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BRS Gains Momentum, But Where is KCR?

TPN, Prudhvi Gagarin: CM Revanth Reddy's pet project, HYDRAA, has turned into a highly contentious issue in Telangana politics. The widespread demolitions carried out under this project have sparked significant unrest, not only among the victims but also among the general public, who feel it is unjust to target homes built by ordinary people with their lifelong savings.

Political analysts suggest that this controversy could seriously damage Revanth Reddy and the Congress Party's prospects. Until recently, the Bharat Rashtra Samiti (BRS) seemed to be on the back foot. However, the HYDRAA controversy has given the party a sudden opportunity to make political gains, and they are now actively capitalizing on the public's discontent.

Leading the charge for the BRS is K.T. Rama Rao (KTR), who has been visiting the affected families, listening to their grievances, and stirring up sentiment against the government. KTR's involvement has energized the party's base, and there's a growing sense within BRS that they may turn the tide in their favor ahead of the crucial Greater Hyderabad

abad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) elections.

However, despite this, there's a glaring absence: KCR. The BRS founder and party's most effective mass leader, K. Chandrashekar Rao, has remained conspicuously missing from the scene. KCR, known for his powerful oratory and ability to rally the masses, has traditionally been the party's biggest weapon in times of crisis. His agitation-driven style could be particularly effective in channeling public outrage against Revanth Reddy's government.

KTR, while charismatic, lacks the same grassroots appeal as his father, and some believe that KCR's involvement could be a game-changer. Yet, for reasons unknown, KCR remains in his farmhouse in Erravelli, staying out of the limelight.

Meanwhile, Revanth Reddy has remained silent, leaving only his ministers to address the issue. Their inconsistent responses have added to public confusion, giving BRS an opening to exploit the situation. The question remains: where is KCR, and when will he step into the fray?

Demolitions Begin on the Banks of the Musi River

Officials demolishing houses of voluntary evacuees
Laborers employed as bulldozers are unavailable reach
Vehicles arranged to help evacuate residents

TPN, Hyderabad: The Musi Riverfront Development Corporation has begun demolishing houses in the river basin as part of the Musi River cleanup project. Officials in Shankar Nagar carried out the demolitions on Tuesday morning, targeting the houses of those who voluntarily vacated. Due to the narrow alleys, bulldozers are unable to access the area, so laborers have been employed for the task. The evacuees have already been relocated to the Chanchalguda double-bedroom house complex. Officials have arranged vehicles to help evacuate additional residents and transport their belongings.

Corporation officials have identified 40,000 encroachments within the 55 km stretch of the riverbed as part of the Musi beautification project. Revenue officials have marked houses in Musanagar, Rasulpura, and Vinayaknagar neighborhoods, which fall within the Chadarghat Musi catchment area. The demolition of houses belonging to voluntary evacuees has now commenced.

Tensions Erupt as Congress Workers Attack KTR's Convoy in Musheerabad

TPN, Hyderabad: Tensions escalated in Musheerabad on Tuesday when Congress workers attacked the convoy of KT Rama Rao (KTR), the working president of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS). KTR was en route to meet residents affected by the Musi River beautification project in Golnaka, Amberpet constituency, when his convoy was obstructed by Congress activists.

Led by Congress leader Motha Ro-hith, the workers blocked KTR's convoy and raised slogans of "Go Back KTR," demanding an immediate apology to Minister Konda Surekha and Congress workers who were al-

legedly assaulted outside Telangana Bhavan the previous day. The situation turned violent as some Congress members attacked the vehicles in KTR's convoy.

In response, BRS activists confronted the Congress workers, leading to a brief standoff between both groups. The local police quickly intervened to prevent the altercation from escalating further. After restoring order, the police cleared the way for KTR's convoy to continue its journey.

KTR was visiting Golnaka to show solidarity with the residents impacted by the ongoing Musi River beautification project, which has drawn criticism for displacing several families. The incident reflects rising political tensions ahead of the upcoming elections in Telangana.

The police are expected to review the situation and take further actions if necessary to maintain peace in the area.

Attempt to Throw 2 Lakh People on the Road: KTR

- KTR's visit to Amberpet along with party leaders
- Musi beautification project is an attempt to displace lakhs of people
- KTR revealed that in the past, they had stopped Musi projects to prevent hardship for the poor.

TPN, Telangana: BRS Working President KTR alleged that an attempt is being made to displace around 2 lakh people due to the Musi River beautification project. He recently toured the Musi constituency in Amberpet along with party leaders. On this occasion, he met many victims and spoke to them.

He stated that in the past, they had stopped projects related to the Musi River to ensure that the poor did not face any difficulties. He also claimed that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has taken revenge on those who voted for BRS in the city, alleging that lakhs of people are being deprived of sleep.

KTR questioned the absence of Revanth Reddy and Kishan Reddy, indirectly asking where the local MP was when the

houses of the poor were being demolished. He assured the victims that the BRS party would support them, stating that if bulldozers come to their homes, they should put up fences.



We Will Also Waive Their Loans: Minister Thummala



TPN, Telangana: Many farmers in Telangana are expressing concern over the lack of a loan waiver. In support of rice farmers, the BJP has initiated the implementation of farmers' guarantees. Agriculture Minister Thummala Nageswara Rao responded to this, stating that it is strange for the BJP to take such initiatives. He clarified that the remaining farmers' loans will also be waived.

He explained that even though the

financial situation is challenging, the government has waived loans of up to ₹2 lakh for rice farmers as promised. He further mentioned that ₹18,000 crores have been deposited into farmers' accounts in three phases.

The minister assured that the government will make efforts to waive the loans for the remaining farmers. He mentioned that money has already been deposited in the accounts of 22 lakh farmers, and the confirmation

of 4 lakh more accounts is pending. Once this process is completed, the loan waiver will be implemented. He also stated that farmers without ration cards will be included in the loan waiver scheme. He urged farmers not to worry if their loans have not been waived yet, as the government will try to complete the process before the harvest season.

Thummala criticized the opposition for attempting to create problems for the government. He said that farmers across the country are facing difficulties, and many political parties are trying to use rice farmers for their political gains. He emphasized that his efforts are sincere and aimed at empowering farmers.

He also criticized the BJP, claiming they do not care about the farmers. He questioned the implementation of the Swaminathan Committee's recommendations and alleged that out of the 23 promises made by the Bharatiya Janata Party, none have been fulfilled. He pointed out that, of the ₹2,700 crores promised, only ₹1,300 crores have been delivered.

TGSRTC to Operate 6,000 Special Buses for Dasara Festival

TPN, Telangana: In preparation for the upcoming Dasara festival, the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) has announced that it will operate 6,000 special buses to meet the surge in passenger demand. These services will be available from October 1 to 15, providing commuters with enhanced travel options during the festive period. Passengers can make advance reservations through the TGSRTC website or helpline numbers.

To minimize delays caused by heavy traffic congestion, special buses will run from key suburbs in Hyderabad, including MGBS, JBS, LB Nagar, Uppal, Aramghar, Santoshnagar, and KPHB, ensuring smooth travel for passengers heading to their hometowns. Additionally, special buses will operate from the IT corridor to Vijayawada, Bengaluru, and other destinations via the Gachibowli Outer Ring Road (ORR) to cater to the needs of employees in the region.

During a virtual meeting with field officials, TGSRTC Managing Director VC Sajjanar discussed the arrangements for the special services and emphasized the

need to improve passenger facilities in congested areas. He commended the efforts of RTC employees for ensuring safe and reliable travel for passengers during the festive season.

Sajjanar noted that with Dasara falling on October 12 this year, passenger traffic is expected to peak on October 9, 10, and 11. To handle this surge, additional buses will be deployed, and discussions with the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI) are ongoing to secure special lanes for RTC buses at toll plazas.

As part of its efforts to modernize its fleet, TGSRTC plans to introduce electric buses on routes to Karimnagar and Nizamabad during the festival period. The corporation is also coordinating with police and municipal authorities to ensure smooth travel, especially in areas prone to congestion.

TGSRTC is committed to providing hassle-free and safe travel during the festive period. For detailed schedules, reservations, and other information, passengers can visit the TGSRTC website or contact their helpline numbers.

High Court Issues Contempt Notices to CS, DGP Over Police Reforms

TPN, Hyderabad: The Telangana High Court has issued contempt notices to Chief Secretary A. Santhi Kumari, along with former and current Directors General of Police (DGP), Dr. Jitender and Ravi Gupta, for failing to implement critical police reforms mandated by a previous court ruling. The contempt petition was filed by the Forum Against Corruption, led by its president Vijay Gopal.

The petition alleges that the state government has intentionally disregarded the court's earlier directive to enforce key reforms within the police department. These reforms include establishing a mandatory minimum tenure of two years for senior police officers, separating investigative duties from law and order responsibilities, and forming oversight bodies such as the Police Establishment Board and District and State Police Complaints Authorities.



According to the petitioner, the government's non-compliance undermines both the legal process and the intent of the reforms aimed at improving governance and accountability in the police force. As a result, the Forum Against Corruption is seeking maximum imprisonment for the officials involved, along with a fine of ₹5 lakh each for failing to comply with the court's orders.

In response to the petition, a bench comprising Justices Abhinand Kumar Shavili and Laxmi Narayana Alishetty directed the accused officials to either appear in person or provide legal representation by October 25 to address the contempt notices. The court emphasized the need for the state government to respond to the allegations and outline a clear plan for implementing the required reforms.

The High Court had previously directed the state to carry out these reforms to enhance the efficiency and accountability of the police department. However, the government's failure to act on these instructions led to the filing of the contempt petition, prompting the court to issue the latest notices.

The case has been adjourned until October 25, awaiting the officials' responses and a proposed timeline for implementing the mandated reforms.

Minister Sridhar Babu Unveils BioAsia 22 Logo Ahead of 2025 Summit



TPN, Telangana: Minister Sridhar Babu unveiled the logo for the 22nd edition of BioAsia, an important international conference set to take place in February 2025. The BioAsia 2025 summit is scheduled for February 25-26 at Hyderabad's Hitec City and will host representatives from 50 countries, focusing on the latest developments in life sciences, healthcare, and health technology.

The discussions during the summit aim to redefine approaches in these rapidly evolving sectors. Minister Babu emphasized that Telangana will play a crucial role in global healthcare innovations, highlighting the state's commitment to leveraging advancements in biopharmaceuticals, digital health, medical devices, and advanced therapeutics. He expressed optimism about harnessing

opportunities through modern technologies such as artificial intelligence, data analytics, and precision medicine.

Addressing the needs of middle-class families, the minister reiterated the government's commitment to meeting their requirements. He criticized the BRS party for allegedly contradicting their stance on the Musi River front development, asserting that they have changed their narrative.

In 2017, the Musi River Front Development Corporation was established, leading to the formulation of G.O. 90 to support this initiative. The previous government convened a meeting in 2018 to kickstart the project. Minister Babu emphasized the need to identify illegal constructions along the river and es-

tablish a buffer zone.

K.T. Rama Rao, who attended numerous meetings from 2018 to 2020, provided directives to officials regarding the Musi River's review process. He emphasized the importance of preparing a master plan and delineating buffer zones. In 2021, discussions included the demolition of illegal structures and adherence to the restoration and rehabilitation plan.

The goal was to provide nearly 15,000 double-bedroom houses by 2022, with plans to construct 110 kilometers of roads on both sides of the river. K.T. Rama Rao also stressed the importance of addressing the demolition of illegal constructions.



BRS MLC Kavitha Hospitalized

TPN, Hyderabad: BRS MLC and daughter of KCR, Kavitha, was admitted to a hospital on Tuesday. Party sources stated that Kavitha had been suffering from various health issues for some time and was admitted for medical tests. She visited a well-known hospital in the city. A video of Kavitha arriving at the hospital has surfaced. It is reported that doctors will conduct various tests on her throughout the day.

It is known that Kavitha was recently in Tihar Jail in connection with the Delhi Liquor Policy scam case. BRS sources mentioned that since then, Kavitha has been struggling with health issues and had also received treatment while in jail. Jail authorities had taken Kavitha to AIIMS for treatment, following court instructions. Meanwhile, it is reported that MLC Kavitha is suffering from gynecological issues and fever.

HYDRA Should Focus on Colleges and Petrol Stations in Kukatpally: Mynampally Hanmantha Rao

TPN, Telangana: Congress leader and former MLA Mynampally Hanmantha Rao appealed to Hydra Commissioner Ranganath to pay attention to the fact that some colleges and petrol stations in Kukatpally are being run under the guise of serving the poor. He visited Mallanna Sagar in Thoguta mandal of Siddipet district. Speaking on this occasion, he claimed that the BRS is attempting to form an alliance with the BJP, but the Kamalam Party (BJP) does not trust the Karu Party (BRS).

He expressed anger, accusing the BRS of spreading misinformation about HYDRA. He alleged that KTR and Harish Rao are trying to create chaos in Telangana by poisoning HYDRA. Harish Rao, he claimed, had demolished houses in his adopted village using bulldozers, and now it is ironic that he promises to block the bulldozers from demolishing structures encroaching on ponds.

He also criticized Harish Rao for demanding compensation for the victims of HYDRA, questioning why the residents of Mallanna Sagar are



being ignored. He accused the BRS of spreading false information about HYDRA on social media. Rao further alleged that during the BRS regime, encroachments of Kuntala and Nalas occurred, and the Congress and BJP parties did not spend as much as the BRS did during the previous Assembly and Lok Sabha elections. He also expressed outrage over farmers being beaten by the police under BRS rule.

Revanth Reddy's Regime is Also Like KCR's Regime: Dharmapuri Arvind

TPN, Telangana: BJP MP Dharmapuri Arvind criticized the state government, stating that the High Court has reprimanded them over the HYDRA project. He alleged that they are demolishing the houses of the poor in the name of HYDRA and filling their pockets through blackmail. Speaking at the conclusion of the 'Raitudiksha' protest organized by the BJP at Indira Park in Hyderabad, he said that Revanth Reddy's regime is similar to KCR's regime.

He claimed that after the Congress came to power, farmers have been facing numerous difficulties. He mentioned that this protest was undertaken under the BJP's leadership to highlight the grievances of farmers. Arvind praised Prime Minister Modi for doubling the income of farmers, and criticized KCR's government for failing to support small crops, adding that Revanth Reddy is now continuing the same failures.

He further stated that both the BRS and Con-



gress governments have been unable to provide support to even small farmers. He remarked that the 24-hour protest undertaken by Telangana BJP representatives to demand the fulfillment of promises made to farmers has turned into a significant challenge for the Congress leadership. He warned that the BJP will not relent until the promises made by the Congress are fulfilled.

Raghunandan Rao Reacts Strongly to Objectionable Post on Konda Surekha



TPN, Telangana: BJP MP Raghunandan Rao has strongly condemned an objectionable social media post targeting Minister Konda Surekha. He alleged that the post was created by BRS activists and criticized the ruling party for its role in the incident. Speaking at a media conference organized at the BJP office in Hyderabad, Rao revealed that the details of the trolling have been collected and that a formal complaint has already been lodged with the police.

Raghunandan Rao expressed deep regret over the insult to Konda Surekha, whom he referred to as his elder sister. "As a younger brother, I am deeply sorry for the humiliation caused to her. I will stand by her as a brother until those responsible are brought to justice and sent to jail," he said.

He also issued a stern warning to those who claim to advocate for his sister on social media, stating that they would face legal action. Additionally, Rao called upon BRS leaders KTR and Harish Rao to address the issue and control the party's social media supporters. He demanded a public apology, stating that the individuals responsible for the trolling likely did so in exchange for money from the BRS.

Harish Rao responded to the situation, stating that trolling against Konda Surekha should not be resolved merely through a tweet or apology. He questioned how such a post could be circulated, especially after Konda Surekha was shown respect at an official event. Harish Rao recalled that during a program distributing Kalyana Lakshmi and Shadi Mubarak checks, District In-charge Minister Konda Surekha and BRS MLA Prabhakar Reddy had acknowledged the presence of local MP Raghunandan Rao. The event was attended by thousands of people, making it all the more painful to see it portrayed in a negative light online.

Raghunandan Rao further alleged that after the BRS defeat, the party hired several individuals to run social media campaigns, posting false information and causing harm through such objectionable content. He urged BRS supporters to refrain from these tactics and warned KTR that any attempts to humiliate women leaders would not go unpunished.

The BJP MP concluded by stating that such defamatory acts would not be tolerated, and he promised to take a stand for women leaders targeted in this manner.

60 Congress Workers Planned Attack on KTR: Jagadish Reddy

TPN, Hyderabad: BRS leader Jagadish Reddy condemned the recent attack on KTR, asserting that it was a premeditated act by around 60 Congress workers. He emphasized that the attack occurred in front of police, questioning how the Congress activists were aware of KTR's route from Golnaka to Ashok Nagar. Reddy alleged that the attackers had strategically created a traffic jam at a signal as part of their plan.

He noted that there has been a troubling pattern of attacks against BRS leaders over the past three months. Initially, these assaults targeted grassroots leaders, but recently, senior leaders have also been attacked, including incidents at the homes of Harish Rao, Khamman leaders, and Koushik Reddy. Reddy demanded that the DGP and city police take action against the perpetrators, emphasizing the need for a serious response to these escalating attacks on BRS officials.



Harish Rao Visits Injured Home Guard Gopal in Sangareddy

TPN, Telangana: Former Minister T. Harish Rao visited Home Guard Gopal, who is undergoing treatment in a private hospital after sustaining severe injuries during the demolition at the Malakapur Lake in Sangareddy. He was accompanied by Sangareddy MLA Chinta Prabhakar, former MLA Peddi Sudarshan Reddy, former MLC Karne Prabhakar, former Chairman Errolla Srinivas, and others.



Harish Rao expressed his concerns, stating, "It has been days since the accident, and not a single senior police officer has come to inquire. Are Home Guards treated with such disregard?"

Gopal's family has reportedly spent over one lakh rupees on medical expenses so far, and the government has not covered these costs. Family members have complained that they have not received salaries for the past four months.

"The family is struggling to manage medical expenses without any salary for four months," they expressed in distress. "Gopal suffered a head injury that has left

him unable to speak. Doctors say he will need speech therapy for four months to regain his voice."

Gopal's accident was caused by negligence during the use of hazardous detonators, which could have been avoided with proper safety precautions.

"This incident reflects the government's negligence. We demand that the government support Gopal and his family without trying to evade responsibility," Harish Rao asserted.

"We are demanding that the government cover all medical expenses for Gopal until he fully recovers, and that his pending wages be released immediately."

BRS Leaders for Forgetting Their Own Words on Musi Riverfront Development

TPN, Telangana: Minister Sridhar Babu has criticized the Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) leaders for neglecting the work initiated by their own government in the past. Speaking at a media conference in Hyderabad, Sridhar Babu reminded the public that the Musi Riverfront Development Corporation was established during the BRS regime in 2017. He pointed out that the BRS government had made grand announcements about the project and even appointed a chairman for the corporation.

Sridhar Babu recalled a 2018 meeting focused on the Musi River project, during which it was decided that a 50-meter buffer zone should be established along the river's boundary. At that time, Minister K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) had emphasized the need for the immediate removal of encroachments. Authorities identified 8,480 illegal constructions based on their calculations, Sridhar Babu mentioned.

He also reminded the public that KTR had instructed the District Collectors to finalize a master plan for the riverfront and ordered the demolition of illegal structures in 2021. Discussions had also taken place regarding compensation for those displaced by the project. Sridhar Babu noted that the previous BRS government had a vision to provide clean air and water to the people through the Musi River project, and his government shares the same goal.

However, Sridhar Babu accused the current BRS leadership of complicating the development process of the Musi Riverfront. He criticized them for neglecting the promises they had made and questioned their approach to the project. He also reminded them of the harsh eviction of residents during the Mallannasagar project, claiming that people were removed without proper Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) measures.

He contrasted this with the current efforts, highlighting that the government is providing housing for those displaced by the Musi River project and has taken steps to ensure employment for them. Expressing frustration, Sridhar Babu questioned why, despite making efforts to engage all stakeholders, the current leadership is still resorting to mud-slinging.

Days Are Near When People of Telangana Will Oust Revanth Reddy




TPN, Telangana: BRS leader RS Praveen Kumar issued a stern warning, suggesting that the people of Telangana are nearing the point where they will oust Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, similar to how Sri Lankan leader Rajapaksa was removed from power. Taking to X (formerly Twitter), Praveen Kumar launched a scathing attack on the Congress party, accusing it of fostering a culture of street bullies

rather than focusing on governance. In his tweet, Praveen Kumar criticized the Congress for engaging in vindictive politics instead of delivering people's governance, stating, "The price for such behavior will soon be paid." He raised concerns over the state of law and order in Telangana, questioning whether the current government is truly upholding peace and security. Kumar ex-

pressed frustration over being deprived of his constitutional duties and voiced anger about Congress workers allegedly attacking the Telangana Bhavan the previous day. In his message to Revanth Reddy, Kumar emphasized that politics should take a backseat, urging the Chief Minister to prioritize governance over political vendettas.

TGSRTC Launches Electric AC Bus Services from Hyderabad to Vijayawada via ORR



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TPN, Hyderabad: In a significant move towards sustainable and efficient transportation, the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) has launched electric AC bus services between Hyderabad and Vijayawada. The initiative, aimed at enhancing passenger convenience and reducing travel time, was rolled out on Monday, September 30, with the introduction of two e-Garuda buses.

The new electric buses will operate via the Outer Ring Road (ORR), ensuring faster connectivity and reducing congestion on traditional routes. Key stops along the route include BHEL-Ramachandrapuram, Miyapur, Nizampet Cross Roads, Cyber Towers, and Gachibowli, making it easier for passengers from various parts of the city to access the service.

TGSRTC Managing Director, VC Sajjanar, emphasized the importance of this new service in offering a safe, comfortable, and environmentally friendly travel option. He encouraged travelers to make use of the electric buses, highlighting

the corporation's commitment to green transportation and the reduction of carbon emissions.

“By introducing these electric buses, we are not only cutting down travel time but also contributing to a more sustainable future,” said Sajjanar. He added that the buses provide passengers with an enhanced travel experience, equipped with air conditioning and modern amenities.

Passengers can now book tickets in advance through the TGSRTC official website, ensuring a hassle-free and convenient travel experience. The launch of these e-Garuda buses marks the first phase of a larger initiative to expand electric bus services across the region, with more routes expected to follow in the near future.

This initiative aligns with TGSRTC's broader vision of promoting sustainable transport solutions while catering to the growing demand for eco-friendly and efficient travel options between Hyderabad and Vijayawada.

GHMC Proposes Monthly Property Tax Collection System in Hyderabad

TPN, Hyderabad: The Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) is planning to introduce a monthly property tax collection system, a move aimed at easing the financial burden on property owners across the city. Currently, property tax is collected either annually or bi-annually, but the new system would divide the total annual tax into 12 equal installments, making it more manageable for taxpayers.

Under this proposed model, property owners would no longer need to make large lump sum payments at the beginning or mid-year. Instead, they would be able to spread their payments evenly across the year, allowing for more flexibility in managing their finances.

One of the key aspects of the new system still under discussion is the continuation of the “Early Bird Scheme,” which offers a five percent rebate to those who pay their annual taxes early. GHMC officials are also working on finalizing penalties for delayed payments under the new structure.

GHMC's IT department will play a crucial role in

implementing this system, ensuring the necessary technological infrastructure is in place to manage monthly transactions smoothly. This shift to monthly payments is expected to improve compliance and make tax collection more efficient.

Currently, property tax in Hyderabad can be paid either annually or in two halves—once between April and September, and again from October to March. The proposed monthly payment option is a significant shift from the long-standing bi-annual model.

Meanwhile, GHMC has been cracking down on property tax defaulters. Just a few months ago, the corporation sealed over 150 properties, primarily commercial establishments, due to unpaid tax arrears. The move was part of a larger effort to recover dues and improve revenue collections for city infrastructure and services.

GHMC hopes the new monthly payment model will not only reduce the financial strain on property owners but also help reduce arrears and ensure more consistent tax collection.

Burger King Outlet in Malakpet Found Using Oil Beyond Permissible Safety Limits

TPN, Hyderabad: The Commissioner of Food Safety has discovered violations at a Burger King outlet in Malakpet, where the quality of cooking oil used for frying non-vegetarian items was found to be below safety standards. During an inspection, it was revealed that the palm oil being used had a Total Polar Compound (TPC) value of 27.0, exceeding the permissible limit of 25.0 set by the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI).

TPC values are a key indicator of oil quality degradation, and elevated levels can pose serious health risks when the oil is consumed. Prolonged use of oil with high TPC levels can lead to the accumulation of harmful compounds, which may increase the risk of various health issues.

As a precautionary measure, 15 liters of the degraded cooking oil were seized on the spot. De-

spite the oil quality issue, the outlet displayed a valid FSSAI license, and its records for medical fitness of staff, pest control, and water analysis were found to be compliant with regulatory standards.

The Food Safety Commissioner has emphasized the importance of regular monitoring of oil quality to ensure public health and warned that strict action would be taken against establishments that do not adhere to food safety regulations.



44-Year-Old Woman Found Murdered in Jubilee Hills Residence

TPN, Hyderabad: In a shocking incident, a 44-year-old woman, identified as Sudha Rani, was found murdered at her residence in Navodaya Colony, Jubilee Hills, late on Monday. The woman was reportedly alone at home when unknown assailants entered the house and killed her using sharp-edged weapons.

At the time of the incident, Sudha Rani's husband, an RMP (Registered Medical Practitioner), was at his clinic, and their two children were attending tuition classes. The children discovered their mother lying in a pool of blood upon returning home and immediately alerted the

neighbors.

Local police, upon being informed, rushed to the scene and launched an investigation. Senior officials also visited the residence to assess the situation and oversee the probe. Authorities are currently gathering evidence and questioning neighbors and potential witnesses to identify the culprits and determine the motive behind the murder.

The police have assured that all leads will be pursued to bring the perpetrators to justice, while further details are awaited as the investigation continues.

Hyderabad Metro Phase 2: Residents Seek ECIL to Jubilee Hills Route

TPN, Hyderabad: As Hyderabad's Metro Rail Phase 2 expansion moves forward, residents are advocating for better connectivity, particularly between ECIL and Jubilee Hills. Phase 2 spans 116.2 km across six corridors, but many commuters are calling for a direct route that would eliminate the need for alternative transport options between Mettuguda or Tarnaka and ECIL.

Currently, passengers traveling to ECIL must switch to buses or shared autos for the final stretch of their journey. This inconvenience has prompted calls for an extended Metro line that would directly serve areas like Malkajgiri, Anandbagh, Safilguda, Neredmet, Sainikpuri, and AS Rao Nagar. Social media has been flooded with suggestions from commuters who propose a new Metro route from ECIL



to Jubilee Hills via Tirumalagiri. Such a route would improve daily commutes for hundreds of residents and offer a more seamless travel experience.

Mubeen Ahmed, a daily commuter, expressed hope that an extended Metro line would ease travel for those commuting between ECIL and business hubs like Banjara Hills and Jubilee Hills.

As the Telangana government continues its efforts to expand the Metro network, residents are optimistic that better urban mobility is on the horizon, improving public transport options across the city.

Hyderabad Police Ban DJs, Firecrackers During Religious Processions



TPN, Hyderabad: Hyderabad Police Commissioner CV Anand has issued a ban on the use of DJ sound systems and firecrackers during all religious processions in the city. The decision comes in response to growing concerns over noise pollution, safety hazards, and law and order issues during these events.

Reasons for the Ban

In a notification, the police highlighted that DJ sound systems, commonly used during religious processions, pose significant health risks and contribute to harmful levels of noise pollution. Additionally, the loud music played through DJs often leads to uncontrolled behavior among participants, potentially escalating into public disorder.

Another key concern ad-

ressed in the notification was the use of firecrackers during processions. With large crowds gathering on procession routes, the risk of fire-related accidents and injuries becomes high. To ensure the safety of all participants, firecrackers have been banned in such crowded environments.

Sound Systems Allowed with Restrictions



While DJs are prohibited, sound systems are still permitted for religious processions, provided they adhere to strict decibel limits based on the area in which the event is taking place. The following sound limits are in effect: Daytime is defined as the hours between 6 a.m. and 10 p.m., while *night-time* is from 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. A silence zone refers to areas within 100 meters of hospitals, edu-

Area/Zone	Sound Limits (dB) - Daytime Sound Limits (dB) - Nighttime	
	Daytime	Nighttime
Industrial Area	75	70
Commercial Area	65	55
Residential Area	55	45
Silence Zone	50	40

cational institutions, and courts, where stricter sound limits apply.

Penalties for Violations

The police have warned that any violations of the ban on DJ systems and firecrackers will be subject to penal action under several legal provisions, including the Hyderabad City Police Act, the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), the Environmental Protection Act of 1986, the Noise Pollution (Regulation & Control) Rules of 2000, and the Hyderabad City Loudspeakers (Regulation of Use and Licensing) Rules of 1963.

The Hyderabad police are urging citizens to comply with these regulations to ensure the safety and well-being of all during religious processions.



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 time-frame 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

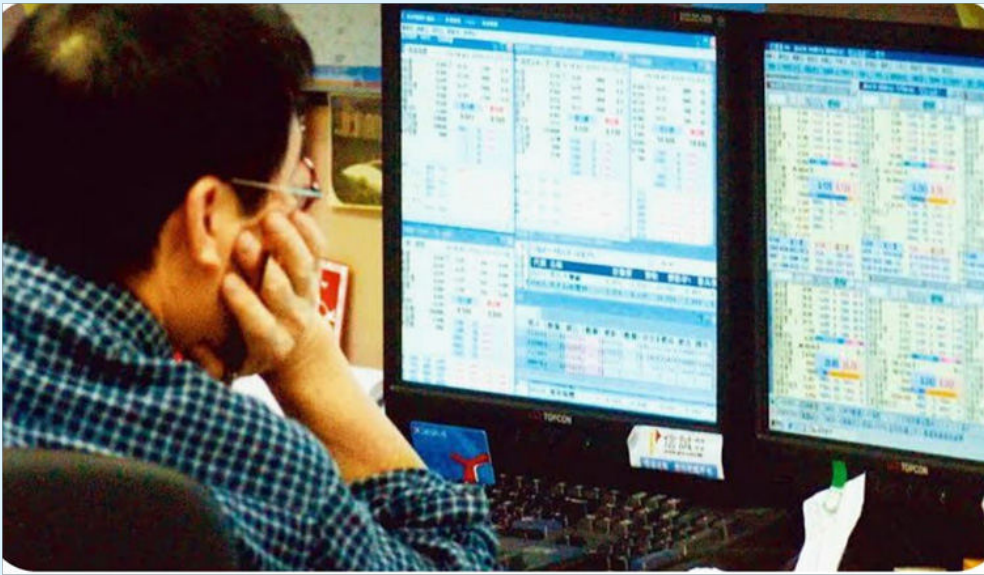
Domestic stock market indices closed slightly lower today. Investors reacted with mixed signals from global markets and FIIs moving to Chinese markets. Not inclined to buy. Indices started with moderate gains in the morning and gradually fell into losses. In the end, they recovered a bit and reduced the losses. Indexes got a boost from Infi, Mahindra and Mahindra. Market breadth in BSE is in favor of buyers. 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 low of 84,098. 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 Cephalaxin 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.



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.

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.

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



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.

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.

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.

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.

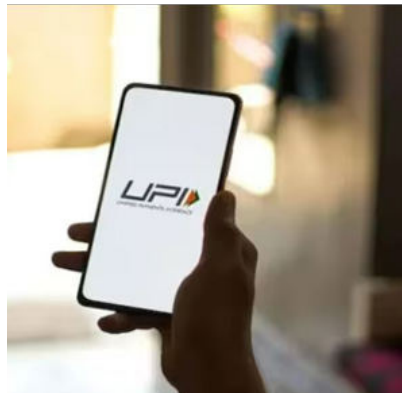
Addressing Investor RisksThis initiative also seeks to combat the rise of unregistered and unauthorized investment schemes that often lure investors with promises of unrealistic returns. By establishing a regulated framework, SEBI aims to protect investors from potential financial pitfalls associated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

Investment RequirementsThe 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 value 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.

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

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.

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.

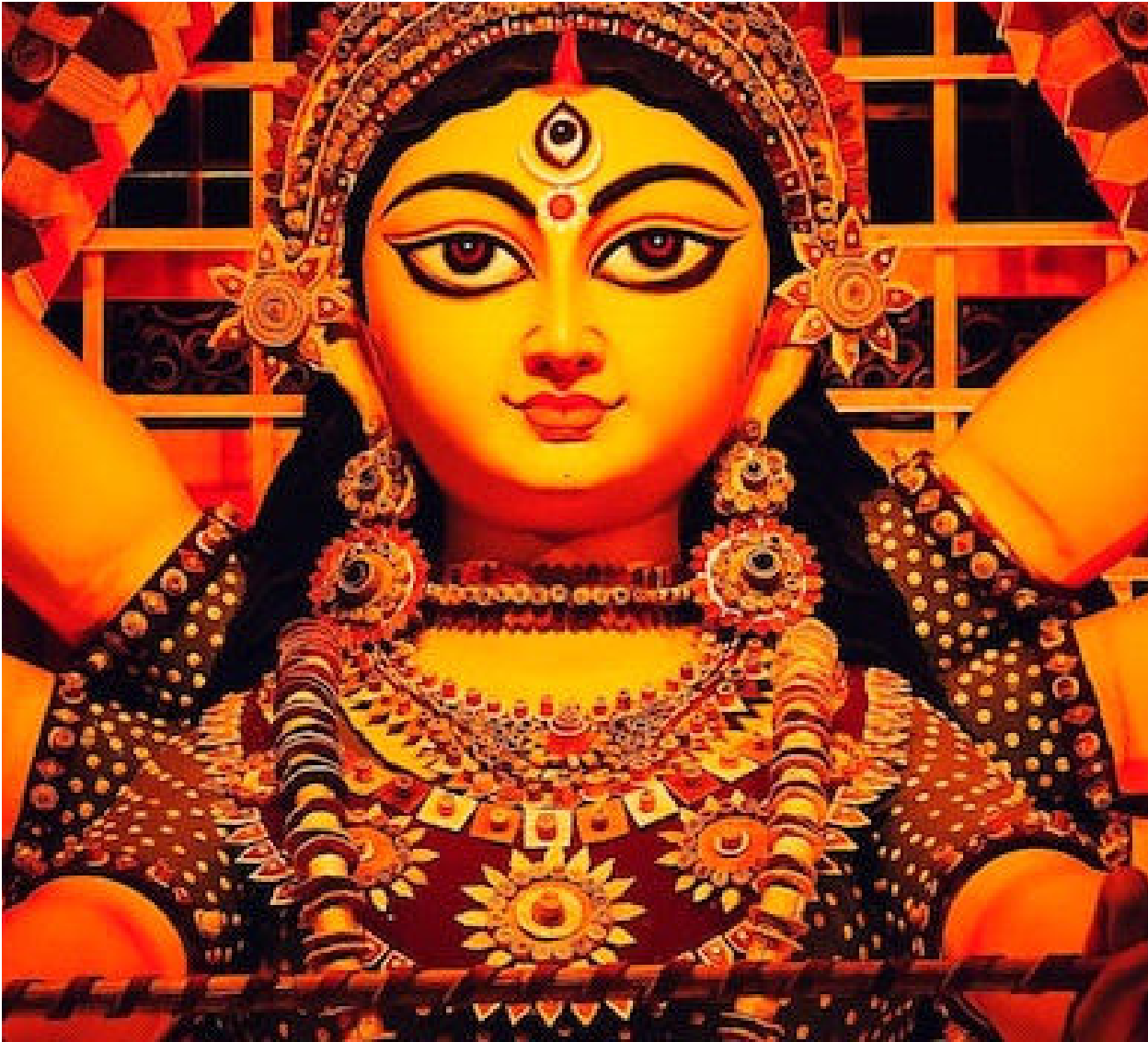
The government's focus on improving compliance and expanding the tax base has contributed to the positive trend in GST collections. Initiatives aimed at enhancing digital transactions and reducing tax evasion have also played a crucial role in maintaining revenue levels.

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.

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

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.

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.



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 Puja* 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 Puja* 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 Puja* 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.



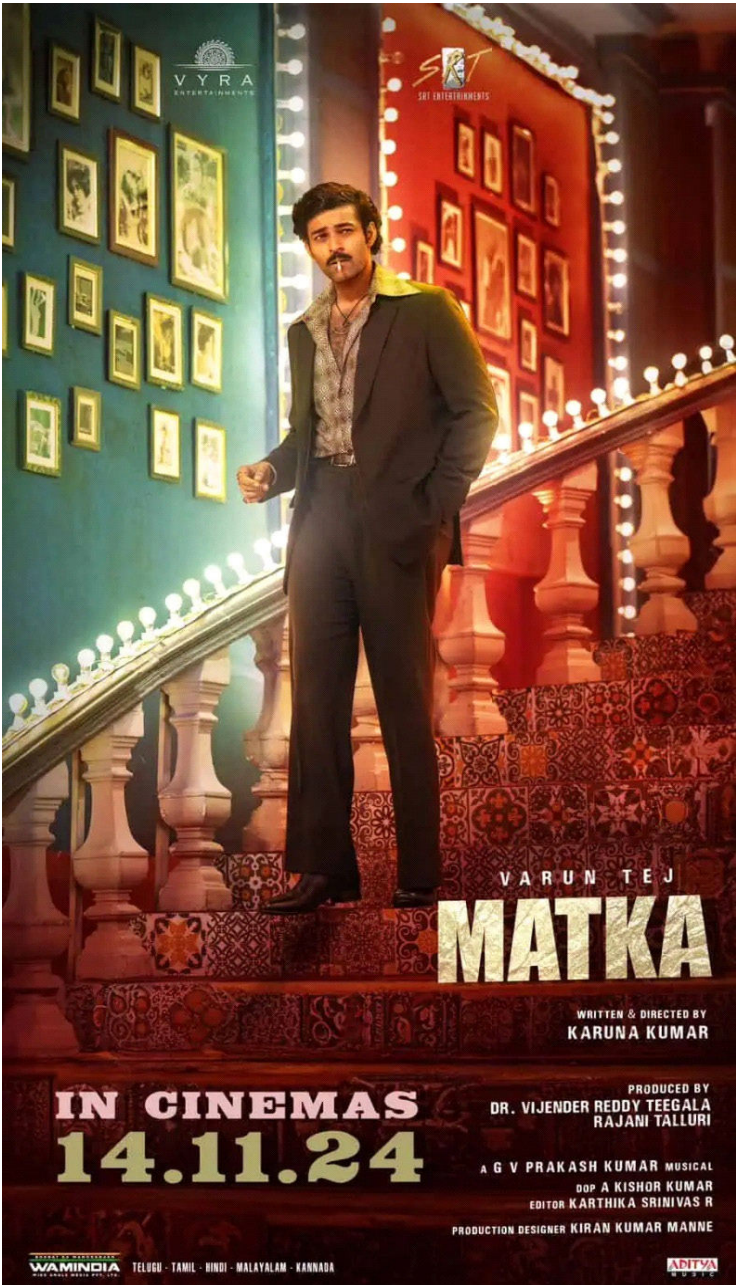
Antoine Griezmann Announces Retirement from International Football

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 Vettaiyan 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, Vettaiyan, 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.

Vettaiyan 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

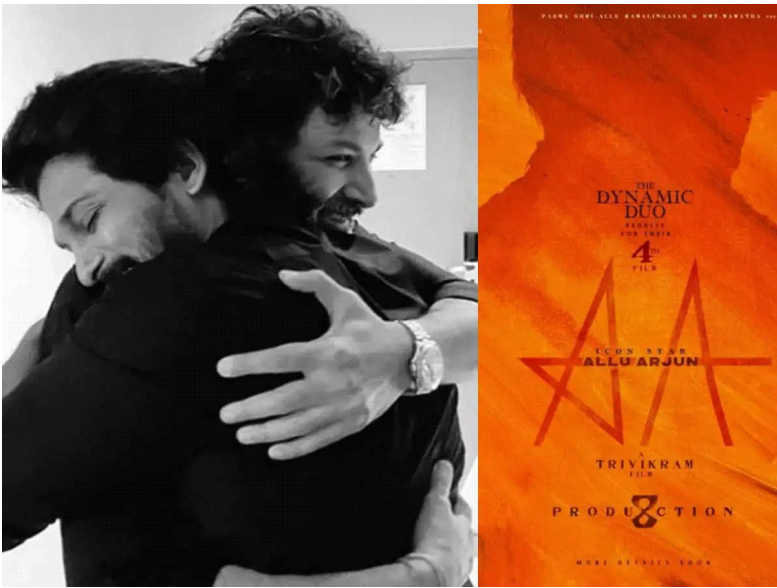
prayers for a swift recovery, showcasing the deep connection he shares with his audience.

As the release date approaches, the excitement surrounding Vettaiyan 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 Vettaiyan 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.

