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CM Revanth Reddy's Bold Steps for Muusi Revival Amidst Farmhouse Party Debate

TPN , Hyderabad: Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy made strong comments on Tuesday regarding the recent Raj Pakala farmhouse party hosted by KTR's brother-in-law. Addressing the media, the Chief Minister criticized the event, pointing out that while for some, Diwali is about celebrations, for others, it seemed about extravagance, hinting at the use of foreign liquor and casino coins allegedly found at the party. "If there was nothing to hide, why did Raj Pakala seek anticipatory bail and flee?" questioned Revanth Reddy.



not back down on his commitment to the river's rejuvenation. Starting on November 1, the Muusi Revival Project will launch, focusing on the stretch from Gandipet and Himayat Sagar to Bapughat. He announced a 21-kilometer cleanup and water supply channel from Mallanna Sagar and plans for an international university, a Gandhi Ideology Center, a recreation center, and a nature cure facility along the Muusi riverbank.

Tenders for sewage treatment plants (STPs) along the Muusi will be issued in the next 15 days, and design completion is expected within a month. He also mentioned an upcoming trunk line from Mallanna Sagar to Gandipet, with tenders opening in the first week of November, emphasizing his dedication to seeing the project through.

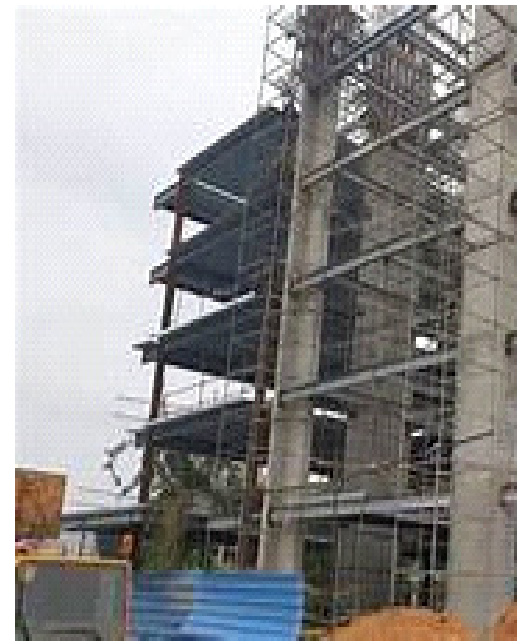
Taking aim at KCR, CM Reddy remarked that the former CM was like "expired medicine" and claimed he had politically sidelined KCR's son and would next focus on his other family members. He challenged KTR and Harish Rao to a foot march with

him from Vadapally to Vikarabad to address public concerns about Muusi River development.

Further, CM Revanth Reddy detailed upcoming projects for Muusi's revival, emphasizing that he would

New Clearance Policy for Layouts and Building Permits in Hyderabad

TPN , Hyderabad: In a significant move aimed at streamlining real estate and building construction approvals in Hyderabad, the Telangana government has introduced a new approach to the clearance procedure for layouts and building structures. Under this policy, the HMDA (Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority), Revenue, and Irrigation departments will collaboratively participate in reviewing applications, with changes implemented at the L1 level. This initiative, led by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's administration, is expected to eliminate future issues in the process.



The new system assigns specific officers from each department to review applications, including a Junior Planning Officer (JPO) or Assistant Planning Officer (APO) from HMDA, a Revenue Inspector (RI) from the Revenue Department, and an Assistant Engineer (AE) from the Irrigation Department. Only when these three officials collectively approve an application does it move forward to the Planning Officer and then to the Director level within HMDA.

The government hopes that this collaborative approach will improve the efficiency of the clearance process. Applications for layouts and buildings exceeding five floors within HMDA limits will now undergo thorough scrutiny by the HMDA, Revenue, and Irrigation departments. The Revenue Department

will verify ownership details and ensure compliance with legal requirements, while the Irrigation Department will check for any nearby water bodies.

However, the new process has sparked criticism from realtors and builders, who worry that involving multiple departments could further delay approvals. They argue that the extensive checks have already led to prolonged wait times and additional expenses due to alleged corruption. Builders are requesting a more efficient and expedited system to prevent delays and costs.

Telangana to Launch Social, Economic, and Caste Enumeration Survey on November 6

- * Direction of Deputy CM to District Collectors on survey
- * Deputy Chief Minister's review through video conference
- * The participating ministers from respective district centers

TPN , Telangana : Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka announced that the state government will conduct a comprehensive social, economic, and caste enumeration survey starting November 6. The Deputy Chief Minister made this declaration during a video conference with District Collectors at the secretariat on Tuesday, emphasizing the need for an organized approach to the survey.



Participating in the conference were state ministers D. Sridhar Babu, Uttam Kumar Reddy, Damodar Rajanarsimha, Ponnampati Prabhakar, D. Anasuya (Sitakka), Jupalli Krishna Rao, and Tummalapudi Nageswara Rao, all joining from various district centers. Bhatti highlighted the Constitution of India's goal of achieving social equality, stressing the importance of understanding the social, economic, educational, and political status of different communities to formulate equitable policies.

ensure they receive the necessary training on the survey's 50 questions. He urged collectors to supervise the process closely, encouraging enumerators to complete household listings and schedules efficiently.

To enhance the survey's visibility, he recommended using local announcements and media outreach. Bhatti assured that attractive wages would be provided to enumerators and supervisors, urging district officials to actively engage with communities to ensure the survey's success.

The Deputy Chief Minister directed District Collectors to utilize teachers as enumerators and

"Telangana Under Police Rule: Harish Rao Calls Out CM Revanth's Leadership"

- * In the state there will be no public rule..Police rule will continue
- * Current bills did not increase only with BRS struggle
- * Harish Rao's criticism of the government in Vanaparathi Rythu Protest Diksha

TPN , Vanaparathi: Former minister and Siddipet MLA Tanniru Harish Rao has sharply criticized Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, accusing him of neglecting governance and failing to fulfill promises made to the public. During a recent media interaction, Harish Rao claimed that Telangana is currently under "police rule" rather than public governance, asserting that CM Revanth lacks control over the administration.



Harish Rao highlighted the government's inadequacies in implementing welfare schemes, particularly the loan waiver program. He stated that many farmers in Telangana have yet to receive their promised loan waivers, accusing the government of misusing funds intended for farmers. "Half of the farmers have not received their loan waiver, and the government is not keeping its promises," he remarked.

Rao pointed out that essential services and farmer insurance are being overlooked.

Additionally, he condemned the current state of healthcare, emphasizing the absence of medicines in hospitals. Harish Rao expressed concern over the struggles faced by unemployed individuals due to Government Order No. 29 and urged the Congress party to approach the upcoming local body elections with caution. He warned that the Revanth government will face repercussions in the next assembly sessions if these critical issues are not addressed.

He also criticized the handling of agricultural support, especially for cotton farmers suffering from a lack of support prices. Despite substantial funding for urban beautification projects, Harish

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Bandi Sanjay Responds to KTR's Legal Notice, Demands Apology

TPN , Hyderabad: Union Minister of State for Home Affairs Bandi Sanjay has responded to the legal notice served by BRS working president KT Rama Rao, calling the allegations against him "baseless and devoid of merit." In a reply sent through his lawyer, Sanjay demanded that Rama Rao withdraw the legal notice and its accompanying allegations, issuing a public apology within seven days. He warned of potential legal action if this demand is not met.

Sanjay asserted that his previous statements were not directed at Rama Rao personally and focused on broader issues affecting students in Telangana. He maintained that the allegations against the BRS leader were neither "defamatory nor baseless" and emphasized that he did not mention Rama Rao's name during his press conference.

On October 23, Rama Rao sent a defamation notice to Sanjay, accusing him of making



false and defamatory claims, including accusations of drug use and involvement in 'phone tapping' during the BRS's tenure.

The ongoing exchange reflects rising tensions between the BRS and BJP leaders in Telangana.



KTR Slams Congress Government for Failures, Celebrates ERC's Rejection of Power Hike

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KTR urged BRS party members to celebrate this achievement across district centers and constituencies. He highlighted the efforts made by the BRS to engage with the ERC during public hearings and successfully oppose the proposed charge increase. He noted that this was the first time in the history of the state that the ERC dismissed fee hike proposals after considering the main opposition's arguments.

The BRS's strategy included former power minister Jagadishwar Reddy and other senior leaders presenting a united front against the proposed hike. KTR acknowledged their contributions and emphasized that public opinion and robust arguments led to this favorable outcome. He expressed gratitude to the ERC for siding with the people and called for celebrations in honor of stopping the electricity charge increase.



Deputy CM Bhatti Launches Indira Mahila Dairy Logo

Aiming to Boost Women's Empowerment through Dairy Industry in Telangana

TPN , Khammam : Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka unveiled the logo of Indira Mahila Dairy in Madhira, highlighting a significant step towards empowering women in Telangana's dairy sector. The initiative, led by Swashakti Women's Associations, is designed to enable women to earn income and gain independence through dairy operations.

During the event, Bhatti stressed that Indira Mahila Dairy would set an example for the nation, showcasing Telangana's progress. He laid the foundation for infrastructure projects and conducted inspections at Siripuram Government Junior College, ensuring adequate facilities for education.

Bhatti reminisced about India's agricultural evolution, crediting former Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru's Five-Year Plans for transforming the nation from food scarcity to self-sufficiency. He stated that Indira Mahila Dairy, conceptualized in 2013, integrates dairy farming with agricultural income, aiming for family sustainability in Madhira. The Deputy CM outlined the comprehensive vision for Indira Mahila Dairy, which includes milk production, packaging, by-products, and revenue-sharing with women. With 20,000 members, the dairy is set to produce 2,40,000 liters of milk daily, generating monthly earnings exceeding ₹25 crore. Bhatti declared that Indira Mahila Dairy aspires to surpass prominent dairies like Amul, heralding Telangana's commitment to women-led development and economic independence.

Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar Highlights Sports and Education Initiatives



TPN , Karimnagar : Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar announced that inter-competition, district, and state-level sports events are being held in Jyoti Rao Phule Gurukuls across the state. A total of 522 participants from this district took part in the Under-14 and Under-19 sports meet.

Mahatma Jyoti Rao Phule, a prominent reformer, championed education as a fundamental right, especially for women through his wife, Savitribai Phule. The Gurukula Schools named after him serve 1,029 institutions catering to SC, ST, and BC minorities, with the government providing comprehensive assistance to these schools.

Minister Prabhakar emphasized the need to change the perception of government schools, highlighting successful alumni, including Chief Minister KCR and Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka. He urged that students should feel proud of their education in Gurukuls, likening them to pearls and gems.

Addressing infrastructure issues, he noted the tragic incident of a student who died from a snakebite due to large trees on a school campus. The government aims to eliminate hazardous conditions in Gurukuls statewide.

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"Harish Rao Has Politically Exposed Revanth Reddy" - Neeranjan Reddy



TPN , Vanaparathi : Former minister Singireddy Neeranjan Reddy made strong remarks against Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, stating that Finance Minister Harish Rao has politically "exposed" him. Speaking at a farmer and public protest conference in Vanaparathi, Neeranjan Reddy asserted that the large turnout of thousands of farmers reflects their discontent with the Congress-led government.

He claimed that CM Revanth Reddy's promises, including the waiver of ₹2 lakh loans before August 15, remain unfulfilled, leaving the farming community feeling deceived. Neeranjan Reddy accused the Congress government of having a "history of false promises" and even "cheating the gods."

In his address, he challenged Revanth Reddy to act on his promises, stating that Harish Rao has "politically outmaneuvered" the CM by highlighting these unfulfilled assurances. Neeranjan Reddy concluded by emphasizing the need for accountability, suggesting that Rao's critique has struck a nerve with Revanth Reddy and exposed the government's lack of follow-through on key pledges to the public and farmers.

Union Minister Bandi Sanjay Launches Fresh Attacks on KCR's Family

TPN , Hyderabad: Union Minister Bandi Sanjay on Tuesday launched a scathing attack on former Telangana Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao's (KCR) family, making strong comments on the recent events involving the family and criticizing both the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) and Congress.

Addressing the media, Sanjay criticized KTR's recent remarks about gatherings and ceremonies, calling it inappropriate to hold wedding receptions in farmhouses. He questioned, "Does anyone throw parties for Diwali? Diwali is not about hosting events, it's a time to worship Goddess Lakshmi." His comments appeared to target the family's perceived extravagance.

Sanjay didn't hold back in his criticism, referring to KCR's family as a "legendary family" but accusing them of hypocritical behavior. "When others do something, they call it a sin, yet they behave in the same way," he alleged, adding that KCR had used harsh language in the past and accused KTR of following his father's footsteps.

The Union Minister also leveled al-



legations against Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's government, coining the term "RKH government" to describe the influence of Revanth Reddy, KTR, and Harish Rao. "It's a Bawa-Bammardula panchayat in BRS," he remarked, adding that both the Congress and BRS are aligned in Telangana.

Sanjay underscored the BJP's stance as the only party prepared to chal-

lenge both BRS and Congress directly. He emphasized that BJP would hold Congress accountable if they fail to deliver on their six promises, and pledged that his party would press for the Musi River cleanup, criticizing the current government's lack of action. Sanjay concluded by dismissing Revanth Reddy's efforts as ineffective, declaring, "Revanth Sarkar could not even catch a mouse after all the effort."

KTR Criticizes Congress Government's Neglect of Health Sector

TPN , Hyderabad: BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) launched a sharp criticism of the Congress-led Revanth Reddy government in Telangana, accusing it of neglecting government hospitals and prioritizing "illegal cases" over essential public services. In a series of comments on social media, KTR expressed anger at the lack of medical services available in public healthcare facilities across the state.

KTR alleged that the government's focus seems to be more on "extra income" and "crooked politics" than on addressing the needs of the health sector. He highlighted that despite the critical shortage of medicines and staff in government hospitals, the government remains focused on other issues. "The craze is for barbed wire fences, not for providing adequate resources to government hospitals," KTR remarked.



Pointing to the state's poor healthcare management, KTR stated, "In this rule driven by money, the people suffer from injustices and deplorable conditions across all sectors." He also alleged that citizens are being forced to turn to private hospitals due to inadequate services in government facilities.

KTR concluded his criticism by emphasizing the urgent need for government attention to the health department, suggesting that the Revanth Reddy government's priorities are misplaced, to the detriment of the state's public health.

Former Minister Jagadish Reddy Slams Bandi Sanjay, Questions Alleged BJP-Congress Alliance in Telangana

TPN , Hyderabad: Former Telangana Minister Jagadish Reddy launched a scathing critique of BJP leader Bandi Sanjay, suggesting that Sanjay has forgotten his role as a BJP leader and is instead aligning with Congress to oppose the ruling Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) in Telangana.



Reddy alleged that Sanjay is quietly supporting Congress leader Revanth Reddy while attempting to stir controversies in the state. "Bandi Sanjay appears more focused on protecting Revanth than fulfilling his own party responsibilities," he claimed, highlighting past controversies involving Revanth Reddy and suggesting that Sanjay is disregarding them.

In a rebuttal to Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy's recent remarks, Jagadish Reddy emphasized that BRS leaders are undeterred by opposition attempts to "silence voices." He reassured that BRS remains committed to development, especially in road infrastructure, dismissing opposition claims as mere distractions.

Addressing recent police deployments in Hyderabad, Reddy defended the Chief Minister's actions as necessary for public safety, rhetorically questioning if critics would prefer bringing in Andhra Police for security.

Reddy's statements underscore the intensifying political landscape in Telangana as parties position themselves ahead of upcoming elections.

MLC Balamuri Venkat Challenges BRS's Drug Test Proposal, Calls for Investigation

TPN , Hyderabad: At Gandhi Bhavan, MLC Balamuri Venkat criticized BRS MLA Kaushik Reddy's recent call for drug tests, questioning the proposal to use a gastroenterologist and raising concerns over Reddy's alleged connections with drug-positive individuals. Venkat demanded transparency regarding these associations and insisted on a thorough investigation.



He further called for one week's CCTV footage from KTR's Janwada Farmhouse to be released, arguing it would clarify ongoing suspicions. "Why associate with people involved in drugs? If you make false claims about Congress, we'll respond legally," Venkat warned.

The MLC also demanded that Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao address KTR's possible connections to drug-related individuals. Venkat's remarks escalate the tension between Congress and BRS, as both parties continue their accusations amid election preparations.

BRS MLA Kaushik Reddy Accepts Congress Challenge for Drug Tests Makes Bold Claims Against CM Revanth Reddy

TPN , Hyderabad: BRS MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy responded to Congress MP Anil Kumar Yadav's call for drug tests by announcing that BRS MLAs are ready to undergo testing. Speaking to the media at Telangana Bhavan, Kaushik Reddy challenged Congress leaders to join as well, proposing that the tests be conducted under the supervision of renowned physician Dr. Nageshwar Reddy. He suggested the tests take place before the media and be open until 8 p.m.



Kaushik Reddy questioned if Congress MPs and MLAs would participate, asserting BRS's openness to accountability. In a bold statement, he further implied knowledge of Congress Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's actions in cities like Dubai, Delhi, Bangalore, and Chennai, hinting at

alleged misconduct. "If I reveal what Revanth Reddy did in these places, even his family wouldn't welcome him home," Kaushik Reddy claimed.

Referring to his previous affiliation with Congress until 2021, Kaushik Reddy hinted at an understanding

of internal dynamics, recalling that Revanth Reddy once acknowledged his support in attaining the PCC presidency. Kaushik Reddy's remarks add fuel to the ongoing tensions between Congress and BRS, escalating personal and political accusations as Telangana heads toward election season.

R. Krishnaiah Calls for Caste Census in Upcoming National Census



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Krishnaiah emphasized that multiple political parties within the NDA coalition, including Janata Dal, TDP, Apna Dal, the Republican Party, and Janashakti Party, support the caste census. He noted that even the RSS and opposition parties such as Congress, the Left, and various public associations have demanded the inclusion of caste data in the census.

He highlighted that 265 Backward Classes commissions at the state level, including the Mandal Commission, have recommended a caste cen-

sus. Additionally, the Supreme Court and high courts in nearly 20 states have ruled in favor of it. Krishnaiah expressed disappointment that the central government has yet to approve the proposal, despite widespread support.

Stressing the importance of the data, he said that understanding the population distribution, representation in education and jobs, and the financial status of various castes is crucial to addressing systemic inequities. He urged opposition parties to press the government on this issue in the upcoming December Parliament session and called for discussions on preventing the privatization of critical institutions like Ordnance Factory, LIC, BHEL, and Railways.

Congress MP Anil Yadav Criticizes KTR, Calls for Drug Testing of BRS MLAs

TPN , Hyderabad: Congress MP and Rajya Sabha member Anil Yadav criticized BRS leader K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) for allegedly protecting his brother-in-law, Raj Pakala, and software company CEO Vijay Madhuri amid ongoing controversies. Speaking at a media conference at Gandhi Bhavan, Yadav

accused BRS leaders of avoiding public issues and called for mandatory drug tests for all BRS MLAs.

Yadav highlighted repeated controversies surrounding the Janwada Farmhouse, claiming it has become notorious for various incidents. "Whenever

they're caught, there's always an excuse—whether it's a Diwali celebration or something else. But each time, the issue is brushed aside," Yadav stated.

He also accused the BRS government of downplaying past drug cases and

failing to take effective action. "If Congress is to make Telangana a drug-free state, we must address the alleged drug promotion under BRS rule," Yadav argued. He noted that the previous government faced criticism for its handling of a major drug case, suggesting that similar neglect continues

under BRS leadership.

The Congress leader's remarks underscore escalating tensions between Congress and BRS as both parties position themselves on key public safety issues ahead of upcoming elections.

Secunderabad Sub-Registrar Arrested for Role in Land Fraud Case

TPN , Secunderabad: Jyoti, a sub-registrar in Secunderabad, has been arrested in connection with a land possession case involving fake documents. The allegations state that she aided in the illegal registration of a 200-yard plot in Subhashnagar, Kuthbullapur, which was fraudulently claimed by a woman named Padmaja Reddy.

Authorities allege that Padmaja Reddy conspired to occupy the vacant land by fabricating documents indicating that the legitimate owner, Lendyala Suresh, had died. To facilitate this scheme, Padmaja paid Karunakar of Hayatnagar Rs. 3.50 lakhs to create these false documents, including a death certificate claiming Suresh had passed away in 1992. They further manipulated identification records by produc-



ing a fake PAN card and altering Aadhaar details.

In February 2023, with Jyoti's assistance as the then Kuthbullapur sub-registrar, the fraudulent transfer of ownership was completed, registering the land as sold to Padmaja Reddy's sister. The scheme unraveled when Suresh reported the encroachment to the police, leading to the investigation that uncovered the fraudulent activities.

Sub-registrar Jyoti and five accomplices, including Padmaja Reddy, were arrested, and the court has remanded Jyoti for 14 days following her arrest. During the investigation, authorities seized various tools, including fake documents, laptops, and scanners, used in the scheme.

ACB Arrests GHMC Engineer and Government Medical College Staff for Bribery in Telangana

TPN , Hyderabad: In a crackdown on corruption, the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) apprehended a Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) engineer and two government medical college employees for accepting bribes on Tuesday, October 29.

The assistant executive engineer (AEE) Venkoba from GHMC Circle XI, Rajendranagar, was caught accepting a bribe of Rs 50,000. The engineer allegedly demanded the amount from a contractor to record work measurements in the M Book. ACB officials recovered the tainted cash from the engineer, who was subsequently produced before the first additional special judge for SPE and ACB cases.

In a separate case, ACB officers arrested Syed Khaleelullah, an administrative officer, and Damalla Sudhakar, a junior assistant at the Bhadradi Kothagudem Government Medical College. The duo reportedly demanded Rs 7,00,000 to process salary bills for outsourcing employees and reinstate 23 outsourced staff members previously removed from records.

Both cases remain under investigation as ACB intensifies its efforts against corruption across government departments.

Food Safety Raid Uncovers Violations at Secunderabad's Popular Restaurant



TPN , Hyderabad: On Tuesday, the food safety team conducted a raid at the well-known Nanking Chinese Restaurant in Secunderabad, revealing several health and hygiene violations. Despite ongoing inspections, restaurants continue to show non-compliance with food safety standards.

During the raid, officials found broken refrigerator doors and lids, with raw and cooked foods stored together, compromising food safety. The team also noted unhygienic conditions, including uncovered dustbins, houseflies in the kitchen, and an open

drain.

In addition to the restaurant raid, inspectors visited MNR Medical College in Sangareddy, where they found unclean kitchen conditions, inadequate lighting, and six expired food products in storage.

These inspections are part of an ongoing effort to ensure safe dining experiences across Hyderabad and Telangana, but frequent violations remain a concern for authorities and customers alike.

Hyderabad Scam: 15 Duped in Double-Bedroom House Fraud in KPHB Colony

TPN , Hyderabad: A scam involving double-bedroom housing has come to light in KPHB Colony, where at least 15 people were allegedly defrauded by a man named Venugopal Das. Each victim reportedly paid between ₹1.7 lakh to ₹2.5 lakh to Das, who promised them double-bedroom houses, providing fake documents and keys as proof.

The fraud was uncovered when the victims attempted to access the promised houses, only to find the real beneficiaries already occupying them. Realizing they had been duped, the victims approached the KPHB police station to lodge complaints and seek justice.

An investigation is underway as police review the complaints and search for Venugopal Das, who is accused of orchestrating the scam.



Bandh Observed in Hyderabad's Old City Over Remarks by Dasna Temple Priest



TPN , Hyderabad: A bandh was observed across Hyderabad's Old City on Tuesday, October 29, in response to controversial remarks made earlier this month by Hindu priest Yati Narsinghanand of the Dasna Devi temple. The seer had called for the burning of effigies of Prophet Muhammad at Dasara, sparking widespread outrage.

In observance of the bandh, organized by Tehreek Muslim Shabban chairperson Mushtaq Malik through the Joint Action Committee (JAC), most shops remained closed, and black flags were displayed outside some homes. The shutdown primarily impacted minority educational institutions and

local markets, including the scrap and old markets.

While the bandh affected the Muslim community, the JAC clarified that it had not called on other religious communities to participate. No processions or demonstrations were held, and businesses were expected to resume after the late evening Asr prayer.

Narsinghanand's comments, including claims about expanding a "Hindu Rashtra" to Makkah, drew sharp criticism for their inflammatory nature. His remarks also included claims about a temple beneath the Kaaba, further fueling tensions.

Telangana Government Releases Rs. 182.48 Crore for Police Surrender Leave Payments*

TPN , Hyderabad: In a significant boost for the Telangana police force, the state government has sanctioned a budget of Rs.182.48 crore for pending "surrender" leave payments, bringing relief to personnel who have been awaiting these funds. The approval, endorsed by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti, was confirmed by the Finance Department's recent orders.

Police unions have expressed joy over this decision, as the funds had been long overdue. Police personnel are entitled to "surrender" leave, where they receive either leave days or additional pay for working on holidays, Sundays, and festivals. However, many officers had been facing delays in receiving this compensation, affecting their finances for essential expenses like education, medical needs, and family support.

Each year, police can "surrender" 30 earned leaves, typically receiving additional pay twice yearly, in January and July. However, many officers had not received payments for several previous cycles. The Rs.182.48 crore allocation is expected to clear these dues, bringing renewed optimism to officers across Telangana.



Blind Elderly Couple Rescued After Living with Deceased Son's Body for Four Days

TPN , Hyderabad: A visually challenged elderly couple was found living with the body of their 30-year-old son for nearly four days, unaware that he had passed away. The incident came to light on Monday, October 29, when neighbors alerted police after noticing a foul odor from the residence in Nagole.

Upon arrival, police found the son's body in the home and the elderly couple in a semi-conscious state. Authorities believe the son likely died in his sleep four or five days prior, but due to their blindness and frail condition, the parents were unable to detect his death and had been calling out to him for food and water.

Police provided the couple with food and water and located their elder son, who resides elsewhere in the city. The deceased's body has been sent for post-mortem, and an investigation is underway.

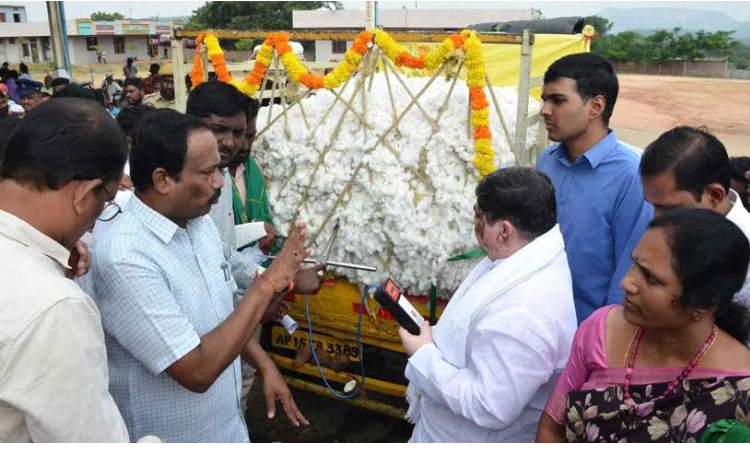
Hyderabad Man Booked for Abusing Traffic Cops, 40 Bikers Seized for Stunt Riding

TPN , Hyderabad: A man identified as M Srinivas from Gajularamaram has been booked after an altercation with traffic police near Jubilee Hills on Tuesday, October 29. The incident, caught on video and now viral, shows Srinivas verbally abusing officers and knocking over his bike after being stopped for riding without a helmet.



Around 11:40 a.m., the Hyderabad sub-inspector and team were conducting a routine vehicle check when Srinivas tried to avoid them. Police flagged him down and requested his vehicle documents, noting eight pending challans and an improper number plate. When asked to settle these, Srinivas allegedly became abusive, threw his bike down, and fled on foot. A case has been registered, and an investigation is underway.

In a separate crackdown, Hyderabad police seized 40 bikes and booked reckless bikers performing dangerous stunts on T-Hub Road, Knowledge City, on October 25. Acting on a tip-off, Raidurgam police detained riders attempting to race and perform stunts, risking public safety. The seized bikes have been handed to the RTA, with five cases registered against the accused as investigations continue.



Minister Ponnab Prabhakar Urges Union Ministers to Expedite Cotton Procurement

TPN , Siddipet: Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnab Prabhakar has called on Union Ministers G. Kishan Reddy and Bandi Sanjay Kumar to ensure the timely opening of all 322 Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) purchasing centers in the state. Speaking after inaugurating a CCI purchasing center in Husnabad market on Tuesday, Prabhakar emphasized that delays in opening these centers were adversely affecting farmers.

The Minister urged the BJP ministers to communicate with the Union Minister and CCI officials to expedite the process. He also called on CCI and marketing department officials to enhance facilities at the purchasing centers.

Additionally, Prabhakar advised farmers to transport cotton in open trucks rather than bags to facilitate easier weighing. He stressed the importance of properly drying the cotton to maintain only 8 percent moisture content before bringing it to market, ensuring better quality and prices for their produce.



Minister Ponguleti Vows Support for Farmers Amidst Cotton Crop Challenges

TPN , Khammam: Telangana Revenue, Housing, and Information Minister Ponguleti Srinivasa Reddy addressed concerns about the cotton industry during his visit to Thirumalayapalem mandal in Khammam district. He assured farmers that any reduction in the quantity of cotton brought to market will not be tolerated, emphasizing that discrepancies in the weighbridge quota could lead to mill seizures.

Minister Reddy noted that the cotton crop has suffered due to heavy rains this year, with approximately 20 tons produced across two lakh acres. He announced the establishment of nine Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) purchase centers to facilitate better procurement processes. The government is committed to ensuring that farmers receive a support price that includes a minimum of 12 percent profit.



Burglars Target Medak Constable's Home, Steal Valuables

TPN , Medak: In a shocking incident, unidentified burglars broke into the residence of Alladurgam constable Danthela Seeman in Pedda Shankarampet, stealing valuable items including gold and silver ornaments along with ₹15,000.

The incident occurred on Monday while Seeman was on duty, having locked his house at 9 AM. His family was away visiting relatives. Upon returning home on Tuesday morning, Seeman discovered that the miscreants had stolen approximately eight tolas of gold and 30 tolas of silver, in addition to cash.

Tekmal Inspector Renuka Reddy and SI Shankarampet Shankar, along with a forensic clues team, visited the scene to collect evidence. A case has been registered, and an investigation is underway to apprehend the culprits responsible for this crime.

KTR Celebrates ERC's Rejection of Electricity Charge Hike, Calls for Statewide Celebrations

TPN , Hyderabad: BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) announced celebrations across the state in response to the Electricity Regulatory Council's (ERC) decision to reject a proposal to increase electricity charges. KTR emphasized that this outcome represents a significant victory for the people of Telangana, preventing an additional burden of ₹18,500 crores.

Speaking to party ranks, KTR urged them to commemorate this achievement at district centers and constituencies, highlighting the state government's commitment to protecting citizens from excessive electric-



ity costs. He stated that the BRS has consistently opposed attempts to impose these charges, asserting their stance during public hearings in Hyderabad, Nizamabad, and Sirisilla. TR expressed gratitude to ERC Chairman Ranga Rao and members Manohar Raju and Krishnaiah for their decision, which he believes reflects the reasonableness of the BRS's arguments against the proposed hike. He reiterated the party's dedication to representing the interests of Telangana residents, marking the rejection of the electricity charge increase as a triumph for the state's citizens.



Telangana to Sanction 214 New Yoga Institutes, Says Health Minister Damodara

TPN , Hyderabad: State Health Minister Damodara Rajanarsimha announced the establishment of 214 additional yoga institutes across Telangana during the 9th National Ayurveda Day celebrations held in Hyderabad. He emphasized the importance of promoting yoga and Ayurveda, stating, "This is your government, and positive orders will come soon."

Rajanarsimha assured that the pending issues faced by Ayurvedic doctors, including promotions and recognition as professors and associate professors, will be addressed. He highlighted that Ayurveda, with its 3,000-year history rooted in nature, is respected worldwide.

The minister called for efforts to enhance the reputation of the Telangana Ayush Department in the future, reinforcing the state's commitment to traditional medicine and holistic health practices.



South Central Railway Observes Vigilance Awareness Week

TPN , Hyderabad: South Central Railway (SCR) is currently observing "Vigilance Awareness Week - 2024" from October 28 to November 3, 2024, with the theme ("Culture of Integrity for Nation's Prosperity"). To mark this important occasion, an inaugural function was held on October 28, 2024, at Rail Nilayam, Secunderabad.

The event was graced by Shri Gajanan Malya, the former General Manager of SCR, who served as the Chief Guest. He emphasized that integrity and a strengthened thought process are crucial for achieving significant results within government organizations. Other dignitaries included Shri Arun Kumar Jain, General Manager of SCR; Shri Neeraj Agrawal, Additional General Manager of SCR; and Shri J. Vinayan, Senior Deputy General Manager of SCR. Principal Heads

of Departments, senior officers, and staff were also present to show their support.

The program commenced with the General Manager administering the Integrity Pledge to all officers and staff, reinforcing the commitment to uphold ethical standards. During the event, Shri Gajanan Malya, alongside the General Manager and Additional General Manager, released the 57th edition of the Vigilance Bulletin titled "AN-IMISHA." This bulletin serves as a resource for promoting vigilance and integrity within the organization and is available on the official South Central Railway website.

This initiative underlines SCR's commitment to fostering a culture of integrity, which is essential for the prosperity of the nation.

Telangana DCA Takes Action Against 15 Pharmacies for Violations

TPN , Hyderabad: The Telangana Drugs Control Administration (DCA) has initiated a crackdown on fifteen private pharmacies situated within government hospitals across Hyderabad, Secunderabad, Warangal, and Karimnagar. This action, taken on October 29, follows reports of various violations of drug regulations.

During the inspections, officials discovered multiple infractions, including the sale of drugs without prescriptions from registered medical practitioners and the absence of registered pharmacists. Other violations included failure to maintain registers for scheduled drugs, lack of proper sales and purchase documentation, and improper drug storage conditions. Additionally, physician samples and government-supplied drugs were found on the premises, along with expired medications.



In response to these findings, show cause notices have been issued to all fifteen medical shops. DCA Director General V.B. Kamalasan Reddy stated that further action will be determined based on the explanations provided by these pharmacies in response to the notices, in accordance with the Drugs Rules.

Warangal Police Nab Serial Thief with Stolen Goods Worth ₹28 Lakhs

TPN , Warangal : The Warangal Police have arrested a 30-year-old man, Kondapalli Dharmaraju, for committing thefts at 17 locations and recovering stolen items valued at approximately ₹28.5 lakh. The arrest followed a series of burglaries motivated by Dharmaraju's gambling debts incurred from online betting.

Warangal Police Commissioner Amber Kishore Jha reported that Dharmaraju, a resident of Postal Colony in Hanumakonda, previously ran a biryani center in Rayaparthy before it failed. Struggling with personal loans and unable to meet repayment obligations, he resorted to theft as a means to alleviate his financial woes.



Utilizing tools specifically designed for burglary, Dharmaraju targeted locked homes during the day and executed the thefts at night. His criminal activities spanned multiple jurisdictions, including eight thefts in the KUC police station area, two in Hanumakonda, and others in surrounding regions.

Wildlife Update: Elephants Depart Asifabad, New Tiger Sighted

TPN , Komaram Bhim Asifabad : The forest department has reported that a herd of elephants has migrated from the Asifabad district towards Chhattisgarh. DFO Neeraj Kumar Tibre Wall confirmed the movement of these elephants.

In related wildlife news, a new tiger has

been spotted in the Kerameri Mandal, with footprints indicating its presence. The department believes that tigers are migrating from Tadoba and Tappeshwar in Maharashtra due to the dwindling population of wild tigers in the Kerameri region.

The area has seen an increase in cheetah

migration, along with 15 to 20 reported cases of tiger attacks on livestock, including cows and goats, in the past month. To address this, the forest department has provided compensation to affected livestock owners, ensuring support for the local community as wildlife interactions increase.

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



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 UNESCO 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.

The recent return of 248 artifacts from the US

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.



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.

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.

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 UPI, launched in 2016, has revolutionized the way transactions are conducted in 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-

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.

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.

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.

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 “identi-

ty 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.

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.

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.

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.

Received high-level 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 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 Dhyani 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 communists, and it continues to consider itself a sovereign state despite Beijing's claims.

The Taiwan issue is a highly sensitive 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

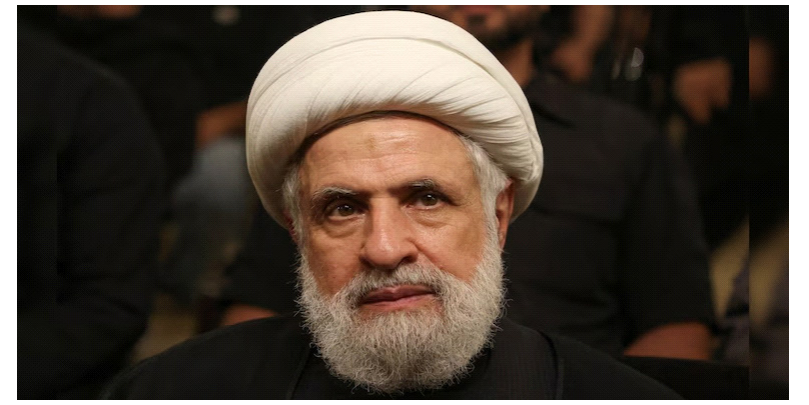


has increased military activities around Taiwan.

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

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.



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.



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.



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

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



On Tuesday, lawmakers were briefed by the country's intelligence agency regarding 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.

The briefing comes in the wake of NATO'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

broader implications for regional and global security.

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 platform



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.

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

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



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

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

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



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

1. HDFC Life Insurance Company Ltd (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.

2. Federal Bank Ltd (FEDERALBNK.NS)

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.

3. Eicher Motors Ltd (EICHERMOT.NS)

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 (DEEPAKFERT.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

Adani Enterprises has reported 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

Recent 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 weakening of growth momentum.



have significant implications for India's economic narrative going forward.

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

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.

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.



Jio Financial 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 network, to provide seamless and efficient payment solutions.

Jio Financial Services is part of Reliance's broader strategy to diversify its operations and tap into the financial technology sector. The company's strong technological infrastructure and extensive

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.

In conclusion, the RBI's approval for Jio Financial Services to operate as an online payment aggregator signifies a new chapter for the company and reinforces its commitment to expanding its financial services. As it prepares to launch its offerings, stakeholders will be watching closely to see how Jio Financial shapes the future of digital payments in India.

Tata Power Set to Report Q2FY25 Earnings with Positive Growth Projections

Tata Power is gearing up to announce its Q2FY25 earnings on October 30, with analysts projecting a robust performance for the company. According to estimates, Tata Power is expected to report a revenue increase of 11 percent year-on-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 EBITDA margin, estimated to be around 19.2 percent for the quarter. While this figure represents a slight decline from the 19.6

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.

Tata Power has been proactive in ex-



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

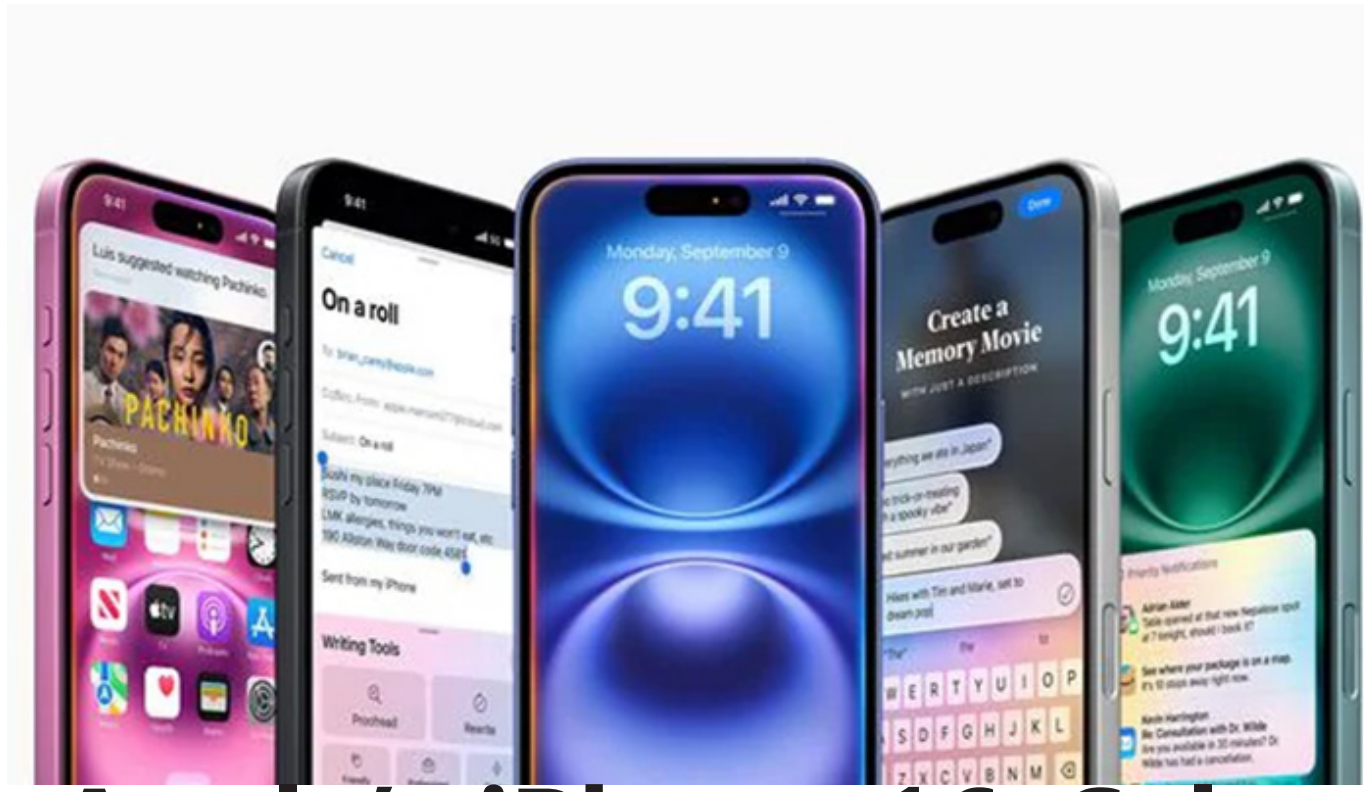
bolster its reputation as a responsible energy provider committed to environmental sustainability.

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

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 banned from sale in Indonesia due to non-compliance 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-

ing compliance with local regulations crucial for sustained business operations.

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

Netflix is launching an exciting new feature called Moments, allowing 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 content 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 conversations around 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

in connecting audiences with compelling narratives.

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

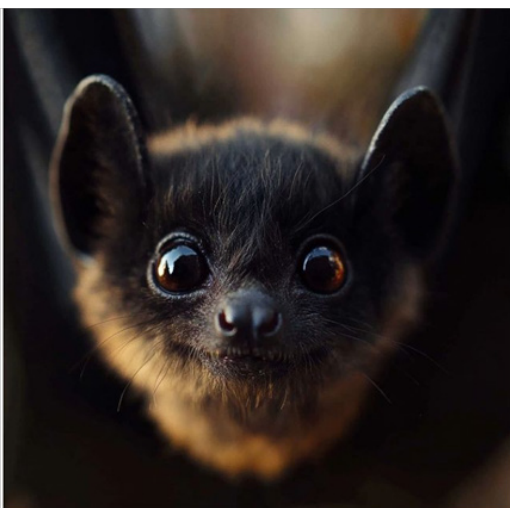


Netflix is keen to adapt to viewer preferences and trends in content consumption.

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



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.

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 continued existence in our ecosystems.

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.

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Meta Reportedly Developing an AI-Powered Search Engine

Meta Platforms is making 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 market, 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

competition. 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-

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 the future of AI-driven search technology.

Global Assessment Reveals One-Third of Tree Species Face Extinction

A new global assessment has revealed a staggering finding: over 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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Rodri Wins Men's Ballon d'Or 2024 As Real Madrid Boycott Event

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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 ecosystems they support.



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



Kane Williamson will not travel to India for the third Test in 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

Williamson additional time for recovery would be beneficial, ensuring 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.

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 wicket-keeper-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

India'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.

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.

The recognition of Deepti's skill comes at a crucial time, as her contributions are instrumental in the team's efforts to



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.

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,

fans and cricket enthusiasts will be keenly watching Deepti's performances, hoping she can maintain her excellent form and push for the top spot in the rankings.

Rohan Bopanna Qualifies for ATP Finals, Set to Make History

Indian tennis star Rohan Bopanna has reached a significant 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

The film "Hanu-Man," released 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 rapidly, and Varma has promised fans a special update as a Diwali gift. In anticipation, he has confirmed that the first look poster for the sequel will be unveiled on October 30, igniting curiosity and speculation among audiences.

With "Hanu-Man" setting the stage, all eyes are now on who will take on 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 much-anticipated sequel.

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.

As the release date for the first look poster approaches, excitement in the industry and among fans is palpable. Social media is abuzz with speculation 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 a pioneer in the superhero genre in Indian cinema.

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 adventure.

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.

Directed 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, Sohram 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 gearing 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.

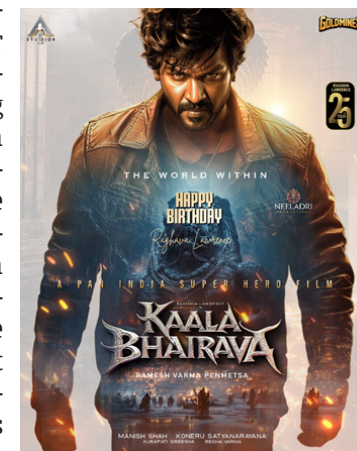
Produced by SN Reddy, Bala Sundaram, and Dinesh Sundaram, "Zebra" is backed by Padma Films Private Ltd and Old Town Pictures. With production values that promise to be top-notch, the film is shaping up to be a significant entry in this year's cinematic lineup.

Directed by Eashvar Karthic, "Zebra" is poised to deliver a gripping drama that promises to keep viewers on the edge of their seats. The film boasts an impressive ensemble cast featuring talents like Daali Dhananjaya, Jeniffer Piccinato, Priya Bhavani Shankar, Satyaraj, Sunil, and Satya Dev himself, among others. Each actor brings their unique flair, contributing to a rich tapestry of characters that will enhance the film's narrative.

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 high-stakes 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 Lawrence New Project: Kaala Bhairava Unveiled on His Birthday

Famed Kollywood choreographer, director, and actor 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.



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 expected to further heighten anticipation for this superhero film.

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

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!