, \*chana\* (black chickpeas), and \*halwa\*. This ritual is a gesture of gratitude and reverence toward the Goddess in her youthful form.

Along with the meal, fruits, sweets, and gifts are often distributed to the young girls. While many families perform \*Kanya Pujan\* on Ashtami, some choose to observe this ritual on the ninth day, known as Navami.

For those looking to celebrate Durga Ashtami at home this year, here are five easy and delicious recipes to help you prepare the traditional Ashtami \*bhog\*.

### 5 Yummy Recipes for Kanjak Bhog

#### 1. Sookhe Kale Chane

No Ashtami \*bhog\* is complete without \*sookhe kale chane\*, a dish made from black chickpeas. Start by soaking the black chickpeas overnight. Once soaked, pressure cook them until they're tender. After that, toss them in spices like amchoor (dry mango powder), coriander powder, cumin, red chili powder, and salt. This simple yet flavorful dish is not only a favorite among children but also holds religious significance as part of the Ashtami offerings.

#### 2. Sooji Halwa

\*Sooji halwa\* is a sweet dish that adds a comforting touch to any festive meal. To prepare this delicious dessert, roast semolina (sooji) in ghee until it turns golden brown and aromatic. Then, combine it with a sugar syrup flavored with cardamom and cook it until it reaches a smooth, pudding-like consistency. Finish the dish by garnishing it with chopped almonds, cashews, and pistachios for an added crunch. \*Halwa\* is a classic favorite that brings warmth and sweetness to the Ashtami feast.

#### 3. Puri

Another essential part of the Ashtami \*bhog\* is \*puri\*—crispy, puffed-up bread made from whole wheat flour. Some variations of \*puri\* include a bit of semolina in the dough to give it extra crispness. The dough is rolled into small discs and deep-fried until they turn golden brown. These light, crunchy

puris pair perfectly with the \*sookhe kale chane\* and \*halwa\*, making for a satisfying and wholesome meal.

#### 4. Kheer

\*Kheer\*, a creamy and rich rice pudding, is a staple at festivals and religious ceremonies. Made with rice, milk, sugar, and a touch of cardamom, this dish is simmered until it thickens to a velvety texture. Once cooked, the \*kheer\* is garnished with chopped dry fruits like almonds and cashews, adding a nutty flavor to the sweet dish. This delightful dessert is a perfect way to round off the Ashtami \*bhog\*.

#### 5. Dahi Bhalla

\*Dahi Bhalla\* is a refreshing addition to your Ashtami menu. Made from soaked and ground urad dal and moong dal, the soft \*bhallas\* are deep-fried and then soaked in yogurt. Top them with tangy tamarind chutney, green chutney, and a sprinkling of roasted cumin powder for a burst of flavors. This cooling dish provides a nice contrast to the richness of the other items on the Ashtami plate.

### Celebrating Durga Ashtami 2024

Durga Ashtami is not just a day of religious observance but also an occasion to come together with family and loved ones to honor the divine feminine energy. Whether you are performing \*Kanjak Pujan\* or simply enjoying the traditional \*bhog\* with family, the spirit of devotion and celebration runs deep throughout the day.

As you prepare to celebrate Durga Ashtami on October 11, 2024, take the opportunity to reflect on the blessings of the Goddess, share meals with loved ones, and participate in the joyous traditions that make this festival so special.

Enjoy these delicious recipes as part of your Navratri celebrations, and may the blessings of Goddess Durga bring prosperity and happiness to your home. Happy Durga Ashtami!

## India's Political Dynasties: Sons Who Followed Their Fathers' Footsteps



**TPN, Prudhvi Gagarin:** The recent elevation of Udhayanidhi Stalin, son of Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin, as his deputy marks the formal succession within the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK). This step not only aligns with DMK's symbolism, which includes a 'rising sun' as its emblem, but also solidifies Udhayanidhi's position as a future leader. His journey into politics began when he was inducted into the Tamil Nadu Council of Ministers in 2022, setting the stage for his rise to power. Udhayanidhi's path mirrors that of his father, who himself succeeded his father, M. Karunanidhi, by serving as Deputy Chief Minister from 2009 to 2011.

However, their political trajectories differ significantly. M.K. Stalin spent nearly two decades rising through the ranks of the DMK, forming the youth wing of the party and serving as the Mayor of Chennai before being named Deputy Chief Minister. In contrast, Udhayanidhi initially pursued a career in the Tamil film industry as a producer and actor before diving into politics. Despite his recent entry, Udhayanidhi has energized DMK cadres, particularly the youth, and has become a key player as the party prepares for the 2026 Tamil Nadu assembly elections.

Tamil Nadu's political scene has predominantly been a back-and-forth battle between the DMK and the All India Anna DMK (AIADMK). Following the passing of J. Jayalalithaa, the AIADMK has been trying to rebuild its influence, leaving space for the DMK to consolidate power with Udhayanidhi's rise.

### Southern Dynasties: Gowdas, Naidus, and Raos

The tradition of political heirs extends beyond Tamil Nadu to other southern states, notably Karnataka, Andhra Pradesh, and Telangana. Karnataka's Gowda family stands out, with former Prime Minister H.D. Deve Gowda's sons, H.D. Kumaraswamy and H.D. Revanna, playing significant roles in state politics. Kumaraswamy has been Chief Minister twice and is currently serving as a Union Minister in Prime Minister Narendra Modi's cabinet. His political success, however, was preceded by years of strategic positioning within the state.

In Andhra Pradesh, N. Chandrababu Naidu's son, Nara Lokesh, has followed in his father's footsteps, returning to his father's cabinet and playing an active role in state governance. Meanwhile, in Telangana, K.T. Rama Rao, the son of former Chief Minister K. Chandrasekhara Reddy, has made his mark in politics as well. Initially serving as IT Minister, K.T. Rama Rao has now become a central figure in shaping the future

of the Bharat Rashtra Samiti (BRS). However, neither Lokesh nor Rama Rao have been officially named as their fathers' successors, leaving room for further political maneuvering in the future.

### Mixed Success in Northern India

While political legacies in southern India have been largely successful, the story in northern India is more mixed. In Punjab, Parkash Singh Badal's decision to elevate his son, Sukhbir Singh Badal, as Deputy Chief Minister yielded some success. The Shiromani Akali Dal (SAD) under Sukhbir Badal won the 2012 assembly elections, marking a rare instance of Punjab voting the same party into power for two consecutive terms. However, the Akali Dal has since struggled to retain its influence, particularly with the rise of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) in the state, which has significantly weakened the party's base.

Haryana presents an equally complex picture. The sons of former Chief Minister Bhajan Lal, Kuldeep Bishnoi and Chander Mohan, have been unable to sustain the political legacy of their father. While Kuldeep Bishnoi is currently with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), Chander Mohan has aligned himself with Congress. The Haryana Janhit Congress (HJC), founded by Bhajan Lal, merged with Congress in 2016, further diluting the family's political presence.

Meanwhile, the legacy of Bansi Lal, another former Haryana Chief Minister, saw his sons split across different parties, none of them able to replicate his success. However, the political influence of Devi Lal's family, the third 'Lal' of Haryana politics, remains significant. Devi Lal's son, Om Prakash Chautala, was anointed as his successor and went on to serve as Chief Minister four times, though only once for a full term.

### Challenges of Succession

Transferring political power across generations is rarely smooth. Mulayam Singh Yadav experienced this firsthand when his son, Akhilesh Yadav, became Chief Minister of Uttar Pradesh, sparking a bitter feud within the Yadav family. Despite Akhilesh's electoral success, internal conflicts have continued to affect the Samajwadi Party, highlighting the challenges inherent in political dynasties.

While some political heirs have successfully carried forward their family legacies, others have struggled to navigate the complexities of modern politics. The transfer of power through familial lines remains a delicate and unpredictable process, particularly in India's evolving political landscape.

## Spotify Resumes Service After Three-Hour Outage Affecting Thousands



Spotify faced a significant outage on Sunday, lasting approximately three hours and impacting over 40,000 users in the United States at its peak, according to Downtetector.com. By 3 p.m. ET, fewer than 600 users were still experiencing issues.

In a post on social media platform X, Spotify reassured users, stating, "Everything's looking much better now!" However, the company has not yet provided an explanation for the outage.

During the downtime, users reported various streaming difficulties. Many were unable to access their playlists, with some stating they could only play songs they had recently listened to. Others experienced random interruptions in playback, leading to frustration and confusion among listeners.

Downtetector tracks outages through various sources, including user reports, and the spike in reports during the outage indicated widespread disruption. While Spotify's service has since been restored, the incident highlights the

challenges streaming platforms face in maintaining consistent availability.

This outage follows a trend seen in recent months, where streaming services have occasionally faced technical difficulties, affecting user experience. As Spotify continues to grow its user base and expand its services, ensuring reliable performance remains a top priority for the company.

Spotify's ability to quickly resolve the issue likely helped mitigate further user dissatisfaction, but the lack of immediate communication regarding the cause of the outage left many users seeking answers. In a digital age where streaming services are integral to daily life, maintaining smooth and uninterrupted service is crucial for user retention and satisfaction.

As of now, users are back to enjoying their music, but they remain hopeful that such outages will be addressed proactively in the future.

## Mount Everest's Growth Linked to River Changes



Mount Everest, the tallest mountain in the world at 5.5 miles (8.85 km) above sea level, continues to grow due to geological processes. While the Himalayas have been rising gradually for the past 50 million years due to the collision of the Indian and Eurasian tectonic plates, recent research has identified an additional factor contributing to Everest's unusual growth.

Scientists believe that a significant alteration in the nearby river systems is playing a crucial role in this phenomenon. Approximately 89,000 years ago, the Kosi River merged with the Arun River, and this merger has been linked to an increase in Everest's height by an estimated 49 to 164 feet (15 to 50 meters). Current uplift rates are measured at around 0.01 to 0.02 inches (0.2 to 0.5 millimeters) per year.

The mechanism driving this growth is known as isostatic re-

bound. This process occurs when heavy materials, such as rock or ice, are removed from an area, causing the land to rise as it becomes lighter. In the case of Everest, the merger of the Kosi and Arun rivers has led to increased erosion, which in turn has removed substantial amounts of rock and soil from the surrounding land. This erosion has effectively lightened the load on the land around Everest, resulting in a gradual rise.

The implications of this research are significant, as they highlight the dynamic nature of Earth's geological processes and how changes in the environment can affect even the tallest mountains. As scientists continue to study these interactions, the ongoing growth of Mount Everest offers a fascinating glimpse into the complex interplay between erosion, tectonic activity, and isostatic rebound, further enriching our understanding of the planet's geology.

## Apple Announces Festive Sale for Diwali

Apple is set to launch a festive offer sale starting October 3, coinciding with the Diwali/Deepavali celebrations. This event will feature significant discounts on popular products, including iPhones, iPads, and Macs, available through both the official Apple website and physical stores in Delhi and Mumbai.

Currently, many Apple devices are on sale at record low prices on platforms like Amazon and Flipkart. However, for those who prefer shopping directly from Apple, this upcoming sale presents an excellent opportunity to purchase the latest gadgets at reduced prices. The banner on Apple's Indian website reads, "Our festive offers light up on October 3," highlighting the festive spirit associated with the sale.

The promotion is particularly appealing as it caters to both online shoppers and those who enjoy the in-store experience. Customers can take advantage of the discounts while visiting Apple's official retail locations, providing a personal touch to their shopping experience.

This sale is expected to include a variety of products, allowing customers to choose from the latest iPhone models, iPads, and Macs. With the festive sea-



son around the corner, many consumers are eager to upgrade their devices or purchase gifts for family and friends. Apple's strategic timing aligns with the heightened consumer spending that typically occurs during this period.

As Diwali approaches, Apple's festive sale is poised to attract a wide range of customers, from tech enthusiasts to

casual buyers. With competitive pricing and the convenience of shopping at official stores, Apple aims to enhance the shopping experience while celebrating the festival of lights.

Stay tuned for more updates as the sale date approaches, and prepare to take advantage of these exclusive offers.

## Indian influencer reveals inside of Japanese local train, internet stunned

Japan, renowned for its advanced technology and high-speed bullet trains, has once again captured the internet's attention with a fascinating glimpse into its local train experience. A recent video shared by Indian travel creator and YouTuber Raunaq Sahni, known as Monkey Magic, has gone viral, showcasing a local train that offers a remarkably serene atmosphere.

In the viral clip, the local Japanese train stands out with features that transform a regular commute into a tranquil retreat. One of the most striking aspects is a small, meticulously maintained garden that graces the carriage, creating a peaceful and aesthetically pleasing environment for passengers. The train's interior is adorned with traditional Japanese-style seating and beautifully arranged decor, enhancing the overall ambiance and making the journey feel more like an escape than just a mode of transport.

Sahni highlights that this unique experience comes at no additional cost to passengers. The standard ticket price covers the ride, allowing travelers to enjoy the lush, garden-like setting without any extra fees. This accessibility makes



the experience even more appealing, inviting everyone to relax and soak in the calming surroundings while traveling.

The video has sparked widespread fascination, with viewers expressing their admiration for Japan's ability to blend functionality with tranquility in its public transportation system. This local train experience contrasts sharply with the fast-paced, high-tech image often associated with Japan's railways, reminding us that there is beauty and

serenity to be found in the everyday aspects of travel.

As the video continues to gain traction on social media, it serves as a reminder of the innovative ways Japan enriches its transportation experience. The harmonious blend of nature and design in this local train not only enhances the journey but also leaves a lasting impression on those fortunate enough to experience it.

## Snapchat Launches Footsteps Feature for iOS Users

Snapchat has rolled out an exciting new feature for iOS users called Footsteps, designed to help users track all the places they've explored and shared snaps from. This feature operates only when Ghost Mode is disabled, allowing for enhanced location sharing on the app.

With Footsteps, users can monitor their journeys using Snap Map, with the initial setup leveraging Memories to create a record of their past locations. Once the feature is activated, it continues to use location data to track new places visited, offering a comprehensive view of the user's travels.

Previously, the Footsteps feature was exclusive to Snapchat+ subscribers, but the recent update has made it available to all iOS users. Snapchat emphasizes that this information remains private, accessible only to the account holder, ensuring users can explore their location history securely.

In addition to the Footsteps launch, Snapchat announced several significant updates during its Snap Partner Summit 2024. This includes the integration of the Gemini large language model



(LLM) into the My AI feature, enhancing the platform's interactive capabilities. The event also showcased the fifth generation of Snap Spectacles, further innovating the way users capture and share their experiences.

Overall, the introduction of Footsteps aligns with Snapchat's goal of fostering deeper connections through shared experiences. By allowing users to revisit their travel history, the app enhances its social storytelling aspects, encourag-

ing users to engage more with the platform.

As Snapchat continues to evolve, users can look forward to more features that enhance their interaction with the app. The combination of location tracking, AI integration, and advanced hardware like the new Snap Spectacles positions Snapchat as a leader in social media innovation, catering to a community eager for new ways to connect and share.

# India Secures Win Over Bangladesh with Dominant Performance



Ravichandran Ashwin set the tone, Ravindra Jadeja dismantled the opposition, and Jasprit Bumrah delivered the final blow as India defeated Bangladesh by seven wickets in the second Test in Kanpur on Tuesday. This victory marks India's record-extending 18th consecutive Test series win at home.

Despite losing over 200 overs due to rain, which caused two full days of play to be washed out, India showcased a remarkable performance. Ashwin drew first blood with his exceptional bowling, claiming key wickets that put Bangladesh on the back foot. Jadeja followed up with a stunning display, ripping through the batting

order and significantly weakening the visitors' chances of mounting a competitive total.

Bumrah's role was equally crucial as he sealed the win with his sharp bowling, ensuring that India's bowlers capitalized on the pressure built by their teammates. The Indian bowlers' cohesive effort resulted in Bangladesh being bowled out for a modest total, allowing the hosts to chase down the required runs comfortably.

This outright victory further consolidates India's position at the top of the ICC World Test Championship Table (WTC), where they now boast an impressive 74.24 percentage points.

The triumph not only highlights India's dominance in home conditions but also reinforces their status as a formidable force in Test cricket.

The Indian team's ability to perform under challenging conditions, coupled with their resilience in overcoming the disruptions caused by the weather, speaks volumes about their skill and determination. As they celebrate this series win, all eyes will be on India as they continue their campaign in the World Test Championship, aiming to maintain their impressive form and secure further victories in the future.



## Ronaldo Shines as Al-Nassr Secures Win Against Al-Rayyan

Cristiano Ronaldo proved to be the hero for Al-Nassr in their thrilling AFC Champions League match against Al-Rayyan on Monday. The iconic forward delivered a standout performance, ultimately securing a narrow victory for his team.

With just 14 minutes remaining and Al-Nassr clinging to a one-goal lead, Ronaldo struck decisively. He unleashed a powerful shot that found its way into the top corner, sealing the win for the Saudi Pro League club. This marked Ronaldo's first goal in the AFC Champions League this season and his seventh overall for Al-Nassr.

Interestingly, this wasn't the first time Ronaldo threatened the scoreboard during the match. Earlier, he found the back of the net, but the joy was short-lived as the goal was disallowed due to an offside ruling. Despite the setback, Ronaldo's persistence paid off, showcasing his ability to remain a pivotal player in crucial moments.

Ronaldo's contribution was instrumental in maintaining Al-Nassr's competitive edge in the group stage, underscoring his importance to the team as they aim for success in the tournament. His experience and skill were evident throughout the match, further solidifying his status as one of the greatest players in football history.

The victory is significant not only for the points gained but also for the morale it brings to Al-Nassr as they navigate the challenges of the AFC Champions League.



## Evanilson Shines as Bournemouth Defeats Southampton 3-1

Bournemouth's record signing, Evanilson, made a significant impact by scoring his first goal for the club in a commanding 3-1 victory over Southampton on Monday. The Brazilian international played a crucial role in igniting a rapid offensive display, helping his team net three goals within the first 39 minutes.

Evanilson's goal was the highlight of a blistering start for the Cherries, who dominated the first half. Dango Ouattara and Antoine Semenyo also contributed to the scoreline, showcasing Bournemouth's attacking prowess. Despite being on the back foot for much of the match, Southampton managed to respond early in the second half with a goal from Taylor Harwood-Bellis, but it was not enough to turn the tide.

The win is particularly significant for Bournemouth, as it marks their second victory of the campaign and propels them above Manchester United into 11th place in the Premier League standings. The Cherries' ability to find the net early on set the tone for the match, allowing them to control the pace and rhythm of the game.

On the other hand, Southampton continues to struggle after their return to the Premier League. With this loss, they remain in the bottom three and are still searching for their first win of the season. The Saints' inability to capitalize on scoring opportunities and their defensive vulnerabilities have left them in a precarious position as they look to turn their fortunes around.



## Vaibhav Suryavanshi Sets Record for Fastest U19 Century in India

In a thrilling youth Test match between India and Australia U19 in Chennai, Vaibhav Suryavanshi made history by scoring the quickest hundred in U19 Tests for India on Tuesday. The 13-year-old prodigy reached his century in just 58 deliveries, showcasing extraordinary talent and composure at such a young age.

Batting in India's first innings, Suryavanshi displayed aggressive stroke play, accumulating 104 runs before being run out. His remarkable innings included an impressive tally of 14 fours and four sixes, further emphasizing his dominance at the crease. This explosive performance not only highlights Suryavanshi's skill but also places him in the record books.

Suryavanshi's century is the second fastest in the history of U19 Tests, trailing only behind England's Moeen Ali, who holds the record set back in 2005 with a century off just 56 balls. This achievement places Vaibhav among the elite young talents in cricket, and fans are eager to see how his career develops.

The Indian team had a strong start in the match, having restricted Australia to 293 runs in their first innings. With Suryavanshi's quick-fire century, India aimed to build a solid lead in the ongoing series. His performance not only energizes the team but also sets a positive tone for the future of Indian cricket, particularly in the U19 category.

As the match progresses, all eyes will be on Suryavanshi to see if he can continue his form and help guide India to victory against their Australian counterparts. The emergence of such young talent is promising for Indian cricket, and this record-setting performance will surely be remembered for years to come.



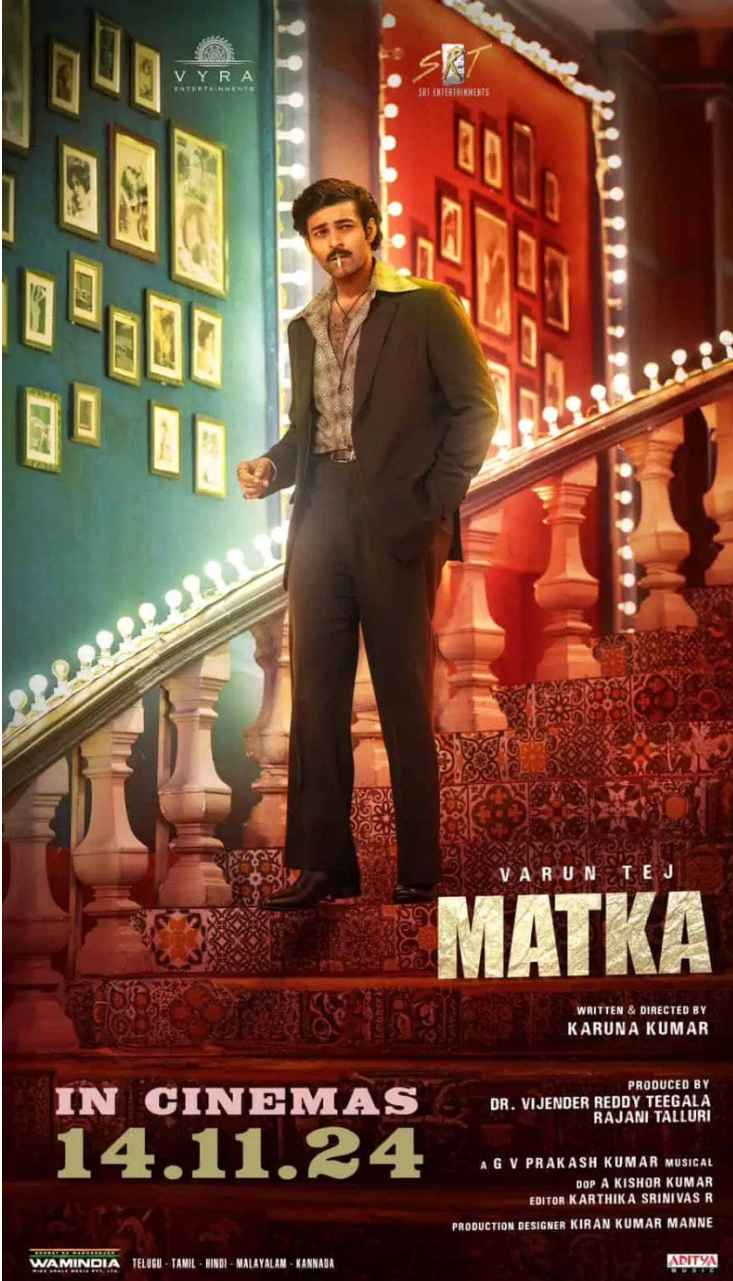
## Antoine Griezmann Announces Retirement from International Football

Antoine Griezmann, a key player in France's 2018 World Cup victory, has announced his retirement from international football, concluding a remarkable 10-year career with the national team. The 33-year-old forward shared the news on X, expressing his gratitude and nostalgia: "It is with a heart full of memories that I am closing this chapter of my life."

Griezmann made his debut for France in March 2014 and accumulated an impressive 137 caps, ranking third in the team's history, surpassed only by goalkeeper Hugo Lloris and 1998 World Cup hero Lilian Thuram. Throughout his tenure, he became known for his significant contributions on the pitch, scoring 44 goals and establishing himself as one of France's all-time leading scorers, behind only Olivier Giroud, Thierry Henry, and current captain Kylian Mbappé.

His decision to retire marks the end of an era for French football, as Griezmann leaves behind a legacy defined by key performances in major tournaments and a steadfast commitment to his country. As he transitions away from international play, fans and teammates alike will remember his skill, dedication, and the memorable moments he created on the field.

# Varun Tej's Matka Release Set for November 14



The production of Varun Tej's upcoming film \*Matka\* is entering its final stages, with the last schedule currently in progress. A pivotal action sequence is being shot, promising an exhilarating cinematic experience.

Directed by Karuna Kumar, \*Matka\* features Varun Tej in the role of a Matka King, set against a rich period backdrop that spans 24 years. The filmmakers are gearing up to wrap up production shortly, with post-production activities running concurrently to ensure a timely release.

Scheduled to hit theaters on November 14, the timing is strategic. The release date avoids competition from other significant films while taking advantage of the extended Karthika Purnima weekend, with a public holiday on November 15 (Friday).

Previously, the makers unveiled a first look that showcased Varun Tej in two striking avatars, along with a second look poster that further highlights his transformation. In this latest poster, Varun effortlessly embodies the charm of the 1980s, confidently striding down the stairs with a cigarette in hand. His lean and fit physique enhances his commanding presence, perfectly aligning with the film's retro aesthetic.

The film is produced by Vyra Entertainments and SRT Entertainments, and it features Nora Fatehi and Meenakshi Chaudhary in pivotal female roles, adding further star power to the project.

As the release date approaches, fans can expect exciting updates and promotional activities to ramp up, generating buzz for what promises to be a captivating film. With its unique storyline, period setting, and charismatic lead, \*Matka\* is poised to make a significant impact at the box office this November.

# Vijay's GOAT Set to Stream on Netflix from October 3

Vijay's latest film, \*The Greatest of All Time (GOAT)\*, will be available for streaming on Netflix starting October 3, as announced by the platform on Tuesday. The film will be released in multiple languages, including Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Kannada, and Hindi, catering to a wide audience eager to watch it after its theatrical run.

Netflix India shared the exciting news on its official Instagram account, accompanied by a striking poster of the film. The post was captioned: "Ever seen a lion become a G.O.A.T?! Thalapathy Vijay's The G.O.A.T - The Greatest Of All Time is coming to Netflix on 3 October in Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, Kannada & Hindi #TheGOATonNetflix." This announcement has generated significant buzz among fans who were unable to catch the movie in theatres.

\*GOAT\*, directed by Venkat Prabhu and produced by Archana Kalpathi of AGS Entertainment, features Vijay in a dual role, adding to the film's intrigue. The sci-fi action film had its worldwide theatrical release on September 5, garnering attention for its unique storyline and star-studded cast, which includes Meenakshi Chaudhary, Prashanth, Mohan, Jayaram, Sneha, and Prabhu-deva, among others.

The film recently celebrated its 25-day run in theatres as of September 29, and director Venkat Prabhu expressed his gratitude in a video shared on X, stat-



ing, "God is kind!!! Thanks to each and everyone of you who made our #GOAT #TheGreatestOfAllTime a Mega BLOCK-BUSTER." This acknowledgment reflects the film's success and the appreciation from audiences.

With its upcoming release on Netflix, \*GOAT\* is set to reach an even wider audience, allowing fans to experience Vijay's latest adventure from the comfort of their homes. As the streaming date approaches, excitement continues to build around this much-anticipated film.

# Rajinikanth film Vettaian gets U/A certificate

Actor Rajinikanth was admitted to a private hospital in Chennai late Monday night for a planned medical procedure. Following the procedure, a health update released this morning confirmed its success, stating that Rajinikanth would soon be transferred to the ward for recovery. Fans and well-wishers have expressed relief at the positive news regarding the superstar's health.

In the wake of this update, the makers of Rajinikanth's upcoming film, Vettaian, have begun sharing exciting details about the project, which is slated for release on October 10. This timing has kept fans engaged and hopeful, ensuring that the focus remains on the film amidst concerns

for Rajinikanth's well-being.

Vettaian is generating considerable buzz, as it marks another collaboration between the iconic actor and his dedicated fan base. The film promises to showcase Rajinikanth in a dynamic role, and promotional activities are ramping up to build anticipation for its release. The production team has also hinted at some intriguing elements of the film that are expected to captivate audiences.

Rajinikanth's influence in Tamil cinema is unmatched, and his fans have been expressing their support through social media platforms. Many have taken to posting messages of encouragement and

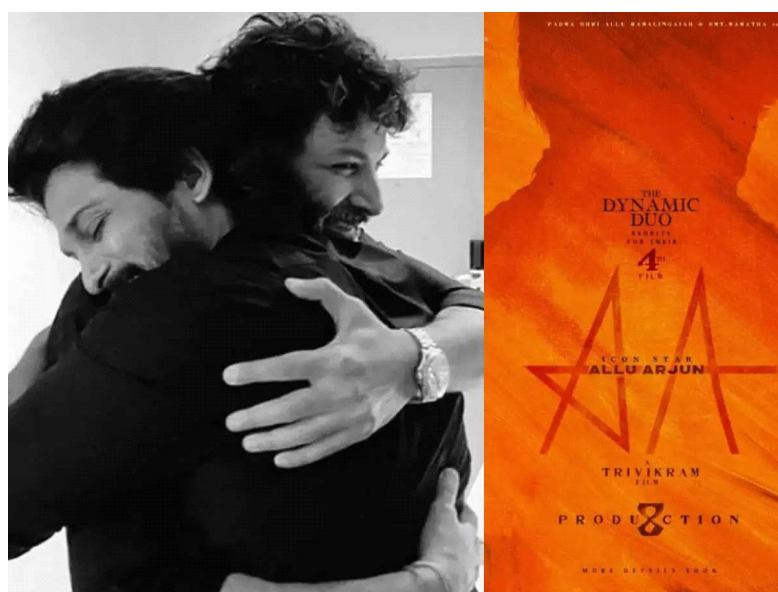
prayers for a swift recovery, showcasing the deep connection he shares with his audience.

As the release date approaches, the excitement surrounding Vettaian is palpable. Fans are eagerly awaiting teasers, trailers, and other promotional content that will highlight Rajinikanth's return to the screen. His enduring charisma and talent continue to draw viewers, making this upcoming film a highly anticipated event.

With his health stabilizing and updates on Vettaian coming in, Rajinikanth's fans remain optimistic, looking forward to both his recovery and the much-anticipated film.



# Allu Arjun and Trivikram Srinivas Reunite for Ambitious New Film



Fans of Tollywood are buzzing with excitement as Icon Star Allu Arjun teams up once again with acclaimed director Trivikram Srinivas. Known for their successful collaborations on hits like \*Julayi\*, \*Son of Satyamurthy\*, and \*Ala Vaikunthapurramuloo\*, this new project is expected to be a major pan-India film, aiming to reach audiences across the country.

With the immense popularity of \*Pushpa 2\*, expectations for this film are soaring. The anticipated budget is estimated to be between Rs. 400 to 500 crores, positioning it as one of the most expensive films in the history of Telugu cinema. Bunny Vaas, a close associate of Allu Arjun, has indicated that this project will require significant investment and extensive preparation time before shooting can commence.

In a departure from his usual style, Trivikram is venturing into the socio-fantasy genre for this film, which promises to blend social themes with fantastical elements. Additionally, a strong touch

of mythology will be woven into the narrative, presenting a fresh challenge for the director. Fans are eager to see how Trivikram navigates this new genre while maintaining his signature emotional storytelling.

Given the film's scale, the team is preparing meticulously, focusing on detailed sets, elaborate costumes, and a grand overall aesthetic. Sources suggest that Trivikram has been developing the script for quite some time, and Allu Arjun was quick to sign on after hearing the concept. The entire crew is dedicated to ensuring that every aspect of the film is well-prepared ahead of the start of filming.

As anticipation builds for this monumental project, fans are hopeful that the collaboration between Allu Arjun and Trivikram Srinivas will result in yet another unforgettable cinematic experience. With a blend of mythology, fantasy, and social commentary, this film is poised to capture the imagination of audiences nationwide.

# Thalapathy 69 cast reveal: Bobby Deol is onboard

Emotions are running high as fans eagerly anticipate Thalapathy 69, which is rumored to be the final film of beloved actor-politician Vijay. Directed by H Vinoth and produced by KVN Productions, the project has already generated significant buzz, particularly with the announcement that renowned composer Anirudh Ravichander will be providing the soundtrack.

The excitement surrounding Thalapathy 69 has reached a fever pitch, with fans eagerly awaiting updates from the filmmakers. In a recent announcement, the production team revealed that they will disclose the names of the actors who will be taking on pivotal roles in the film over the coming days. This has further fueled speculation and discussions among fans and media alike.

Vijay, known for his charismatic performances and strong fan base, has left an indelible mark on Tamil cinema. His transition into politics has only added to his mystique and popularity. The notion that Thalapathy 69 could be his last film has sparked a wave of emotions among his supporters, many of whom have followed his career for decades.

As anticipation builds, fans are taking to social media to express their excitement and

speculation about the cast and storyline. The film is expected to be a grand spectacle, featuring high-octane action sequences and emotionally charged moments that have become synonymous with Vijay's films.

The involvement of H Vinoth, known for his successful collaborations in the past, has raised expectations even higher. His knack for storytelling and engaging narratives promises to bring out the best in Vijay for



this much-anticipated project.

As the countdown continues, fans remain hopeful for a star-studded ensemble cast and an unforgettable cinematic experience. With the promise of more updates in the days ahead, Thalapathy 69 is shaping up to be one of the most talked-about films in recent memory, leaving fans eagerly waiting for what's next.