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CM Chandrababu Met Governor Abdul Nazir

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu had a courtesy meeting with Governor Justice Abdul Nazir at Raj Bhavan in Vijayawada. The visit, aimed at extending Diwali wishes, also served as an opportunity for the Chief Minister and his wife, Bhuvaneshwari, to inquire about the health of the Governor's wife, Sameera Nazir, who has been unwell. They expressed their wishes for her speedy recovery.



The meeting lasted approximately an hour and 45 minutes, during which Naidu discussed the state government's administrative policies with the Governor. A significant topic of conversation was the presentation of the state budget, scheduled for November 11. Naidu made sure to bring this important information to the Governor's attention, underlining its relevance in the context of the state's fiscal planning.

This meeting highlights the ongoing collaboration and communication between the state government and the Governor's office, especially as the state prepares for its budgetary discussions.

YS Vijayamma Open Letter to YSR Fans, A Call for Truth and Equality

Home Minister Anitha Met Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan to Discuss Key Issues of AP

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha met with Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan to address several pressing matters, including law and order, safety measures for Diwali, and health concerns related to diarrhea outbreaks in Vizianagaram district.

During their discussion, Anita briefed Pawan on the precautions being implemented in light of the upcoming Diwali celebrations. She informed him that 185 fire stations have been put on high alert due to the increased risk of fire accidents during the festive season. The minister emphasized that appropriate actions would be taken in response to any complaints received regarding the illegal manufacture of fire-

crackers, with citizens encouraged to In addition to the festive preparations, report issues via the police and fire department hotlines at 100 and 101. Gurla village, where a diarrhea outbreak

Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan echoed Anita's sentiments, stressing the importance of celebrating Diwali with environmentally friendly fireworks. He advised taking necessary precautions to prevent incidents, particularly referring to the recent explosions in Mandapeta mandal of Konaseema district. In addition to the festive preparations, Pawan inquired about the situation in Gurla village, where a diarrhea outbreak had raised concerns. Anita provided updates, assuring that the situation was being monitored closely and efforts were being made to bring it under control.

This meeting underscores the government's proactive approach to ensure a safe and enjoyable Diwali for the citizens of Andhra Pradesh while addressing public health and safety concerns.



State Budget Scheduled for November 11

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: In an open letter to the fans of her late husband, former Chief Minister Y.S. Rajasekhara Reddy, Vijayalakshmi, commonly known as Vijayamma, has addressed ongoing controversies regarding the family's assets. She emphasized that properties previously attributed to her husband were put in the names of their children, Jagan and Sharmila, not as a transfer of assets but rather as a matter of family arrangement.

Vijayamma clarified that allegations made by Y.V. Subba Reddy and Vijayasai Reddy regarding the distribution of YS assets are false. She expressed her distress over the "disease of the house" becoming an "open book," where family matters are being misconstrued publicly. "No matter how much we try to stop it, the truth will come out," she remarked, reiterating her stance against the series of lies that continue to circulate.

In her letter, Vijayamma stressed the importance of equal property distribution between her children. She affirmed, "As a mother, both Jagan and Sharmila are equal to me," emphasizing that the YSR mandate was for all four children to share assets equally. She recalled Jagan's promise to uphold this principle, noting that it was discussed in the book 'Nalo Nato YSR.'



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As a mother, Vijayamma concluded her letter by reaffirming her commitment to justice for her children, urging fans to recognize the truth behind the family dynamics and the importance of equality in their legacy.

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CM Chandrababu Welcomes Kapil Dev, A **Step Towards Making AP a Sports Hub**



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Former cricketer and Chairman of the Professional Golf Tour of India, Kapil Dev, visited Undavalli on Tuesday for a productive meeting with Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu. The meeting focused on the ambitious plans to enhance the sports landscape in the state, particularly the establishment of an international golf course in Amaravati and premier golf clubs in Anantapur and Visakhapatnam.

CM Chandrababu warmly welcomed Kapil Dev and shared insights about their discussions via social media, expressing his enthusiasm for the initiatives discussed. He stated, "It was a pleasure to meet our legendary cricketer, Kapil Dev, and his team. We discussed the expan-

sion of the sports sector in Andhra Pradesh, focusing on the creation of an international golf course and clubs that will nurture the next generation of golfers."

The Chief Minister emphasized the government's commitment to providing better opportunities and facilities for citizens across the state. He reiterated that collaborations with sports icons like Kapil Dev are crucial in realizing the vision of transforming Andhra Pradesh into a renowned sports hub.

As these plans unfold, the state aims to foster a vibrant sports culture that encourages youth participation and excellence in various sporting disciplines.

Minister Kollu Announces Free Sand Policy, Criticizes YCP Govt On **Mining MalPractices**

TPN, Visakhapatnam: Minister Kollu Ravindra has announced a new policy to provide free sand for the people, aiming to address the challenges faced in the construction sector and criticizing the previous government for creating a "mafia-like" mining system. During a review meeting with mining officials and quarry owners from the Uttarandhra districts, held at the Visakhapatnam District Parishad office, the minister spoke about the adverse impact of prior policies on the state's industrial and mining sectors.





Minister Nara Lokesh Met Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella to Discuss AI Capital and **Digital Governance in AP**

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Education, IT, State and Electronics Minister Nara Lokesh met with Microsoft CEO Satya Nadella at the company's headquarters in Redmond. The meeting, attended by Telugu employees of Microsoft, marked a significant step toward fostering collaboration between the tech giant and Andhra Pradesh. Lokesh extended an invitation to Nadella to visit the state and explore potential investments.

During the meeting, Minister Lokesh highlighted Nadella's remarkable journey from a Telugu family in Andhra Pradesh to the CEO of one of the world's leading tech companies. He acknowledged Nadella's contributions to AI and cloud computing, noting that under his leadership since 2014, Microsoft has become a global leader in software and enterprise technology, with a projected market cap of \$3.1 trillion by October 2024.

Minister Lokesh expressed the need for technical support in making Amaravati the AI capital of India. He emphasized the role of Microsoft in transforming Hyderabad into a prominent IT hub under the guidance of Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu. Lokesh revealed that the state is constructing new IT hubs and innovation parks, where Microsoft's expertise is deemed essential for establishing world-class technology centers.

Furthermore, Lokesh underscored the potential of Andhra Pradesh as a re-



gional hub for global companies, facilitated by favorable policies and infrastructure. He urged Nadella to focus on the state's IT and engineering talent, emphasizing that many skilled professionals from Andhra Pradesh are already making significant contributions worldwide.

In their discussion, Nadella expressed Microsoft's commitment to support Andhra Pradesh's digital governance initiatives, including the development of smart city projects through cloudbased platforms and AI-driven data analytics. The proposal to establish an AI University in Amaravati aligns with the vision of making the city a center for AI innovation.

Minister Lokesh invited Nadella to collaborate on integrating advanced technologies into Andhra Pradesh's development plans, with Nadella promising support for the state's digital transformation and AI sectors. The meeting concluded with Lokesh's invitation for Nadella to visit Andhra Pradesh and inspect the state's infrastructure and technology ecosystem.

AP Govt Has Transferred 32 Deputy Collectors



Minister Ravindra expressed

that the coalition government was elected with a mandate to address such issues and rebuild trust with the public. He highlighted the government's commitment to public welfare initiatives, emphasizing efforts to secure Rs. 12,000 crore from the central government for the completion of the Polavaram project, which had been neglected previously.

"We have released white papers to ensure transparency across sectors, and we are committed to providing sand at no cost to the people," Minister Ravindra affirmed. He

acknowledged initial setbacks in sand mining due to past policies but assured that measures are now in place to distribute free sand through various channels, including boatmen associations. For those transporting sand independently, the state has allowed the use of personal vehicles without restrictions, while lorries are permitted with standard transport and loading fees.

Ravindra reiterated that the government's priority is to foster growth in the construction sector, pledging full cooperation to support development.

Govt Will Provide 1,500 Tonnes of Cow Ghee Annually For Each **Temple - Minister Anam**

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Minister of Religious Affairs Anam Ramanarayana Reddy announced the formation of a high-level committee comprising experts to establish procedures for the collection of cow ghee used in the preparation of Prasad and other temple-related purposes. The committee is tasked with submitting its report to the government within 15 days.

During a special meeting held at the office of the Commissioner of Religious Affairs, Minister

Anam emphasized the state's need cow ghee annually. He highlighted the government's commitment to ensuring timely procurement that meets quality standards.

for approximately 1,500 tonnes of The minister sought insights on the production capacity of cow ghee within the state's dairies and the current suppliers of ghee to temples. It was noted that producing one ki-

logram of cow ghee requires around 25 liters of milk.

Representatives from various dairy associations discussed the existing system, which involves temples directly collecting ghee from dairies. However, in 2022, this process was changed to a tendering system. Commissioner of the Revenue Department, S. Satyanarayana, chaired the meeting alongside Ponnur MLA Dhulipalla Narendra, who urged that ghee procurement for temples should primarily come from local producers. He also stressed the importance

of ensuring that all dairies receive equal opportunities in the development of the ghee collection policy, considering the natural competition among various unions and dairies.

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: In a significant administrative reshuffle, the Andhra Pradesh government has transferred 32 Deputy Collectors, with orders issued by Chief Secretary Nirab Kumar Prasad. This move aims to enhance the efficiency and effectiveness of the state's administrative machinery.

As part of the transfers, seven Deputy Collectors have been assigned to various posts within the Andhra Pradesh Capital Region Development Authority (AP CRDA). Notably, T. Mohan Rao has been appointed as the Director of Protocol, a key role in facilitating official engagements and functions.

In addition to these appointments,



other notable transfers include V. Swaminayudu, who will serve as the Chief Executive Officer of the AP Shilparam Society; P. Rachana, appointed as the Executive Director of the Andhra Pradesh Industrial Infrastructure Corporation (APIIC); and D. Lakshmareddy, who will take on the responsibili-

ties of Assistant Secretary of the Chief Commissioner of Land Administration (CCLA). Furthermore, T. Bapireddy has been designated as the Executive Officer of the Srikalahasti Temple.

These changes reflect the government's ongoing efforts to optimize administrative functions and ensure effective governance across various sectors in the state.

AP Govt Announces 54 Drought Zones in Five Districts for 2024 Kharif Season

Pradesh state government has released the list of drought-prone zones for the 2024 Kharif season, designating 54 mandals across five districts as drought-affected. This notification was issued by the Revenue Department in response to severe monsoon conditions impacting the region.

According to the notification, the districts affected by drought include Kurnool, Anantapur, Sathyasai, Annamaiya, and Chittoor. The government clarified that no drought conditions have been reported in the remaining 21 districts of the state. The assessment indicates that 27 of the designated mandals are experiencing severe drought conditions, while another 27 are facing moderate drought.

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Andhra RP Sisodia, Special Principal Secretary of the Revenue Department, confirmed that the orders have been issued in accordance with central government guidelines to address the ongoing drought situation. The government's proactive approach aims to support affected farmers and communities as they navigate the challenges posed by these adverse weather conditions.

> As the Kharif season progresses, authorities will continue to monitor the situation closely and implement necessary measures to mitigate the impact of drought in the affected areas. The government remains committed to ensuring the well-being of farmers and securing food production in the state amidst these challenging circumstances.





Minister Anagani Questions YCP's Allegations Against TDP Amid YS Family Dispute

Anagani Satya Prasad has criticized the Yuvajana Sramika Rythu Congress Party (YCP) for attributing the property dispute within the family of former Chief Minister and YCP leader YS Jaganmohan Reddy to the Telugu Desam Party (TDP). Addressing the media after his visit to the Tirumala temple, the minister labeled such claims as "outrageous," asking why TDP would be criticized if YS Sharmila, Jagan's sister, publicly revealed details of the dispute.

The family rift, reportedly involving Jagan, his mother, and sister in a legal dispute over property, has

become a widely discussed issue in Andhra Pradesh. Minister Anagani argued that it is baseless to implicate TDP in this family matter, remarking that the YCP "was founded on a bedrock of lies," with its leaders now attempting to present these as truths.

During his remarks, Anagani reflected on the past five years of YCP governance, which he claimed brought nu-



merous hardships to the people of Andhra Pradesh. In contrast, he praised CM Chandrababu Naidu's administration for implementing 130 welfare and development programs aimed at revitalizing the state.

Following his statements, the minister was welcomed by temple officials and offered traditional theerthaprasad in accordance with Tirumala temple customs.

Minister Savitha Drives RTC Bus, Inaugurates New Fleet in Penukonda

TPN, Penukonda: AP BC Welfare Minister Savitha took the wheel of a newly sanctioned RTC bus, surprising officials and party members at the Penukonda bus stand on Monday. Minister Savitha personally test-drove one of the two new buses allocated to the Penukonda RTC depot in Sri Sathyasai District, marking the inau-



guration of the buses with a hands-on approach that impressed RTC officers, staff, and party supporters alike.

Speaking to the media afterward, Minister Savitha criticized the previous YCP government for failing to invest in infrastructure despite taking on Rs. 10,000 crores in debt. She pointed out that no new buses were purchased un-

der their tenure, while the current coalition government has added 400 buses to the RTC fleet since coming to power.

The event was attended by RTC Regional Manager Madhusudhan, staff, TDP leaders, and party activists, who celebrated the new additions as a step forward in improving public transportation in the state.

Veligonda Project Suffering Due to YCP Govt Mismanagement - Minister Nimmala

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Minister Nimmala Ramanaidu has criticized former CM YS Jagan Mohan Reddy's handling of the Veligonda project, calling it a "curse" under his rule. The minister alleged that the project was hastily dedicated to the nation before elections, without proper completion, as part of a rush for political gain.

Minister Nimmala claimed that funds were allocated and project responsibilities handed over prematurely, with the project being inaugurated despite providing less than 10 cusecs of water. He expressed frustration that no villages have been developed for resettlement colonies, leaving displaced residents without proper support.

Reflecting on the TDP's previous contributions, Nimmala noted that Rs. 1,373 crores were allocated for the project under the TDP administration, with Rs. 1,319 crores



spent on significant progress. He remarked that wherever Jagan's government is involved, it leads to setbacks rather than development, highlighting his concerns about mismanagement impacting Andhra Pradesh's critical projects.

YCP leader Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy Faced **Unexpected Discontent From Party Workers**

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CPI Leader Narayana Criticizes High Airfare Prices and Raises Concerns Over **Recent Bomb Threats**

Andhra TPN, Pradesh: CPI National Secretary K. Narayana has voiced his anger over rising flight ticket prices, calling them unaffordable for common and middle-class people. Narayana stated that airlines are unfairly hiking

fares, benefiting only corporate travelers while financially burdening the average Indian. In a letter to Union Minister Rammohan Naidu, he accused private airlines of exploiting passengers, alleging that ticket rates are being raised whenever the government improves aviation infrastructure. He questioned the logic behind increasing ical burden on travelers, suggesting fares when flight distances remain the an international connection and call-



He pointed to a series of threats to airports nationwide, including multiple incidents at Hyderabad's Shamshabad Airport, where IndiGo flights received bomb warnings. These threats caused widespread panic and disrupted travel, as security

personnel evacuated and thoroughly searched aircraft to ensure passenger safety. Within a week, Shamshabad Airport alone registered five FIRs related to bomb threats.

Narayana highlighted that bomb threats at airports pose a psychologsame, labeling it as "people being loot- ing it an intelligence failure. He added that rising travel costs, whether by air or train—referencing increased fares under Vande Bharat Express—are isolating ordinary people from essential transportation options, criticizing what he views as inadequate government oversight.

Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy stay committed and fight faced unexpected discontent for the party. In response, from party workers during YCP leaders attempted to his visit to former MLA calm the situation by offer-Anil Kumar's residence in ing symbolic gestures to re-Pamarru, Krishna district. Party activists expressed disappointment at being overlooked, why leaders would depart growing discontent among without even greeting them.

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Narayana also called for airfares to be more affordable, reflecting India's economic realities. "The aviation sector must serve the people, not corporate interests alone," he insisted, advocating for government control over flight ticket prices.

In addition to high fares, Narayana criticized security measures, questioning the intelligence department's efficacy in handling recent bomb threats.

Narayana concluded that unchecked airfare inflation and security concerns could signal government failure, stressing the need for a more people-centric approach in the aviation sector.

Remand Extended for YCP Sympathizer Borugadda **Anil Until November 12**

TPN, Guntur: The Guntur court has extended the remand of YCP sympathizer Borugadda Anil for another 14 days, keeping him in custody until November 12. Anil, who was previously remanded for 14 days, will now be transferred to Rajahmundry Central Jail. His arrest stems from allegations of demanding Rs. 50 lakh



from Karlapudi Babuprakash in Guntur.

Police recently interrogated Anil after receiving permission for a three-day custody extension. Reports suggest that Anil was questioned about additional allegations, during which he allegedly claimed no knowledge of YS Jaganmohan Reddy.

Additionally, Borugadda Anil faces charges related to an attack on BJP leader and AP Minister Satyakumar Yadav on March 31 of the previous year. In that case, former YCP MP Nandigam Suresh is listed as the primary accused (A1), with Anil as the second accused (A2). The court's decision to extend Anil's remand allows further investigation into these cases.

YCP Initiates Camp Politics to Secure Zilla Parishad Control, **Growing Political Shift**

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: In an effort members toward opposition parties to secure control of the Zilla Parishad (ZP) in a critical joint district, the YCP has initiated "camp politics," sending ZPTC members on a trip to Goa. This move aims to prevent a potential no-confidence motion that could be passed once the current chairperson's four-year term nears its end in eight months. The YCP is concerned that increasing defection towards the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) and Jana Sena could lead to a no-confidence vote, especially as more ZPTC members are reportedly aligning with the coalition government.

Since the coalition government took office, several local bodies, including Ongolu Corporation and Giddalur Nagar Panchayats, have transitioned toward TDP control. Additionally, many YCP-aligned Sarpanchs and Mandal Parishad representatives have publicly shifted support to TDP MLAs. This growing defection of YCP

has intensified discussions within the political circles about the stability of the Zilla Parishad's leadership.

With the tenure of ZP Chairperson Venkayamma in its third year, a no-confidence motion could be possible after the four-year mark, triggering concerns within the YCP leadership. To counteract this, they arranged a Goa trip for ZPTC members, organized by Darshi MLA Sivaprasad Reddy, as part of a promise he had made when his mother assumed the chairperson role.

Despite the efforts, reports suggest that many ZPTC members who went on the Goa trip remain in touch with TDP leaders, indicating the potential for further shifts. The dynamics in the Zilla Parishad are closely monitored, as the YCP's hold appears increasingly tenuous amid rising political maneuvering from opposition camps.

Veteran Actor and **Politician Babumohan Rejoins TDP After Decades** of Political Shifts

Andhra TPN, Pradesh: Popular Telugu actor and Telangana politician, Babumohan, has rejoined the Telugu Desam Party (TDP), marking a

return to the party where his political jour- tions. In 2018, he moved ney began. TDP launched a membership registration program on October 26, during which Babumohan registered as a member, with the party proudly sharing his membership details on social media.

Babumohan's political career began with TDP, where he won the Andol Assembly seat in 1999 and served as the Minister of Social Welfare, inspired by his admiration for NTR. However, in subsequent years, he shiftallegiance, ed joining the Telangana Rashtra Samithi (TRS, now BRS), and secured victories in both the 2004 and 2014 elec-

to the BJP, and earlier this year, he became a part of KA Paul's Prajashanthi Party, where he served as the Telangana President.

In a recent attempt to secure a parliamentary seat, Babumohan contested from Warangal as an independent candidate. Now, after numerous political affiliations, he has returned to his roots in TDP, signaling a full-circle moment in his dynamic political career.





PM Swanidhi Prize Awards Program Held in Vijayawada



TPN, Vijayawada: The PM Swanidhi Prize Awards program was conducted at Tummalapally Kalakshetra under the Andhra Pradesh Municipal Employment and Poverty Alleviation (MEPMA) initiative. The event recognized municipalities and banks that have effectively implemented the PM Swanidhi scheme, with Municipal Administration Minister Ponguru Narayana serving as the chief guest to present the awards.

In his address, Minister Narayana emphasized the significance of the PM Swanidhi scheme in financially uplifting the poor. He highlighted that smaller loans, if repaid on time, can lead to substantial benefits for borrowers. "The scheme offers a 7 percent interest subsidy from banks, making it easier for beneficiaries to manage their repayments," he noted.

Narayana further elaborated on Chief Minister efforts that have driven its success.

Chandrababu Naidu's vision to double the income of families in the state. He stated, "We are developing plans for women involved in Dwakra and ME-PMA to engage in larger business ventures. When thrifty women in our state succeed in business, it significantly contributes to the overall development of Andhra Pradesh."

The program also reported impressive statistics, revealing that a total of 548,957 applications had been received under the PM Swanidhi scheme, out of which 502,894 individuals were granted loans aimed at assisting the economically disadvantaged.

Narayana extended his congratulations to the officers and bankers who excelled at both national and state levels during the implementation of the PM Swanidhi scheme, reinforcing the collaborative

Illegal Sale of Firecrackers at VTPS Store in Ibrahimpatnam **Raises Concerns**

TPN, V.V.S. MadhuBabu: The VTPS store has come under scrutiny for allegedly selling firecrackers without proper permits for the past three days, raising serious concerns

about regulatory compliance and public safety. Local sources suggest that a significant illegal operation is being conducted from the store, with accusations of a mafia-like structure managing the sales.

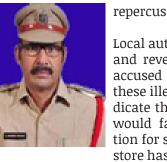
It has been reported that the store, under the leadership of President

Mallina Srinivas and employee Praveen, has engaged in various irregularities, including selling firecrackers during the Diwali season without obtaining necessary permits. Allegations suggest that the store has not undergone proper audits, and while GST payments are claimed to be up to date, the lack of oversight raises questions about financial integrity.

Praveen, a key figure in the operation, reportedly makes critical decisions regarding store operations, including employee assignments, product purchases, and even the appointment of leadership positions within the store. His influence appears to extend to the illegal sales of Diwali firecrackers, as he allegedly boasts of political backing that allows him to operate without fear of legal



repercussions.



Local authorities, including police and revenue officials, have been accused of turning a blind eye to these illegal activities. Sources indicate that while private vendors would face immediate legal action for similar offenses, the VTPS store has evaded scrutiny, leading

to claims that local law enforcement and revenue officers are being manipulated by political interests.

When approached for comment, the Ibrahimpatnam inspector stated that an application for permission had been submitted recently but did not clarify whether sales would continue pending approval. Similarly, revenue officials reportedly expressed that they only sought permission after the issue gained media attention.

The ongoing situation highlights significant governance and enforcement challenges in Ibrahimpatnam, raising questions about accountability and the effectiveness of local authorities in managing public safety during the festive season.

Inspection of EVM Godown by District Incharge Collector Dr. Nidhi Meena

TPN, Vijayawada: On Tuesday, Dr. Nidhi Meena, the Incharge Collector of NTR District, conducted a routine inspection of the district's Electronic Voting Machine (EVM) godown. This inspection was part of a series of measures to ensure the integrity and security of the electoral process.

During the visit, Dr. Meena examined the seals placed on the EVMs, assessed the security arrangements, and reviewed the surveillance capabilities of the CCTV cameras monitoring the facility. Following the inspection, she signed the supervision register, confirming the thoroughness of the checks conducted.



to the Election Commission to ensure transparency and security in the electoral process.

She also highlighted the critical role of police guards stationed at the EVM warehouse, urging them to remain vigilant and to continuously monitor the area using CCTV surveillance.

The inspection was attended by representatives from various political parties, as well as officials from the District Revenue Office, including DRO V. Srinivasa Rao, Collectorate Election Cell DT Madhubabu, and other staff members.

Kapil Dev Welcomed By MP & **MLA At Vijayawada Airport**

TPN, Vijayawada: Former Indian cricket team captain Kapil Dev arrived in Vijayawada, receiving a warm welcome from local dignitaries and cricket enthusiasts. The legendary cricketer was greeted by the President of the Andhra Cricket Association, along with MP Keshineni Shivanath, affectionately known as Chinni, and Tiruvur MLA Kolikapudi Srinivasa Rao.

Kapil Dev's visit has generated excitement among cricket fans in the region, as achievements but also for his contributions to promoting the sport across India. The presence of prominent political figures highlights the importance of cricket in the cultural fabric of Andhra Pradesh and its potential to unite the community.



he is celebrated not only for his cricketing Local officials expressed their gratitude for Kapil Dev's visit, viewing it as an opportunity to inspire young cricketers and promote the growth of sports in the state. The event underscores the ongoing efforts to foster talent in cricket and enhance facilities for aspiring athletes in the region.

Dr. Meena emphasized the importance of adhering to the guidelines set by the Election Commission, stating that the EVM and



Voter Verified Paper Audit Trail (VVPAT) warehouse should be inspected regularly. She instructed that a comprehensive report of these inspections be submitted

This proactive approach aims to reinforce the integrity of the election process and ensure that all necessary measures are in place to protect the electoral equipment.

Sujana Chowdary Engages with Party Leaders and Constituents in Vijayawada West

TPN, Vijayawada: MLA Chowdary held a productive meeting with party leaders and constituents in the Vijayawada West constituency. During this gathering, Sujana chowdary assured attendees of her commitment to being accessible, stating, "I will be available for everyone. Even when I am out of town, I will connect through phone calls." Sujana Chowdary emphasized her goal of developing the West constituency, encouraging residents to anticipate significant progress in the coming years.

In addition to her engagement with constituents, Sujana Chowdary participated in a BJP membership registration program at Siddhartha College, organized under the leadership of Bharatiya Janata Party state leader Narishetti Adiseshu. She expressed her satisfaction with the initiative, noting, "The membership registration process is being carried out from

the booth level to further strengthen the party, and I am very happy that youth and adults are coming voluntarily for BJP membership registration."

Sujana Chowdary also joined a meeting with alliance leaders and activists at the NDA party office in Bhavanipuram. During this meeting, she reaffirmed the party's continuous support for the people and activists of the West and shared plans for a comprehensive devel-



cy. She introduced a new initiative **Point Impact**

called "Vijaya Deepam," which aims to enhance education for Anganwadi centers, primary schools, and play schools, ensuring a positive environment for children. The program also focuses on providing nutrition to pregnant women and establishing a maternity hospital to facilitate easier deliveries.

Through these initiatives and engagements, Sujana Chowdary aims to drive meaningful development in the Vijayawada West constituency and strengthen the BJP's presence in the region.

Andhra Pradesh Sports Authority Plans Revitalization of Sports Sector

TPN, Vijayawada: Mr. Animini Ravinayudu, Chairman of the Andhra Pradesh Sports Authority (SAP), has announced a strategic plan to revitalize the state's sports sector under the coalition government. Speaking at a press conference at the Indira Gandhi Municipal Stadium, Ravinayudu emphasized that SAP will focus on the development of sports, contrasting its agenda with the previous government's approach.

Ravinayudu highlighted key initiatives, including the establishment of a Single SAP Authority to streamline operations and a commitment to enhancing the future of sportspersons, especially those from underprivileged backgrounds. He stressed the importance of improving sports infrastructure and taking proactive measures to address ongoing issues within the sector.

During his recent inspections of various sports facilities across the state, including Nellore and Tirupati, Ravinayudu expressed disappointment at the slow progress of the Khel Vikas Kendras (KVKs) initiated by former CM Nara Chandrababu Naidu in 2014. He noted that while over 80% of these structures were completed, the subsequent YCP government neglected their maintenance and utilization.

The coalition government aims to elevate Andhra Pradesh athletes to international standards, with

plans to host the National Games by 2027, thus promoting the vision of a "Sports Andhra Pradesh." Ravinayudu criticized the previous YCP government for politicizing sports and misappropriating funds, alleging a regression of 20 years in the sports sector.

To ensure transparency and integrity, SAP will implement several changes, including establishing a grievance cell at the district level to address complaints from athletes. Ravinayudu called for collaboration with local industrialists to support athlete development through public-private partnerships, reaffirming SAP's commitment to restoring glory to Andhra Pradesh's sports landscape.

MLA Sujana Chowdary Reviews Development Works at Durga Temple

West Constituency MLA Sujana Chaudhary conducted a review of the ongoing development works at the Durga Temple, engaging with temple authorities to discuss various initiatives aimed at enhancing the site.

During the review, Chaudhary emphasized the need for special arrangements for the Bhavani Diksha retreats, which attract numerous devotees. He high-

TPN, Vijayawada: Vijayawada lighted the importance of ensuring that these spiritual events run smoothly and meet the expectations of the participants.

> The MLA also discussed the development of a master plan for the temple, indicating that the current plans will be evaluated in light of suggestions from previous governments. "We will assess the master plan executed by the earlier administrations and consider necessary modifica

tions to enhance the overall experience for devotees," he stated.

Chaudhary expressed his commitment to transforming the Vijayawada West Constituency into a model region over the next five years. He reassured the community that efforts will be made to uplift the constituency's infrastructure and services, aiming for significant progress and development.



REGIONAL

Vijayawada Municipal Commissioner Receives PRAISE Award for Street Vendor Empowerment

TPN, Vijayawada: In a significant recognition of its efforts towards street vendor empowerment, Commissioner Dhyan Chandra of Vijayawada Municipal Corporation was awarded the prestigious PRAISE Award by Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister Ponguru Narayana. The award ceremony took place at Tumallapalli Kshetrayya Kalakshetram as part of the PRAISE Awards 2023-24, organized by the Mission for Elimination of Poverty in Municipal Areas (MEP-MA).

This accolade acknowledges the Vijayawada Municipal Corporation's exceptional work in fostering financial inclusion and empowerment for street vendors, a notable achievement in the Mega and Million-Plus Cities category of Andhra Pradesh. The corporation has actively implemented the Prime Minister's Street Vendor's



Atmanirbhar Nidhi (PMSVA Nidhi) hood Mission.

scheme, in alignment with the central government guidelines

under the National Urban Liveli-

Commissioner Dhyan Chandra expressed pride in this achievement, highlighting that 17,114

street vendors had been identified under the Support to Urban Street Vendors (SUSV) initiative, as mandated by the Street Vendors Act of 2014. Of these, 16,771 vendors have already received identification cards, with the remaining 343 set to be issued shortly. Furthermore, out of 9,428 eligible vendors, 9,200 have successfully accessed financial support through the PMSVA Nidhi scheme, and an additional 6,748 vendors have benefited from other loan assistance programs. This translates to a remarkable coverage rate of nearly 97% of all eligible vendors.

Commissioner Chandra reaffirmed the corporation's commitment to poverty eradication and supporting urban livelihoods, stating, "In collaboration with the Andhra Pradesh state and central governments, we remain dedicated to ensuring financial inclusion and empowerment for all eligible street vendors within our city."



Violence in Palmeru, Local Woman Appeals for Police Action

TPN, Palmeru: In the Palmeru constituency of Krishna District, tensions have escalated following an incident in Yaddanapudi village, Movva mandal. A man was brutally attacked with a stick while he was carrying poles to erect a fence on his farm. The assailant, identified as the son of a local woman, has a history of complaints against him, yet he remains at large despite multiple reports filed with the police.

The victim's family has expressed frustration with law enforcement's inaction, emphasizing their fear for their safety. The community is rallying for police intervention, demanding that the authorities take swift action against the aggressors to ensure their protection. As they await a response, residents are concerned about the ongoing violence and the lack of accountability for those responsible.

Local women have voiced their distress, urging police officials to intervene and "tie up these beasts" to restore safety in their community. They are calling for immediate measures to protect them from further attacks as they continue to seek justice.



Babies Selling Gang Arrested in Mangalagiri

TPN, Mangalagiri: The Mangalagiri town police have apprehended a couple, Gummadi Umadevi and Trinadh, from Vijayawada, for their involvement in a baby-selling racket. The gang reportedly purchased infants for ₹4,60,000 in Vijayawada and sold them for ₹5,00,000 in Mangalagiri.

Following the arrest, a case has been registered against the couple, and they have been remanded to judicial custody. Authorities are investigating the matter further to uncover the full extent of the operation and identify any additional accomplices involved in this illegal trade.

Leopard Movement in Srisailam, Officials Urge Public to Stay Alert



TPN, Srisailam: The recent movement of a leopard in Srisailam has caused considerable concern among locals and devotees. Panic ensued when a leopard was spotted perched on the guard wall near the RTC bus stand, prompting immediate notification to local authorities. Officials have since appealed to both residents and visitors to exercise caution in the area.

In Srisailam, located in the Nandyal district, the presence of the leopard has created a stir. The animal was observed on the wet and dry garbage collection wall, causing fear among devotees and local residents. The alarming sight led to prompt action from local authorities and forest department officials, who urged the public to remain vigilant. A video of the leopard on the wall has since gone viral on social media, further highlighting the incident.



NDA Govt Intensifies Crackdown on Ganja Trafficking

TPN, Anakapalli: The police in Anakapalli have launched a vigorous operation against cannabis trafficking, leading to the seizure of a significant quantity of ganja. Acting on a tip-off, police conducted raids and confiscated 448 kg of ganja and 2 kg of liquid ganja in the V. Madugula and Kottakota police station areas. Six individuals were arrested for their involvement in transporting the drugs in two separate incidents. Authorities also seized a lorry, a Bolero vehicle, a car, a two-wheeler, and five cell phones from the accused. The estimated value of the seized drugs is around ₹21 lakhs.

The police operation was initiated after intelligence indicated that cannabis was being supplied from Alluri Sitaramaraju district to Kerala via Tuni. Two dedicated teams were dispatched, resulting in the arrests near V. Madugula and Kottakota. Among the arrested individuals, five are from Kerala, while one hails from Chinthapalli. District SP Tuheen Sinha stated that cases have been filed against the suspects under various sections of the law, and efforts will continue to apprehend any additional individuals connected to the operation.

In addition to the leopard sighting, reports indicate that large tigers have been roaming in the Nagarjuna Sagar and Srisailam Tiger Reserve Forest. A separate incident involving a big tiger was recorded by wildlife officials during a patrol, with the video also gaining traction online.

Late last night, another leopard was spotted crossing the Srisailam-Hyderabad national highway at Vatavarlapalli in Nagar Kurnool district, which startled passing motorists who quickly captured photographs of the animal.

Forest officials are urging drivers in the Srisailam forest area to exercise extreme caution, particularly at night. They advise motorists to drive slowly and refrain from parking their vehicles within forest boundaries. With the month of Kartik approaching, which typically sees an influx of devotees to Srisailam, authorities stress the importance of awareness among residents and visitors to ensure safety in the region. Chandrababu Naidu's government, recently in power, has committed to cracking down on drug transportation, particularly cannabis. The previous regime under the YCP has been criticized for making Andhra Pradesh a hub for ganja, with reports indicating that any cannabis seized across the country has its roots in AP. Opposition leaders have condemned the YCP administration for allowing the growth and distribution of cannabis, claiming it has led to widespread addiction among the youth.

In response to these concerns, TDP leader Chandrababu Naidu pledged during his election campaign to eradicate drugs from the state. Upon assuming office as Chief Minister, he directed officials to take decisive action against cannabis cultivation and distribution.

Bomb Threats Prompt Security Checks at Visakhapatnam Airport

TPN, Visakhapatnam: Visakhapatnam Airport recently experienced bomb threats concerning IndiGo flights from Chennai and Bangalore. Following the alerts, heightened security measures were enacted at Visakhapatnam Airport, leading to thorough checks of the aircraft involved. Fortunately, no explosives were discovered, providing a sense of relief to both passengers and airport personnel.

The bomb threat was reported to the station manager of IndiGo Airlines via a tweet at 5:38 PM. In response, the station manager quickly alerted airport authorities. The tweet was traced back to an account named Adam Lamja 202. Despite the scare, both flights



received security clearance, allowing passengers to board after a delay of approximately three hours.

This incident is part of a worrying trend, with multiple airlines across India facing similar bomb threats recently. Just a day prior, a bomb threat was issued for a Hy-

derabad-Visakhapatnam-Mumbai flight shortly after takeoff, prompting the aircraft to return to Hyderabad for security checks. After confirming that there was no bomb on board, the flight was delayed by around three and a half hours.

The wave of bomb threats has caused significant anxiety among passengers and heightened the sense of unease at airports nationwide. Union Civil Aviation Minister K. Rammohan Naidu has expressed strong concern regarding these threats, emphasizing the need for stringent security measures to ensure passenger safety.



State-Level Kabaddi Competition Concludes in Rayachoti

TPN, Rayachoti: The under-17 state-level kabaddi competition, held from October 27 to 29 at Rayachoti in Annamaiya district, concluded successfully under the auspices of the school education department. The event attracted considerable attention, showcasing the talents of young athletes across the state.

TDP youth leader Dr. Mandipalli Lakshmiprasad Reddy attended the awarding ceremony, expressing pride in hosting the competition with the support of his brother, Sports Minister Mandipalli Ramprasad Reddy. He emphasized the importance of sports in building character and encouraged players to take their victories with humility.

A total of 26 teams from various districts competed in the tournament, with both boys and girls teams showcasing their skills. The top performers were awarded prizes, with Kadapa District taking first place in the boys' category and Chittoor District winning first place in the girls' category. The boys' and girls' first-place winners received ₹25,000 each, while the second and third places received ₹15,000 and ₹10,000, respectively.

DEO Subramaniam highlighted the significance of sports in the lives of students, stating that participation in sports fosters mental well-being and physical resilience. The competition aimed to encourage students to balance academics with athletics.

OPINION



Landmark Restitution: India Receives **248 Stolen Antiquities from the US**

In a historic move during Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent visit to the United States, the US government returned 248 stolen antiquities to India, marking the largest single restitution of cultural heritage to the country. This significant gesture emphasizes the importance of international law in protecting cultural property and underscores India's ongoing efforts to reclaim its rich heritage, which has been threatened by theft and smuggling over the years.

The issue of cultural restitution has gained prominence in international law as many nations strive to recover artifacts lost during periods of conflict, colonial rule, or illicit activities. India's cultural heritage has been particularly vulnerable, with numerous valuable items illegally removed from its borders. In 2016, a previous pledge by American authorities to return 157 stolen Indian artifacts set the stage for this latest development, which represents a significant milestone in the realm of cultural restitution.

As India continues to seek the return of approximately 700 additional items from countries like Singapore, the US, the UK, and various European nations, the importance of international legal mechanisms becomes evident. The country's determination to reclaim its cultural assets highlights the role that frameworks like the UNESCO conventions play in facilitating such restitutions.

International law has long recognized the protection of cultural heritage, with various treaties aimed at safeguarding these invaluable assets. The 1954 Hague Convention for the Protection of Cultural Property in the Event of Armed Conflict was a groundbreaking agreement that emerged in response to the widespread looting during World War II. It prohibits the export of movable cultural property from occupied territories and mandates their return The recent return of 248 artifacts from the US



post-conflict, reflecting a commitment to preserving cultural identity.

However, challenges remain in enforcing these protections. The Hague Convention, while foundational, lacks strong enforcement mechanisms, leading to issues with compliance. Other important treaties, such as the 1970 UN-ESCO Convention and the 1995 UNIDROIT Convention, provide further legal frameworks to combat the illicit trade of cultural property. These agreements facilitate restitution claims and restrict member states from importing stolen goods, contributing to global efforts to combat trafficking.

not only signifies a landmark achievement for India but also highlights the increasing recognition of cultural heritage as integral to national identity. Cultural property embodies a nation's history, art, and societal values, making its protection a matter of paramount importance.

Looking ahead, India's proactive stance on cultural restitution, supported by international cooperation and legal frameworks, demonstrates a commitment to preserving its historical legacy. Although challenges in enforcement and compliance persist, this recent progress reflects a growing global awareness of the importance of cultural heritage, setting a precedent for future restitution efforts worldwide.

India's Digital Future: Moving beyond DPI to lasting infrastructure

India has emerged as a leader in the Digital Public Infrastructure (DPI) movement, showcasing its innovations and advancements during its recent G20 presidency. With a focus on leveraging technology for public good, India has highlighted its successful initiatives, particularly the Unified Payments Interface (UPI), as prime examples of the transformative potential of digital solutions.



The potential of digital infrastructure to drive inclusive development is a central theme in India's narrative. By prioritizing accessibility and user-friendliness, India seeks to ensure that marginalized communities benefit from technological advancements. The government's commitment to bridging the digital divide is evident in its policies promoting internet access and digital literacy, particularly among women and rural populations.



Rethinking **Sanctions: An Ineffective Tool Against Autocratic** Resilience

The irony surrounding the recent BRICS summit in Russia, a country synonymous with sanctions, highlights a growing contradiction in global economic dynamics. The summit saw discussions on a new trans-border payment system and currency an initiative directly challenging the US-led SWIFT system and the dominance of the US dollar. Despite facing over 19,000 sanctions from the West since its invasion of Ukraine in 2022, Russia is far from isolated. Instead, it has showcased unexpected economic resilience, with growth projections surpassing those of some sanctioning nations.

Sanctions, which aimed to cripple Russia's economy and force a change in political leadership, have instead galvanized support for Vladimir Putin. Early forecasts predicted economic collapse and civil unrest, yet Russia's economy grew by 3.6% in 2023, with further growth anticipated in 2024. Contributing factors include economic diversification, enhanced trade relations with nations like India and China, and effective currency controls.

Iran illustrates a similar narrative. Long under heavy sanctions since the 1979 Islamic Revolution, the Iranian regime has turned these external pressures into a rallying cry for national unity. Instead of destabilizing the government, sanctions have entrenched anti-West sentiments, reinforcing the regime's legitimacy by portraying resistance as a national triumph.

The impact of sanctions extends beyond Russia and Iran; countries like India are caught in the crossfire. With significant defense ties to Russia, Indian firms face risks associated with US sanctions, jeopardizing essential partnerships and economic interests. Historically, India has also been subjected to US sanctions, highlighting a complex relationship that continues to evolve.

The UPI, launched in 2016, has revolution-India, enabling seamless and instant money transfers between bank accounts using smartphones. This platform has facilitated financial inclusion, making banking services accessible to millions, especially in rural areas where traditional banking infrastructure may be lacking. By reducing transaction costs and improving efficiency, UPI has become a cornerstone of India's digital economy.

India's emphasis on DPI aligns with global trends advocating for digital solutions to address societal challenges. During the G20 meetings, Indian officials shared insights on how their digital initiatives can be scaled and adapted to other nations, fostering col-

ized the way transactions are conducted in laboration and knowledge exchange. The Indian government has actively encouraged countries to adopt similar frameworks, emphasizing that DPI can play a crucial role in enhancing economic growth and improving governance.

> Moreover, India's approach to DPI is not limited to financial transactions. The country has developed a comprehensive ecosystem that includes digital identity systems, health information exchanges, and educational platforms. These initiatives aim to create an integrated infrastructure that supports various sectors, from healthcare to education, ultimately contributing to a more efficient and accountable public service.

As countries around the world grapple with the challenges of digital transformation, India's experiences offer valuable lessons in building resilient and inclusive digital ecosystems. The G20 platform has provided an opportunity for India to advocate for a collaborative approach to DPI, encouraging nations to share best practices and innovate collectively. In conclusion, India's leadership in the Digital Public Infrastructure movement during its G20 presidency not only showcases its achievements but also positions the country as a model for others seeking to harness technology for public benefit. As the global landscape continues to evolve, India's commitment to digital innovation will likely play a pivotal role in shaping the future of public services worldwide.

Moreover, the selective application of sanctions raises questions about Western bias. While countries like Russia and Iran face harsh penalties, the US hesitates to impose similar measures on allies like Israel, even amid allegations of human rights violations. This inconsistency erodes credibility and fuels accusations of double standards.

In this context, the effectiveness of sanctions as a foreign policy tool is increasingly under scrutiny. Rather than weakening autocratic regimes, they often bolster domestic nationalism, allowing leaders like Putin and the Iranian leadership to consolidate power. As sanctions appear to backfire, it's crucial to ask: are they achieving their intended goals, or are they merely reinforcing the resolve of those they aim to weaken? A reevaluation of sanctions as a strategy may be in order.

Uncovering the Indigenous Bharatiya Model of Economic Growth

Economic history is a field of considerable interest globally; however, research focusing specifically on the Bharatiya context remains surprisingly scarce. As Bharat aspires to emerge as a superpower and a developed nation, a pivotal question arises: what is the indigenous Bharatiya model of economic growth that the country seeks to project on the global stage? This question invites a multitude of perspectives, yet one common thread among dominant nations historically has been a return to their own pasts for inspiration. From the American version of capitalism rooted in the Protestant ethic to the distinct economic models of China and Japan, countries have often looked inward to shape their futures.

In Bharat's case, there is a pressing need to explore this indigenous model, particularly given the significant role that

culture plays in economic decisions and policymaking. Most economic choices, especially those involving non-discretionary spending, are intricately tied to cultural influences—the "way of life" that has evolved over millennia in this land. Understanding this "way of life" is essential, as it offers insights into the historical factors that shape economic behavior. However, while these connections are often apparent to the layperson, academic research has not adequately addressed them, despite their critical importance to individual and state-level economic decision-making.

International scholars have extensively explored the intersection of culture and economics, highlighting its impact on various outcomes. For instance, Nobel Laureate Gary Becker's research focused on discrimination within communities, while George Akerlof's work on "identity economics" emphasizes how social identities influence economic policy. Numerous studies in macroeconomics and behavioral economics also examine culture's role in shaping economic behaviors. Yet, there is a conspicuous lack of research centered on India, a country characterized by its extraordinary diversity and complex cultural identities that are integral to its socio-economic fabric.

Given the centrality of culture to economic functioning in Bharat, it is vital for researchers to delve deeper into these themes. An indigenous model of economic growth should not only incorporate traditional practices and values but also reflect the unique challenges and opportunities faced by the country today. By exploring historical context, Bharat can carve out a distinctive economic identity that resonates globally while being firmly rooted in its cultural heritage.









Mayawati accuses BJP and Congress of undermining Dalit reservation

A four-time former chief minister of Uttar Pradesh has raised alarms on social media regarding the recently implemented "new system" of sub-reservation for Dalits, enacted by the BJP government in Haryana and the Congress administrations in Telangana and Karnataka. The political leader's comments reflect a growing apprehension among various communities regarding how these changes may impact Dalit rights and representation.

The introduction of sub-reservation aims to allocate specific quotas within existing reservation systems, targeting certain sub-categories of Dalits for educational and employment opportunities. However, critics argue that this approach could dilute the existing benefits and complicate the already complex reservation landscape. The former chief minister expressed concerns that such measures might inadvertently marginalize the very communities they aim to assist.

In his statement, he emphasized the historical context of Dalit struggles and the need for consistent support rather than fragmented policies. He pointed out that reservations have been crucial in empowering marginalized communities, providing them with access to education, jobs, and political representation. The leader warned that any move perceived as diminishing these benefits could lead to greater social unrest and disillusionment among Dalits.

Furthermore, the chief minister called for a more inclusive dialogue among political leaders, activists, and community representatives to address the specific needs of Dalits effectively. He urged both the BJP and Congress to consider the voices of those directly affected by these policies, advocating for a more transparent and equitable approach to reservation that prioritizes the welfare of marginalized groups.

Thousands of lamps will be lit in Ayodhya Ram Temple this Diwali: PM Modi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi declared that this Diwali will be historic, as thousands of lamps will be lit at the temple marking the birthplace of Ram Lalla in Ayodhya, ending a 500-year wait for many devotees. Speaking on Tuesday, Modi emphasized that this Diwali will symbolize the return of Ram to his home, noting that the wait has spanned centuries rather than the 14 years typically associated with the Ramayana.

The Prime Minister's remarks came during the launch of significant development projects totaling nearly Rs 12,850 crore. He also announced the extension of the government's flagship health insurance scheme, Ayushman Bharat, to cover all senior citizens aged 70 and above, reinforcing his administration's commitment to public welfare.

Earlier this year, in January, an idol of Ram Lalla was consecrated at the Ayodhya temple in a momentous ceremony led by Modi. This event was more than just the inauguration of a temple; it was framed as a call to build a "strong, capable, and divine" India for the next millennium. The consecration ceremony attracted millions of viewers, with people gathering in their homes and local temples to witness this historic occasion.

Modi's comments reflect a deep connection to cultural heritage and the significance of the Ramayana in Indian society. He expressed that the light-



ing of lamps in Ayodhya this Diwali would mark a collective celebration of faith and unity among the people.

As the nation prepares for this monumental celebration, the Prime Minister's vision extends beyond the temple itself, emphasizing the importance of national pride and the aspirations of the Indian people for a prosperous future. This Diwali is set to be not just a festival of lights, but a celebration of cultural resurgence and spiritual fulfillment for countless devotees.

PM Modi Slams Delhi, Bengal For Delays In Ayushman Bharat

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today targeted the Trinamool Congress (TMC) and Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) for their failure to implement the Ayushman Bharat health scheme in West Bengal and Delhi. He described the political motivation behind neglecting the health needs of vulnerable populations as "inhuman."

During the launch of the Pradhan Mantri Jan Arogya Yojana (PM-JAY) for senior citizens, Modi announced that individuals over the age of 70 would receive health coverage of up to ₹5 lakh annually. For those already enrolled in the Ayushman Bharat scheme, an additional top-up of ₹5 lakh will be provided. This initiative aims to benefit approximately 6 crore senior citizens across the country.



Received highlevel assurances on statehood restoration to J&K: Omar Abdullah



The ongoing discussions surrounding the restoration of statehood to Jammu and Kashmir have gained momentum following a series of successful meetings in New Delhi. Officials have reported receiving assurances from the highest levels of government regarding the commitments made to the region, particularly focusing on the aspirations of its people.

The Jammu and Kashmir Union Territory (UT) has been a focal point of political discourse since its reorganization in 2019, which stripped it of its special status and bifurcated it into two separate UTs. This significant change has sparked debates about governance, representation, and the rights of local populations. Advocates for restoring statehood argue that it is essential for enhancing democratic processes and ensuring that the voices of the people of Jammu and Kashmir are adequately represented.

In the recent meetings, leaders emphasized the importance of fulfilling promises made during the reorganization, including a commitment to reinstating the region's statehood. The discussions have highlighted the need for tangible steps to address local concerns, ranging from political representation to economic development. Officials expressed optimism that the government would take the necessary actions to restore statehood, reflecting a broader commitment to regional stability and integration.

The push for statehood is also tied to ongoing efforts to foster a sense of normalcy and peace in the region. Proponents argue that statehood would empower local governance and enable communities to address their unique challenges more effectively. It would also enhance the region's autonomy, allowing for more tailored policies that reflect the needs and aspirations of its diverse population.

As these discussions unfold, the topic of sub-reservation remains contentious, drawing attention from various political factions and social organizations. The former chief minister's concerns highlight the ongoing struggle for Dalit rights and representation in a rapidly changing political environment. The implications of these new policies will likely resonate beyond Haryana, Telangana, and Karnataka, as they could set precedents for how reservations are managed in other states. Modi recalled a time when families had to sell their homes, land, and jewelry to afford medical treatment, expressing empathy for the plight of the poor. "The helplessness of not being able to get treatment due to lack of money would shatter the poor. I could not bear to see my brothers and sisters in such distress. That is why the Ayushman Bharat scheme was born," he stated, noting that around 4 crore people have benefited from it.

He expressed regret to the elderly citizens of Delhi and West Bengal for being unable to assist them due to the non-participation of their local governments in the scheme. "The tendency to oppress the sick people of your state for political interests does

not stand the test of humanity," Modi asserted, emphasizing that political barriers are preventing him from providing necessary aid.

Under the Ayushman Bharat scheme, health insurance premiums are shared between the central and state governments in a 60-40 ratio. Both West Bengal and Delhi have their own health insurance initiatives, which they claim are superior to the central plan.

In his address, Modi also highlighted five key components of a national health policy: preventive healthcare, timely intervention, affordable treatment and medicines, robust healthcare facilities in smaller cities, and the integration of advanced technology. He emphasized that India is adopting a holistic approach to healthcare. The Prime Minister's launch included a series of health projects valued at ₹12,850 crore, marking a significant investment in the country's healthcare infrastructure. As these discussions progress, the central government is under increasing pressure to respond to the demands of the people of Jammu and Kashmir. The restoration of statehood is viewed not only as a political necessity but also as a step toward healing and reconciliation in a region that has experienced decades of conflict.

The dialogue between regional leaders and the central government continues to be a crucial element in determining the future of Jammu and Kashmir. As assurances from Delhi are reaffirmed, many remain hopeful that the commitment to restore statehood will soon translate into concrete action, paving the way for a more inclusive and participatory governance structure.

ECI Dismisses Congress Allegations of Irregularities in Haryana Elections

The Election Commission of India (ECI) has firmly rejected the Congress party's claims of irregularities in the recent Haryana Assembly elections, labeling them as "baseless." In a detailed response, the ECI cautioned Congress against raising unfounded doubts following disappointing election outcomes.

After the October 8 elections, Congress expressed concerns over discrepancies related to the battery levels displayed on Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) in 26 constituencies. They questioned why some machines showed a 99% battery status while others indicated levels between 60% and 70%. The ECI responded that these allegations were unfounded and devoid of factual basis, emphasizing that such claims undermine the integrity of the electoral process.

In a comprehensive 1,642-page reply to Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge, the ECI



outlined that Returning Officers from the implicated constituencies conducted thorough re-verifications, confirming that the electoral process was conducted transparently and effectively, with participation from Congress representatives at every stage.

The ECI criticized Congress for perpetuating what it termed "generic" suspicions, warning that such behavior is disappointing for a party of its historic stature. It reiterated that the battery status of EVMs has no bearing on vote counts and dismissed the insinuations regarding their impact on election results as "preposterous."

Sardar Patel's legacy undermined, deprived of Bharat Ratna: Amit Shah

Union Home Minister Amit Shah emphasized the importance of Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's legacy during a 'Run for Unity' event in New Delhi, held ahead of Patel's birth anniversary on October 31. Shah highlighted Patel's pivotal role as India's first home minister, noting his efforts in unifying over 550 princely states into the Indian Union, including significant regions like Lakshadweep, Junagarh, and Hyderabad.

In his address at the Major Dhyan Chand National Stadium, Shah remarked on the attempts to diminish Patel's contributions to the nation, pointing out that he was long deprived of the Bharat Ratna, India's highest civilian award. It wasn't until 1991, 41 years after his passing in 1950, that Patel was posthumously awarded this honor. Shah praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi for commissioning the tallest statue of Patel in Kevadia, which he viewed as a fitting tribute to the leader's legacy.



Shah also conveyed a vision for India, stating that the nation is committed to realizing Prime Minister Modi's dream of becoming a fully developed country by 2047. He asserted that India would emerge as a leading global power across various parameters by that time.

While the 'Run for Unity' is typically held on Patel's birth anniversary, this year it was scheduled earlier due to the Diwali festivities.





Xi Jinping Pressed Joe Biden To **Change Language On Taiwan**

In a meeting last November, Chinese President Xi Jinping pressed President Joe Biden to modify U.S. language regarding Taiwan in official statements, a request that the U.S. has since declined. The White House reiterated its stance, emphasizing that the Biden-Harris administration remains committed to the long-standing One China policy and does not support Taiwan independence.

China's foreign ministry responded by stating that the U.S. should clarify its position on the Taiwan issue. Taiwan's own foreign ministry chose not to comment on the matter. The historical context is significant; the Republic of China government retreated to Taiwan in 1949 following its defeat by Mao Zedong's commua sovereign state despite Beijing's claims.

aspect of U.S.-China relations. Over the years, Chinese diplomats have urged the U.S. to modify its references to Taiwan's status, but the Biden administration views any proposed changes as non-negotiable. This latest direct request from Xi marks a renewed emphasis at the highest levels of leadership, particularly as China



Taiwan.

The Taiwan issue is a highly sensitive The Biden administration's consistent messaging includes statements suggesting that the U.S. would defend Taiwan if attacked, which diverges from the previous policy of "strategic ambiguity." Officials believe that any shift in U.S. language could be interpreted as a decrease in support for Taiwan, particularly during a time of heightened military pressure

nists, and it continues to consider itself has increased military activities around from China, which has conducted numerous military drills near the island.

> Taiwan remains committed to maintaining the status quo, as indicated by public opinion polls. Looking ahead, Biden is expected to discuss the Taiwan issue with Xi again before his term ends, potentially during upcoming international summits. The outcome of the U.S. elections on November 5 will also significantly impact the future of U.S.-Taiwan relations.



Brazil Declines Belt and Road Initiative, **Pursues Alternative Collaborations with**

North Korea military officials, troops in Russia might go to frontline



On Tuesday, lawmakers were briefed broader implications for regional and by the country's intelligence agency re- global security. garding escalating military activities linked to North Korea. While they refrained from providing a specific timeline for potential developments, their remarks underscore growing apprehensions in the international community.



Hezbollah Names Naim Qassem As Hassan Nasrallah's Successor

In a significant leadership transition, Hezbollah has announced the election of Naim Qassem as the successor to Hassan Nasrallah, who was killed in an Israeli airstrike on September 27 in Beirut's southern suburbs. The announcement was made by the group on Tuesday, confirming that its Shura Council had chosen Qassem, aged 71, following its established procedures for selecting a new secretary general.

Naim Qassem has been a prominent figure within Hezbollah since his appointment as deputy chief in 1991, under then-leader Abbas al-Musawi. Following Musawi's death in an Israeli helicopter attack the following year, Qassem continued to serve alongside Nasrallah, who ascended to leadership. Over the years, Qassem has emerged as one of Hezbollah's most influential spokesmen, frequently engaging with foreign media, particularly during escalating tensions with Israel over the past year.

Nasrallah's death on September 27 marked a pivotal moment for Hezbollah, compounded by the subsequent loss of senior figure Hashem Safieddine, who was also targeted and killed in Israeli strikes just a week later. This series of events has left the group facing significant challenges as it navigates a turbulent regional landscape.

Since his appointment, Qassem has addressed the public multiple times, including three televised speeches. In a notable address on October 8, he emphasized Hezbollah's support for efforts to establish a ceasefire in Lebanon, signaling a potential shift in the group's approach amid ongoing hostilities. Qassem's leadership will be closely scrutinized as Hezbollah seeks to maintain its influence and respond to the evolving geopolitical situation in the region.

The transition to Qassem's leadership marks a new chapter for Hezbollah, with expectations surrounding how he will manage the organization during these critical times. As he takes the helm, the international community and regional actors will be watching closely to assess the implications of this leadership change.



China

Brazil, under the leadership of President Lula da Silva, has announced its decision not to join China's Belt and Road Initiative (BRI). Celso Amorim, the special presidential adviser for international affairs, confirmed this stance on Monday, emphasizing the country's intention to explore different avenues for collaboration with Chinese investors.

Amorim outlined Brazil's strategy to engage with China on mutual interests without formally aligning with the BRI, which has been a hallmark of China's global infrastructure development program. The BRI, launched in 2013, aims to enhance trade and investment across Asia, Europe, and beyond, but has faced criticism for leading to debt dependency among participating countries. Brazil's decision signals a cautious approach as it seeks to maintain sovereignty over its economic policies while still capitalizing on potential Chinese investment.

Instead of joining the BRI, Brazil plans to identify specific projects that align with its national interests, focusing on sustainable development and economic growth. Amorim noted that the Brazilian government recognizes the importance of Chinese investment in various sectors, including renewable energy, agriculture, and technology, and aims to facilitate partnerships that are beneficial for both parties.

This approach reflects a broader trend among countries that are reevaluating their relationships with China. Many nations are seeking to engage with Chinese investors while avoiding the pitfalls associated with large-scale initiatives like the BRI. By prioritizing targeted collaborations, Brazil hopes to foster a more balanced and equitable relationship with China, allowing for greater flexibility in negotiating terms that serve its own economic objectives.

The briefing comes in the wake of NA-TO's confirmation that North Korea has dispatched troops to Russia, raising alarms about the implications of this military collaboration. As geopolitical tensions continue to rise, the involvement of North Korean forces in Russia's military operations has drawn significant attention from global leaders and defense analysts alike.

During the meeting, lawmakers expressed their concerns about the ramifications of this alliance, particularly in light of ongoing conflicts and instability in Eastern Europe. They highlighted the necessity of closely monitoring North Korea's actions, as well as the

The intelligence agency's assessment revealed that military units from North Korea have been actively participating in training exercises alongside Russian forces. This partnership is viewed with skepticism, given North Korea's historical isolation and the unpredictable nature of its leadership. Analysts worry that such collaboration could embolden both nations to pursue more aggressive strategies in their respective regions.

As lawmakers deliberate on the best course of action, there is a growing consensus that diplomatic measures must be strengthened to address the situation. Many are advocating for enhanced sanctions and increased military readiness in the face of this new development. However, the challenge remains in balancing deterrence with the need for dialogue, particularly as tensions with both North Korea and Russia continue to simmer.

Tensions Escalate at UN Security Council Amidst Hostility

In a heated emergency meeting of the United Nations Security Council on Monday, representatives exchanged sharp threats and denunciations, reflecting the escalating tensions among member states. Despite the efforts of some diplomats to promote dialogue and ease hostilities, the atmosphere remained charged as key nations took to the floor to voice their grievances.

Iran's ambassador, Amir Saeid Iravani, delivered a pointed address, criticizing the actions of certain countries and reiterating Tehran's stance on regional security matters. His remarks were met with swift rebuttals from other delegates, underscoring the divisions that have become increasingly evident in international relations. The meeting served as a plat-



form for airing long-standing disputes and reflecting the growing polarization within the council. As discussions unfolded, various ambassadors highlighted the urgent need for a de-escalation of tensions, particularly in light of recent conflicts that have strained diplomatic ties. However, the call for a unified approach was often drowned out by the escalating rhetoric, with each side reinforcing its position and expressing distrust towards the other.

Petition to Ban Sheikh Hasina's Awami League Withdrawn Amid Political Turmoil

In a significant political development, the recent withdrawal of support from the Awami League, led by ousted Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina, marks a pivotal moment in Bangladesh's political landscape. The shift comes in the wake of mounting pressure from the anti-discrimination students' movement, which played a crucial role in ending Hasina's 15-year tenure on August 5.

This movement, characterized by its passionate advocacy for equal rights and social justice, gained momentum over the past year. It rallied students and activists from various backgrounds, united by a common goal of addressing systemic inequalities and demanding accountability from the government. As public discontent grew, the movement became a formidable force, culminating in widespread protests and demonstrations that ultimately led to the political upheaval.

On Monday, leaders of the anti-discrimination movement expressed their determination to continue their fight for justice, emphasizing that their efforts are far from over. They have made it clear that their withdrawal of support for the Awami League is not just a reaction to recent events but a commitment to ongoing reform and advocacy for marginalized groups. The movement has garnered support from multiple sectors of society, including labor organizations, human rights groups, and even some factions within the political landscape.

As the political climate evolves, the role of the anti-discrimination movement will be critical in shaping the future of governance in Bangladesh. Its leaders are now focusing on developing a cohesive strategy to engage with the new political entities emerging in the wake of Hasina's ousting. They aim to ensure that the issues of inequality and discrimination remain at the forefront of political discourse. This withdrawal of support signals a broader desire for change among the populace, who are eager to see leaders who prioritize justice and equality. The future of Bangladesh's political scene hangs in the balance, and the anti-discrimination movement is poised to play a key role in steering the nation toward a more equitable society. As the dust settles, the movement's next steps will be closely watched by citizens and political analysts alike.





Stock Markets Rebound Strongly as Investors Snap Up Value Buys; PSU Banks and Financials Lead Rally

 $T_{\text{ed. Stock}}^{\text{he five-session losing streak end-}}$ huge gains on Monday. Despite mixed signals from the global markets, they have been bullish since morning. Investors bought valuable shares available at attractive prices. With the release of better results, there was a buying frenzy in the shares of public sector banks and finance companies.

But don't think that the turn around has started from today. Nifty and Sensex will gain more strength only if they sustain at the current levels.

Stock Market Analys +91 988 555 9709 The BSE Senex, which closed at 74,402 in the

previous session, opened at 79,653 today. It touched an intraday low of 79,418. It then rebounded and hit a high of 80,539. Finally, profit-taking took place, jumping 602 points to close at 80,005. The NSE Nifty opened at 24,251 and touched a low of 24,134 **1. HDFC Life Insurance Company Ltd** and a high of 24,496. Finally settled at 24,339, up 158 points. Nifty Bank gained 471 points to close at 51,259.

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

Adani Power's Q2 profit fell 50% to Rs 2. Federal Bank Ltd (FEDERALBNK.NS) 3,298 crore. Revenue is Rs 13,339 crore with a growth rate of 3%. The rupee closed flat at 84.07 against the dollar. Sudarshan Chemical's net profit stood at Rs 29.9 crore with a growth rate of 67%. The net profit of Indian Oil Corporation was Rs.180 crores and the revenue was Rs.1.74 lakh crores. LIC Housing Finance's net profit increased from Rs.1188 crore to Rs.1329 crore. Kotak Equities has given InterGlobe Aviation a Buy rating with a



target of Rs.5200. Motilal Oswal gave **3. Eicher Motors Ltd (EICHERMOT.** ICICI Bank a buy rating with a target price of Rs.1500. Sun Pharma's net profit grew by 27.5% to Rs.3040 crore. HSBC has given Ola Electric a Buy rating with a target price of Rs.110. Paras Defense's profit jumped 49% to Rs 14 crore. RVNL received an order worth Rs 187 crore from East Coast Railways. Punjab National Bank's profit jumped from Rs.1756 crores to Rs.4303 crores.

(HDFCLIFE.NS)

HDFC Life is a leading private sector life insurance company in India, offering a range of individual and group insurance solutions.The company has shown a consistent increase in net profit over the past three years.A healthy ROE of 11.52%, indicating efficient utilization of shareholders' funds.The company maintains a low expense ratio, reflecting efficient operations. A diverse product portfolio catering to various customer needs, including unit-linked insurance plans (ULIPs) and traditional policies.

Federal Bank is a prominent private sector bank in India, offering a wide range of banking and financial services. A robust ROE of 26.38%, reflecting effective use of equity capital. With a strong presence in South India and expanding nationwide, Federal Bank is poised for growth. The bank has been focusing on digital transformation to enhance customer experience and operational efficiency.

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Eicher Motors is the parent company of Royal Enfield, renowned for its premium motorcycles, and also manufactures commercial vehicles. The company has been reporting increasing net profits, driven by higher sales of premium motorcycles. Effective utilization of assets, contributing to strong financial performance. Launch of new models and entry into different engine segments to cater to a broader customer base.

4. Hindustan Zinc Ltd (HINDZINC. NS)

Hindustan Zinc is a leading producer of zinc, lead, and silver in India, operating as a subsidiary of Vedanta Limited. Exhibits a strong ROE, indicative of effective capital utilization. Reflects a stable financial position with a score indicative of strong fundamentals. Strategic expansion initiatives to increase production capacity and explore new markets.

5. Deepak Fertilisers and Petrochemicals Corporation Ltd (DEEPA-**KFERT.NS**)

Deepak Fertilisers is a leading manufacturer of fertilizers and petrochemical products in India. The company has shown growth in net profit over recent years, driven by increased production and favorable market dynamics. A commendable ROE, reflecting efficient use of shareholders' funds. Maintains efficient operations with a focus on cost management.

Adani Enterprises Reports Record 664% Increase in Q2 Net Profit

dani Enterprises has re-Aported a staggering 664 percent year-on-year increase in its consolidated net profit for the September quarter, reaching ₹1,742 crore, compared to ₹228 crore in the same quarter last year. This remarkable growth underscores the company's strategic focus and robust operational performance across its various sectors.



Gautam Adani, Chairman of the Adani Group, highlighted that the significant increase in profit is a result of the company's ongoing investments in logistics, energy transition, and related sectors that are pivotal to India's economic growth. He emphasized that this record-breaking half-year performance has been largely driven by the impressive contributions of Adani New Industries Ltd (ANIL) and Adani Airport Holdings Ltd (AAHL). Both entities have experienced rapid growth in capacity additions and asset utilization, reflecting the Group's commitment to expanding its operational footprint.

The results come at a time when Adani Enterprises is actively enhancing its portfolio in key industries that are vital for India's infrastructure and energy needs. By focusing on sectors that align with national growth objectives, the company aims to strengthen its position as a leading player in the market.

Analysts and investors will be closely watching Adani Enterprises' future developments, particularly as it continues to leverage its strengths in logistics and energy. The impressive profit margins achieved in the latest quarter indicate strong demand for its services and the effectiveness of its growth strategies.

As Adani Enterprises moves forward, the company remains committed to maintaining its growth trajectory while also addressing the challenges of sustainability and innovation in its operations. This latest financial performance not only highlights the Group's resilience but also its potential for future growth in a rapidly evolving economic landscape.

Overall, the strong financial results from Adani Enterprises signal a positive outlook for the company, and stakeholders are optimistic about its continued success in the coming quarters.

Signs of Softening Demand Raise Concerns Over Indian Economic Growth

 $\mathbf{R}^{ ext{ecent}}$ indicators suggest a potential softening in consumption demand within India, particularly in urban areas, raising concerns about the sustainability of the country's economic growth. Multiple high-frequency metrics and the earnings guidance from consumer goods companies have highlighted this trend, signaling a possible weaken-



have significant implications

Jio Financial Services Receives RBI Approval as Online Payment Aggregator

Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Group's Jio Financial Services has announced that it has received approval from the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) to operate as an online payment aggregator. This development marks a significant milestone for the company, allowing it to expand its financial services portfolio and enhance its offerings in the rapidly growing digital payment space.

The approval comes at a time when the demand for digital payment solutions is surging in India. As more consumers and businesses transition to online transactions, having a robust payment aggregation service becomes crucial. Jio Financial's entry into this sector is expected to contribute to the increasing competition Jio Financial Services is part of Reliance's its commitment to expanding its finanamong payment service providers and further drive innovation.

With the RBI's endorsement, Jio Finan-



cial Services will be able to facilitate various online payment services, enabling merchants and businesses to accept payments through multiple digital channels. This includes credit and debit cards, net banking, and digital wallets, among other payment modes. The company aims to leverage its existing digital ecosystem, which includes Jio's telecommunications In conclusion, the RBI's approval for Jio network, to provide seamless and efficient payment solutions.

broader strategy to diversify its operations and tap into the financial technology sector. The company's strong technological infrastructure and extensive the future of digital payments in India.

customer base position it well to capture a significant share of the online payment market.

Industry experts believe that Jio Financial's entry into the payment aggregation space could lead to more competitive pricing and enhanced features for consumers and merchants alike. As the Indian economy continues to digitize, the role of payment aggregators will become increasingly vital in facilitating secure and efficient transactions.

Financial Services to operate as an online payment aggregator signifies a new chapter for the company and reinforces cial services. As it prepares to launch its offerings, stakeholders will be watching closely to see how Jio Financial shapes ing of growth momentum.

While rural demand appears to be improving, challenges such as high food inflation and a slowdown in credit growth could hinder overall growth in the second quarter of 2024-25. Companies in the fast-moving consumer goods (FMCG) sector have already noted early signs of this shift. Executives from Tata Consumer Products Ltd expressed concerns regarding the "softness" in urban demand, while leaders at Nestle India identified mega cities and metropolitan areas as pressure points, attributing "muted demand" in part to the ongoing high food inflation.

The automotive sector is also voicing apprehensions about demand, which has so far remained resilient amid broader consumption challenges. Carmakers have cited factors such as heavy rainfall and an election-induced slowdown as contributing to the current demand worries. These developments could

India's economic narrative going forward.

The sequential decline in growth momentum is becoming increasingly evident. According to Nomura India, the outlook appears less optimistic, with its latest coincident activity index—a composite measure covering consumption, investment, and the external sector—indicating slower GDP growth for the second quarter of 2024-25 compared to the first quarter.

Overall, the combination of softening urban demand and persistent inflationary pressures presents a complex challenge for the Indian economy. Stakeholders will be closely monitoring these trends, as they could significantly influence policy decisions and economic strategies in the coming months. As the situation unfolds, the focus will be on how both rural and urban markets respond to these evolving economic conditions.

Tata Power Set to Report Q2FY25 Earnings with Positive Growth Projections

with analysts projecting a robust performance for the company. According to estimates, Tata Power is expected to report a revenue increase of 11 percent yearon-year (YoY), reaching approximately Rs 17,522 crore for the July-to-September quarter. This anticipated growth highlights the company's continued recovery and resilience in the competitive energy sector.

In addition to revenue growth, Tata Power is expected to maintain a solid EBIT-DA margin, estimated to be around 19.2 percent for the quarter. While this figure represents a slight decline from the 19.6

Tata Power is gearing up to announce percent margin reported in the same quarter of the previous fiscal year, it still reflects the company's ability to manage costs effectively while navigating challenges in the market. Analysts from four brokerage firms provided this average estimate, reinforcing confidence in Tata Power's operational efficiency.

> The net profit for Q2FY25 is anticipated to be around Rs 1,148 crore, indicating a notable 12.8 percent YoY increase. This growth in net profit underscores the company's strategic initiatives and focus on enhancing operational performance, which have positioned it well in a recovering economy.



panding its renewable energy portfolio, aligning with the global shift towards sustainable energy solutions. The company has invested significantly in solar and wind projects, aiming to enhance its capacity and reduce its carbon footprint. These initiatives not only contribute to the company's revenue growth but also

energy provider committed to environmental sustainability.

The increasing demand for electricity, driven by economic recovery and urbanization, has also played a crucial role in Tata Power's growth trajectory. With the government's focus on enhancing power generation and distribution infrastructure, Tata Power stands to benefit from favorable policies and investments aimed at improving energy accessibility across India.

As the company prepares to release its earnings, stakeholders will be keenly observing the results for insights into

bolster its reputation as a responsible Tata Power's future direction. The positive projections for revenue and profit growth suggest a strong performance that aligns with the broader trends in the energy sector.

> Overall, Tata Power's Q2FY25 earnings are poised to reflect not only its operational achievements but also its strategic positioning in an evolving energy landscape. Investors and market analysts will be closely watching the announcement for indications of how the company plans to leverage its strengths in the coming quarters, particularly in the context of its ambitious renewable energy goals and commitment to sustainable practices.







Apple's iPhone 16 Sales **Ban in Indonesia**

Apple's latest release, the iPhone 16, has been ing compliance with local regulations crucial for sus-tained business operations. ance with the country's local investment regulations. Indonesia's Ministry of Industry issued a statement indicating that the device cannot be marketed or sold until Apple fulfills the requirement of incorporating 40% domestic content in its smartphones and tablets.

The Indonesian government has stringent regulations aimed at boosting local manufacturing and content in tech products. These policies are designed to encourage foreign companies to invest in the local economy, create jobs, and enhance technological capabilities within the country. The failure of the iPhone 16 to meet these requirements has raised concerns about Apple's commitment to adhering to local laws and fostering regional economic growth.

This ban marks a significant setback for Apple in one of Southeast Asia's largest markets, where demand for premium smartphones continues to grow. Indonesia's population of over 270 million people represents a substantial opportunity for tech companies, mak-

Apple has not yet publicly responded to the ban or detailed plans for how it intends to address the domestic content requirements. The company has previously engaged in efforts to comply with various regulations in different countries, but this situation highlights the complexities of navigating international markets with distinct regulatory environments.

Industry experts believe that this ban could have ripple effects not only on Apple's sales in Indonesia but also on its brand perception across Southeast Asia. Consumers may turn to competing brands that have already met local requirements, which could impact Apple's market share in the region.

As the situation unfolds, all eyes will be on Apple to see how it plans to respond to this challenge. Meeting Indonesia's domestic content requirements will be crucial for the tech giant if it hopes to continue its presence in this rapidly growing market.

Netflix Introduces "Moments" Feature for **Sharing Iconic Scenes**

 $\mathbf{N}_{\text{feature}}^{\text{etflix}}$ is launching an exciting new in connecting audiences with compelling narratives. users to share their favorite scenes from movies and TV shows with friends and family. Currently available exclusively on the Netflix mobile app for iOS users, the feature is set to roll out for Android users in the coming weeks.

Netflix Moments enables users to bookmark and save memorable scenes from their favorite con-

tent directly within the app. This innovative feature caters to the growing trend of sharing clips from movies and shows on social media, positioning Netflix to enhance user engagement and bring more visibility to its diverse catalog. By facilitating the sharing of these iconic moments, Netflix aims to foster con-

versations around

In addition to enhancing the sharing experience, Netflix hinted that Moments is just the beginning. The streaming giant teased that "more features" will be add-

ed to this tool, making it even easier for users to share their favorite scenes and engage with others. This commitment to continuous improvement suggests that



its content and amplify viewer excitement.

Giancarlo Esposito, a prominent figure in Netflix's lineup, shared insights about the necessity of the Moments feature in a statement to *Variety*. He remarked, "I know firsthand there's something magical that happens when a powerful story finds its audience on Netflix. Suddenly everyone is captivated and can't stop talking about it, and that passion just keeps compounding." His words underscore the potential impact of Moments

Netflix is keen to adapt to viewer preferences and trends in content consumption.

As streaming services compete for audience attention, Netflix's Moments feature may prove to be a strategic move to enrich user interaction and drive conversations around its offerings. By allowing fans to share their most cherished scenes, Netflix not only strengthens its community but also elevates the viewing experience for all subscribers.

Annual Bat Beauty Contest In US Who needs Miss America when we

can celebrate the charm of bats with the fifth annual **Miss Mammal of the Night** pageant? Hosted by the Bureau of Land Management (BLM) in the United States, this unique contest provides a platform for some of the most misunderstood creatures to showcase their beauty and compete for the title of the "cutest, most beautiful bat." Coinciding with Bat Week and Halloween, the event



just about beauty; it's an educational initiative. By drawing attention to bats in a positive light, the BLM hopes to dispel myths and misconceptions surrounding these creatures. Many people associate bats with fear or negative connotations, but the pageant aims to highlight their ecological importance, such as pest control and pollination.

Meta Reportedly Developing an AI-Powered Search Engine competition.

Meta Platforms is mak-ing strides toward launching its own artificial intelligence-based search engine, as it seeks to lessen its reliance on Google and Microsoft's Bing. This news was reported on Monday by *The Information*, highlighting the growing competition in the AI search engine

Meta

Meanwhile, OpenAI, which relies on Microsoft for web access, uses Bing to address topical queries. The relationship between these tech giants illustrates the interconnected nature of AI and search technology, with each company striving to carve out a compet-

aims to shine a light on these often-overlooked mammals.

Bats face numerous challenges, including habitat loss, disease, and light pollution, all of which threaten their survival. Emma Busk, a wildlife technician with the BLM, sees the contest as a fun and engaging way to encourage people to rethink their perceptions of these fascinating animals. By celebrating their unique qualities, the pageant helps foster a greater appreciation for bats and the vital roles they play in our ecosystems.

The Miss Mammal of the Night pageant isn't tinued existence in our ecosystems.

As participants strut their stuff in this unconventional beauty contest,

viewers can expect to see a range of bat species, each bringing their unique flair to the runway. The event serves as a reminder that these mammals, despite their often scary reputation, are deserving of our admiration and protection.

In a world where bats face numerous threats, the Miss Mammal of the Night pageant is a refreshing reminder of the need for conservation efforts and the importance of viewing these creatures in a new light. As the contest unfolds, it encourages everyone to appreciate the beauty of bats and advocate for their conmarket, where major players like OpenAI, Google, and Microsoft are all vying for dominance.

According to sources involved in the project, Meta's new web crawler will provide users with conversational answers about current events through Meta AI, the company's chatbot accessible on platforms like WhatsApp, Instagram, and Facebook. This initiative represents a significant shift for Meta, which has traditionally relied on external search engines to deliver information on news, sports, and stock updates.

Meta's move comes at a time when the AI search engine sector is rapidly evolving, with Google aggressively integrating its latest AI model, Gemini, into its core products. This integration aims to create more conversational and intuitive search experiences for users, further intensifying the the future of AI-driven search technology.

itive edge.

However, the development of AI search engines raises important questions about copyright infringement and the fair compensation of content creators. As companies scrape web data to train their AI models, concerns have been voiced regarding the rights of original content producers and the ethics of using their work without adequate compensation.

As Meta progresses with its AI search engine, the company faces the challenge of navigating these complex issues while also ensuring that its product can compete effectively in an increasingly crowded market. With a focus on delivering unique and engaging user experiences, Meta aims to position itself as a formidable player in

Global Assessment Reveals One-Third of Tree Species Face Extinction

A new global assessment has revealed a staggering finding: ${f A}$ over ${f a}$ third of the world's tree species are now threatened with extinction in the wild. This alarming statistic surpasses the combined threat levels faced by birds, mammals, reptiles, and amphibians. The report, published by Botanic Gardens Conservation International (BGCI) and the International Union for Conservation of Nature (IUCN), was unveiled at the UN biodiversity summit, COP 16, in Cali, Colombia, where world leaders are reviewing progress on a global conservation pledge.

More than 1,000 scientists contributed to this comprehensive report, which found that **38% of tree species** are classified as endangered. Emily Beech from BGCI highlighted that the primary threats to tree species worldwide include land clearing for agriculture, logging, and the impacts of pests and diseases, particularly in temperate regions. Iconic species such as magnolias, oaks, maples, and ebonies are among those facing the most significant threats, underscoring a broader biodiversity crisis that is affecting entire ecosystems.



The implications of this crisis extend beyond trees themselves. The habitats that trees create are vital for countless species of birds, insects, and mammals. Conservation researcher Steven Bachman from the Royal Botanic Gardens, Kew, emphasized the interconnectedness of species, stating, "Losing trees means losing many other species that depend on them." To combat this crisis, efforts are underway to preserve tree species through seed collection and cultivation of specimens.

In addition to trees, the updated extinction red list highlights broader threats to wildlife. For instance, the European hedgehog is now closer to extinction due to habitat loss from agricultural expansion. Several migratory shorebirds, such as the grey plover and curlew sandpiper, that frequent the coasts of the UK also face increased risks.

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As the global community confronts these pressing challenges, the urgency for effective conservation strategies becomes increasingly critical. The protection of tree species is essential not only for their survival but for the health of the

Kane Williamson to Miss Third Test Against India, **Focuses for England Series**

Matthew Wade Bids Farewell to International Cricket

Matthew Wade, the accomplished Australian cricketer, has announced his retirement from international cricket, marking the end of a significant chapter in his career. The 36-year-old wicketkeeper-batsman was an integral part of the Australian team that clinched the T20 World Cup title in 2021. With a wealth of experience, Wade leaves behind an impressive record, having represented Australia in 36 Tests, 97 ODIs, and 92 T20Is.

Wade's journey in cricket has been nothing short of remarkable. Known for his dynamic batting and sharp wicketkeeping skills, he has been a reliable presence in the Australian squad for over a decade. His contributions were particularly vital in high-pressure situations, earning him respect from teammates and fans alike. His last international appearance came during the recent T20 World Cup, where he

showcased his skills on the global stage.

Following his retirement announcement, Wade expressed

excitement about transitioning into coaching, a role he has



contemplated for years. He aims to share his extensive knowledge and passion for the game with the next generation of cricketers. Wade's commitment to the sport will continue, as he plans to play domestic cricket for Tasmania and participate in the Big Bash League with Hobart.

Cricket Australia shared the news of Wade's retirement through a post on their X account, acknowledging his contributions to the game and wishing him well in his future endeavors. Wade's legacy as a cricketer will be remembered not just for his on-field performances but also for his leadership and mentorship potential off the field.

As he embarks on this new journey, fans and fellow players alike will be eager to see how Wade's influence shapes the future of Australian cricket. His passion for the sport and commitment to nurturing talent promises a bright future in coaching. Wade's

departure from international cricket is certainly a significant loss, but his ongoing involvement in domestic competitions ensures that his impact on the game will endure.

India's Deepti Sharma Becomes World No. 2 ODI Bowler

Tndia's off-spinner Deepti Sharma has been recognized for her outstanding performance, climbing two places to reach a career-high second position in the latest ICC women's ODI bowling rankings released on Tuesday. This significant achievement comes on the heels of her impressive displays during the recent ICC Women's T20 World Cup in the UAE, where she emerged as one of India's top performers.



secure victories. Her rise in the rankings is a testament to her hard work and dedication to the game, showcasing her as a vital asset to the Indian women's cricket team.

In addition to Deepti's progress, the latest rankings also feature notable movements among other players. New Zealand's Lea Tahuhu has climbed three spots to rank 12th, while Amelie Kerr has moved up one position to 13th. Sophie Devine has seen the most significant rise, jumping nine places to share the 30th position, reflecting the positive impact of their performances during the T20 World Cup.



Kane Williamson will not trav-Williamson additional time for re-covery would be beneficial, ensurin Mumbai, as confirmed by New Zealand Cricket on Tuesday. This decision comes as Williamson continues to recover from a groin injury sustained during a match against Sri Lanka last month. The star batsman has missed the Black Caps' remarkable victories in the first two Tests of the series against India.

In a statement, New Zealand Cricket emphasized a cautious approach regarding Williamson's recovery. He will remain in New Zealand to focus on his rehabilitation ahead of the three-Test series against England, which begins at Hagley Oval on November 28.

Head coach Gary Stead provided an update on Williamson's condition, noting that while the cricketer has made good progress, he is not yet fit enough to travel. "Kane continues to show good signs, but isn't quite ready to jump on a plane and join us," Stead explained. He further emphasized that allowing

ing he is in peak condition for the England series.

With the England series still a month away, Stead believes this cautious strategy will ensure that Williamson is ready for the first Test in Christchurch. The New Zealand team has experienced a significant boost in confidence after winning the first two matches against India, enhancing their prospects for qualification for the 2025 ICC World Test Championship Final.

Currently sitting in fourth place in the World Test Championship standings, New Zealand is optimistic about their chances of reaching the final, depending on their performance in the remaining fixtures against India and England. The third and final Test against India is scheduled to commence this Friday at the Wankhede Stadium, and while the absence of their captain is a blow, the team is determined to build on their recent successes.

In the ongoing white-ball series against New Zealand at home, Deepti has continued to excel. She has taken three wickets in two matches while maintaining an exceptional economy rate of 3.42. Her consistent performances have not only contributed to her team's success but also helped her ascend the rankings, closing the gap on England's Sophie Ecclestone, the current No.1 ranked ODI bowler.

Deepti's ascent in the rankings not only highlights her personal achievements but also underscores the growing strength of women's cricket in India and around the world. As the series against New Zealand continues,

The recognition of Deepti's skill comes at a crucial time, as ti's performances, hoping she can maintain her excellent her contributions are instrumental in the team's efforts to form and push for the top spot in the rankings.

fans and cricket enthusiasts will be keenly watching Deep-

Rohan Bopanna Qualifies for ATP Finals, Set to Make History

Tndian tennis star Rohan Bopanna has reached a sig-Inificant milestone by qualifying for the ATP Finals after his impressive victory at the Australian Open earlier this year. This achievement will make Bopanna the fourth Indian player to compete in this prestigious tournament, highlighting his exceptional skills and dedication to the sport.

Bopanna will partner with Australian player Matthew Ebden at the ATP Finals, which are scheduled to take place at the end of this year. The duo has shown remarkable performance throughout the season, securing their spot in the finals with consistent victories, including a strong showing in the semi-finals of recent ATP events.

Their qualification was made possible after Nathaniel Lammons and Jackson Withrow withdrew from the Rolex Paris Masters tournament, opening the door for Bopanna and Ebden to step in. The pair is eager to capitalize on this opportunity and aim for the title, especially after their recent success in reaching the ATP Finals semi-finals.

Bopanna's journey to the ATP Finals is not just a personal achievement but also a significant moment for Indian tennis. His participation underscores the growing presence

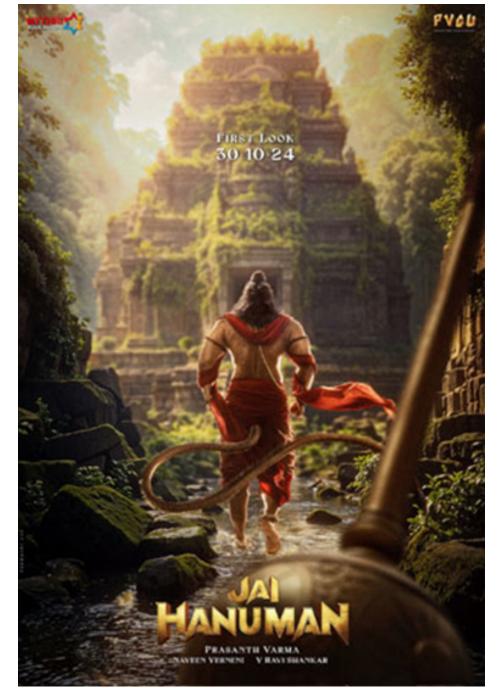


of Indian players on the international stage and inspires a new generation of tennis enthusiasts in the country.

As Bopanna prepares for this prestigious tournament, all eyes will be on him and Ebden as they aim to leave their mark. The ATP Finals will serve as a platform for the duo to showcase their talent and compete against some of the best players in the world. With determination and skill, Bopanna is set to make history and add another chapter to his illustrious career in tennis.







Exciting Update: First Look of "Jai Hanuman" Ready for Release

during Sankranti this year, created a sensational impact at the box office, catapulting director Prashant Varma into the spotlight. Following its success, Varma has announced an exciting sequel titled "Jai Hanuman," and fans are eagerly awaiting updates on this prestigious project.

The pre-production work for "Jai Hanuman" is already progressing rap- As the release date for the first look idly, and Varma has promised fans poster approaches, excitement in the a special update as a Diwali gift. In industry and among fans is palpaanticipation, he has confirmed that ble. Social media is abuzz with specthe first look poster for the sequel will be unveiled on October 30, igniting curiosity and speculation among audiences.

Produced by Mythri Movie Makers, "Jai Hanuman" aims to build on the strong foundation laid by its predecessor, blending elements of action, mythology, and visual spectacle. Given the success of "Hanu-Man," expectations for the sequel are high, and Varma is poised to deliver another captivating cinematic experience.

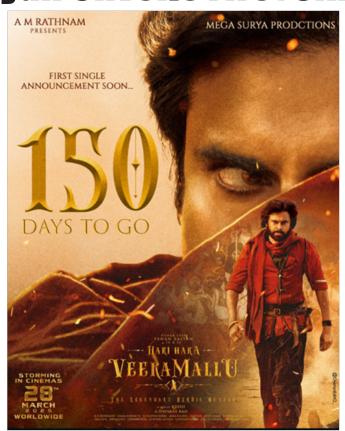
ulation about the direction of the sequel and potential plotlines. The announcement of "Jai Hanuman" and its impending updates signify a new chapter in Varma's cinematic universe, further establishing him as Indian cinema.

Hariharaveeramallu Countdown Begins: Pawan Kalyan Unveils First Single Poster

Tollywood superstar Pawan Kalyan is making waves in the film industry with his upcoming projects, and one of the most anticipated is "Hari Hara Veera Mallu." Directed by Jyoti Krishna, this period drama promises to be a visual spectacle, featuring the legendary war hero Hariharaveeramallu. The film is set to showcase an epic action sequence, meticulously choreographed by renowned Hollywood stunt director Nick Powell, adding a global flair to the Indian cinematic experience.

The filmmakers have officially announced a grand worldwide release date for March 28, generating significant excitement among fans. Recently, the team released a countdown poster, indicating that there are just 150 days left until the premiere. The teaser features Pawan Kalyan in two distinct

looks, enhancing the intrigue surrounding the character and storyline. The tagline—"Unstoppable force... unbreakable spirit..."—has already begun to create buzz on social media, with the first single announcement poster expected to drop later today.



In "Hari Hara Veera Mallu," the talented Nidhi Aggarwal stars as the female lead, adding her own charisma to the film. The cast also includes prominent figures such as Bollywood actor, director, and producer Anupam Kher, along with Arjun Rampal and Nargis Fakhri in key roles. Their diverse talents are sure to enrich the film's narrative, creating a compelling blend of performances.

Adding to the film's allure, the legendary music director MM Keeravani will be composing the music and background score. Known for his ability to elevate cinematic storytelling through music, Keeravani's involvement is expected to further enhance the film's emotional depth.

As anticipation builds for "Hari Hara Veera Mallu," fans eagerly

await its release, hoping to witness Pawan Kalyan in a role that promises both action and drama. With its impressive cast, skilled director, and high production values, this film is shaping up to be one of the biggest releases of the year.

New Citadel Trailer Spotlights Samantha's Action-Packed Role

Excitement is reaching new heights as *Citadel: Honey Bunny*, the highly anticipated web series on Amazon Prime Video, prepares for its release. Created by the acclaimed duo Raj & DK, the series features the dynamic pairing of Varun Dhawan and Samantha Ruth Prabhu in lead roles, making it one of the most eagerly awaited collaborations of the year.

Set to premiere on **November 7, 2024**, *Citadel: Honey Bunny* has already released a second trailer, giving audiences a thrilling glimpse into its high-stakes action and family-driven drama. The latest trailer has particularly energized fans, showcasing Samantha's intense action sequences and heightening expectations for her performance.



With "Hanu-Man" setting the stage, all eyes are now on who will take on a pioneer in the superhero genre in the lead role in "Jai Hanuman." In the original film, Teja Sajja portrayed the heroic character, while Amrita Iyer played the female lead. Prashant Varma has kept details about the new iteration of the Hanuman character under wraps, leaving fans guessing about the casting choices for this venture. much-anticipated sequel.

In conclusion, "Jai Hanuman" is shaping up to be one of the most anticipated films, and with Prashant Varma at the helm, fans are excited to see what unfolds in this new adDirected by Sita R. Menon alongside Raj & DK, this action-packed thriller promises a compelling storyline that combines both heart-pounding action and emotional depth. Notably, the series will also be available in Telugu on Amazon Prime, expanding its reach to a wider audience.

The impressive ensemble cast includes well-known industry figures such as Kay Kay Menon, Simran, Saqib Saleem, Sikandar Kher, Soham Majumdar, Shivankit Parihar, and Kashvi Majmundar, each playing significant roles that contribute to the narrative's richness.

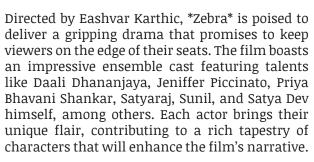
Produced by D2R Films, Amazon MGM Studios, The Russo Brothers' AGBO, and Raj & DK, *Citadel: Honey Bunny* is set to deliver a gripping experience enhanced by Aman Pant's electrifying

score. This combination of a strong narrative and powerful performances ensures that viewers are in for an unforgettable OTT experience.

As the premiere date draws closer, anticipation continues to build around *Citadel: Honey Bunny*. With its blend of action, drama, and star power, the series is poised to make a significant impact in the world of digital entertainment. Fans can hardly wait to see how this exciting story unfolds!

Satya Dev's *Zebra* Set to Dazzle **Audiences with New Release Date**

Telugu actor Satya Dev is gear-**I** ing up to captivate audiences once again with his upcoming film, *Zebra*. Initially scheduled for release on October 31, 2024, the film's debut has now been postponed. The team has officially announced a new release date: *Zebra* will now hit theaters on **November 22, 2024**. This exciting project will be available in multiple languages, including Telugu, Tamil, Kannada, and Hindi, coinciding with the release of Vishwak Sen's *Mechanic Rocky*.





Adding to the film's allure, the music is composed by Ravi Basrur, known for his ability to create intense soundscapes that elevate cinematic experiences. His work is expected to complement the film's thrilling atmosphere, further immersing the audience in its storyline.

Produced by SN Reddy, Bala Sundaram, and Dinesh Sundaram, *Zebra* is backed by Padmaja Films Private Ltd and Old Town Pictures. With production values that promise to be top-notch, the

film is shaping up to be a significant entry in this year's cinematic lineup.

As the new release date approaches, promotional activities for *Zebra* are expected to ramp up, generating excitement and anticipation among fans. With Satya Dev at the forefront, this highstakes thriller is poised to make a significant impact, leaving audiences eager for its theatrical debut. Mark your calendars for November 22, 2024, as *Zebra* prepares to take center stage!

Raghava LawrenceNew Project: Kaala Bhairava Unveiled on His Birthday

 $\mathbf{F}_{\mathrm{rapher,\ director,\ and\ actor}}^{\mathrm{amed\ Kollywood\ choreog-}}$ Raghava Lawrence is currently immersed in the shooting of his much-anticipated film *Kanchana 4*. While this project keeps him busy, Lawrence is also gearing up for an exciting new venture: his latest film titled *Kaala Bhairava*. In a delightful birthday surprise, the makers have released the first look poster along with the title, generating buzz among fans and industry insiders alike.

In *Kaala Bhairava*, Lawrence will take on the role of a superhero, showcasing a character that promises to captivate audiences with its unique traits and powers. This marks his 25th film, adding to his already impressive repertoire in the film industry. Directed by Ramesh Varma Penmetsa, *Kaala Bhairava* aims to blend action, adventure, and entertainment, ensuring a thrilling cinematic experience.

The film is being produced by Manish Shah and Koneru Satyanarayana under the banners



of A Studios Limited and Havish Production. Their combined efforts aim to create a visually stunning and engaging film that highlights Lawrence's versatility as both an actor and a performer.

As excitement builds around *Kaala Bhairava*, the film crew has promised to reveal more details about the project in the near future. Fans can look forward to updates regarding the plot, supporting cast, and production specifics, which are ex-

pected to further heighten anticipation for this superhero film.

With Lawrence's birthday celebrations coinciding with the announcement, it's clear that *Kaala Bhairava* is set to be a significant milestone in his career. As he embarks on this new journey, fans are eager to see how he embodies the superhero persona and what thrilling elements the film will bring to the big screen. Stay tuned for more updates on this exciting project!