

## Weather Forecast

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## APRWS Lab Employees Meets DCM Pawan Kalyan

Promises Support for Job Security and Pending Salaries



**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** Representatives from the Internal Water Quality Monitoring Laboratory Contract Employees Union of the Rural Water Supply Department (RWS) met with Deputy Chief Minister and Janasena Party leader Pawan Kalyan at the party's Mangalagiri Central Office on Sunday. The meeting addressed urgent concerns regarding job security and unpaid salaries for the union's members, who have reportedly not received their wages for the past three months.

During the meeting, union representatives expressed their fears of job termination due to political pressure and pleaded for assistance in ensuring their job security. They emphasized the precarious situation many families face, highlighting the dire consequences they might encounter if they lose their source of income. Pawan Kalyan listened intently to their concerns and assured them that he would address their issues promptly, promising to issue orders to the relevant officials to expedite the payment of their pending salaries.

In a poignant moment, G. Sujana Kumari, a disabled employee who had worked as a helper in the Kamalapuram lab in Kadapa district for the last decade, also shared her

story with Pawan Kalyan. She tearfully recounted her dismissal from duties three months ago, expressing her deep sorrow over losing her job. Sujana, born without a kidney and unable to lift heavy weights, highlighted her struggles and her inability to secure employment elsewhere. She urgently appealed to Pawan Kalyan to reinstate her job and provide support, stating that she had no other means to support herself.

Responding to her heartfelt plea, Pawan Kalyan immediately assured Sujana that he would speak with the relevant authorities to help her regain her position.

Accompanying Pawan Kalyan during the meeting were Janasena Party Legislature Member Mr. Pidugu Hariprasada and Convenor of the Party Program Management Committee Mr. Kalyanam Siva Srinivas, who also supported the employees' cause.

This meeting underscores the growing concern among contract employees in the RWS Department, highlighting the need for job security and timely salary disbursements. Pawan Kalyan's commitment to addressing these issues reflects his ongoing support for the working class and their right to fair employment conditions.

## CM Chandrababu's Delhi Tour, To Discuss Key Issues For AP

**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:**

As part of his visit to Delhi, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu will meet several Union Ministers, including Prime Minister Modi. The AP CM will first have a meeting with Prime Minister Modi at 4:30 PM on Monday.

Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu will once again travel to Delhi. He will leave for Delhi on Monday morning, and this trip will last for two days. The CM aims to bring many key issues related to Andhra Pradesh to the attention of various ministers, including Prime Minister Modi. Important discussions will be held on the Polavaram project, including the funds due to the state. Chandrababu has already mentioned these issues several times to the leaders in Delhi. As part of this effort, he will again present proposals on key issues before them.

During his visit to Delhi, Chief Minister Chandrababu will meet various Union Ministers, including Prime Minister Modi. This meeting with the Prime Minister will be his first since the Budameru floods. A report will be presented to the Prime Minister regarding the problems and damage faced by the people of Budameru Pongi due to the recent heavy rains. Chandrababu will raise several important issues with the Prime Minister, such as flood relief funds, the establishment of the Visakha railway zone, and the merger of Visakha steel with the Steel Authority of India.



Additionally, there is a possibility of discussing the Rs. 15,000 crores that will be allocated to Amaravati from the World Bank. The Prime Minister is likely to be asked to ensure that the release of funds is free from any hindrances. The CM is expected to discuss the Rs. 12,000 crores allocated under the first installment for the construction of Polavaram, the lifeline of Andhra Pradesh. On the day he meets Modi, he will also meet Minister of Railways and Communications Ashwini Vaishnav. Discussions will also focus on the pending railway projects in the state, including the foundation stone-laying ceremony of the Visakha Railway Zone. On Tuesday, he will meet Union Home Minister Amit Shah, Union Transport Minister Nitin Gadkari, and Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman.

## Indrakiladri Temple EO Neglects Minister, Prioritizes YCP Leader



**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** Amid grand celebrations of Dussehra Sharannavaratri at Indrakiladri, the temple of Ammalagannayamma, Muggurammala, Moolaputamma, and Durgamma, devotees are raising concerns over the functioning of the temple authorities.

Reports suggest that the temple officials are treating YCP leaders with undue favoritism, causing discomfort among other visitors. State ministers like Kollu Ravindra were reportedly left without special attention from the executive officer (EO) during their recent visit. In contrast, when YCP leaders come for darshan, they are accompanied by protocol officers and the EO, ensuring they receive blessings from the goddess.

This disparity has sparked criticism, with many questioning whether the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) or YCP is

truly in power. Observers note the absence of TDP leaders from Indrakiladri during the festival, further fueling suspicions of political favoritism. Leaders of the ruling party have allegedly struggled to receive Amma's darshan, leading to a growing sense of unease among party members and devotees.

The Dussehra festival committee's composition has also drawn attention. The majority of its members are from the BJP, with only 5% representation from Janasena, raising questions about the political influence on festival arrangements.

Despite the festive atmosphere, these allegations of favoritism and mismanagement have cast a shadow over the celebrations, leaving many devotees dissatisfied.

## Meet CBI Director Praveen Sood, Leading the Tirumala Laddu Investigation

**TPN, New Delhi:** The Supreme Court has taken a decisive step in the investigation of the Tirumala Laddu fiasco by appointing a Special Investigation Team (SIT) under the direct supervision of the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) Director, Praveen Sood. With his extensive experience and reputation for integrity, Sood will oversee the investigation and play a key role in delivering the final report to the Supreme Court.

Praveen Sood, a distinguished Indian Police Service (IPS) officer, has been serving as the Director of the CBI since May 2023. His appointment was made by a committee led by the Prime Minister, recognizing his decades of service and expertise in handling complex law enforcement matters. The CBI, under his leadership, is currently involved in several sensitive cases, and his steady hand is considered crucial to maintaining the agency's credibility and effectiveness.

Prior to his role as CBI Director, Sood served as the Director General of Police (DGP) for Karnataka, where he implemented several impactful reforms.



Known for his earnest approach and dedication to upholding the law, he has built a reputation for fairness and diligence.

In the Tirumala Laddu case, Sood will be monitoring a five-member SIT composed of two CBI officers, two officers from the Andhra Pradesh State Police, and one representative from the Food Safety and Standards Authority of India (FSSAI). With Sood at the helm, the investigation is expected to be thorough and impartial, ensuring that justice is served in this high-profile case.

# Biggest Challenge For CM



**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** It has been four months since the coalition government came to power, but the remnants of the five-year YCP rule are still not erased. The people of the state entrusted Chandrababu Naidu with the responsibility of fixing the broken systems and putting Andhra Pradesh back on the path to progress. However, the harsh reality is that the lack of funds has become the biggest hurdle for the coalition government.

According to the central government, debts exceeding Rs. 8 lakh crore were incurred during Jagan's five-year rule. Leaders from the TDP, Jana Sena, and BJP have consistently criticized Jagan's debt-driven governance. They claim that Jagan's focus was solely on the implementation of welfare schemes, completely neglecting development. As a result, the state's treasury is empty, and there have been instances where loans had to be taken even for paying salaries. Borrowing money every week for disbursement has become a routine practice. Additionally, due to Jagan's mismanagement, Andhra Pradesh failed to attract investments, leading to stagnant revenues.

Chandrababu, who highlighted the shortcomings of Jagan's government during his tenure as opposition leader, made it a point to assure voters that he would take responsibility for putting the state back on the path to development. Voters responded by

overwhelmingly supporting him, leaving YCP without even the status of an opposition party. However, this is where the real challenge for Chandrababu's government begins.

One of the primary challenges facing the government is the state of the roads in Andhra Pradesh. During his time in opposition, Janasena leader and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan actively fought against the poor condition of roads, using social media to highlight the issue. In East Godavari and Anantapur districts, he led protests by planting saplings in potholes. Media outlets also widely reported on the deteriorating state of the roads. Chandrababu promised to repair all roads once in power, but fulfilling that promise has become a major challenge for the coalition government.

On one hand, Chandrababu has openly stated that the treasury is depleted, and on the other, the focus remains on implementing welfare schemes. Officials have made a preliminary estimate that at least Rs. 10,000 crores will be required to repair the roads. In many areas, the roads have deteriorated severely, and local representatives are urging the Chief Minister to prioritize repairs. Chandrababu is now reviewing with officials how to raise funds for this purpose. With the rainy season ending, the coalition government plans to begin road repairs by June.

# CM Sir, please help us...

**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** "CM Sir, please help us," is the plea of Andhra Pradesh government employees. It has been nearly four months since the coalition government came to power, and during this time, the situation for employees has changed significantly. For the first time in years, government employees are now receiving their salaries on the 1st of every month.



When the YCP government took power in 2019, salaries and pensions were paid on the first day of the month only during the first year. However, starting from the second year, the Jagan government, which prioritized welfare schemes over development, sidelined employee welfare. Income generation became stagnant, and the government had to resort to loans to cover salaries. The routine involved making loan requests every Friday and disbursing salaries only after receiving the loan money, often around the 10th of the month or later. As a result, many employees became defaulters as they were unable to pay their bank loan installments on time.

Now, under the coalition government, salaries are being paid on time, which has

allowed employees to meet their loan obligations promptly. However, employees are still facing a significant challenge. When they approach banks for new loans for education or household needs, many are being denied because their previous defaulter status has not been resolved. Despite having secure government jobs, they are finding it difficult to obtain loans from banks due to their past default records.

This situation has forced many employees to turn to private moneylenders, who charge high interest rates, adding to their financial burden. Despite raising these concerns with union leaders, no solution has been provided. Many employees are now taking their grievances to the TDP central office and the Praja Durbar held by Minister Lokesh, hoping for a resolution to their problem.

# Tamil Nadu is the Land of Great Siddhas and Sadhus: DCM Pawan

- Pawan Kalyan x Udayanidhi Stalin on Sanatana Dharma
- Pawan Kalyan, who frequently tweets on Tamil Nadu issues
- Latest tweet with reference to his father

**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** Amid the recent verbal exchange with Tamil Nadu CM Udayanidhi Stalin regarding the issue of Sanatana Dharma, AP Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan has turned his focus toward Tamil Nadu. After recently congratulating the AIADMK on its foundation day, Pawan made an intriguing tweet, in which he mentioned his late father.

He tweeted, "Tamil Nadu is the land of great Siddhas and revered Sadhus. My late father was deeply devoted to Swami Ramakrishna Paramahansa, Sarada Mata, and Swami Vivekananda. He even traveled to Ranchi to receive initiation into Kriya Yoga and introduced all of us to it."

Pawan further shared, "In the late 80s and early 90s, my father frequently visited Mahavatar Babaji's ashram in Santhom, Chennai. He also regularly went to Tiruvannamalai to participate in the seva of Yogi Ram Surat Kumar."



Highlighting Tamil Nadu's spiritual heritage, Pawan Kalyan added, "In terms of culture and devotional traditions, Tamil Nadu is truly a sacred land, blessed by the presence of numerous Siddhas and Sadhus."

This tweet reflects Pawan Kalyan's deep admiration for the spiritual and cultural richness of Tamil Nadu, further emphasizing his personal connection to the region through his father's spiritual pursuits.

# Jani Master's National Award Suspended

**TPN, Hyderabad:** The Union Information and Broadcasting Ministry suspended choreographer Jani Master's National Award for Best Choreography on Friday, October 4, due to allegations of sexual assault. Jani Master, whose real name is Shaik Jani Basha, won the award for the song "Megham Karukatta" from the film Thiruchitrambalam. He shared the award with co-choreographer Sathish Krishnan. However, the National Film Awards Cell of the I&B Ministry has since issued a statement suspending the award.

In a letter, the deputy director of the cell stated, "In view of the seriousness of the allegations and the matter being sub judice, the Competent Authority has decided to suspend the National Film Award for Best Choreography for the year 2022 to Shri Shaik Jani Basha for the film Thiruchitrambalam until further orders." Jani's invitation to attend the National

Awards ceremony on October 8 has also been withdrawn.

## Allegations Against Jani Master



Jani is accused of sexually assaulting a minor dancer in 2019. Based on the complaint, the Cyberabad police arrested him in Goa on September 19 under the POCSO Act of 2012. The court remanded him to judicial custody for two weeks and later granted four days of police custody. The victim, now 21, alleges that Jani assaulted her multiple times between 2019 and 2020 across several cities, including Mumbai, Chennai, and Hyderabad. The Narsingi police have re-registered the case, and Jani faces charges under sections 376(2)(n), 506, and 323 of the Indian Penal Code.

# Bay of Bengal Issues Severe Rain Warning for Andhra Pradesh

**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** As October unfolds, the anticipated decrease in rainfall for the Telugu states has not materialized. Instead, residents are experiencing a combination of extreme heat and unseasonal rains. The Meteorological Department reports that surface circulation is ongoing in the west-central Bay of Bengal, leading to rainfall in both Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. Although there hasn't been any sudden heavy downpour, the situation is expected to worsen.

According to the Amaravati Meteorological Center, two low-pressure troughs are forming in the Bay of Bengal, raising the possibility of heavy rains across various regions of the state. Additionally, there are indications of a cyclone developing in the southwest Bay of Bengal, expected to impact Andhra Pradesh and Tamil Nadu on October 7 and 8.

The Meteorological Department has forecasted widespread rain across many areas in Coastal Andhra and Rayalaseema within the next 24 hours, with heavy rainfall likely in Rayalaseema.



The AP Disaster Management Agency has advised that light to moderate rains are expected in several districts today.

The districts likely to experience moderate rain include Parvathipuram Manyam, Alluri Sitarama Raju, Kakinada, Konaseema, East Godavari, Eluru, Palnadu, Prakasam, Annamayya, Chittoor, and Tirupati. In addition to these areas, light rains may also occur in Srikakulam, Vijayanagara, Visakhapatnam, Anakapalli, West Godavari, Krishna, NTR, Guntur, Bapatla, Kurnool, Nandyala, Anantapur, Sri Satyasai, and YSR districts.

Recent weather patterns have already resulted in light to moderate rainfall across multiple districts, including Parvathipuram Manyam, Alluri Sitarama Raju, Visakhapatnam, Anakapalli, Kakinada, Eluru, Prakasam, YSR district, Annamayya, Kurnool, Nandyala, Sri Satyasai, Chittoor, and Tirupati. Meteorological officials have indicated a continued likelihood of rain over the next three to four days.

## "It's My Fault... I Won't Let It Happen Again"



**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** The Tiruvuru TDP controversy has gained attention, with MLA Kolikapudi Srinivasa Rao being called by the party leadership to provide an explanation for his actions. Several TDP leaders and journalists from the constituency had previously complained about Kolikapudi's behavior, leading to demands for his suspension from the party. This internal strife has become a hot topic within Tiruvuru's TDP politics.

The party leadership has now focused on resolving these differences. On Saturday, MLA Kolikapudi Srinivasa Rao was summoned to the party's central office in Mangalagiri, where senior leaders, including party state president Palla Srinivasa Rao, Vijayawada MP Keshineni Chinni, Varla Ramaiah, and Satyanarayanaraju, held discussions with him. During this meeting, an explanation was taken from Kolikapudi regarding the issues in Tiruvuru.

It has been reported that Kolikapudi admitted to the mistakes he made, acknowledging that his actions had led to a lack of coordination within the party. He also accepted responsibility for addressing and correcting the problems caused by his performance.

Kolikapudi reportedly assured the party leaders that he would organize a meeting with party workers on Sunday in the presence of senior representatives to resolve the issues. He had already apologized for his inappropriate remarks made to media representatives earlier.

As the meeting unfolds, it remains to be seen how the disgruntled leaders will respond to Kolikapudi's attempts at reconciliation. Will those angered by his attitude soften and agree to work under his leadership? Only time will tell.

## Tourism Department Weakened Under Jagan's Govt - Minister Durgesh

**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** Minister Kandula Durgesh visited Visakhapatnam today (Sunday) and inspected the Tourism Yatri Niwas on Beach Road. During his visit, the minister criticized the Jagan-led government for significantly weakening the tourism department.

Speaking on the occasion, Minister Durgesh expressed his dissatisfaction, stating that the tourism department had suffered greatly due to the arbitrary actions of the YCP government. He pointed out that the construction of Yatri Niwas in Visakhapatnam had been neglected, with delays caused by the government's indecision. He recalled that after calling for a new tender, the YCP government then halted the work without awarding the contract. The minister added that a meeting would be arranged to uncover the details of what exactly transpired.

Durgesh further criticized the government for neglecting several tourism projects across



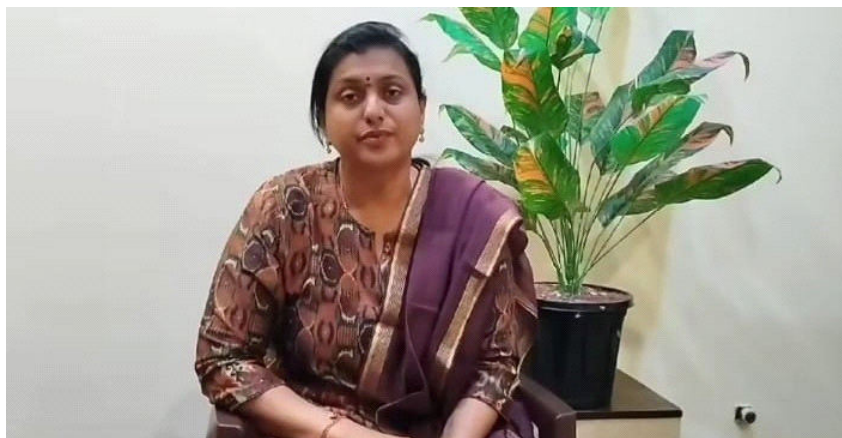
Andhra Pradesh in the name of reconstruction, resulting in halted work and loss of income in the tourism sector.

The minister also mentioned that their MV ship would soon be made available to the public, although some work remains pending. He highlighted that

Andhra Pradesh's Deputy Chief Minister, Pawan Kalyan, had spoken with the Central government about this issue, and the Center had promised to address it.

Later, Minister Durgesh continued his visit by touring the Borra Caves and the Araku region from Visakhapatnam.

## Punganur Girl Was Killed because of Govt Negligence



**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** Former minister and YCP leader RK Roja strongly condemned the murder of a seven-year-old girl in Punganur, Andhra Pradesh, accusing the government of negligence. She questioned the actions of the Chief Minister (CM) and Deputy CM, suggesting that the government has failed to ensure public safety. Roja argued that the focus on political achievements should not come at the expense of people's security.

In a viral video released on Instagram, Roja alleged that the parents of the missing girl had lodged a complaint on Sunday night, but the police ignored it. She recounted that due to the police's negligence, the girl's body was found four days later, four kilometers from her home. Roja criticized the government, calling it a disgrace that such an atrocity occurred in the CM's own district.

Roja reminded the public of a past incident in Madanapalle, where former CM Chandrababu Naidu had sent the DGP via helicopter after a fire destroyed important files. She questioned why no such action was taken in the case of the murdered seven-year-old girl. Citing recent crimes, she expressed doubt over the effectiveness of the police system in the state, alleging that law enforcement is being used for political gains.

Roja also referred to the incident at Gudlavalleru Engineering College, where she criticized the Home Minister for allegedly threatening young women and sending them home. Furthermore, she mentioned the unresolved murder case of a minor in Muchumarri, where a family from a neighboring village sought police help but received no protection. She alleged that a previously jailed suspect returned to kill a young woman from that family.



## Prakash Raj Once Again Satires On DCM Pawan

**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** Actor Prakash Raj once again made satirical remarks about Pawan Kalyan, while Udhayanidhi Stalin praised his father, Tamil Nadu CM Stalin, and indirectly criticized Pawan Kalyan. This comes after Pawan Kalyan recently criticized Udhayanidhi's comments on Santana Dharma.

At a book launch event in Chennai on Saturday, Prakash Raj shared the stage with Tamil Nadu CM Stalin, Deputy CM Udhayanidhi Stalin, and others. During his speech, Prakash Raj indirectly criticized Andhra Pradesh's Deputy CM, believed to be a reference to Pawan Kalyan. He contrasted the perspectives of Udhayanidhi and Pawan, stating that while Tamil Nadu's Deputy CM spoke about equality, another Deputy CM (hinting at Pawan Kalyan) spoke of orthodoxy.

He further added that those who advocate equality are feared by those defending orthodoxy, suggesting that while equality is promoted, some shy away from addressing the concerns of weaker sections. Netizens have interpreted these remarks as targeting Pawan Kalyan.

Meanwhile, the ongoing Twitter feud between Pawan Kalyan and Prakash Raj, which stemmed from the Tirumala Laddu controversy, has been intensifying. Pawan's fans have expressed outrage, interpreting Prakash Raj's latest comments in Chennai as a direct attack on their star.



## 1,000 Cows Will Be Donated to TTD for Ghee Production - BCY Party Chief

**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** Bharat Chaitanya Yuvajana Party (BCY) National President, Bode Ramachandrayadav, made a significant statement amidst the ongoing adulterated ghee controversy in Tirumala. He wrote a letter to former Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, offering to donate 1,000 cows to the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) to produce pure ghee for laddu prasadam.

Ramachandrayadav questioned why TTD does not have its own dairy farm and suggested that if the government is ready to establish one, he would provide 1,000 cows. Furthermore, he offered to take responsibility for the free transportation of another 100,000 cows to Tirumala. According to his estimates, with 100,000 cows, about 10 lakh liters of milk can be produced daily, yielding approximately 50,000 kg of butter, from which around 30,000 kg of ghee can be made.

He proposed that this ghee could be used for incense and lamp offerings, as well as for making laddus, while the remaining ghee could be supplied to other temples. This move, he claimed, would ensure that no adulteration occurs.

Additionally, Ramachandrayadav requested that spiritual gurus and religious representatives be given a place in the governing body of TTD, ensuring that spiritual values are upheld in decision-making processes.

## YS Sharmila Challenges Chandrababu Naidu on Visakha Steel Privatization

**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** Andhra Pradesh Congress Committee (APCC) Chief YS Sharmila Reddy has issued a strong statement, challenging TDP leader N. Chandrababu Naidu over his stance on the Visakha Steel Plant privatization issue. In a public message, she reminded Naidu of his earlier assurance to prevent the privatization of the steel plant and urged him to stand by his word.

In her message, Sharmila pointed out that in 2021, Naidu, as the Leader of the Opposition, signed a letter vowing to protect Visakha Steel from privatization and restore the plant to its former glory. She stated that she is resending the letter to him as a reminder of his commitment. Sharmila also called on Naidu to consider resigning from his position if necessary to uphold his promise.

Sharmila questioned whether Naidu prioritizes the rights of the people of Andhra Pradesh or his alliance with the BJP. She demanded that Naidu either ensure the preservation of Visakha Steel or withdraw his party's support from the NDA if the privatization is not halted.

She further urged Naidu to clarify whether he values Visakha Steel or his position in the NDA more, warning him that he could be branded a fraud if he does not take decisive action. In her demands, Sharmila called for the immediate



merger of Visakha Steel Plant with SAIL, the regularization of 14,000 contract workers, and jobs for 8,000 displaced landowners. She also emphasized that not a single acre of the plant's 23,000 acres should be sold.

The APCC leader concluded by demanding that Naidu either make an official announcement on the matter or withdraw from the NDA alliance, reiterating Congress's stand on the issue.



## Safety of Fishermen is the Highest Priority: Minister Kollu Ravindra



**TPN, Machilipatnam:** Kollu Ravindra, the State Minister for Mines, Mineral Resources, and Excise, emphasized that the safety of fishermen is the government's top priority. During an event held at his residence in Machilipatnam on Sunday evening, the minister distributed mechanized and motorized boats to 50 local fishermen.

In his address, Minister Ravindra highlighted the government's commitment to ensuring the safety of fishermen at sea. He announced that transponders equipped with communication systems would be provided to the owners of mechanized and motorized boats. These devices are designed to assist in locating boats that may

stop or go missing in unforeseen circumstances, enabling efficient information exchange between boat owners.

"The installation of these devices will not only enhance safety but also help in identifying the availability of fish resources in the sea," he stated. Furthermore, the minister assured that the state government is dedicated to addressing the challenges faced by fishermen and is actively working on implementing a satellite system to improve their operations. The initiative aims to provide fishermen with the tools they need to ensure their safety and enhance their livelihoods on the water.

## Every Acre in Sagar Ayakattu to Be Irrigated, Assures Minister Gottipati Ravikumar

**TPN, Addanki:** Power Minister Gottipati Ravikumar has affirmed that efforts are underway to ensure that every acre in Sagar Ayakattu receives adequate irrigation to benefit local farmers. During his inspection of the Addanki branch canal, which serves approximately 180,000 acres, he highlighted the negligence of the previous government, which led to the deterioration of canals and wastage of water.

On Sunday, Ravikumar visited Agudipalem village in the Santamagalur mandal and ordered officials to clear the jungle around the canal to prevent further water loss. He directed that the existing shutters be repaired and new ones installed where needed. The minister also emphasized the need for the swift installation of five machines across five mandals to expedite repair work.

"The state government is committed to providing irrigation water to Parchur as well," he stated, with the goal of releasing 1,200 cusecs of water through the branch canal from the 18th milestone in the five mandals of the constituency. Ravikumar criticized the previous government's inaction, stating, "Except for a name change, there has been no progress in the works." He pointed out that the

Kolusupadu project had merely undergone a name change to the Polireddy project without any actual development. Under the current coalition government, land acquisition has been completed for one reservoir, and canal work is finished for another.

He assured that all outstanding land acquisition and displacement issues from the previous administration would be resolved. "The Kolusupadu reservoir will be filled with water within the next year by compensating the residents of Kolusupadu and East Palam," he added.

Additionally, he announced plans to resume work on the stalled Bhavanasi Reservoir after re-estimating costs. Ravikumar lamented the loss of thousands of cusecs of water due to the previous government's failure to repair the Gundlakamma gates, but noted that the coalition government has installed 10 gates and plans to add two more soon.

"Our goal is to fill the Gundlakamma reservoir completely and provide water to 90,000 acres. Through Sagar Ayakattu, we aim to ensure that every acre is irrigated and make this area verdant," he concluded.



## Amaravati Drone Summit-2024 Set to Take Flight on October 22,23



**TPN, Vijayawada:** The highly anticipated Amaravati Drone Summit-2024 is scheduled for October 22,23, promising to attract thousands of representatives from across the nation. The Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Nara Chandrababu Naidu, will inaugurate the two-day conference at the CK Convention in Mangalagiri.

State Investment and Infrastructure Department Secretary S. Suresh Kumar announced that the summit aims to position Andhra Pradesh as the drone capital of India. He emphasized the conference's importance in discussing global drone technology and its applications in daily life and governance. Key topics will include improving analytical capabilities

related to drone surveillance during emergencies, such as floods.

The summit will also feature a "Drone Hackathon," inviting enthusiasts to register online before October 15. Participants will compete for cash prizes, including ₹3 lakh for the first prize, ₹2 lakh for second, and ₹1 lakh for third, with awards presented by the Chief Minister on the opening day.

One of the main attractions of the summit will be the largest drone show ever held in India, featuring 5,000 drones on the banks of the Krishna River on the evening of October 22. This event is expected to draw a large audience, with free entry

for all attendees.

In addition to discussions and competitions, the summit will also showcase the newly launched logos and website for the event. With around 1,000 delegates and 400 representatives from the drone industry expected to attend, the Amaravati Drone Summit-2024 is set to be a landmark event, fostering collaboration between academia, industry, and government to unlock the potential of drone technology in India. For more information and registration for the hackathon, interested parties can visit [amaravatidronesummit.com](https://amaravatidronesummit.com).

## Dussehra Sharannavaratri Celebrations on Indrakiladri



**TPN, Vijayawada:** The Dussehra Sharannavaratri celebrations are in full swing at Indrakiladri, where devotees have gathered in large numbers to seek the blessings of Kanakadurgamma, adorned as Sri Lalitha Tripura Sundari Devi. Since dawn, a steady flow of devotees has arrived at the temple, especially as it is a Sunday, a day typically marked by increased attendance.

In anticipation of the crowd, the temple authorities have made extensive arrangements to ensure a smooth experience for all visitors. Officials are preparing Anna Prasad and Laddu Prasad, traditional offerings that enhance the spiritual atmosphere during the festivities.

To accommodate the needs of elderly devotees and those with disabilities, wheelchair facilities and special vehicles have been provided. Additionally, the Vijayawada Municipal Corporation has set up luggage counters and drinking water stations throughout the temple premises to assist attendees.

Overall, the temple management is committed to making the Dussehra celebrations a memorable and comfortable experience for everyone.

## Temple EO KS Rama Rao Conducts Surprise Inspections Ahead of Dussehra Celebrations

**TPN, Vijayawada:** KS Rama Rao, the Executive Officer (EO) of Sri Durgamalleswara Swamivarla Devasthanam, conducted surprise inspections to ensure that the arrangements for the Dussehra celebrations were up to par. With thousands of devotees arriving from various places to visit Lord Jagan Mata on Indrakiladri, it was essential to evaluate the facilities provided for their convenience.



directly and ensure that devotees faced minimal delays.

As part of the inspection, Rao checked the ticketing system, standing at the scanning point to oversee the verification process of QR codes on tickets and passes. His hands-on approach allowed him to address any potential issues

Additionally, Rao inspected the newly installed staircase lift designed for the elderly, disabled, and those unable to walk, emphasizing the temple's commitment to inclusivity.

During his rounds, Rao engaged with many devotees to gather their feedback on the various arrangements. He was pleased to report that the majority of visitors expressed satisfaction with the facilities and services provided during this busy festive season.

The EO's proactive measures aim to enhance the overall experience for devotees during the ongoing Dussehra celebrations, particularly on the fourth day when Goddess Sri Lalitha Tripura appears as Sundari Devi. With a focus on ensuring comfort and accessibility, the temple administration is dedicated to making this holy occasion memorable for all attendees.

## Authorization Process for Liquor Shop Lottery Simplified by State Excise and Prohibition Dept

**TPN, Vijayawada:** In a recent announcement, Nishant Kumar, Director of the State Excise and Prohibition Department, outlined the guidelines for the lottery process for selecting liquor shops under the new Liquor Policy 2024-26. He clarified that individuals wishing to participate in the lottery



authorize others to act on their behalf, streamlining the application process.

Kumar emphasized that there are no restrictions on the number of applications a single individual can submit for liquor shop licenses, nor are there limits on the number of shops one person can operate within the same order. This flexibility allows applicants to apply for multiple shops, enhancing participation in the lot-

tery process.

To facilitate this, the department has released a proforma featuring ID-based authentication for self-verification, simplifying the authorization procedure for applicants. Kumar stated that it is sufficient for applicants to record essential details, such as their name and the name of the authorized representative, on a plain white paper in the prescribed format before submitting it to the relevant authorities.

The Director directed all Prohibition and Excise Officers and Deputy Commissioners across the state to consider these points and implement them accordingly. This initiative aims to ensure a transparent and efficient lottery process, encouraging broader participation in the liquor licensing system.



# Envy Imperialism and iSlavery: How the iPhone Fuels Digital Enslavement

Typing this essay on a MacBook Air, tethered to an iPhone Pro (albeit not the latest model) may appear hypocritical, but certain issues warrant discussion using the very tools that exemplify the topic. The hype surrounding the sale of the iPhone 16 across India is a reminder of the industrially produced concoction of glamour, envy, and cultural imperialism that defines many markets in the Global South today. This phenomenon is what can be termed as envy imperialism.

Envy, while often seen as a negative emotion, is a potent economic driver. In the realm of consumer behavior, envy fosters achievement motivation and drives spending. The more one envies, the more one feels compelled to earn, spend, and possess. Since its 2007 launch, the iPhone has become emblematic of this cycle. It is a status symbol that people aspire to own, not merely for its utility but for the social prestige it confers—a modern-day neighbour's envy, owner's pride.



## The Triumph of Simulation Over Utility



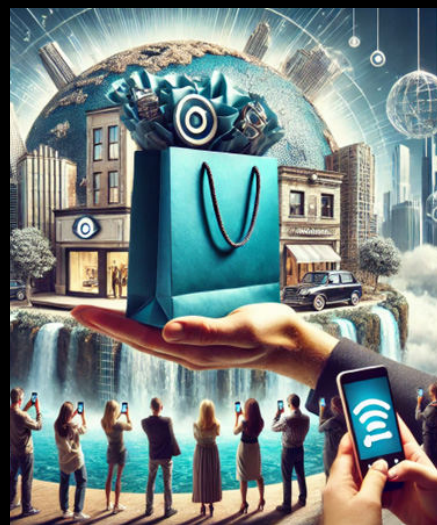
The iPhone transcends its role as a communication device; it is a platform for producing and perpetuating glamour. At the turn of the century, as smartphones were entering the market, experts were unsure whether their utility or their role in crafting digital worlds would win out. As Thomas Elsaesser noted in 2005, the question was whether third-generation cellphones would triumph due to their utility or because of the "sophisticated parallel worlds" they could create.

Two decades later, the answer is clear: simulation reigns supreme. The smartphone has become a space where people carefully curate their lives for influence and clout. It is no longer simply a tool for communication but the ultimate platform for crafting digital personas. Social media and smartphone culture have transformed how people relate to the world around them. The glamour generated on platforms like Instagram is meticulously curated to foster envy and admiration.

## The World of Influencers and Aspirations

When discussing social media's impact, the focus is often on vulnerable groups—children, adolescents, and the economically marginalized. It is widely acknowledged how social media preys on their aspirations and how influencers perpetuate unattainable ideals of success. However, the conversation rarely extends to the \*haves\*—those who wield these digital platforms to create envy among their peers, fostering a reckless pursuit of social validation. The purpose of posting an image with a luxury shopping bag, even if empty, is not to impress those from economically disadvantaged backgrounds but to elicit envy from peers.

Digital glamour gives users a space to escape the socio-economic constraints they face in reality. As Kiran V. Bhatia points out, children in Indian slums use social media to access the experiences they aspire to but cannot attain. This digital access seldom translates into upward mobility. They are collateral consumers of a world designed for envy, mere "followers" feeding the data-driven machine of the social media ecosystem.



## Curation: The First Step Toward iSlavery

Not all forms of digital glamour are tied to luxury goods; intellectual posturing is another currency in this world of envy. Whether showcasing a new book or boasting of refined tastes like wine, social media is where people craft narratives to signal success and cultural arrival. This careful curation, often unnoticed by the curator, is a step toward what scholars like Jack Linchuan Qiu call "iSlavery". Qiu argues that while smartphones promised emancipation, they have instead created new forms of enslavement. The most dangerous part of this enslavement is how willing we are to participate.

Brain imaging studies have shown that screen obsession is causing neurological disorders in children and adolescents. But for adults, the dangers are more insidious. Adults have the agency to step away from screens, yet they choose enslavement, tethered to the constant need for validation through digital personas. Whether standing in line for hours to buy the latest iPhone or constructing the perfect "authentic" self for social media, adults are increasingly slaves to their screens.

## The Cultural Imperialism of iSlavery



The dominance of Apple's iPhone across the globe is not just a technological achievement but a cultural one. The possession of an iPhone allows users to flaunt their status, which in turn enables them to signal other forms of affluence. In this sense, the cultural imperialism of the iPhone goes beyond its technological capabilities—it exploits the human need for social validation and feeds off envy.

As Christian Fuchs argues, traditional slavery involved the exploitation of the body. Today's digital slavery exploits the brain—the site of our ideas, emotions, and desires. The relentless pursuit of social validation through smartphones is eroding our ability to engage meaningfully with the world. What remains is a shallow existence, driven by envy and the need to curate an image that aligns with societal expectations.

This relentless cycle of envy and aspiration is leading to a form of digital "anomie"—a state of nothingness. As we become more enslaved to our screens and the devices that shape our social lives, we risk losing touch with the very essence of who we are.



# PM Modi flags off Mumbai's first underground Metro line

Mumbai celebrated a significant milestone on Saturday as Prime Minister Narendra Modi inaugurated the first phase of the Aqua Line Metro, marking the city's entry into underground metro travel after eight years of planning and construction. The initial 12.44-km stretch connects Aarey to the Bandra Kurla Complex (BKC), setting the stage for improved urban mobility in one of India's busiest cities.

The entire Aqua Line will span 33.5 kilometers, linking Cuffe Parade, BKC, and Aarey Colony, with full operations expected to commence by March 2025. This project aims to alleviate traffic congestion, reduce travel time, and enhance connectivity in the city, making commuting more efficient for millions of Mumbaiers.

During the inauguration, PM Modi



took a symbolic ride on the metro from BKC to Santacruz and back, accompanied by construction workers and beneficiaries of the "Chief Minister Majhi Ladki Bahin Yojana," which supports women in various capacities. This gesture highlighted the inclusive nature of

the project and the government's commitment to empowering citizens.

The Aqua Line Metro is part of a broader effort to modernize Mumbai's transportation infrastructure, which includes additional metro

lines, suburban trains, and the ongoing development of BKC as a major business hub. The metro line's underground nature will help minimize disruption on the surface, preserving the city's vibrant urban landscape while facilitating necessary growth.

As Mumbai continues to grapple with its ever-growing population and increasing vehicular traffic, the Aqua Line is seen as a critical step towards sustainable urban development. The metro's impact is expected to resonate beyond mere transportation, fostering economic growth and improving the quality of life for residents.

With this inauguration, Mumbai joins the ranks of global cities that have embraced underground metro systems, paving the way for a more connected, efficient, and environmentally friendly future.



## India To Become Next Chip Manufacturing Hub: Ashwini Vaishnaw

Union Minister for Electronics and IT Ashwini Vaishnaw has announced that India is on track to become a leading semiconductor hub, driven by significant investments in the sector. Speaking about a recent roundtable in New York, where Prime Minister Narendra Modi met with top tech executives, Vaishnaw highlighted that three leading CEOs noted an unprecedented level of enthusiasm for India in the last 35 to 40 years.

The Central government has approved five semiconductor manufacturing proposals, totaling nearly ₹1.52 lakh crore in investment. Vaishnaw noted that Micron Technology is set to produce the first made-in-India chips by early 2025. He also mentioned ongoing construction at the CG power semiconductor facility and Tata's ATMP facility in Assam, both crucial for bolstering India's semiconductor capabilities.

The Minister emphasized that the growth of the semiconductor industry aligns with PM Modi's vision for a self-reliant India. Semiconductors are foundational to numerous industries, powering everything from medical devices and mobile phones to vehicles and home electronics.

According to reports, India's semiconductor market is projected to reach \$64 billion by 2026, nearly tripling its size since 2019. The government's 'Semicon India' initiative is designed to provide financial support for various aspects of semiconductor manufacturing, including fabrication units, sensors, display manufacturing, and packaging.

Experts believe that by enhancing production capabilities, India is poised to capture a significant share of the global semiconductor market. Initiatives like the Semicon India Programme and the India Semiconductor Mission (ISM) are aimed at driving innovation, creating jobs, and stimulating economic growth through technological advancements.



## BJP Forming Govt For Third Time: Haryana CM

Haryana Chief Minister Nayab Singh Saini dismissed exit poll predictions on Sunday, asserting that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) will secure a full majority and form the government for a third consecutive term when results are announced on October 8.

Despite most exit polls indicating a potential Congress victory, Saini maintained his party's confidence. "On October 8, we are going to form the government," he stated firmly. He suggested that the Congress would likely blame the Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) for their defeat, saying, "People will have their say on October 8, and they — Congress — will blame the EVMs."

When pressed about the number of seats the BJP might win in the 90-member assembly, Saini reiterated his confidence, saying, "I have said we will form the government with full majority." He attributed this optimism to the party's efforts to work for all sections of society without discrimination.

Saini's comments came after nearly 67 percent voter turnout was recorded in the Haryana assembly elections, with several exit polls predicting a comeback for the Congress party after a decade in opposition. He countered the predictions by referencing exit polls that also forecast Congress victories in Chhattisgarh and Uttarakhand, emphasizing that such forecasts do not reflect the reality on the ground.

## Senior doctors to join juniors Amid Demands for Justice



In the heart of Kolkata's Dharmatala area, junior doctors from RG Kar Medical College and Hospital are enduring a hunger strike until death, seeking justice for a deceased colleague and advocating for workplace safety. The strike commenced late Saturday night after the state government failed to address their demands within a 24-hour deadline.

The tragic death of the woman medic has ignited outrage among her peers, prompting this significant protest. Debasish Halder, a participating doctor, expressed the group's determination: "The support of these people gives us the courage to continue our protest against the gruesome murder of our sister. We are happy to see that people have not forgotten that justice is yet not given, and attacks on doctors are still ongoing."

The junior doctors, who had previously staged a sit-in at Dorina crossing, decided to escalate their

protest after an alleged assault by Kolkata Police personnel. To ensure transparency, they have set up CCTV cameras at the protest site, documenting their actions.

The hunger strike includes six identified doctors: Snigdha Hazra, Tanaya Panja, Anustup Mukhopadhyay, Arnab Mukhopadhyay, Pulastha Acharya, and Sayantani Ghosh Hazra. They warned that the state would bear responsibility if any of them fell ill during the protest. Their demands extend beyond justice for their colleague; they also call for the removal of Health Secretary NS Nigam and accountability for alleged incompetence within the Health department.

Additional demands include establishing a centralized referral system for hospitals, monitoring bed vacancies, and forming task forces to improve essential provisions like CCTV, on-call rooms, and washrooms in medical facilities.



## BJP's Double-Engine Means Inflation, Corruption: Kejriwal

AAP supremo Arvind Kejriwal has issued a bold challenge to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, urging him to provide free electricity in all NDA-ruled states before the upcoming Delhi Assembly elections. Speaking at a public gathering during the 'Janta Ki Adalat' event, Kejriwal vowed to campaign for the BJP if the Prime Minister fulfills this demand.

Kejriwal criticized the BJP's "double engine" governments, claiming they have failed to deliver effective governance and predicting their ousting in states like Haryana and Jammu and Kashmir. He described the "double engine" model as synonymous with "double loot and double corruption."

"I challenge PM Modi to provide free electricity in all 22 BJP-ruled states before the Delhi Assembly elections in February. If he does, I will campaign for the BJP," Kejriwal stated emphatically. He also referenced exit polls suggesting that the BJP's grip on power is weakening in states like Haryana and Jammu

and Kashmir.

In addition to his challenge, Kejriwal accused the BJP of being anti-poor. He highlighted issues such as the removal of bus marshals and data entry operators and the suspension of salaries for home guards in Delhi. "There is no democracy in Delhi. It's under the LG's rule," he alleged, suggesting that local governance has been undermined.

Kejriwal's comments reflect a broader narrative in which he seeks to position AAP as a champion for the common man, contrasting it with the BJP's governance. As the Delhi Assembly elections approach, his challenge could serve to galvanize support among voters who prioritize affordable utilities and good governance.

The response from PM Modi and the BJP regarding Kejriwal's challenge remains to be seen, but the stakes are high as both parties prepare for a politically charged election season.

## SAARC Stagnation Due to Cross-Border Terrorism: Jaishankar

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar has highlighted that the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) is currently "not moving forward," primarily due to the activities of one of its member states engaging in "cross-border terrorism." His comments, made during a recent event, underscore the challenges facing SAARC, which has not convened for meetings since its last summit in Kathmandu in 2014.

While he did not name the country responsible, Jaishankar emphasized that the ongoing terrorism poses significant hurdles to cooperation among member nations. "If you are all sitting together and cooperating, and at the same time this kind of terrorism goes on... it poses a challenge for us," he said. The Minister asserted that normal-



izing such behavior would be unacceptable, leading to a collective decision to pause SAARC activities. Jaishankar also noted that the lack of SAARC meetings does not imply a halt in regional integration. He pointed out that in recent years, In-

dia has engaged in more substantial regional cooperation with neighboring countries like Bangladesh, Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar, and Sri Lanka. Initiatives include restoring railway lines, rebuilding roads, and enhancing energy grids. "What

is happening in the neighborhood is because we are espousing a policy called 'Neighbourhood First,'" he stated. Furthermore, during his address, Jaishankar discussed historical parallels, recalling Sardar Vallabhbhai Patel's efforts in reconstructing India post-colonialism while navigating the complexities of international relations. He referenced the present-day relationship with China, noting the ongoing border disputes and emphasizing the need for peace and respect for the Line of Actual Control (LAC).

As the regional landscape evolves, Jaishankar's remarks serve as a reminder of the intricate balance required for cooperation in South Asia, particularly in the face of challenges posed by terrorism and geopolitical tensions.

# There's One India: Canada Reaffirms Support For Territorial Integrity



been made very clear." This affirmation is viewed as a response to the concerns surrounding pro-Khalistan elements within Canada, particularly as it relates to their activities and freedoms.

While Morrison acknowledged the existence of these pro-Khalistan sentiments, he characterized them as "awful but lawful," emphasizing the protections offered under Canadian freedom of speech laws. This clarification is intended to address apprehensions about Canada's stance on Khalistani activism, which has strained diplomatic relations with India.

The relationship between India and Canada has been increasingly fraught, particularly since the allegations made by Trudeau last year, which India deemed "absurd" and politically motivated. The aftermath saw a significant downturn in bilateral relations, including stalled trade talks and heightened diplomatic tensions.

Canada's recent overtures toward India, particularly following the re-election of Prime Minister Narendra Modi for a historic third term, signal an intention to mend fences. Trudeau indicated a willingness to engage on critical issues surrounding national security and public safety.

In June, the Canadian parliament observed a moment of silence for Nijjar, prompting India to hold its own memorial for the victims of the 1985 Air India bombing, which was linked to Khalistani terrorism. The complexity of these issues continues to challenge the diplomatic landscape, with Canada recently arresting four Indian nationals amid its investigations, further complicating the discourse around sovereignty and security.

As both nations navigate these sensitive waters, the reaffirmation of Canada's commitment to India's territorial integrity could serve as a pivotal step in restoring dialogue and cooperation moving forward.

Canada has reaffirmed its stance on the territorial integrity of India, a notable statement amid ongoing tensions between the two nations. This marks the first clear declaration since last year's diplomatic fallout following Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau's allegations regarding potential Indian government involvement in the assassination of Hardeep Singh Nijjar, a Canadian citizen and a wanted terrorist in India.

During an appearance at the foreign interference commission in Ottawa, Deputy Minister for Foreign Affairs David Morrison stated, "Canada's policy is very clear that India's territorial integrity must be respected. There's one India, and that's



# Rockets From Gaza Cross Into Israel Day Before Hamas Attack

On Sunday, the Israeli military reported that rockets launched from northern Gaza crossed into southern Israel, marking a significant escalation as the region braces for the upcoming first anniversary of Hamas's October 7 attack. The military confirmed that several projectiles were detected entering Israeli territory, with one intercepted and the others landing in open areas, causing no immediate damage or casualties.

The military's statement emphasized heightened vigilance and readiness for potential attacks as the anniversary of the unprecedented assault approaches. Israeli forces remain on alert, reflecting the tense atmosphere following the events of the past year, which have seen a dramatic increase in hostilities between Israel and Hamas.

The cross-border incidents highlight ongoing tensions in the region, with both sides engaging in military actions.

In recent months, there have been various exchanges of fire, and incidents like these have led to increased security measures in southern Israel. Local residents are advised to stay alert and follow safety protocols as military operations continue.

As the anniversary of the October 7 attack nears, which resulted in significant loss of life and escalated the conflict, both Israeli and Palestinian communities are on edge. The international community is closely monitoring the situation, with calls for restraint and dialogue to prevent further violence.

The current military dynamics underscore the complexity of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict, characterized by cycles of retaliation and calls for security. With both sides preparing for possible escalations, the coming days may be crucial in determining the trajectory of the conflict in the region.



# Israeli Airstrike On Mosque In Gaza Kills 26

The health ministry in Hamas-run Gaza reported on Sunday that an Israeli airstrike on a mosque converted into a shelter in central Deir al-Balah resulted in the deaths of 26 people. The strike has drawn significant attention amid escalating violence in the region.

According to the ministry, "The number of martyrs brought to hospitals as a result of the occupation's targeting of displaced people in the Ibn Rushd school and Al Aqsa Martyrs mosque reached 26, with several more wounded." Earlier reports from the Gaza civil defense agency indicated that at least 21 individuals

had died in the pre-dawn strike.

In response, the Israeli military asserted that it targeted Hamas militants during the strike, claiming it was a "precise strike on Hamas terrorists who were operating within a command and control center" located at the mosque. However, the military did not provide specific details regarding the casualty figures.

The incident highlights the ongoing tensions and violence in the Gaza Strip, where hostilities have intensified in recent months. The conflict has seen a significant humanitari-

an toll, with numerous casualties reported on both sides.

The situation remains fluid, with continued exchanges of fire and airstrikes exacerbating the humanitarian crisis in the region. As the international community watches closely, calls for de-escalation and a return to dialogue have become increasingly urgent.

As the conflict persists, the impact on civilians continues to be profound, underscoring the urgent need for a sustainable resolution to the ongoing violence and its humanitarian implications.



# Trump Campaigning in Wisconsin Amid Republican Concerns

Donald Trump's recent campaign stop in Wisconsin marks his fourth visit in just eight days, reflecting the former president's increasing focus on the state as Republicans express anxiety about his ability to compete with Democrats' enthusiasm and turnout efforts. Wisconsin has historically been a battleground state, having leaned Republican only once in the last 40 years, when Trump won it in 2016.

Political analysts in the state, like Brandon Scholz, a seasoned Republican strategist, have voiced concerns about the current political landscape. Scholz, who previously supported Trump in 2020 but has decided against voting for either Trump or Democratic nominee Kamala Harris this year, believes that the Republican Party should indeed be worried. "In the political chatter class, they're worried," he remarked, highlighting the palpable unease among party members.

Trump's latest rally took place in Juneau, Dodge County, a region he previously secured with 65% of the vote in the last presidential election. Local Republican Party chairman Jack Yuds noted that support for Trump appears to be even stronger in his area than in previous election cycles. "I can't keep signs in," Yuds stated, emphasizing the high demand for Trump merchandise.



# Maldives President Muizzu arrives in India on first state visit

Maldives President Mohamed Muizzu arrived in New Delhi on Sunday afternoon for a five-day state visit, marking his first trip to India since assuming office. The visit comes at the invitation of Indian President Droupadi Murmu and aims to strengthen bilateral ties between the two nations.

During his stay, President Muizzu is scheduled to hold high-level meetings with President Murmu, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, and other senior Indian officials. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar will meet with him later in the evening, and a ceremonial reception at Rashtrapati Bhawan is set for Monday.

The itinerary includes a visit to Rajghat to pay tributes to Mahatma Gandhi, followed by bilateral discussions with PM Modi at Hyderabad House. Additionally, Muizzu is expected to meet Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar and President Murmu on Monday. Accompanied by First Lady Sajidha Mohamed and a high-level delegation, he plans to visit Agra on Tuesday.

Muizzu's office has emphasized

his commitment to enhancing bilateral relations with countries crucial to the Maldives' development, aiming for a proactive foreign policy. Discussions during the visit are expected to focus on reinforcing cooperation and deepening the longstanding relationship between India and the Maldives.

Earlier this year, Muizzu attended PM Modi's swearing-in ceremony and met him at the COP28 summit in Dubai, highlighting the ongoing diplomatic engagement between the two countries. MEA spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal noted that the visit underscores the importance India places on its relationship with the Maldives and aims to foster robust people-to-people ties.

Despite some strains in the relationship over the past year, India continues to play a significant role in providing development assistance to the Maldives, with various projects funded by India benefiting many citizens. As both nations look to the future, this visit could serve as a pivotal moment for further collaboration and mutual growth in the Indian Ocean region.

## Market Volatility Ahead: Crude Price Spike and FII Exodus Pressure Domestic Indices

In the background of international uncertainty, the domestic stock markets are likely to undergo severe ups and downs this week. Crude oil prices have increased tremendously due to the mutual attacks of Israel and Iran. On the other hand, foreign institutional investors are going to the Chinese markets with the stimulus scheme. Investors should buy attractively priced shares with strong



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fundamentals as there will be fluctuations. All sectoral indices followed suit with benchmark indices Sensex and Nifty falling 4% last week. Shares in realty, finance, bank, infra and consumption sectors faced selling pressure. Only metal shares showed strength.

### Stock recommendations

**Zomato:** After the turnaround, these shares are showing strong momentum as if there is no going down. A 12% correction followed market conditions after lifetime highs. It is noteworthy that EPS and sales are increasing every quarter. Investors should take a position at the level of Rs.270 with a target price of Rs.300 in this counter which closed at Rs.275 with a gain of 2.34% on Friday. Stoploss should be placed at Rs.260.



**Torrent Power:** These shares remain at lifetime highs. A good momentum is seen from the swing low point in September. Moving better than the benchmark index. Investors can take positions in the range of Rs.1860 with a target price of Rs.1990 in this counter which closed at Rs.1890 last Friday by 1.77%. Stoploss should be kept at Rs.1840.



**JK Paper:** These shares have seen a correction after hitting a lifetime high in July. Almost 30% fall. A good base has been formed with the consolidation since August. The shares jumped 5.3% to close at Rs 490 on heavy volume on Friday. Momentum investors can consider taking a position at Rs.475 with a target price of Rs.550/600. Stop loss at Rs.450 is mandatory.



**Strides Pharma:** Shares rally after turnaround. It recently crossed a ten-year high. Consolidation is taking place at lifetime highs. These shares have shown strength even when Sensex and Nifty fell. Investors should take a position at Rs.1450/1430 with a target price of Rs.1550/1590 in this counter which closed at Rs.1475 last Friday with a gain of 2.32%. Stoploss should be set at Rs.1400.



**Policy bazaar:** Sudden fall seen in these shares after lifetime highs. It started to bounce back. Relative strength is good compared to Nifty. The last session saw a buying frenzy. Investors can take a position of Rs.1700 with a target price of Rs.1900 in this counter which closed at Rs.1713 on Friday. Stop loss at Rs.1675 is mandatory.



## Adani now blends green hydrogen into natural gas for Ahmedabad

The Adani Group has taken a significant step towards sustainability by blending green hydrogen with natural gas supplied to households in parts of Ahmedabad. This initiative, spearheaded by Adani Total Gas Ltd (ATGL), aims to reduce emissions and support the group's net-zero targets.



The project commenced with a blend of 2.2-2.3% green hydrogen injected into piped natural gas supplies in Shantigram, as announced in a LinkedIn post by the company. The hydrogen is produced using renewable energy sources like wind and solar power through a process called electrolysis, which splits water into hydrogen and oxygen.

ment, reflecting the company's commitment to a greener future.

ATGL's Hydrogen Blending System will provide hydrogen-blended natural gas to approximately 4,000 domestic and commercial consumers. The company plans to gradually increase the hydrogen blend to 5% and eventually 8%, expanding its reach beyond Shantigram to other parts of Ahmedabad and further afield as it holds city gas licenses.

While state-owned NTPC has previously supplied green hydrogen-blended natural gas in Surat, ATGL's project is currently the largest of its kind. The pilot by GAIL (India) Ltd in Indore also explores hydrogen blending, but on a smaller scale.

Despite the promising aspects of green hydrogen, challenges remain. Its tendency to corrode pipelines limits its immediate use, although tests indicate that blending up to 10% hydrogen in natural gas does not adversely affect infrastructure. ATGL is currently adhering to this guideline while exploring options for higher blends in the future.

"This achievement marks a significant step towards reducing our carbon footprint and transitioning to cleaner energy solutions," said ATGL. The initiative enhances energy security and supports sustainable develop-

Overall, this initiative is a crucial part of India's energy transition, aiming to lower greenhouse gas emissions and combat climate change while providing cleaner energy solutions.

## US FOMC Meeting Minutes and crude oil prices will also drive the market

The market outlook for the upcoming week hinges on several crucial events, including the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) meeting, the release of Index of Industrial Production (IIP) data, and the commencement of the Q2 earnings season. Key companies such as TCS, IREDA, Tata Elxsi, and DMart are expected to influence stock-specific movements.



The RBI's MPC meeting, scheduled from October 7 to 9, will be closely monitored, with the outcome set to be announced on Wednesday, October 9. Market experts predict that the RBI will maintain the benchmark repo rate at 6.5 percent, consistent with its stance from August 2024. This decision is anticipated to align with the central bank's objective of controlling inflation while supporting economic growth.

stimulus by reducing the reserve requirement ratio (RRR) by 0.50 percent. In the previous week, FIIs sold equities worth Rs 40,511 crore, while Domestic Institutional Investors (DIIs) managed to purchase Rs 33,075 crore.

In addition to the MPC meeting, the market will also be affected by foreign institutional investor (FII) activity, US Federal Open Market Committee (FOMC) meeting minutes, and fluctuations in crude oil prices. Last week saw a significant downturn, breaking a three-week winning streak, with the Nifty and Sensex both falling approximately 4.50 percent, closing at 25,014.60 and 81,688.45, respectively.

Palka Arora Chopra, Director of Master Capital Services, noted that the Nifty formed a strong bearish candle on the weekly chart, indicating significant selling pressure. The index broke key Fibonacci support at 25,100, with the next critical support level at 24,700. A breach below this level could trigger further declines toward 24,400.

The selloff was largely attributed to foreign funds shifting investments to China after the country's central bank implemented substantial monetary

Pravesh Gour, Senior Technical Analyst at Swastika Investmart, highlighted that the Bank Nifty's 100-day moving average at 51,100 serves as immediate support, while the 50,000-49,500 range represents the next support zone. On the upside, key resistance levels are identified at 52,500 and 53,300 during potential pullbacks.

## RBI's MPC Meeting: Expected to Maintain Repo Rate at 6.5%

The Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) newly reconstituted Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) is set to convene from October 7 to 9, with widespread expectations that the key policy rate, the repo rate, will remain unchanged at 6.5 percent. If this prediction holds true, it will mark the tenth consecutive monetary policy meeting where the repo rate has not been altered.



The MPC's decisions are closely watched by market participants, as any changes in policy can have significant implications for economic activity, lending rates, and overall market sentiment. The ongoing discussions within the committee are expected to weigh the trade-offs between controlling inflation and fostering economic growth, particularly in light of recent global economic trends and domestic indicators.

Market analysts believe that while the MPC is likely to maintain the status quo in this upcoming meeting, there are strong indications that a rate cut may be on the horizon in the December policy review. This anticipation stems from ongoing economic assessments and inflation trends that suggest room for adjustment.

modation" to "neutral." This change in stance would indicate a more balanced approach to policy, allowing for potential rate cuts in the future without compromising the inflation-targeting framework. Such a transition could signal the RBI's readiness to support economic growth amid a backdrop of stabilizing inflation rates.

Economists are speculating that the MPC could shift its monetary policy stance from "withdrawal of accom-

As the meeting approaches, all eyes will be on the commentary and insights provided by the RBI post-meeting, which could offer valuable guidance on the central bank's future policy trajectory and its response to evolving economic conditions. Investors and analysts alike will be keen to assess how the MPC's decisions will influence the broader financial landscape in the coming months.

## India's steel production faces challenges due to reliance coal imports

To optimize the utilization of available raw materials, the Ministry of Steel has directed integrated steel manufacturers to incorporate iron ore fines into their steel production processes following beneficiation. This initiative aims to address the limited availability of high-grade iron ore in India and encourage the use of lower-grade ores.

Sources indicate that the ministry has also advised steel players to explore acquiring coking coal mines abroad, thereby enhancing the accessibility of raw materials at competitive prices. "It has been conveyed to them that iron reserves are limited in the country, and to preserve that, players must also use low-grade ore through the beneficiation process. They can also look for coking coal mines outside India," the sources stated.

Iron ore and coking coal are vital raw materials in steel manufacturing through the blast furnace route. Although iron ore is



generally abundant in India, the country is significantly reliant on imports for coking coal. Current practices among major steel producers typically favor high-grade ore, characterized by an iron

content of 65 percent or higher, to ensure optimal production efficiency.

Iron ore fines, on the other hand, contain 64 percent or less iron content and are considered low-grade. The process of beneficiation, which involves upgrading the quality of these fines, can add to the overall production costs. Nevertheless, the ministry's push for this approach reflects a strategic effort to bolster domestic steel production while mitigating dependence on imports.

By promoting the use of lower-grade ores, the Ministry of Steel aims to foster a more sustainable and resource-efficient steel industry in India. This initiative not only seeks to ensure the longevity of the country's iron reserves but also aims to strengthen the sector's resilience against global supply chain disruptions. Ultimately, these measures could pave the way for a more competitive and self-sufficient steel industry in India.



# BSNL Pushes Back Against Jio, Airtel, and Vodafone



In a bid to regain its lost market share, public sector telecom company Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited (BSNL) is pushing back against private players like Jio, Airtel, and Vodafone Idea (VI). Over the past few months, BSNL has been attracting more customers as these private operators have raised their tariffs, prompting subscribers to switch to the state-owned telecom operator. This surge in users has been noticeable, with many old customers returning to BSNL through mobile number portability (MNP).

With rising discontent among users over the increasing prices and services offered by private telecom companies, BSNL's competitive pricing and improving service quality have become attractive alternatives. The company, which has historically struggled to keep up with its private counterparts in terms of service and network offerings, is now making significant strides to upgrade its infrastructure and services.

## 4G and 5G Rollout in the Pipeline

One of the most anticipated developments is BSNL's upcoming nationwide 4G rollout, which has been long delayed but is expected to be launched soon. The introduction of 4G services is seen as a critical step for BSNL to compete effectively in a market dominated by high-speed data users. The company's 4G network will not only provide faster data speeds but also ensure better connectivity for customers across India, especially in rural and remote areas, where BSNL has historically held an advantage.

In addition to the 4G rollout, BSNL has announced its plans to launch 5G services in the near future. This is a crucial move to keep pace with private operators who have already started rolling out 5G in select cities. If successful, BSNL's 5G introduction could help the company gain a competitive edge and further boost its subscriber base.

## Unique Spam Reporting Feature

In an effort to improve customer satisfaction and provide enhanced services, BSNL has introduced a unique feature that allows users to report spam and unwanted commercial communications (UCC). BSNL is the first telecom company in India to offer such a facility, allowing customers to report fraudulent SMS and voice calls through the BSNL Selfcare app.

Spam calls and SMS have been a major concern for telecom users in India, often leading to frustration and disruptions. By introducing this feature, BSNL aims to tackle the issue of unsolicited communications head-on, enhancing the overall user experience.

## How to Report Spam via BSNL Selfcare App

BSNL has made the process of reporting spam calls and SMS straightforward and accessible through its Selfcare app. Here's a step-by-step guide to file a complaint:

- 1. Open the BSNL Selfcare App :** Users need to first download and open the app on their smartphones.
- 2. Access the Menu :** On the homepage, click on the three lines in the top left corner.
- 3. Find the 'Complaint and Reference' Option :** Scroll down to locate this section.
- 4. Select the 'Compliance' Option :** Click on the three lines on the right-hand side of the screen to see this option.
- 5. File a New Complaint :** Click on the 'New Complaint' button in the menu.
- 6. Choose the Spam Type :** You can file complaints either for spam received via voice calls or SMS. Choose the relevant option to proceed.

This feature allows BSNL users to protect themselves from fraudulent communications and unwanted spam, a service that no other telecom operator in India has yet offered.

## Increasing Subscriber Base

The introduction of these new features and the upcoming rollout of 4G and 5G services are part of BSNL's strategy to increase its subscriber base. As more customers seek affordable telecom solutions without compromising on quality, BSNL is positioning itself as a strong contender in the Indian telecom market.

With competitive tariffs, improved services, and innovative customer-centric features, BSNL is poised to make significant gains against its private sector rivals. The company's recent moves suggest that it is gearing up to regain its foothold and become a significant player in India's fast-evolving telecom industry.

# Hyderabad's Future: City to be Divided into Four Corporations

**TPN, Prudhvi Gagarin:** Hyderabad's urban landscape is poised for a significant change as the state government considers dividing the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) into four separate corporations. This major administrative move was recently hinted at by Cinematography and Roads & Buildings Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy, who revealed that the growing population of the city necessitates more localized governance for efficient development.

In his latest public address, Komatireddy announced that Hyderabad is on track to surpass a population of 1.5 crore, and dividing the city into four corporations would allow for more focused and effective administration. The proposed structure would result in Hyderabad having four different corporations, each with its own mayor. This is a stark departure from the current model where the GHMC governs the entire city under a single mayor.

## The Need for Division

The Minister emphasized that Hyderabad's rapid population growth has made it increasingly difficult to manage under the existing structure of GHMC. He pointed out that a more localized approach, achieved by dividing the city into four distinct corporations, would help in streamlining governance, ensuring faster delivery of services, and focusing on concentrated development in each region.

Currently, the GHMC elections are among the most fiercely contested in Telangana, with candidates vying for the powerful position of the sole mayor of Hyderabad. However, under the proposed plan, the city would be split into four segments, each having its own governing body and mayor, potentially reducing the administrative burden and improving civic infrastructure management.

## The Road Ahead

The GHMC elections are slated for 2026, and the Congress-led Telangana government is expected to work on the division plan ahead of the elections. If the breakup happens as proposed, it could bring about a significant shift in how the city is governed. However, such a change would require extensive legal and revenue consultations, as well as approval from relevant authorities.

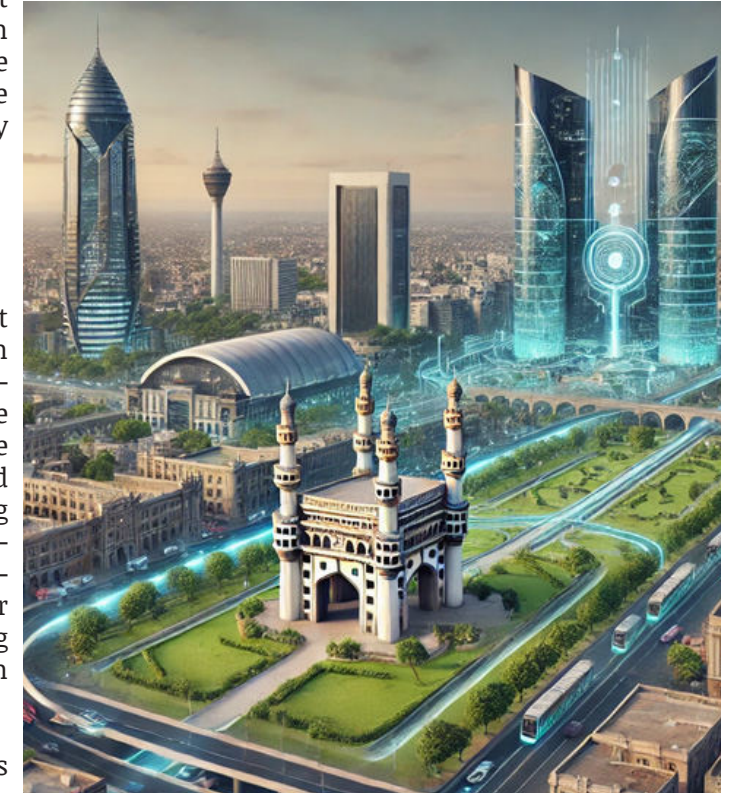
While the division plan appears to have been floated by the Congress camp, it remains to be seen if Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy will move forward with the proposal. The plan could involve reworking electoral constituencies, administrative zones, and

financial structures.

## Potential Benefits and Challenges

On the positive side, the move could lead to more concentrated governance, enabling each of the four corporations to address the unique needs of their respective areas. With more focused attention, issues such as urban planning, waste management, traffic control, and infrastructure development could be handled more efficiently. Residents could benefit from faster responses to civic complaints, better allocation of resources, and overall improved urban services.

However, dividing the city also presents challenges. The legal, financial, and ad-



ministrative implications of such a move are vast and complex. There would need to be discussions on how the city's resources would be divided among the four corporations, how the revenue would be shared, and whether this division could lead to administrative overlap or complications.

Furthermore, with four mayors in charge, there may be concerns about coordination between the corporations. Ensuring that the four corporations work together effectively will be crucial for the smooth functioning of the city as a whole.

## Conclusion

The potential division of Hyderabad into four corporations marks a significant step in the city's administrative evolution. While the proposal is still in its early stages, it reflects the growing need for a more localized approach to urban governance in one of India's fastest-growing cities. Whether or not this plan will materialize remains to be seen, but it is clear that Hyderabad's future is on the brink of a major transformation.

# Jagan Targets Konidela Family, Congress Drags Akkineni Family into Politics

In the Telugu states of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana, politics and cinema are intricately intertwined, with actors often becoming targets in the political arena. The immense popularity of celebrities in the region, especially those who have transitioned from film stars to politicians, has created a unique dynamic where cinema plays a crucial role in shaping public opinion. As political rivalries heat up, the Mega Star Chiranjeevi family and the Akkineni family have found themselves at the center of controversies, with political parties in both states using them for their own agendas.

## YSRCP's Focus on the Mega Family

In Andhra Pradesh, the ruling YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) has consistently taken aim at the Chiranjeevi family. While the party has occasionally praised Chiranjeevi for his contributions to cinema and society, their focus has been more on targeting his younger brother, Jana Sena Party chief Pawan Kalyan, and other members of the Mega family. The criticism often extends beyond political rival Pawan Kalyan, affecting other family members like Sai Dharam Tej and even Pawan Kalyan's mother.

One particular incident that garnered attention was when a video surfaced showing Chiranjeevi quietly requesting Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy to consider increasing ticket prices for big-budget films. The YSRCP seized the opportunity, propagating the narrative that Jagan held more power than the

Telugu film industry icons. This message, spread across social media platforms, did not sit well with the fanbase of the Mega family and some voters. The aggressive stance towards the Chiranjeevi family, particularly the deliberate targeting of Pawan Kalyan, created significant backlash and potentially damaged the YSRCP's image in the run-up to the 2024 elections.

## Congress Drags the Akkineni Family into Telangana Politics

In Telangana, the political involvement of the Akkineni family has been less direct but equally controversial. Akkineni Nagarjuna's N-Convention center was demolished due to Full Tank Level (FTL) violations near a local lake. While this was deemed a justified move by the authorities, it wasn't long before the family became entangled in politics again, this time in an entirely different controversy.

Recently, Congress leader Konda Surekha made a sensational claim, alleging that Telangana Minister KTR was responsible for the divorce of actor Naga Chaitanya and Samantha. This baseless allegation, which dragged the Akkineni family into a political spat, was widely condemned. Surekha's comments were seen as an attempt to indirectly target KTR and the ruling TRS government, using the Akkineni family as a tool to do so. However, the public disapproval of these remarks was swift, with many viewing the attack on the family as unnecessary and inappropriate.



## Politics and Cinema: An Unavoidable Intersection

While the YSRCP has made a more deliberate effort to target the Mega family in Andhra Pradesh, the involvement of the Akkineni family in Telangana politics seems more incidental. Congress, in its bid to attack the ruling TRS party and KTR, used the Akkineni family as a means to further their political narrative. These incidents underscore the reality that, in Telugu states, actors and their families are often pulled into the political arena, either directly or indirectly.

As the 2024 elections approach, political parties are increasingly leveraging the popularity of film stars to sway public sentiment. However, this tactic can sometimes backfire, as seen with the negative reception to the attacks on both the Mega and Akkineni families. With cinema holding such a central place in Telugu culture, any move that alienates fans can have serious political consequences. Both the YSRCP and Congress may need to reconsider their strategies, as the backlash from fans and voters suggests that targeting beloved film stars and their families could harm their political fortunes more than help them.

# Singapore Hotel Has Been Named As World's New Best Skyscraper



Singapore's Pan Pacific Orchard hotel has been awarded the title of the world's best new skyscraper by The Council on Tall Buildings and Urban Habitat (CTBUH). This remarkable 23-storey, 140-metre-tall hotel, situated in the heart of Singapore's renowned shopping district, opened its doors in June 2023 and has rapidly gained international acclaim.

Designed by WoHa Architects, the Pan Pacific Orchard also clinched three additional prestigious awards, including "Best Tall Building" in the 100m-199m category. The CTBUH announced these honors during its recent conference held from September 23-27 in London and Paris.

CTBUH CEO Javier Quintana de Una praised the hotel for exemplifying "the best of responsible vertical urbanism today," highlighting the importance of sustainable urban design that maximizes land use while incorporating greenery.

The hotel is celebrated for its eco-friendly design, featuring solar panels, rainwater harvesting for irrigation, and an on-site biodigester for managing food waste. Its lush greenery reflects Singapore's com-

mitment to sustainable development, achieving a green plot ratio of over 300 percent—meaning it boasts more than three times the landscaped area of its footprint. Four unique environments: the Forest Terrace, Beach Terrace, Garden Terrace, and Cloud Terrace. Each zone offers distinct experiences, from a high-ceiling lobby adorned with towering trees to a sandy beachfront and winding pools. The Cloud Terrace includes a pillarless ballroom, one of the highest in Singapore, perfect for hosting exclusive events.

This recognition bolsters WoHa Architects' reputation, following previous accolades for projects such as Kampung Admiralty and Oasia Hotel Downtown. The Pan Pacific Orchard also received Singapore's Green Mark Platinum award, the nation's highest environmental certification, in 2020.

At the same CTBUH event, other notable Asian skyscrapers were recognized, including Malaysia's Petronas Towers, which won the Global Icon award, and China's Greenland Hangzhou Century Centre, named Asia's best tall building.

# YouTube Restores Channels and Videos After Technical Glitch

YouTube has announced the successful reinstatement of all channels and most videos that were removed due to a technical glitch that incorrectly flagged them as spam. The Google-owned platform has been working diligently to address the issue after several channels were mistakenly removed, causing disruption for creators and viewers alike.



In a post on X, YouTube expressed relief, stating, "Happy to report that all channels and most videos incorrectly removed have been reinstated and subscriptions are restored (we're still working on the last few, bear with us)." The company acknowledged the inconvenience this caused and thanked users for their patience during the resolution process.

Initially, YouTube's team had confirmed that they were actively working on restoring the wrongly flagged channels and ensuring access to subscriptions, which includes YouTube TV, YouTube Premium, and YouTube Music. In a previous communication, the company noted, "We're sorry for the trouble! Some content like playlists may be delayed, but it's all coming back. Thanks for your patience while we work on this."

The channels were flagged for "Spam and Deceptive Practices," leading to the removal of

access to subscriptions. While most channels have been reinstated, YouTube has indicated that some creators may still find certain content, such as playlists, missing. However, the company assured users that these will also be restored soon.

Reports indicate that some non-content creators faced difficulties accessing their accounts, watching videos, or using YouTube Music. Additionally, users with paid subscriptions, like YouTube Premium, found themselves unable to view saved content, including playlists, due to the glitch.

YouTube has not disclosed how many users were impacted by the technical issue, but their swift action to restore functionality reflects their commitment to maintaining a reliable platform for both creators and viewers.

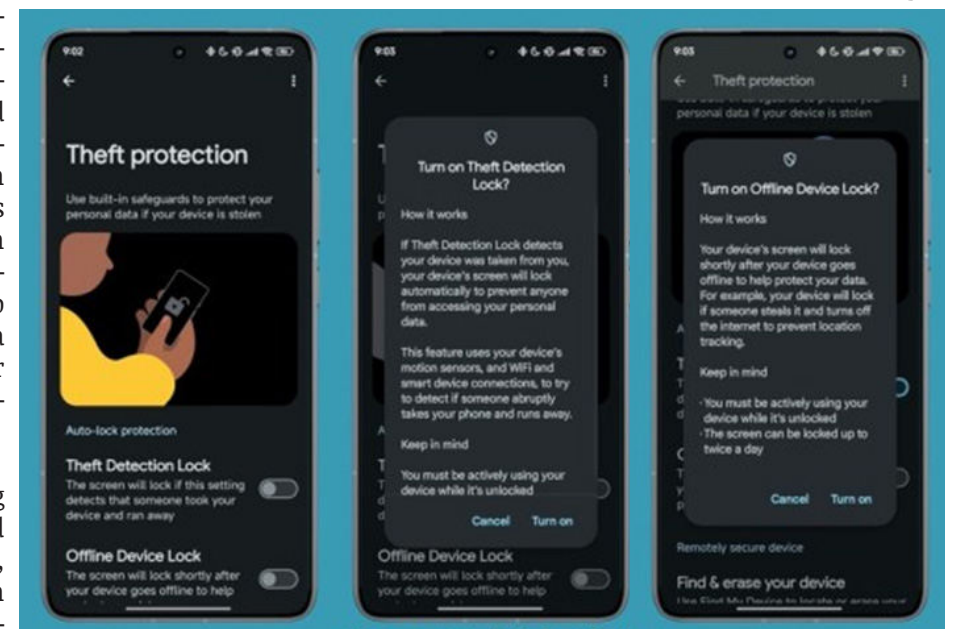
# Google can now lock your stolen Android smartphone automatically

Google has introduced a significant security upgrade for Android smartphones, enhancing protection against theft. This new feature, known as the "theft detection lock," aims to keep personal data secure and render stolen devices unusable to thieves.

Currently being rolled out to Android users in the U.S., the theft detection lock was first observed on the newly launched Xiaomi 14T Pro, as reported by Mishaal Rahman on Threads. This initiative is part of a broader security enhancement that includes three major components designed to address theft-related concerns: theft detection lock, offline device lock, and remote lock.

The theft detection lock activates when it senses suspicious activity, such as multiple failed unlock attempts or when the phone is suddenly powered on after being turned off. This feature will automatically lock the device, protecting sensitive data and preventing unauthorized access.

In addition to this, the offline device lock feature allows users to secure their phones even when they are not connected to the internet.



This means that if a thief attempts to access the device while it is offline, they will still be blocked from accessing personal information.

The remote lock functionality adds another layer of security, allowing users to remotely lock their devices from another device or computer. This is especially useful in situations where a phone is lost or stolen, giving users peace of mind that their personal data remains safe.

With these enhancements, Google aims to bolster the overall security of Android devices, addressing the growing concerns of smartphone theft. As these features roll out, users can look forward to a more resilient smartphone experience that prioritizes the safety of their personal information.

# Vlogger Reveals Vada Pav Seller's Monthly Income Internet Stunned

A recent viral video has captivated the internet, showcasing the impressive monthly income of a vada pav street vendor. Posted by vlogger Sarthak Sachdeva on Instagram, the video has amassed over 10 million views, prompting discussions about the earnings of street vendors compared to white-collar professionals.



In the video, Sarthak joins a local vendor to sell vada pav for a day. He begins by sharing his intentions, stating, "Today, I will see how much money I can earn by selling vada pav in a day. I started the morning by observing and learning, then made hot vada pavs." As he prepares the popular snack, he notes the overwhelming demand from customers, emphasizing the bustling atmosphere at the stall.

During his shift, Sarthak interacts with customers, mentioning, "Today is my first day on the food cart." He highlights that each vada pav costs Rs 15, and within just 2.5 hours, he and the vendor sold approximately 200 vada pavs. By the end of the day, around 4 PM, the total sales reached

an impressive 622 vada pavs.

At the conclusion of the video, Sarthak calculates the day's earnings, revealing, "In one day, it is approximately Rs 9,300. For the month, that totals Rs 2,80,000. After deducting expenses, the monthly income would be around Rs 2,00,000, leading to an annual figure of Rs 24 lakh."

This eye-opening revelation about the income potential of street vendors has sparked conversations online about their earnings and the viability of street food businesses. The video not only showcases the entrepreneurial spirit of street vendors but also sheds light on the economic realities of food stalls in bustling urban environments.

# Scientists Discover a 'Third State' of Cells: Life After Death

Recent research in biology has unveiled a fascinating phenomenon termed the "third state," where cells from deceased organisms exhibit new functions even after death. This groundbreaking exploration is detailed in an article by Peter Nobel, a biologist at the University of Washington, and Alex Pozhitkov, a bioinformatics researcher at the City of Hope Cancer Center, who highlight their findings on xenobots and anthrobots—cells that persist and adapt beyond their host's life.

Published in July in the journal *Physiology*, their review emphasizes various studies that showcase the therapeutic potential of these biobots. Nobel and Pozhitkov argue that these findings challenge conventional beliefs about cellular evolution: "The third state suggests that organismal death may play a significant role in how life transforms over time."

A notable example comes from Tufts University, where researchers extracted skin cells from dead frog embryos, observing their reorganization into new multicellular organisms called xenobots. Unlike typical cells, these xenobots exhibited novel behaviors and functions beyond their original roles. Similar capabilities have also been found in human lung cells, leading to the development of anthrobots that can self-assemble and navigate their surroundings.

Several factors, including the time since death, trauma, metabolic activity, age, and health, influence how these cells survive post-mortem. Although the



underlying mechanisms are not yet fully understood, researchers propose a hypothesis involving specialized channels and pumps in cell membranes acting as intricate electrical circuits. These channels generate signals that enable cell communication, facilitating growth and movement.

The implications of anthrobots extend beyond mere scientific curiosity. They could potentially be cultivated from living tissue while patients are still alive, reducing the risk of immune responses when delivering essential drugs. This technology holds promise for treating conditions like atherosclerosis and cystic fibrosis.

While the "third state" is not a means of achieving eternal life—these cells typically survive for four to six weeks—the findings suggest that the line between life and death may be more complex than previously understood.

## Hardik Pandya Eyes Record-Breaking Feats in Upcoming T20I Series

Former India captain Hardik Pandya is set to chase multiple records during the upcoming three-match T20I series against Bangladesh, beginning October 6. Leading under the captaincy of Suryakumar Yadav, who has taken the helm following Rohit Sharma's retirement from T20Is, Pandya has a chance to make history.



to take 11 wickets in the series, he will also become the highest wicket-taker for India in T20Is, overtaking leg-spinner Yuzvendra Chahal, who leads with 96 wickets in 80 matches.

The T20I matches will take place on October 6 in Gwalior, October 9 in New Delhi, and October 12 in Hyderabad. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) announced a 15-member squad, featuring a mix of fresh talent and returning players.

One of the standout inclusions is IPL 2024 sensation Mayank Yadav, who has made headlines for his impressive pace and wicket-taking skills, despite injuries impacting his season. Another promising addition is all-rounder Nitish Kumar Reddy, who is poised for his maiden cap.

Mystery spinner Varun Chakravathy also makes a return to the national side after a nearly three-year absence. After debuting during the 2021 tour to Sri Lanka, Chakravathy was part of the T20 World Cup squad that year but was dropped after a disappointing performance.

Jitesh Sharma, the wicketkeeper-batter, has been recalled after featuring in the series against Afghanistan earlier this year. Additionally, explosive opener Abhishek Sharma rejoins the squad after being overlooked for the recent Sri Lanka series, looking to capitalize on his opportunity in the absence of regular opener Rituraj Gaikwad.

Currently, Pandya has claimed 86 wickets in 102 matches. He needs just five more wickets to surpass Bhuvneshwar Kumar's record of 90 and become India's most successful pacer in T20Is. If he manages

As Pandya sets his sights on record-breaking performances, all eyes will be on the Indian squad as they take on Bangladesh in this exciting series.



## Tilak Varma replaces Shivam Dube for India-Bangladesh T20I series

India has faced a significant injury setback just hours before the start of their three-match T20I series against Bangladesh. All-rounder Shivam Dube has been officially ruled out of the series due to a back injury, as confirmed by a statement from the Board for Control of Cricket in India (BCCI).

The announcement came just a day before the first T20I, scheduled to take place in Gwalior. Dube's absence will undoubtedly affect the team's balance and strategy, as he has been a valuable asset in both batting and bowling departments. His all-round capabilities provided depth to the squad, making him a key player in the lineup.

The BCCI's statement highlighted the severity of Dube's injury, underscoring the importance of ensuring the player's health and fitness. "All-rounder Shivam Dube is ruled out of the three-match T20I series owing to a back injury," the statement read. The news is particularly disappointing for fans and team management alike, as Dube was expected to contribute significantly in the series against Bangladesh.

With Dube unavailable, the Indian team management will have to consider adjustments to the squad ahead of the first match. Potential replacements or adjustments in batting and bowling lineups will be critical to maintain the team's competitive edge.

The injury comes at a crucial time as India looks to build momentum in the T20 format, especially with major tournaments on the horizon. Fans will be eager to see how the team adapts to this latest challenge and which players step up to fill the void left by Dube. As the series unfolds, the focus will now shift to how the remaining players can compensate for this unexpected absence and secure a strong performance against Bangladesh.



## Rohit Sharma Reflects on India's T20 World Cup Final Comeback

Indian cricket captain Rohit Sharma opened up about the pivotal moments and internal discussions that fueled India's thrilling victory against South Africa in the T20 World Cup final this past June. Chasing a modest target, South Africa seemed in control, needing just 30 runs off the final 30 balls with six wickets still in hand. However, a remarkable turn of events saw India snatch victory from the jaws of defeat.

Rohit highlighted that the mood in the dressing room was tense but focused. The players rallied around each other, emphasizing the importance of sticking to their plans and maintaining composure under pressure. "We knew we had to keep believing in ourselves,

even when things looked bleak," Rohit shared, reflecting on the discussions among teammates as the match progressed.

The turning point came when Hardik Pandya dismissed Heinrich Klaasen, triggering a collapse in the South African batting lineup. Rohit praised the bowling unit, particularly the trio of Jasprit Bumrah, Pandya, and Arshdeep Singh, for their stellar performances. Their relentless pressure and strategic execution transformed the match's dynamics, ultimately leading to South Africa losing four wickets for just 10 runs.

Rohit noted that the key to their suc-

cess lay in their collective mindset and adaptability. "We had talked about being ready for any situation, and that's exactly what we did," he said. The captain acknowledged the importance of the experience gained from previous tournaments, which had taught the team valuable lessons in handling high-stakes scenarios.

As the Indian team celebrated their victory, Rohit emphasized that the win was not just about securing the trophy but also about reinforcing the belief in their capabilities as a team. The victory serves as a reminder of India's resilience and determination, setting a positive tone for future competitions as they aim to build on this success.



## Daniil Medvedev Advances to Fourth Round in Shanghai After Tough Win

Daniil Medvedev showcased his resilience on Sunday by defeating Matteo Arnaldi 5-7, 6-4, 6-4 to secure his place in the fourth round of the ATP Masters 1000 event in Shanghai. This victory marks a significant step for the 28-year-old Russian, who is eager to claim his first tour-level title since his Rome triumph in May 2023.

In his next match, Medvedev will face either the 10th seed Stefanos Tsitsipas or Alexandre Muller. As he progresses through the tournament, Medvedev is also focused on enhancing his chances for ATP Finals qualification. Currently, he sits fourth in the ATP Live Race to Turin, positioning himself well for a sixth consecutive appearance at the prestigious season finale.

The match began with Medvedev breaking Arnaldi's serve in the opening game, but he struggled to maintain his momentum. The Italian player seized control by winning six of eight games, ultimately taking the first set. However, Medvedev regrouped and relied on his improved serving and a sharp return game to clinch victory in the deciding set, breaking Arnaldi in a crucial ninth game.

Rain played a significant role in the day's events, as the match took place under the roof of the Qizhong Forest Sports City Arena due to inclement weather. The ATP Tour announced that there would be no play on the outdoor courts until at least 5 p.m. local time (CST) due to the ongoing rain, which had already disrupted play for a second consecutive day. As a result, all doubles matches scheduled for Sunday were canceled.

Other top singles players, including Taylor Fritz, Stefanos Tsitsipas, and Holger Rune, are waiting to compete on the outdoor courts once conditions improve.

## Indian Football Club Thrashed 0-17 On Debut In Asian Elite Competition

Odisha FC faced a devastating 0-17 defeat in their AFC Women's Champions League debut against Japan's Urawa Reds Diamonds on Sunday. The Indian club struggled throughout the match, with the Japanese side demonstrating complete dominance from start to finish. Yu Endo opened the scoring just five minutes into the first half, setting the tone for a relentless offensive display from Urawa, who led 8-0 at half-time.

The second half saw no reprieve for Odisha FC, as Urawa Reds Diamonds continued their onslaught, amassing a staggering 55 shots compared to Odisha's lone effort. The crushing defeat highlights the challenges faced by Indian clubs in the international arena.

Looking ahead, Odisha FC will aim to bounce back as they prepare to face Vietnam's Ho Chi Minh City FC on Wednesday.

In other football news, the Indian senior men's team is set to play a friendly match against Vietnam on Saturday, October 12, following Lebanon's withdrawal from the tri-nation tournament. The match will take place at the Thien Truong Stadium in Nam Dinh and is considered an official friendly, with points contributing to the FIFA Rankings.

Originally, India was scheduled to play Vietnam on October 9 and Lebanon on October 12. However, after Lebanon's exit, the All India Football Federation (AIFF) requested a reschedule of the Vietnam match, which was accepted by the Vietnam Football Federation (VFF).

The Indian squad will gather in Kolkata on October 5 for a training session the following day before traveling to Vietnam on October 7. Coach Manolo Marquez has announced a preliminary list of 26 players, with the final 23-man squad set to be revealed before their departure. Following the Vietnam match, the team is scheduled to play Malaysia in another friendly during the FIFA Window on November 19.





## Gopichand's "Viswam" Trailer Released

In just six days, Macho Star Gopichand's highly anticipated film "Viswam," directed by Sreenu Vaitla, will hit theaters just in time for Dussehra. Today, the film's theatrical trailer was unveiled, offering a glimpse into its thrilling and comedic narrative.

The trailer kicks off with a serious tone as a terrorist threatens to unleash chaos in the country. Gopichand makes a striking entry, introduced as a soldier stationed at the border. However, the sto-

ry takes a humorous twist as the protagonist attempts to outsmart Naresh's family, showcasing the film's comedic elements.

A notable line from Gopichand, "Nenu Ediana Problem Ki Connect Ayithe, Chivari Daaka Nilabadatam Naa Balaheenatha," hints at the complexities of his character. The trailer highlights some of the funniest segments, including a train scene, a Netflix-related gag, and the memorable "Sanna Pin Charger" chapter.

Gopichand's stylish makeover adds to his versatility as he effortlessly navigates both action and comedy. Co-star Kavya Thapar brings a refreshing open-mindedness and glamour to her role, while a talented ensemble cast, including Naresh, Pragathi, Vennela Kishore, VTV Ganesh, Prithviraj, Rahul Ramakrishna, and Sunil, provide ample comic relief.

Director Sreenu Vaitla has crafted "Viswam" as a complete commercial package, skillfully blending

humor and action. Cinematographer KV Guhan delivers ultra-stylish visuals, and Vishal Bharadwaj's background score enhances both the action-packed and comedic scenes. With high production standards from People Media Factory and Chitralayam Studios, the trailer has successfully set the stage for what promises to be an entertaining cinematic experience.

Overall, the trailer for "Viswam" has heightened expectations, making audiences eager for its release.

## Nikhil and Sudheer Varma Team Up for "Appudo Ippudo Eppudo"



Young actor Nikhil and talented director Sudheer Varma are ready to create magic once again with their upcoming film "Appudo Ippudo Eppudo." Following their successful collaborations on hit films like "Swamy Ra Ra" and "Keshava," this dynamic duo is poised to deliver yet another blockbuster action entertainer. The film is produced by BVSN Prasad under the esteemed Sri Venkateswara Cine Chitra banner.

Today, the highly anticipated first look and title reveal has generated excitement among fans. The film's intriguing title, "Appudo Ippudo Eppudo," hints at a unique storyline featuring an interesting car element that adds to the suspense. The first look presents Nikhil and Rukmini Vasanth strolling together, showcasing Nikhil's charming and stylish persona, while Rukmini captivates with her beauty and presence.

The visuals promise an engaging and entertaining experience, rekindling the magic of the beloved "Swamy Ra Ra" combination that fans have cherished. With high expectations surrounding this project, audiences are eager to see if the duo can indeed score a hat trick with "Appudo Ippudo Eppudo."

Rukmini Vasanth, the talented Kannada actress, is making her Telugu debut in this film, adding to the excitement. She is joined by the gorgeous Divyansha Kaushik, who plays a significant role, alongside Harsha Chemudu, who also features prominently. The project is being presented by Bapineedu B, ensuring top-notch production quality.

The film's music is composed by the acclaimed singer Karthik, while the background score is handled by Sunny MR, promising an impressive auditory experience. "Appudo Ippudo Eppudo" is set for a grand theatrical release this Diwali, making it one of the most anticipated films of the festive season. Fans can hardly wait to see what this talented team has in store for them!

## Catherine Stars in Unique Thriller Phani

Gorgeous actress Catherine Tresa and esteemed director VN Aditya are collaborating on an intriguing psychological thriller titled "Phani," which recently had its striking title poster launched in Dallas. The film is being produced by the passionate Dr. Meenakshi under the banner of O.M.G. Productions, with AU&I Studio presenting the project.

The title was officially unveiled by Dr. Thotakura Prasad, while renowned producer Anil Sunkara revealed the film's logo, generating significant excitement among attendees. Other notable guests, including Dr. Alla Srinivasa Reddy and Dr. Ismail Suhail Penugonda, also offered their best wishes to the "Phani" team, contributing to the celebratory atmosphere.

Producer Dr. Meenakshi Anipindi announced that the film is already 50 percent complete and aims to reach a pan-India audience soon. This ambitious project promises to capture the inter-

est of viewers across the country.

Catherine Tresa expressed her enthusiasm about her role, stating, "It's a challenging character for me in 'Phani.'" Her dedication to the project has raised anticipation for what promises to be a gripping thriller. Director VN Aditya echoed her sentiments, acknowledging Catherine's invaluable support and emphasizing that the film wouldn't have been possible without her commitment. He also extended his gratitude to the entire cast and crew for their hard work.

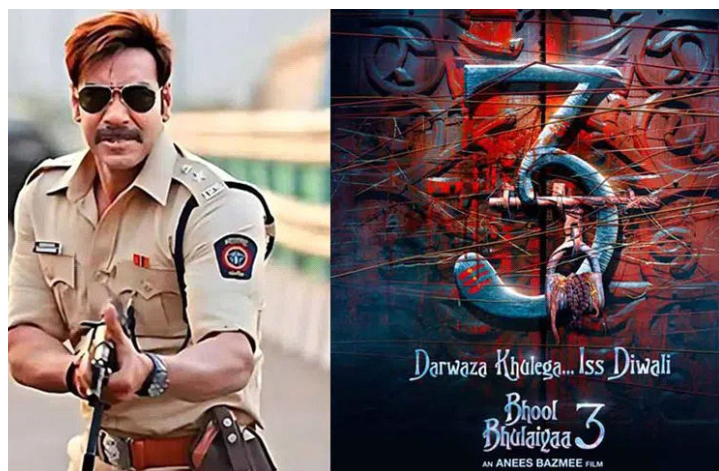
"Phani" is being filmed entirely in the U.S. and features a talented ensemble cast, including Mahesh Sriram, Neha Krishna, Tanikella Bharani, Kasi Vishwanath, Ranjitha, and Yogita in key roles. The film aims to blend psychological elements with thrilling storytelling, promising an engaging cinematic experience. As production continues, fans eagerly await more updates on this exciting venture!



## Diwali Box Office Showdown: Singham Again vs Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3

This Diwali promises to be a spectacular clash at the box office, as two major film franchises—Ajay Devgn's action-packed "Singham Again" and Kartik Aaryan's horror-comedy "Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3"—prepare to compete for audiences' attention. On Sunday, Ajay Devgn stirred excitement by sharing a Reel on Instagram that showcases iconic moments from the Rohit Shetty cop universe, including highlights from "Singham," "Singham Returns," "Simmba," and "Sooryavanshi." The Reel is designed to ramp up anticipation for "Singham Again," emphasizing its appeal to family audiences.

Ajay captioned the post: "Tyohaar toh parivaar ke saath hi manaya jaata hai... milte hai iss Diwali," hinting at the film's festive spirit.



"Singham Again" has been a long-awaited addition to the franchise, originally announced in September 2017 under the title "Singham 3." The film finally went into production in September 2023 and is set for release on Diwali 2024. It boasts an impressive ensemble cast, featuring Ajay Devgn, Kareena Kapoor, Akshay Kumar, Ranveer Singh, Deepika Padukone, Tiger Shroff, Arjun Kapoor, and Jackie Shroff. This marks the fifth installment of Shetty's Cop Universe and serves as a sequel to "Singham

Returns." The film was shot across various locations, including Mumbai, Hyderabad, Kashmir, and Sri Lanka.

On the other hand, "Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3" is also generating buzz, especially given the success of its predecessor. The horror-come-

dy genre has proven lucrative at the box office, exemplified by the recent hit "Stree 2," which has collected close to Rs 600 crore. "Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3" brings back the beloved Vidya Balan and features Triptii Dimri, who is enjoying a successful run following the success of "Animal."

As both films gear up for their respective releases, audiences can expect a thrilling Diwali filled with entertainment and excitement.

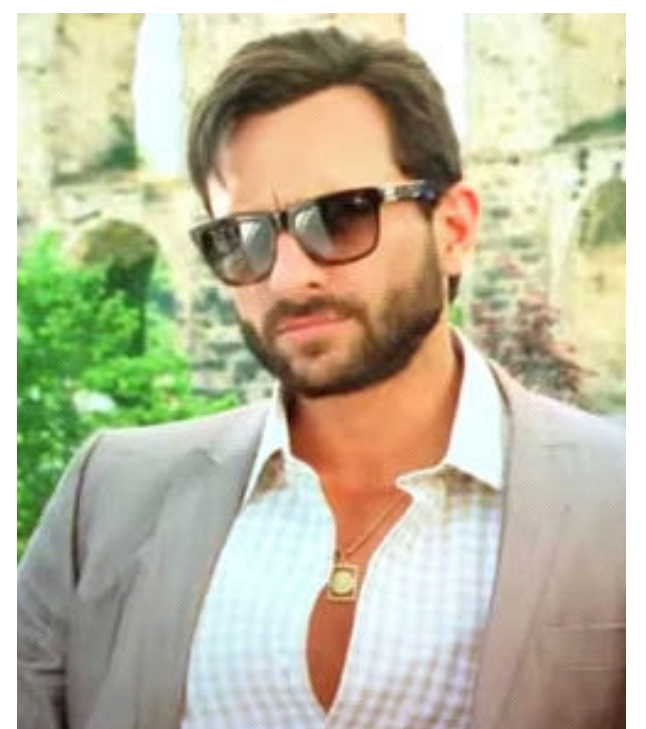
## Saif Ali Khan Returns for Race 4

Veteran film producer Ramesh Taurani has announced that actor Saif Ali Khan will reprise his role in the much-anticipated fourth installment of the action franchise "Race." As the founder of Tips Films, Taurani expressed excitement about having Saif back on board, stating that "Race 4" will feature an ensemble cast and is set to begin production in 2025.

"Saif will be back in the 'Race' franchise, and we are thrilled to have him. He did an incredible job in the first two films," Taurani told PTI. He mentioned that the team is currently finalizing the script and cast, and although they have not yet chosen a director, an official announcement will be made next year, prior to filming.

The "Race" franchise, known for its high-octane action sequences, glamorous settings, and intricate storylines, kicked off with the 2008 film featuring Saif and Akshaye Khanna as brothers embroiled in a web of betrayal. Saif returned for the sequel, "Race 2," in 2013, which included John Abraham as the antagonist. Both films achieved commercial success and garnered positive critical reviews.

In contrast, the third installment, "Race 3," saw an entirely new cast led by superstar Salman Khan and faced negative reviews, although Taurani argued that it performed well at the box office. "The third part did better business than the previous two installments. We expected it to earn between ₹200 to 250 crore, but it grossed over ₹180 crore, which is not insignificant," he noted.



Looking ahead, Taurani also shared plans for a sequel to the 1998 action thriller "Soldier," starring Bobby Deol and Preity Zinta, indicating that they are developing the script for "Soldier 2."

Additionally, Tips Films is working on projects with filmmaker David Dhawan and his son Varun Dhawan, alongside an action thriller titled "Maalik," headlined by Rajkumar Rao. Taurani expressed confidence in these upcoming ventures, emphasizing their commitment to delivering quality films.