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Internal Struggles Threaten BJP's Growth in Telangana

TPN, Telangana: There is growing tension within the Telangana BJP between new and old leaders. The senior leaders allege that the newcomers, often referred to as "immigrant leaders," are corrupting the party and sidelining those who have been loyal to the BJP for years. These complaints have been directed at the party's leadership, with claims that the new leaders are disrespecting long-time members. This has led to an increasing sense of injustice among the senior leaders.

There are reports of division among the eight BJP MLAs in Telangana, with some forming groups and acting independently. MLA Raja Singh is said to have close ties with certain party leaders, while BJLP leader Alet Maheshwar Reddy reportedly does not include other MLAs in decision-making, leading to further dissatisfaction. Additionally, some leaders are upset at being overlooked for key party posts.

Despite BJP's efforts to gain a foothold in southern India, especially in Telangana, where it has eight MPs and MLAs, there seems to be a disconnect between the central leadership's vision and the local leaders' actions. While the central leadership, including Prime Minister Modi and Amit Shah, is working to strengthen the party in the region, Telangana

BJP leaders seem to be less focused on these efforts.

A recent example of this disconnect is the BJP's membership registration drive, which has been a nationwide success but is reportedly lagging in Telangana. The state's leadership has been criticized for failing to meet even half of the target of 50 lakh new members. The leadership is displeased with the lack of progress and the ongoing internal group politics, which is said to be distracting leaders from their responsibilities.

Party activists have expressed frustration that local leaders are not attending party functions or focusing on important programs.

During a recent meeting with JP Nadda, many leaders remained silent on key issues, and there have been allegations that they are not engaging with the public as directed. The Rythu Diksha event, for instance, was postponed multiple times due to poor coordination, and even when it eventually took place, many leaders did not participate.

BJP cadre in Telangana are concerned that these internal divisions are weakening the party. They are demanding that the leadership step in to resolve these conflicts to ensure the party can grow stronger and aim for power in the next state elections.

A growing conflict between new and old leaders

Allegation that immigrant leaders are corrupting the party

Claim that no one has reached the target

Government's Commitment to Preserving Hyderabad's Natural Heritage

- Our people's government is accountable to the people
- Public government is working to do good for the people.
- Government is ready to help the victims



TPN, Telangana: In a media conference held at the Hyderabad Secretariat, Deputy Chief Minister Vikramarka Mallu addressed accusations from opposition parties regarding the state government's efforts to clean and restore Hydra and Musi reservoirs. He criticized the opposition for spreading misconceptions and making baseless allegations aimed at misleading the public. He reaffirmed that the current government is focused on preserving Hyderabad's natural resources for future generations.

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Amit Shah Declares Final Push Against Left-Wing Extremism by 2026

- Left-wing extremism in the country is at its last stage
- Freedom from Maoist problem by March 2026
- 80 percent Naxals are the problem in Chhattisgarh alone



TPN, New Delhi: Union Home Minister Amit Shah announced that left-wing extremism in India is

nearing its end, projecting that the country will be free from this issue by March 2026. Shah made these

remarks during a review meeting with the Chief Ministers of eight Naxal-affected states, emphasizing the progress made in combatting this form of violence. Amit Shah highlighted a significant achievement: for the first time in 30 years, deaths resulting from left-wing extremist violence have fallen below 100 annually.

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BC Welfare Minister Ponnamm Prabhakar Announces Major Reforms for BC Gurukuls

- Actions to give MSET and NEET coaching in all Gurukuls
- Parents teachers meeting should be organized in BC Gurukula School between 15-31 of this month
- BC Gurukuls should be number one in the state
- Gurukula students should pass 100 percent
- We will take a decision on the promotions of the hostel warden soon.



TPN, Telangana: In a review meeting held at Komurambheem Bhavan, Banjara Hills, Telangana's Transport and BC Welfare Minister, Ponnamm Prabhakar, unveiled significant reforms to enhance the quality of education in BC Gurukuls. The minister emphasized that under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, the government places top priority on education, aiming to make BC Gurukuls the number one schools in the state.

From the next academic year, students in BC Gurukuls will be allowed to proceed directly to intermediate after passing class 10. Minister Prabhakar also announced plans to introduce MSET and NEET coaching in all BC Gurukuls to help students prepare for competitive exams. In addition, extracurricular activities like NSS, NCC, Scouts, and Guides will be made available to students in classes 8 to 10.

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The minister stressed the importance of improving the pass percentage, setting a target of 100%. He directed officials to organize parent-teacher meetings between the 15th and 31st of this month to gather feedback and involve parents in the education process. Prabhakar also announced that efforts would be made to pay 50% of the rent for Gurukul buildings before the Dussehra festival and to improve infrastructure in rented buildings.

Health and nutrition were also addressed, with ANMs instructed to monitor the height, weight, and anemia status of students. A box will be installed in every Gurukul to allow students to report issues directly, ensuring their concerns are heard.

The minister reaffirmed the government's commitment to education, noting that Rs. 5,000 crores had been allocated for new residential complexes. He also mentioned that transfers and promotions for teaching staff across SC, ST, BC, and minority gurukuls have been completed, further strengthening the education system in Telangana.

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He noted that in the past decade, approximately 13,000 left-wing extremists have surrendered their weapons and reintegrated into society. This trend reflects a diminishing support base for Naxal groups, which he attributed to the effective strategies implemented by the government.

Shah urged remaining Maoists to surrender and take advantage of the rehabilitation schemes offered by the central government. He acknowledged that a large proportion—80 percent—of Naxal operatives are concentrated in Chhattisgarh, indicating a focus for future operations.

The Union Minister expressed confidence that the final confrontation against left-wing extremism is on the horizon. He reiterated the government's commitment to restoring peace and stability in affected regions. Shah's remarks underscore the significant strides taken to address this long-standing issue, as the government aims to eliminate the threat of Maoist violence in the coming years.

As the nation approaches this critical juncture, the emphasis will be on dismantling the remaining structures of left-wing extremism and fostering an environment conducive to development and security.

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Mallu emphasized that the state government, led by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, is a people's government committed to the welfare of its citizens. He stated, "Our only agenda is to serve the people and protect the heritage of Hyderabad, not for personal gain." The government's work, he said, is driven by a vision to make Hyderabad a sustainable and beautiful global city, retaining its iconic lakes, parks, and rocks, which have contributed to its charm for centuries.

Addressing concerns about the loss of natural resources, the Deputy CM pointed out that over time, many of the city's lakes and parks have been encroached upon, while the once-prominent rocks have disappeared. This, combined with inadequate measures by previous governments to protect water bodies within the Outer Ring Road, has contributed to flooding during heavy rains. He condemned past administrations for their failure to take action, while asserting that the current government is determined to reverse this damage and restore Hyderabad's lakes to their former glory.

Mallu stressed that the Musi River and alienated ponds are the property of the people of Hyderabad, not of any government or indi-

vidual. He reiterated the administration's responsibility to safeguard these assets, ensuring they are passed down to future generations. "Our government has no personal agenda," he said, "except to make Hyderabad a cleaner, more beautiful, and more livable city for all."

The Deputy CM also dismissed criticism regarding the financial feasibility of the restoration projects, stating that the state government is open to suggestions and feedback from all stakeholders. "We are ready to listen to any constructive ideas and work together to ensure the success of this initiative," Mallu said, while reminding the opposition that similar projects, such as the cleaning of the Sabarmati River in Gujarat, have proven successful.

Finally, Vikramarka Mallu urged opposition leaders to act responsibly and provide constructive suggestions rather than politicizing the issue. He warned that any attempts to obstruct the government's efforts for political gain would only harm the future generations of Hyderabad. He assured those displaced by the project that the government would offer support and assistance in all possible ways, reaffirming that the welfare of the people remains the government's top priority.

Commitment to Singareni's Future: A Vision for Growth and Welfare



TPN,Telangana: Telangana's Deputy Chief Minister and Minister for Economic Planning and Energy, Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu, emphasized the state's commitment to ensuring the growth and welfare of Singareni. Speaking at Singareni Bhavan, he announced that a portion of the profits generated by Singareni will be reserved for fu-

ture investments and multi-faceted business expansion.

During the event, held at Praja Bhavan in Hyderabad, Mallu distributed profit share checks to Singareni workers, amounting to a staggering ₹1,261 crore this month alone. This includes ₹796 crore in profit share, ₹93,750 per worker as

a Diwali bonus, and ₹90 crore in Dussehra festival advances. The Deputy Chief Minister underscored the government's mission to protect public sector institutions in the state, asserting that Singareni, often referred to as the "gold of Telangana," is set to lead in new ventures, including lithium and solar power projects. He indicated that Singareni's vacant lands will be repurposed for green energy plants, ensuring sustainable growth.

Mallu also announced plans for establishing Young India Integrated Residential Schools in each constituency of the Singareni region and super specialty hospitals to provide state-of-the-art medical services. He highlighted the need

to reduce coal production costs to enhance profitability, stating that a significant difference exists between the costs incurred by contract workers and those of regular Singareni workers.

To foster awareness among employees, he proposed organizing a large-scale dinner at all mines ahead of Dussehra, where the company's future and productivity enhancements will be discussed. Moreover, the limit for CPRMS medical services for retired workers will increase from ₹8 lakh to ₹10 lakh. This initiative reflects the government's unwavering commitment to the welfare and development of the Singareni community.

Focus on Farmer Welfare and Development: Devarakonda Market Committee's Vision

TPN,Telangana: At the oath-taking ceremony of the Devarakonda Agricultural Market Committee, the newly appointed chairman emphasized the government's commitment to the development of Nalgonda district, with a focus on improving the lives of farmers. Key initiatives include providing irrigation water, drinking water, and better roads to all villages.

The chairman discussed the revival of the Srisailem Left Bank Canal (SLBC) project, launched in 2005 to provide irrigation to Nalgonda's farmers. With 40 kilome-

ters completed and 9.5 kilometers remaining, he criticized previous governments, particularly KCR, for neglecting the project. After consistent efforts, the government has allocated funds, and work will resume by the end of the year, with a target of completing the project within 30 months.

The Congress government's pro-farmer stance was highlighted, including the waiving of loans exceeding Rs. 2 lakhs for over 18,000 farmers. The chairman criticized the previous administration's partial loan waiver program, accusing



it of failing to meet farmers' needs.

Other key announcements in-

cluded the construction of 3,500 Indiramma houses in each constituency and the launch of a Skill University to provide better employment opportunities for the youth. The government is also spending Rs. 200 crore per month on free bus travel for women.

With Rs. 5,000 crore allocated for building integrated schools, the chairman reaffirmed the government's commitment to providing equal educational opportunities for all, while criticizing KCR's mismanagement of the state's education sector.

KTR Slams CM for Prioritizing Musi Project Over People's Welfare



TPN, Telangana: BRS Working President KT Rama Rao (KTR) on Monday criticized Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy for prioritizing the Musi Riverfront Development Project over essential welfare schemes. KTR pointed out the

contradiction in the Chief Minister's actions, noting that while Revanth Reddy frequently claims the State is drowning in debt, he has simultaneously initiated costly projects like the Musi Riverfront, estimated to cost Rs 1.5 lakh crore.

"Every day, Revanth Reddy cries about the State's mounting debts, yet he is undertaking extravagant projects like the Musi Riverfront, which are unnecessary for many," KTR remarked, questioning the reasoning behind this initiative.

In a post on X (formerly Twitter), KTR highlighted numerous unfulfilled electoral promises made by the Congress government, even after 10 months in power. He questioned how the State could afford such a massive project while

failing to fund crucial welfare programs like the crop loan waiver and Rythu Bandhu investment support for farmers.

KTR further criticized the government for neglecting key areas such as:

- Social security pensions for the poor
- Dearness Allowances (DAs) for employees
- Salaries for sanitation and outsourcing workers
- Medicines in hospitals
- Chalk pieces and stationery in schools
- Fishlings and sheep distribution programs

KTR emphasized the government's misplaced priorities, arguing that while essential welfare schemes remain underfunded, the administration has found the resources to pursue grand projects like the Musi Riverfront.

Indira Mahila Shakti Canteens Launched in Siddipet District



TPN,Telangana: Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar inaugurated the Indira Mahila Shakti Canteens, established by Sri Bhavani Self Help Society, at Husnabad Bus Depot Road. The initiative is part of the Urban Poverty Alleviation Organization (MEPMA) aimed at promoting financial self-reliance among women.

During the inauguration, Minister Prabhakar sampled various dishes from the canteen, which serves good quality food tailored to the community's needs. He emphasized the role of women's groups

in running these canteens across every municipal and government office, noting that interest-free loans are provided to support their operations.

The inauguration was attended by various officials, including Municipal Chairman Akula Rajitha, Vice Chairman Aileni Anitha, municipal councillors, the RDO, Municipal Commissioner, MMARO, and other dignitaries.

Congress Government Accused of Deceiving Telangana Farmers

TPN, Telangana: In Telangana, the Congress government is facing severe criticism for what is described as a series of lies directed at the farming community. Critics label the Congress party a “den of lies,” accusing it of misleading the public with manipulated statistics. During the Warangal Rythu declaration, Congress pledged that if elected, its first priority would be to waive farmers’ loans in full. However, after 224 days in power, only half of these loans have been addressed.

Congress leader Revanth Reddy initially claimed that ₹31,000 crores had been waived within the first eight months of governance. Yet, in a recent letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, he indicated that only ₹17,000 crores had actually been forgiven. This raises questions about the whereabouts of the remaining ₹14,000 crores and why over 16 lakh farmers have yet to receive the promised loan waivers.

Farmers are left wondering how long they must wait for the fulfillment of these commitments. Critics argue that this represents yet another deceit from the Congress party. Initially, the government promised a loan waiver of up to ₹2 lakhs for all farmers but

has since altered this stance, stating that only one person per family will qualify for the waiver.

The inconsistency in messaging—from waiving loans for all farmers to restricting it to some—has created confusion. Questions are being raised



about how many farmers in Telangana have taken out crop loans and who actually falls under the ₹2 lakh threshold for waivers.

To clear this confusion and hold the government accountable, there is a growing demand for full transparency regarding the loan waivers and financial calculations, compelling the Congress party to explain its actions to the people of Telangana.

KTR Criticizes CM Revanth’s Frequent Delhi Visits

TPN, Telangana: KTR expressed his indignation over Chief Minister Revanth Reddy’s repeated visits to Delhi, questioning the purpose behind them. He remarked sarcastically that Revanth’s trips seemed aimed at counting the number of “Mousse Mootas,” rather than focusing on pressing issues in Telangana.

KTR raised concerns about the impact of these frequent trips, emphasizing that poor people are left discussing their struggles in Delhi while the state administration is seemingly neglected. He criticized Revanth for leaving the administration “in the wind” and questioned who truly ben-



efits from these visits. “In just ten days, you went to Delhi 23 times. Will you continue this pattern for the next five years?” KTR asked, challenging the effectiveness of such a strategy.

He further questioned the financial outcomes of these trips, asking, “How much money have your trips brought to the state? Did you at least secure funds for flight fares?” KTR lamented that the self-respect of Telangana’s people is being compromised by playing political tricks in the capital.

He concluded by asserting that the Chief Minister’s visits appear to be more about preserving his political seat than addressing the needs of the people. “If Congress wins, Delhi will be addressed as ‘Jee Huzuru,’” he remarked, alluding to the perceived subservience of the current administration to central authorities.

Harish Rao Accuses Telangana CM of Misleading on Crop Loan Waiver

TPN, Telangana: Senior BRS leader T. Harish Rao has sent a letter to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, raising serious concerns about the Telangana government’s management of the crop loan waiver scheme. In his communication, Rao accused Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy of “misleading” both the public and the Prime Minister regarding the implementation of waivers for loans up to ₹2 lakh.

Rao noted that Reddy had initially promised a comprehensive waiver by December 9, 2023, which was later extended to August 15, 2024. However, he claimed significant gaps persist in the actual disbursement of these waivers. Citing data from the State



Bank of India (SBI), Rao pointed out that only about 50% of eligible farmers have received their waivers, leaving many still awaiting relief.

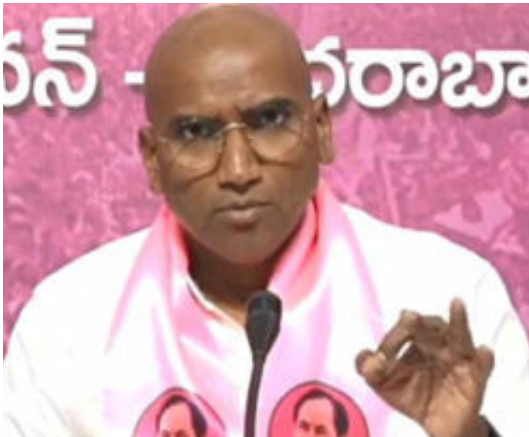
The BRS leader further highlighted that the government had imposed 31 conditions, which rendered numerous farmers ineligible for the waiver. He expressed concern that many farmers resorted to private loans with high-interest rates to meet these conditions, exacerbating their financial struggles.

Rao’s letter comes amid escalating tensions between the BRS and Congress over agricultural policies, with both parties accusing each other of failing to adequately support farmers. He urged the Chief Minister to fulfill his promises and complete the loan waiver process “before making claims about its success.”

From Golden Telangana to Threats: RS Praveen Kumar Responds to Hanmantha Rao

TPN, Telangana: BRS senior leader RS Praveen Kumar expressed his discontent regarding the current state of Telangana, asserting that the dream of a “Golden Telangana” envisioned during former Chief Minister KCR’s administration has turned into a reality of threats and intimidation. He criticized the prevailing atmosphere under the Congress rule, stating that it fosters an environment of fear.

Kumar referred to a video featuring Congress leader Mynampally Hanmantha Rao, who made alarming remarks directed at BRS Working President KTR and MLA Harish Rao. He condemned Rao’s statements, highlighting that every word ut-



tered was a criminal offense. “Listen to the threats from Mynampally Hanmantha Rao. They will pour petrol on KTR and

Harish Rao. They have a clear plan and will face consequences,” he stated, emphasizing that such public comments warrant police action.

He pointed out that despite the gravity of the situation, the police have yet to respond to complaints lodged regarding Hanmantha Rao’s remarks. Kumar criticized the inaction of law enforcement, noting that victims of Hydra faced illegal action from police when they voiced their grievances against CM Revanth Reddy. He called for accountability and proper response from authorities regarding the threats made by Rao.

Rakesh Reddy Criticizes Congress for Economic Crisis in Telangana

TPN, Telangana: BRS leader Rakesh Reddy has sharply criticized the Congress government, asserting that “wherever there is a Congress government, there will be an economic crisis.” Speaking to the media on Monday, he linked economic downturns in Karnataka, Himachal Pradesh, and now Telangana to Congress rule, claiming the party has overshadowed Telangana’s potential for growth.

Reddy highlighted the significant decline in the state’s real estate market, with “For Sale” signs proliferating across Hyderabad. He expressed concern over the faltering textile industry and tourism, noting that Gram Panchayat workers have not received their salaries for nine



months, and outsourced employees in SC and ST hostels remain unpaid.

He referenced a letter from Chief Minister Revanth Reddy to Prime Minister Modi,

where Reddy acknowledged only ₹18,000 crore in loan waivers while alleging that just ₹8,000 crore was spent on development. Reddy criticized the Congress party for leaving farmers without necessary assurances, suggesting that a financial emergency is looming in the state.

Reddy also accused CM Revanth Reddy of taking destructive steps for Telangana and claimed that beautification efforts along the Musi River are a facade, serving only to benefit contractors. He remarked that many organizations have shifted their focus from Telangana to Gujarat, signaling a loss of confidence in the state’s governance.

Eleti Maheshwar Reddy Challenges CM Revanth Reddy on Loan Waiver Claims

TPN, Telangana: Telangana Legislative Assembly BJP leader Eleti Maheshwar Reddy has condemned Chief Minister Revanth Reddy’s recent letter to Prime Minister Modi, criticizing comments regarding the crop loan waiver. Reddy accused the CM of spreading falsehoods to gain political advantage in the upcoming Maharashtra assembly elections. He challenged Revanth to engage in a public discussion about the letter, urging him to finalize the venue for the debate.

Maheshwar Reddy highlighted several inconsistencies in Revanth Reddy’s claims, asking pointed questions to hold him accountable. He noted that during the Telangana Assembly election campaign, Revanth promised to waive loans up to Rs. 2 lakh for all farmers, but many farmers remain in debt. He questioned why the Congress government has failed to fully implement the promised loan waivers, despite initial estimates from the State Level

Bankers Committee indicating that Rs. 49,500 crore would be needed for the complete waiver.

Furthermore, Maheshwar Reddy pointed out that only Rs. 17.869 crore has been waived from July 18 to August 15, 2024, benefiting just 22.22 lakh rice donors, which he claims is significantly less than the required funds. He reiterated his challenge for an open discussion on the Congress party’s actions regarding the loan waiver, demanding immediate assembly meetings to address farmers’ promises and grievances.



BJP Leader Etala Rajender Writes Open Letter to CM Revanth Reddy Over Musi River Purge

TPN, Telangana: BJP leader and Malkajgiri MP, Etala Rajender, has penned an open letter to Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, expressing his concerns over the ongoing Musi River purge. While supporting the government’s efforts to clean the Musi River, Etala highlighted the plight of people living in patta houses, accusing the government of unjustly targeting them.

In the letter, Etala emphasized his commitment to fighting for the welfare of the poor, stating that while he does not oppose the Musi cleansing drive,

he finds it unacceptable to portray residents of patta houses as illegal occupants under the pretext of buffer zone violations. He criticized the government for demolishing homes worth crores of rupees, while offering insufficient compensation, such as double-bedroom houses, without considering the true value of the properties.

Etala also questioned the government’s preparation and transparency in the project. “Is the Detailed Project Report (DPR) ready? What is your plan for rehabilitating those who are losing their

homes?” he asked. He further criticized the government for demolishing structures without properly confirming the boundaries of the Full Tank Level (FTL) or buffer zones.

The BJP leader expressed concern over the future and development of Hyderabad, fearing that the government’s actions might undermine the city’s progress. His letter urges the CM to reconsider the approach and provide a fair and just solution for those affected by the Musi River cleanup drive.

Hearing on Nagarjuna's Defamation Petition Against Minister Konda Surekha



TPN, Hyderabad: A hearing took place today in Nampally Manoranjan Court regarding the defamation petition filed by film actor Akkineni Nagarjuna against Telangana Minister Konda Surekha. Senior Counsel Ashok Reddy represented Nagarjuna, arguing that the minister's comments were damaging to his family's honor and reputation. The court announced that Nagarjuna's statement would be recorded tomorrow, with the actor expected to appear in court.

During the proceedings, Advocate Ashok Reddy requested that the statements of witnesses be recorded alongside Nagarjuna's. The court subsequently adjourned the hearing until Tuesday.

The controversy arose from comments made by Konda Surekha regarding Nagarjuna's family, which have drawn condemnation from various celebrities in the film industry. BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao has already sent legal notices in response. Nagarjuna's petition demands criminal action against Minister Surekha for her remarks.

We will file cases against Nagarjuna.. Konda is Surekha's lawyer

In a counterstatement, Konda Surekha's lawyer claimed that Nagarjuna and his supporters would face legal action as well. The unfolding legal battle between the actor and the minister has captured significant public attention, with many awaiting the court's decision on the matter.

Hydra to Launch New App for Pond Protection



TPN, Hyderabad: Hydra Commissioner and Lake Protection Committee Chairman AV Ranganath conducted a review on Monday with officials from the Irrigation, Revenue, National Remote Sensing Agency, State Remote Sensing Application Center, and Survey of India to identify the Full Tank Level (FTL) and buffer zones of the ponds. In the city, ponds, government properties, parks, and areas designated for public use are protected from encroachment. Hydra will introduce the app to prevent such invasions.

The app is designed to ensure that information about any attacks reaches Hydra within seconds. Users will be able to lodge complaints through the app, while officials' observations and actions will be recorded in the field. HYDRA aims not only to protect encroached ponds but also to restore them to their former glory. Additionally, the app will assist in removing debris from encroached ponds. In the first phase, work will commence at Sunnam Cheruvu, Appacheruvu, Errakunta, and Kukatapally Nallacheruvu.

Narsinghi Police Seek to Cancel Johnny Master's Interim Bail



TPN, Hyderabad: In Hyderabad, the Narsinghi police have filed a petition in the Rangareddy district POCSO court requesting the cancellation of interim bail granted to Johnny Master. This action arises amid ongoing legal proceedings concerning serious allegations against him. Johnny Master's advocate has submitted a memo to the court, outlining their position on the issue.

The hearing for regular bail has been postponed to October 9 due to the magistrate being on leave, leaving Johnny Master's legal status unresolved for now. The case has attracted attention given the nature of the allegations and their potential implications.

As the legal process unfolds, both the prosecution and defense will continue preparing their arguments. The outcome of the police's petition and the upcoming bail hearing will be closely monitored, as it may significantly affect Johnny Master's future and the legal consequences of the case. The court's decisions in the coming days will be crucial in determining the trajectory of this high-profile legal matter.

Clash Erupts Between AIMIM and Congress Leaders in Nampally

TPN, Hyderabad: A violent clash broke out between Congress leader Feroz Khan and AIMIM MLA Majid Hussain, along with their supporters, in Humayunnagar on Monday afternoon, October 7. The altercation resulted in injuries to several individuals from both parties.



The incident unfolded as Feroz Khan and his party workers visited the Bank Colony. Tensions flared when MLA Majid Hussain and his supporters arrived, with Hussain accusing the Congress workers of intimidating local residents and gathering information about ongoing construction projects.

What started as a verbal exchange escalated into physical violence, with both

leaders and their supporters exchanging blows. Police present at the scene struggled to control the chaos, prompting the dispatch of additional officers from a nearby station to restore order.

Following the clash, representatives from both parties went to the police station to lodge complaints regarding the incident.

Feroz Khan, who has been a strong contender for the Nampally seat, previously lost to AIMIM's Meraj by 15,000 votes in the last election. He has unsuccessfully contested the seat four times since 2009. Majid Hussain, a BCA graduate, is a former mayor and currently represents Medhapatnam as a corporator in the GHMC..

Telangana HC Declares Dubai-Studied Student as Local For MBBS Admissions

TPN, Hyderabad: In a landmark decision, the Telangana High Court has directed the Kaloji Narayana Rao University of Health Sciences to classify a student who completed her schooling in Dubai and her intermediate education in Hyderabad as a local candidate for MBBS admissions.

A division bench, led by Chief Justice Alok Aradhe and Justice Srinivas Rao, reached this verdict following a plea from Anumta Farooq, a resident of Kondapur. Farooq had challenged her exclusion from local

candidate status for MBBS and BDS admissions.

The petitioner's counsel noted that Farooq completed her education up to Class 10 in Dubai from 1998 to 2008 but has been living in Telangana since 2019. She finished her intermediate studies through the National Institute of Open Schooling in Telangana and subsequently appeared for the NEET exam.

Recent amendments to the law, enacted

by the state government in July, stipulate that a student is classified as a local candidate if they have either studied in Telangana for four consecutive years or resided in the state for the same duration. Despite meeting the residence requirement and submitting the necessary documentation, Farooq was initially not recognized as a local aspirant. After considering the arguments, the court ruled in her favor, allowing her to participate in the admission process as a local candidate for MBBS and BDS programs.

RSS Conducts Marches to Celebrate 100th Formation Anniversary



TPN, Hyderabad: The Rashtriya Swayamsevak Sangh (RSS) organized route marches in various locations across Hyderabad, Rangareddy, and other districts in Telangana to commemorate its upcoming 100th foundation year in 2025. The marches also celebrated the 201st birth anniversary of Saint Ramalinga Swamikal (Vallalar), as well as Gandhi Jayanti and Vijaya Dashami. Hundreds of RSS workers participated in these events.

Dressed in the traditional RSS uniform, the cadres marched in unison, brandishing lathis while accompanied by drum beats. The police had granted permission for these marches, as the RSS cadre applied for it through local DCP/SP offices in the state.

Founded on September 25, 1925, during British colonial rule, the RSS aimed to create a disciplined volunteer force for the "Hindu revival" and to establish a Hindu Rashtra (Hindu nation). While it was formed during a time of anti-colonial struggle, the organization did not participate directly in the freedom movement.

Though it positions itself as a socio-cultural organization and claims to be apolitical, the RSS plays a significant role in India's political landscape. It has a considerable presence across the country and exerts considerable influence on governance, particularly in states where BJP-led coalitions are in power.



Alai Balai General Body Meeting Held at Nampally Exhibition Ground

TPN, Hyderabad: The General Body meeting for the Alai Balai event took place at the Nampally Exhibition Ground, with Haryana Governor Bandaru Dattatreya serving as the chief guest. Dattatreya emphasized that Alai Balai is not a political program but rather a cultural event aimed at uniting all parties on a single platform.

As Alai Balai celebrates its 19th year, Dattatreya highlighted its origins in the Telangana movement, stressing the importance of community and spiritual connection in today's society. He described Alai Balai as a spiritual gathering that reflects the rich cultural traditions and food habits of Telangana.

Chairperson Bandaru Vijaya Lakshmi also acknowledged the significance of Alai Balai, stating that it serves as a platform for collective unity and shared experiences. Dattatreya reiterated the event's mission to foster togetherness, likening it to a gathering of family at home, underscoring its inclusive and familial atmosphere.

Key Leaders of BRS Engaging with TDP

TPN, Hyderabad: Recently, BRS leaders, including former Minister and Medical MLA Chamakura Mallareddy, met with Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu. The meeting took place at Chandrababu's residence in Jubilee Hills and included Malkajgiri MLA Marri Rajasekhara Reddy and former mayor Thigala Krishna Reddy. This meeting was described as a courtesy visit, during which the leaders discussed various important issues, including a request for letters from Telangana for Tirumala darshan.

Thigala Krishna Reddy's Shift to TDP

After the meeting, Thigala Krishna Reddy



announced to the media that he intends to join the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) soon. He expressed confidence in his ability to contribute positively to the TDP in Telangana, praising Chandrababu Naidu for his role in the development of Hyderabad and Cyberabad during his tenure.

Potential Return of Mallareddy to TDP
There are reports suggesting that Chamakura Mallareddy may also consider rejoining TDP, where he previously served before 2014. Mallareddy had a significant role in TDP as an MP before switching to BRS after the formation of a separate Telangana state. His recent meeting with Chandrababu Naidu has fueled speculation about his potential return to the TDP, as discussions about this transition were reportedly held with his key followers.

This situation highlights the fluid dynamics of Telangana politics, with BRS leaders exploring options to align with TDP, indicating possible shifts in party affiliations ahead of upcoming elections.



SATELLITE IMAGES SHOW HOW GAZA WAS REDUCED TO RUBBLE IN A YEAR



The conflict between Israel and Hamas has escalated dramatically over the past year, leading to profound devastation in Gaza. Following a surprise attack by Hamas on October 7, 2023, Israel launched a full-scale air-ground invasion that has since resulted in over 40,000 fatalities. This escalation was marked by Hamas's "Operation Al Aqsa Flood," which involved a coordinated assault that claimed the lives of over 1,200 people in Israel, catching the country off guard.

The Onset of Conflict



Hamas operatives executed a multi-faceted attack that included firing over 5,000 rockets, infiltrating through paragliders, and breaching the Gaza wall to engage in violent incursions. In response, Israel initiated a military campaign aimed at achieving three primary objectives: avenging the killings, uprooting Hamas from Gaza, and securing the safe return of hostages. The ensuing conflict has left Gaza in ruins, with more than 66% of its buildings flattened, extensive displacement of civilians, and thousands of casualties resulting from relentless bombings.

Analyzing the Destruction



The United Nations Satellite Centre (UNOSAT) conducted an analysis of satellite images capturing the destruction within the 365 square kilometers of Gaza. Comparing images from September 2024 to those taken before the invasion, the report revealed a staggering toll: 52,564 structures completely destroyed, 18,913 severely damaged, 56,710 moderately damaged, and 35,591 possibly damaged. In total, this amounts to 163,778 impacted structures, illustrating the magnitude of the devastation.

Open-source satellite imagery has also highlighted significant changes, particularly in northern Gaza near the Jabalia refugee camp, which has been a focal point of conflict since its establishment in 1948. Analysts reviewed four images—three captured post-invasion and one from 2022—to gauge changes in the urban landscape and agricultural areas.

Visual Evidence of Change



A satellite image taken on September 26, 2024, shows a nearly barren landscape, stripped of vegetation after extensive bombing campaigns. In stark contrast, an image from December 16, 2022, reveals a vibrant area filled with buildings and green croplands. The grey patches in the recent images signify the loss of structures, while green areas represent what remains of agricultural land. Gaza, one of the world's most densely populated regions, home to over 2.3 million people, has witnessed a dramatic decrease in density due to ongoing violence.

Many families have fled southward to escape the violence, often moving their belongings on bullock carts, cars, and trucks amidst ongoing air strikes and ground assaults. This mass evacuation underscores the humanitarian crisis facing the population.

The Impact on Agriculture



The UNOSAT analysis employed the Normalized Difference Vegetation Index (NDVI), a metric widely used to assess the health and density of vegetation. North Gaza, previously having 31.3 square kilometers of cropland, has seen 24.6

square kilometers—79%—destroyed, leaving only 6.7 square kilometers intact. This loss of natural vegetation is particularly concerning, as it leads to soil erosion and adversely impacts food production and public health.

The UN report noted that the assessment of agricultural damage involved a comparison of crop health and density over the preceding seven seasons from 2017 to 2024. The decline in agricultural health was attributed to conflict-related activities, including bombing, shelling, and the movement of heavy vehicles. The Gaza Strip, with an estimated agricultural extent of 150 square kilometers, accounts for about 41% of its total area, highlighting the significance of agriculture to the region's economy and food security. The United Nations estimates over 42 million tonnes of debris across Gaza, comprising both collapsed and partially standing structures.

Wider Regional Implications



As the conflict unfolds, Israel faces threats from multiple fronts. Although attacks from Gaza have diminished, new challenges have emerged. Hezbollah, a Shia militant group in Lebanon, has increased its attacks on northern Israel in solidarity with the Palestinians, prompting over 70,000 Israelis to evacuate to safer areas.

Israel has asserted that the conflict's gravity has shifted northward, aiming to ensure the safe return of its citizens under threat. However, tensions have escalated with Hezbollah, leading to a broader conflict marked by an air and artillery campaign that has resulted in significant casualties, including key figures within Hezbollah.

Simultaneously, Houthi rebels in Yemen, backed by Iran, have launched attacks against Israel, further complicating the regional landscape. Direct confrontations between Israel and Iran have intensified, marked by missile and drone attacks, particularly following Iranian missile strikes in April after attacks on its consulate in Damascus.

The Stalemate Continues

Despite efforts by the United States and other regional powers to broker a ceasefire, progress has stalled. Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu has remained steadfast in pursuing military objectives, with attacks from Gaza showing no signs of abating. The situation continues to evolve, and the humanitarian crisis in Gaza deepens, as the international community grapples with the urgent need for resolution and aid amidst ongoing conflict.

The devastation captured in satellite images serves as a stark reminder of the human cost of war and the urgent need for a peaceful resolution to restore stability in the region.

PM Modi Celebrates 23 Years in Public Service

Prime Minister Narendra Modi marks a significant milestone on Monday, celebrating 23 years in constitutional roles, first as Chief Minister of Gujarat and later as Prime Minister of India. Union Home Minister Amit Shah, a long-time ally, took to X (formerly Twitter) to congratulate PM Modi and reflect on his journey.

In a heartfelt message written in Hindi, Shah praised Modi for his unwavering dedication to national interest and public service. He noted, "Today Prime Minister Shri Narendra Modi has completed 23 years in public life as Chief Minister and Prime Minister. These 23 years of service symbolize unique dedication, serving as a living inspiration



for those engaged in social life. It is my good fortune to have witnessed Modi ji's remarkable journey."

Shah emphasized Modi's holistic approach to governance, stating that he has shown how to balance the welfare of the poor, national security, and the strengthening of India's global identity. Rather than viewing issues in isolation, Modi has offered a comprehensive vision for the country.

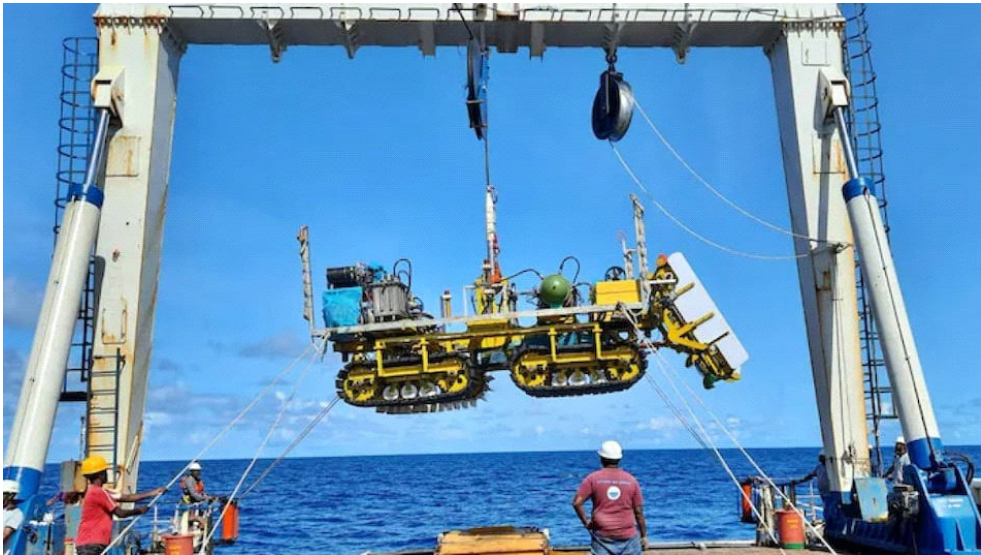
Extending his congratulations, Shah described Modi as a "nation builder" who tirelessly serves the country and its people. "I congratulate such a dedicated leader, who works for the nation without stopping, tiring, or caring for

himself, on completing 23 years of service and dedication," he wrote.

Modi first became Chief Minister of Gujarat on October 7, 2001, and held that position until he ascended to the Prime Ministership in 2014 after winning the Lok Sabha elections. He successfully led the BJP to victory again in the 2024 elections, securing a third consecutive term as Prime Minister.

As news of Modi's milestone spreads, tributes from BJP workers, leaders, and prominent figures from various sectors highlight his achievements during his tenure, showcasing the widespread appreciation for his contributions to India's political landscape.

India Advances Deep-Sea Mining With Varaha-3, Collecting Key Polymetallic Nodules



The National Institute of Ocean Technology (NIOT) has launched exploratory trials in the Andaman Sea using the Varaha-3, a specialized seabed mining machine. Conducted at a depth of 1,193 meters, these trials are part of India's broader initiative to explore and responsibly harness ocean resources. The Geological Survey of India had previously surveyed the trial sites, identifying them as potential hotspots for valuable mineral resources, particularly polymetallic nodules.

During the trials, Varaha-3 successfully collected polymetallic nodules ranging from 60 to 120 mm in size. These nodules are rich in essential metals such as nickel, cobalt, and copper, which are vital for various industries, especially those focused on renewable energy and electric vehicle production. This successful collection marks a significant advancement in India's capabilities for deep-sea mining.

The design of Varaha-3 emphasizes efficiency and minimizes environmental impact, aligning with India's commitment to sustainable ocean

resource management. As part of the Deep Ocean Mission, the Indian government has invested heavily in developing advanced technology for deep-sea exploration. This initiative includes an integrated mining system designed to enhance the efficiency of nodule extraction and transportation while safeguarding marine ecosystems.

These exploratory trials not only demonstrate the technical prowess of Varaha-3 but also lay the groundwork for potential commercial mining operations in the future. With continuous research and innovation, India aims to position itself as a leader in sustainable seabed resource extraction. This endeavor is crucial in meeting the global demand for critical minerals essential for clean energy technologies.

In summary, the successful trials of Varaha-3 highlight India's commitment to responsibly tapping into ocean resources while prioritizing sustainability, paving the way for future advancements in deep-sea mining and resource management.

Indian Army Recovers Huge Cache Of Weapons, Ammunition From Manipur

In a coordinated operation involving the Indian Army, Assam Rifles, Manipur Police, and other security forces, 18 weapons, ammunition, and warlike stores were successfully recovered in Manipur from October 4 to October 6. This initiative reflects the ongoing efforts to enhance security in the region.

The operation commenced on October 4 when the Assam Rifles and Manipur Police executed a joint search in the Khengmol area of Churachandpur district. Their efforts led to the recovery of a 9 mm pistol, five single-barrel rifles, and five improvised heavy mortars, showcasing the effectiveness of their collaboration.

On October 5, based on specific intelligence regarding insurgent activities in the Kakching district, the Indian Army, Assam Rifles, and Manipur Police conducted a thorough search in the Turulmamai area. This operation yielded three carbine machine guns, a 9 mm pistol, two single-barrel rifles, hand grenades, and additional warlike materials, further contributing to the security efforts in the region.

Violence-affected people returning to native places: Manipur CM

Manipur Chief Minister N Biren Singh announced on Monday that residents affected by recent violence are beginning to return to their homes, emphasizing the importance of healing rather than assigning blame. Speaking during an event for youth who completed a hospitality training program under the Centre's 'Hunar Se Rozgar Tak' initiative, Singh highlighted the hardships faced by the state's residents due to the ongoing crisis.

"The people of Manipur have endured



The following day, October 6, another intelligence-based operation in Singtom village of Kakching district resulted in the recovery of a sten machine carbine, a 9 mm country-made pistol, grenades, ammunition, and other military supplies, highlighting the sustained focus on neutralizing insurgent threats.

In Thoubal district, a joint operation on October 5 led by the Assam Rifles and Manipur Police in Chingkhram

Ching resulted in the recovery of a carbine machine gun, a 32 mm pistol, grenades, and ammunition. This reflects the comprehensive approach taken by the security forces to secure the area.

Additionally, during an area domination patrol in Thamlapokpi village of Tegnoupal district on October 6, a team from the Indian Army recovered a grenade and more warlike stores.

significant challenges, but with God's blessing, those affected are starting to return to their original places," Singh remarked. He stressed the necessity of fostering peace and resolving issues through non-violent means, urging the public to steer clear of further violence.

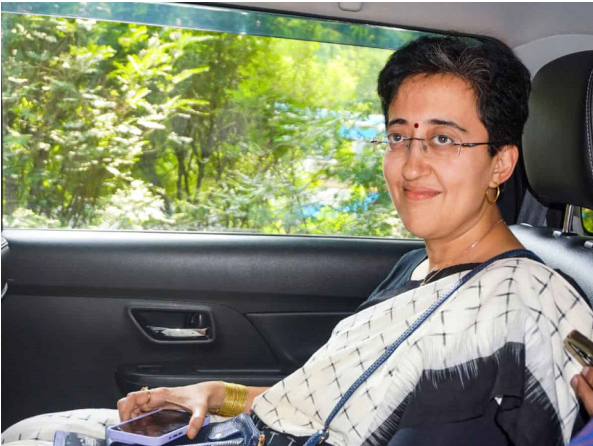
The Chief Minister also noted the government's ongoing efforts to assist the youth, stating that approximately 400 young individuals have either completed or are currently undergoing training under the tourism

ministry's scheme, with 169 already securing placements in various cities. Among those trained are 78 individuals who were displaced due to the recent unrest.

Singh elaborated on a specific training program in perfumery, attended by 30 youths, including 15 who had been displaced. "We will prioritize selecting 2,000 trainees, especially those residing in relief camps," he stated, highlighting the government's commitment to supporting those most affected.

Delhi CM Atishi To Repair 89 Damaged Roads Before Assembly Elections

Delhi Chief Minister Atishi announced on Monday that the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) government will resume various public works, including road repairs, that were reportedly stalled by the BJP while AAP chief Arvind Kejriwal was incarcerated. At a press conference, Atishi stated that her government aims to repair damaged roads ahead of the assembly elections scheduled for early next year.



To kick off this initiative, the government has identified 89 damaged Public Works Department (PWD) roads that require strengthening. Atishi revealed that 74 tenders have already been floated to expedite the repair process.

During the press conference, Kejriwal also spoke, expressing his frustration with the BJP's actions while he was in jail. He stated, "When I was in jail, these people (BJP) stalled various works of the Delhi government. After I returned, I and Atishi inspected the roads and saw they were not in good condition. I wrote to her and requested that Atishi ji get these roads maintained with immediate effect."

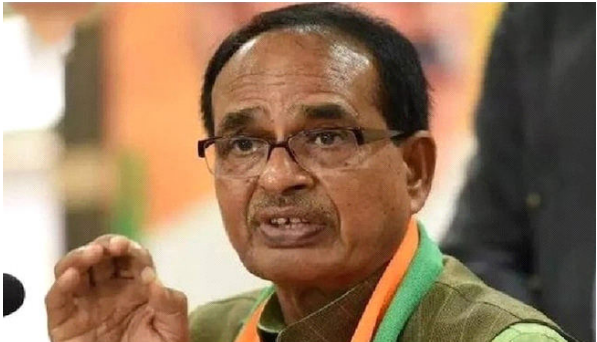
Atishi further elaborated on the repair works, mentioning that a total of 6,671 potholes had

been identified during a series of inspections. Of these, 3,454 patches have already been filled, showcasing the government's commitment to improving road conditions in the capital.

The decision to restart these works comes as part of AAP's broader strategy to demonstrate their responsiveness to public infrastructure needs and to address any grievances stemming from stalled projects. As the elections approach, these efforts may be seen as critical in reinforcing AAP's governance credentials among voters in Delhi.

Will Implement NRC In Jharkhand: Union Minister Shivraj Chouhan

As political tensions escalate in Jharkhand ahead of upcoming elections, Union Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, the BJP's in-charge for the state, announced on Monday the party's intention to implement the National Register of Citizens (NRC). He criticized the Chief Minister Hemant Soren-led government for allegedly favoring infiltrators and compromising the state's demographic integrity.



During a statement to ANI, Chouhan stressed the BJP's commitment to safeguarding the interests of local residents, emphasizing the mantra of "Roti, Mati aur Beti." He pointed out that the tribal population in the Santhal region has dramatically decreased from over 44% to 28%, attributing this change to the influx of Bangladeshi infiltrators.

Chouhan accused Soren's government of engaging in vote bank politics by supporting these infiltrators, stating, "We will implement the NRC in Jharkhand, ensuring that local residents are registered while intruders are identified and removed."

On October 5, the BJP unveiled its election manifesto, titled 'Paanch Prana,' which focuses on

youth and women's welfare in Jharkhand. The manifesto outlines five key promises: Yuva Sathi, Gogo Didi Yojana, Ghar Saakar, Laxmi Johar, and 'Assured Employment.'

The Gogo Didi Yojana pledges monthly financial assistance of ₹2,100 to women, while the 'Assured Employment' initiative commits to creating 5 lakh jobs over five years. The Ghar Saakar promise aims to provide housing for all, and the Yuva Sathi scheme offers ₹2,000 to youth preparing for competitive exams. The BJP also plans to fill over 200,000 vacant posts, with the recruitment process expected to commence in the first cabinet meeting, aiming to complete 100,000 government recruitments by 2025.

India-Maldives Enhance Ties with New Runway and RuPay Card



Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Maldivian President Mohamed Muizzu jointly inaugurated the runway and witnessed a live transaction using the RuPay payment service, showcasing India's commitment to bolstering its relationship with the Maldives.

During their discussions, the leaders focused on "charting a new path for the future," with President Muizzu emphasizing the importance of their bilateral relations. This visit marks

his first official trip to India, despite attending Modi's swearing-in ceremony in June.

Before the launch, a short video highlighted various India-assisted projects in the Maldives, emphasizing the historical bonds of trade and cultural exchange between the two nations. The video underscored the relationship's evolution, characterized by "mutual respect and unwavering support," under India's Neighbourhood First policy and the SAGAR

vision (Security and Growth for All in the Region).

The RuPay card's introduction is expected to significantly enhance economic cooperation, particularly in the tourism sector, allowing Indian tourists to conduct cashless transactions, thereby reducing costs and improving convenience during their stay in the Maldives.

The new runway represents a significant milestone in the ongoing expansion of Hanimadhoo International Airport, part of a larger re-development project funded by an Indian Line of Credit amounting to USD 132 million. This initiative aims to develop new infrastructure, including an Air Traffic Control (ATC) tower, hangar, cargo facilities, and a passenger terminal.

Following the bilateral talks, Prime Minister Modi expressed optimism about the future of India-Maldives relations, stating that President Muizzu's visit adds "another chapter to our ties," reflecting a commitment to achieving greater heights in their partnership.



Ukraine Strikes Oil Depot in Occupied Crimea Amid Ongoing Conflict

Ukraine's military has announced a successful strike on a major oil terminal located in the occupied Crimean Peninsula, targeting the Feodosia terminal—one of the largest oil processing facilities in the region. This operation is part of a series of attacks aimed at Russian-controlled energy infrastructure.

Officials in Kyiv reported that the missile strike took place overnight, although Russian-installed officials in Crimea have only confirmed a fire at the facility without providing details on the attack itself. Reports indicate that around 300 residents were evacuated from Feodosia due to the blaze, with no casualties reported so far.

Footage shared on social media showed significant smoke billowing from the terminal, while local authorities confirmed ongoing efforts to extinguish the fire. The Russian defense ministry stated that 12 out

of 21 Ukrainian drones launched toward the peninsula were intercepted overnight.

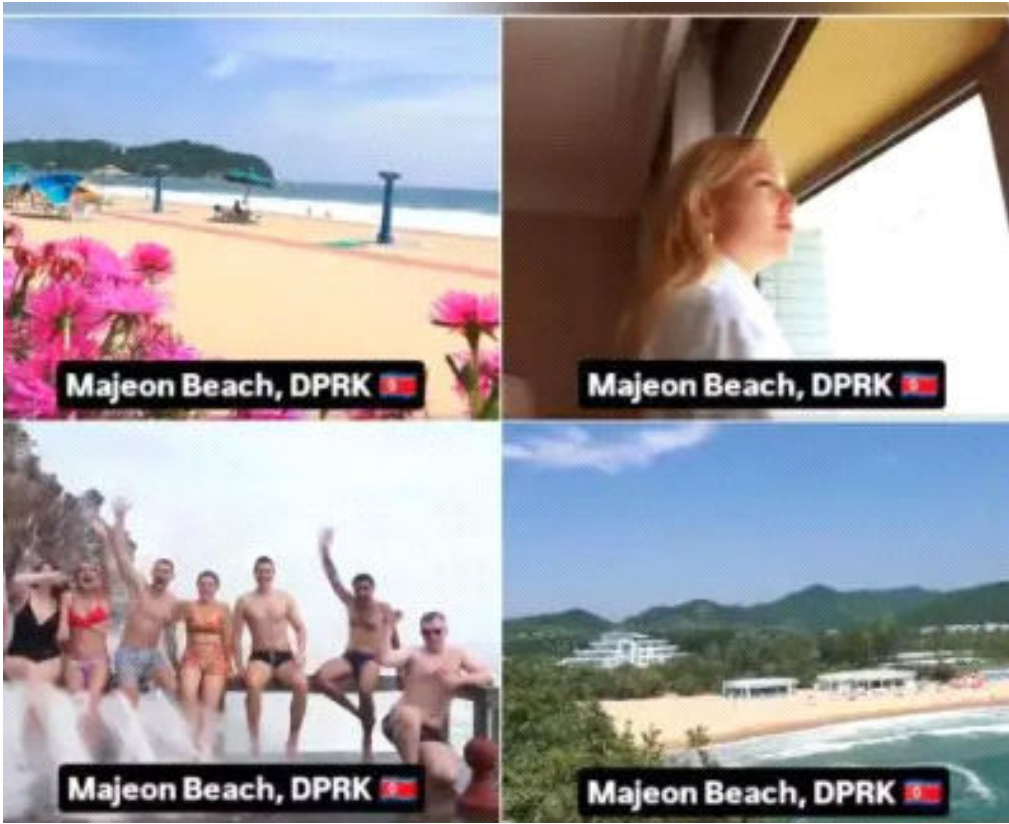
In a statement, Ukraine's general staff indicated that oil products from the terminal were being utilized to support the Russian occupation forces, emphasizing the strike as a retaliatory measure. Russia's annexation of Crimea in 2014 has made the peninsula a focal point of military tensions.

This attack follows previous strikes on the same facility, including a drone strike in March, and reflects Ukraine's ongoing campaign to target Russian energy infrastructure in response to Moscow's strikes on Ukrainian energy facilities, which have left millions without power. According to President Volodyr Zelensky, at least 80% of Ukraine's thermal power and one-third of its hydroelectric generation have been

destroyed by Russian attacks.

Meanwhile, Ukrainian air force officials reported that they successfully shot down 32 drones and two missiles aimed at Kyiv overnight. However, one Kinzhal missile evaded interception and struck an area near the Starokostiantyniv airfield in the Khmelnytskyi region, which has been a repeated target for Russian strikes. This base is believed to house F-16 fighter jets, with 65 of the aircraft pledged by NATO countries since the U.S. authorized their transfer to Ukraine in August 2023.

In another distressing development, a Russian airstrike in the southern Ukrainian city of Kherson injured 17 people, including a two-year-old boy and a four-year-old girl. Regional authorities confirmed that four bombs were dropped on the city during the attack, highlighting the ongoing human cost of the conflict.



Viral North Korean Tourism Ad Featuring Russians on Beach Sparks Online Debate

A North Korean tourism advertisement has gone viral, capturing the internet's attention by showcasing young Russians enjoying a day at Majeon Beach in South Hamgyong Province. Released by the state-owned Korea International Travel Company, the video aims to promote North Korea as a tourist destination as the country plans to reopen its borders by the end of the year.

The ad begins with a blonde Russian woman pulling back her hotel curtains to reveal a sunlit beach scene. She and a group of fellow Russians are then seen swimming, jet skiing, and playing beach volleyball—activities that seem particularly striking given that wearing bikinis is illegal in North Korea.

The video quickly made its way to Reddit, where users commented on the peculiar emptiness of the beach, questioning the ad's authenticity. One user noted, "It's amazing how a North Korean beach looks just like their roads,

completely empty," highlighting the stark contrast between the vibrant activities shown and the desolate environment.

Another user raised a point about the legality of swimwear, stating, "Aren't bikinis banned in the DPRK? Unless the rule is only for locals." This sparked further speculation regarding the depiction of tourist life in the isolated nation. One commenter humorously remarked, "If I go there, I'd disappear 1000%," reflecting the apprehension many feel about traveling to North Korea.

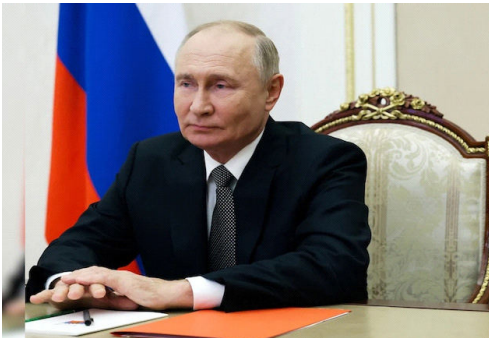
As the ad circulates online, it has sparked a wider debate about the country's efforts to attract tourists and the realities of visiting a place with such strict regulations. The mixed reactions underscore the complexities surrounding perceptions of North Korea, especially in the context of its tourism initiatives.

Putin Receives Nationalist Wishes On 72nd Birthday

"God save the Tsar!" was among the first public birthday wishes for President Vladimir Putin, who turned 72 on Monday. The greeting, posted by ultra-nationalist ideologue Alexander Dugin on his Telegram channel just after midnight, reflects the fervent support Putin continues to receive from some factions within Russia.

Dugin, known for his advocacy of a vast new Russian empire that includes Ukraine, has been a controversial figure in Russian politics. His daughter was killed in a suspected car bomb in 2022, a tragedy that has further fueled his radical views. Putin, who ordered the invasion of Ukraine in 2022, recently celebrated a record victory in a post-Soviet election, securing a new six-year term that could make him Russia's longest-serving leader in over 200 years.

While Putin's recent electoral win has solidified his grip on power, critics, including Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy, have labeled the elec-



tion as illegitimate, framing it as a manipulation of the democratic process. Western nations view Putin as an autocrat and a perpetrator of violence, especially given the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, which they describe as an imperialistic land grab.

The war has resulted in significant loss of life, with thousands of civilians killed, primarily Ukrainians, and widespread destruction across cities. Putin frames the conflict as part of a historical struggle against a declining West, claiming that NATO's expansion has encroached on Russia's sphere of influence.

Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine 2024 Awarded to MicroRNA Researchers

The 2024 Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine has been awarded to American scientists Victor Ambros and Gary Ruvkun for their pioneering research on microRNA, which has significantly advanced our understanding of gene regulation and the complexity of life.

Their discoveries elucidate how microRNAs control gene expression, enabling the differentiation of various cell types within organisms, including humans. Despite all human cells sharing the same genetic blueprint, microRNAs play a crucial role in determining how these cells develop into distinct forms and functions, from nerve cells to liver cells.

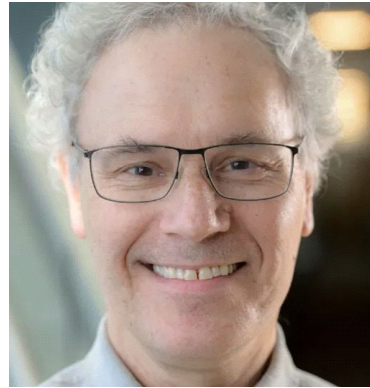
The Nobel Assembly at Sweden's Karolinska Institute announced that the



prize is part of a fund worth 11 million Swedish kronor (approximately £810,000).

Ambros and Ruvkun were the first to identify microRNAs and reveal their essential role in gene regulation for multicellular organisms. Their re-

search demonstrated that the human genome codes for over 1,000 microRNAs, which are critical for the development of complex life forms. Abnormal microRNA regulation is linked to various health issues, including cancer and congenital disorders such as hearing loss.



The researchers conducted their groundbreaking work using the nematode worm *C. elegans*, investigating a mutant strain that failed to develop certain cell types. They discovered that microRNAs were vital for the worm's proper development by inhibiting spe-

cific messenger RNAs (mRNAs), thereby preventing certain genes from being expressed.

Prof. Janosch Heller from Dublin City University expressed his delight at the recognition, noting that their work has paved the way for innovative therapies for diseases like epilepsy and has illuminated the intricate mechanisms controlling cellular processes.

This year's award adds to the illustrious history of Nobel laureates in the field of physiology and medicine, following previous winners such as Katalin Kariko and Drew Weissman in 2023 for their work on mRNA technology, and Svante Paabo in 2022 for his contributions to human evolution.

FII's Shift to China Deepens Market Slump: Small & Mid-Caps Bleed, IT Stands Resilient

Indian stock markets are reeling under the blow of foreign institutional investors. Indices are falling consecutively as investments are being shifted to China. Small and mid cap shares are bleeding. Markets that crashed last week on international developments and the Israel-Iran war continue to fall. As positive signals came from the Asian markets, the indices started to gain and ran towards the floor as time went on. As a result, Sensex fell by 638 points and Nifty by 218 points. IT shares withstood the selling pressure. The BSE market breadth has completely turned in favor of sellers. 3416 stocks fell while only 634 rose.

The BSE Sensex, which closed at 81,688 in the previous session, opened at 81,926 today. It touched an intraday low of 80,726. It touched an intraday high of 82,137. It eventually closed at 81,050, a loss of 638 points. The NSE Nifty opened at 25,084, touched a low of 24,694 and a high of 25,143. The total fell by 218 points to close at 25,795. Bank Nifty fell 983 points to settle at 50,478.

In Nifty50, 10 companies gained while 40 lost. Shares of Trent, M&M, Bharti Airtel, ITC and Bajaj Finance were the top gainers. Shares of Adani Ports, BEL, Adani Enterprises, Coal India and NTPC were the biggest losers. Today, except for IT, all sector indices fell. Media, metal, PSU Bank, oil and gas, consumer durables, finance and bank indices fell.

Nifty support is at 24800 and resistance is at 25100. Investors can buy shares of Trent, Natco Pharma, CG Power, Coforge, AU Bank in the short term.

Benchmark and Broader indices are losing but Nifty IT is withstanding the pressure. Bajaj Hindustan Sugar has terminated its joint venture agreement with EverEnviro Resources. Sun Pharma has been given a buy rating by UBS. Jefferies has given M&M Financial a hold rating. Morgan Stanley has rated Indus Ind Bank as Overweight. It has announced a target of Rs.1690. Shares of Vodafone Idea, Zee Entertainment, Gujarat Ambuja Exports,



Anupam Rasayan, RBL Bank, Equitas, Ujjivan and IDFC Bank hit 52-week lows. SJVN shares fell for the fifth day in a row. Metropolis Healthcare's revenue rose 13% in Q2. Federal bank Q2 deposits rose 15.6%. Shares of Suzlan Energy fell 5%. They lost for the eighth session in a row. Shares of the company gained as it launched 'Airtel Secure Internet' with Fortinet for online security solutions.

1. Trent Ltd (TRENT)

Trent is a Tata Group company and a key player in the retail space through Westside and Zudio. It has been showing consistent growth due to increasing consumer spending. The stock has been in an uptrend, but recently faced some correction. Support is near 7,200, while resistance stands around 7,500.

Watch for a breakout above ₹7500. If global markets stabilize, Trent could see further upside. If there's continued selling pressure, consider buying on dips .

2. Natco Pharma Ltd (NATCOPHARM)

A leading player in the pharmaceutical sector, known for producing complex generics. Natco has seen volatility due to both market factors and sector-specific news. The stock is near its 52-week low and could see support around ₹ 1,350 levels. It's facing resistance around ₹ 1,400. Pharma is a defensive sector, and Natco's fundamentals remain strong. Investors could consider a buy if it holds above ₹ 1,400, especially for short-term defensive positioning.

3. CG Power and Industrial Solutions Ltd (CGPOWER)

CG Power is in the electrical equipment space and has shown robust earnings in the last few quarters due to industrial demand.

The stock has been on an uptrend, with support at ₹ 740 and resistance around ₹ 760. Its momentum remains positive. A breakout above ₹760 could trigger more upside. Consider buying on dips closer to ₹740 for a short-term trade, with a stop-loss around ₹720.

4. Coforge Ltd (COFORGE)

An IT services company, Coforge has benefited from the global digital transformation trend. IT stocks have shown resilience, and Coforge is positioned well. Coforge is in an upward trajectory. Current support is around ₹7,150, and resistance is around ₹7,250. IT stocks are showing strength amid market weakness. If it breaks above ₹7250, it could see further gains. Otherwise, consider buying at support levels of ₹7,100 with a tight stop-loss.

5. AU Small Finance Bank (AUBANK)

AU Bank is one of the leading small finance banks, with strong growth in retail and MSME segments. The stock has been consolidating recently. Key support is around ₹730, with resistance at ₹750. Watch for a breakout above ₹750 for a short-term upward move. If market sentiment remains weak, it could test the ₹730 support level, which could offer a buying opportunity.

Adani Group To Acquire Heidelberg Cement's Indian Operations

The Adani Group is reportedly in negotiations to acquire the Indian cement operations of Germany's Heidelberg Materials for approximately \$1.2 billion, according to the Economic Times. Led by billionaire Gautam Adani, the group entered the Indian cement market in 2022 with the acquisition of Holcim's local units and has since pursued a series of acquisitions to increase its market share, positioning itself against leading producer UltraTech Cement.

Heidelberg Materials has not commented on the negotiations, and the Adani Group has not responded to requests for comment from Reuters. However, shares of HeidelbergCement India surged 14.5% on Monday, reaching a market valuation of 56.63 billion rupees (\$675 million), after peaking at an 18% increase earlier in the day. The parent company's shares in Frankfurt were also set to open 1.2% higher in pre-market trading.

In July, Heidelberg Materials CEO Dominik von Achten noted that the company's market position in India was "not perfect yet," indicating a desire to

explore various options amid a trend of consolidation in the sector. The surge in deals within India's cement industry follows increased government spending, driving up demand for housing and infrastructure projects.

According to the Economic Times, the Adani Group might withdraw from the bidding if other competitors enter the fray. Previously, reports suggested that UltraTech and IPO-bound JSW Cement were also interested in HeidelbergCement India.

Heidelberg Materials has been operating in India since 2006, with a portfolio that includes four plants and an annual production capacity of 12.6 million tonnes. However, the company has faced increased competition in the central Indian market, which has affected its market share. The recent quarter marked HeidelbergCement India's first profit decline in five quarters, attributed to decreased sales volumes and price reductions. The company markets two cement brands, Mycem and Zuari, as it navigates the competitive landscape.



Rupee Strengthens to 83.97 Against Dollar Amid Weaker Greenback

The Indian rupee rose by 2 paise to 83.97 against the US dollar in early trade on Monday, buoyed by a weaker dollar in the international markets and declining crude oil prices. This positive momentum was further supported by the recent increase in India's foreign exchange reserves, which reached a record high of USD 704.88 billion as of Friday, according to forex traders.

Opening at 83.96, the rupee initially climbed 3 paise from its previous close of 83.99 before slipping slightly to 83.97, still up by 2 paise from Friday's closing figure. The surge in forex reserves, which increased by USD 12.588 billion for the



week ending September 27, has played a crucial role in strengthening the domestic currency, as

reported by the Reserve Bank of India.

Despite this positive trajectory, factors such as escalating conflicts in the Middle East and outflows from Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs) on Friday tempered the rupee's gains, traders noted.

In the broader financial landscape, the domestic equity market also showed signs of recovery. The Sensex rose by 228.16 points, or 0.28%, to reach 81,916.61, while the Nifty increased by 67.60 points, or 0.27%, to stand at 25,081.30. Both indices had experienced sharp declines in the preceding week, highlighting the significance of

this rebound.

On the international front, the dollar index, which measures the strength of the US dollar against a basket of six currencies, saw a marginal decline of 0.01%, settling at 102.50. Additionally, Brent crude, the global benchmark for oil prices, fell by 0.44% to USD 77.71 in futures trading.

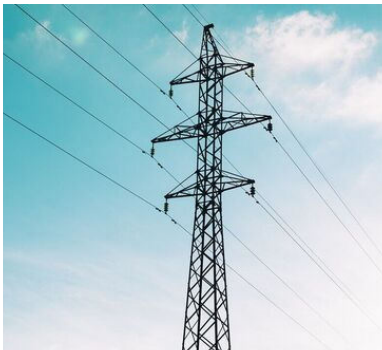
Overall, while the rupee has made gains, ongoing geopolitical tensions and market volatility could influence its performance in the coming days.

Hitachi Energy to Invest ₹2,000 Crore in India's Green Power Transition

Global tech leader Hitachi Energy Ltd has announced plans to invest ₹2,000 crore over the next few years to enhance India's power supply systems as the country shifts towards green energy. The company's Indian subsidiary, Hitachi Energy India Ltd, will prioritize technologies aimed at making power transmission more sustainable. Additionally, the firm will focus on developing green mobility solutions, particularly in charging infrastructure for public transportation.

The new smart mobility solutions aim to promote safe, sustainable, and efficient transportation, especially for large-scale public transit and commercial fleets. Hitachi Energy emphasized that such technological innovations will be crucial for advancing India's journey towards achieving net-zero emissions. The company is set to unveil its green mobility portfolio in India this week.

This investment announcement comes on the heels of the launch of the PM E-Drive, an electric vehicle (EV) subsidy program designed to enhance public transport, particularly focusing



on electric buses for inter-city travel. Recent reports indicate that nearly 40% of the ₹10,900 crore allocated for the scheme will be dedicated to funding electric buses, further underscoring the government's commitment to promoting sustainable transport solutions.

Hitachi Energy's initiatives align with India's broader goals of increasing the adoption of renewable energy and reducing carbon emissions. By investing in advanced technologies and infrastructure, the company aims to contribute significantly to the nation's green energy transition. The firm's focus on sustainable practices not only reflects its corporate responsibility but also positions it strategically in a rapidly evolving market for green technologies.

As the demand for clean energy solutions continues to grow, Hitachi Energy's investment marks a significant step forward in bolstering India's capabilities in power transmission and electric mobility. The collaboration between government initiatives and private sector investments is expected to accelerate the country's progress towards a greener future.

HDFC Bank Sells Entire Stake in HDFC Education for ₹192 Crore

HDFC Bank has announced the approval for the complete divestment of its subsidiary, HDFC Education, to Vama Sundari Investments for ₹192 crore. This strategic move marks a significant transition for HDFC Bank as it streamlines its portfolio.

The decision to sell the 100% stake in HDFC Education aligns with the bank's broader strategy to focus on its core banking operations while allowing the education subsidiary to flourish under new ownership. The transaction reflects HDFC Bank's ongoing efforts to optimize its business structure and enhance shareholder value.

HDFC Education has been a notable player in the educational finance sector, providing various financial solutions aimed at supporting students and educational institutions. By transferring ownership to Vama Sundari Investments, HDFC Bank believes the subsidiary will benefit from a fresh perspective and potentially expand its offerings in the educational finance landscape.

The approval of this stake sale comes at a time when financial institutions are increasingly looking to divest non-core assets to concentrate on their primary business operations. This trend allows banks to allocate resources more efficiently and enhance their overall market



competitiveness.

HDFC Bank has a robust presence in the banking sector, known for its strong retail and corporate banking services. By divesting HDFC Education, the bank is expected to enhance its focus on areas that contribute directly to its profitability and growth strategy.

As the transaction proceeds, both HDFC Bank and Vama Sundari Investments will work towards ensuring a smooth transition. Stakeholders are optimistic about the future prospects of HDFC Education under new management, believing that it will be better positioned to respond to the evolving needs of the educational sector.

This move underscores HDFC Bank's commitment to refining its operations and embracing opportunities that align with its strategic vision, thereby paving the way for future growth.



What If Exit Poll Trends Mirror Actual Results in Haryana and J&K?

As the Haryana and Jammu & Kashmir assembly elections approach on October 8, exit polls offer a preliminary glimpse into potential outcomes. In Haryana, exit polls suggest a clear majority for the Congress party, while the results for Jammu and Kashmir present a more nuanced scenario. Analyzing these projections reveals key factors shaping the political landscape in both regions.

Haryana: Congress Poised for Majority

In Haryana, exit polls indicate that the Congress may secure a clear majority, although the margin varies among surveys. Several factors contribute to this trend:

- Incumbency Context:** The BJP is completing its second term and seeks a third, having previously formed a government through an alliance with a regional party. This coalition disintegrated, leading to a direct contest mainly between the BJP and Congress, with state-based players largely marginalized.
- Anti-Incumbency Sentiment:** While there is evident anti-incumbency sentiment against the BJP, it alone isn't sufficient to unseat an incumbent. The Congress has effectively positioned itself as a strong challenger, capitalizing on public discontent.
- Caste Dynamics:** Haryana's political landscape has traditionally been characterized by Jat-versus-non-Jat competition. If exit poll trends hold, it may indicate that Congress has consolidated Jat support while making inroads among non-Jat voters, aided by the "JAPKI" factor—Jawan (soldier), Pe-halwan (wrestler), and Kisan (farmer).
- Youth Engagement:** The youth vote, particularly among those under 30, will be critical. Their active participation in recent elec-

tions suggests that their aspirations could significantly influence the verdict.

Jammu & Kashmir: A Complex Landscape

In Jammu and Kashmir, exit polls suggest a lead for the National Conference (NC)-Congress alliance, but a clear majority remains uncertain. Key factors include:

- Regional Divergence:** Trends differ between the Jammu region and the Kashmir Valley. The BJP is strong in Jammu, while the NC dominates the Valley, leading to a complex interplay of local politics.
- Alliance Dynamics:** Although the NC and Congress have formed an alliance, they contested some seats against each other, which could weaken their collective claim. The party that emerges as the largest could play a crucial role in determining the next steps.
- Role of Smaller Parties:** If no party achieves a majority, the strategies of smaller parties and independents will become vital in shaping the political landscape.
- Impact of Recent Changes:** This election is the first assembly election in a decade, following significant political changes, including the abrogation of Article 370. These changes have implications for voter sentiment and could influence the results.

Broader Implications

The outcomes of these elections are crucial not only for Haryana and Jammu & Kashmir but also for the broader political landscape in India. As the first major electoral tests following the 2024 Lok Sabha elections, their results will be closely watched, marking a new chapter in Indian electoral politics.

Russia's Revised Nuclear Doctrine: A Warning to the West Not to Push Putin Too Hard

The ongoing conflict in Ukraine is reaching perilous heights, primarily fueled by an intense proxy war between the US and Russia. The US openly aims to strategically defeat Russia, believing that weakening its military capacity could eventually lead to regime change in Moscow. This aggressive strategy involves severe sanctions, diplomatic isolation, and efforts to label President Vladimir Putin as a war criminal.

Despite these measures, the anticipated collapse of the Russian economy has not materialized. Russia has adapted and fortified its military, ramping up production of war materials and successfully reclaiming lost ground. The country has also limited its military ambitions, focusing its resources judiciously. Moreover, Russia has maintained strong diplomatic ties, particularly with China and India, both of which have resisted Western pressure to distance themselves from Moscow. India's stance—refusing to condemn Russia's actions in Ukraine—illustrates the broader sentiment among many nations in the Global South, who reject the West's narrative of an "unprovoked war."

The recent G20 summit in New Delhi highlighted this divergence, as the declaration on the Ukraine conflict notably omitted any mention of Russia, reflecting the hesitance of many nations to accept a one-sided portrayal of the situation. The expansion of BRICS to include additional members like Egypt and Saudi Arabia signals that the Western strategy to isolate Russia is failing, as these countries forge their paths while maintaining ties with both the West and Russia.

As military supplies from the West to Ukraine escalate, Russia has issued clear warnings regarding its nuclear capabilities. President Putin has reiterated that Russia is a nuclear power and will defend itself accordingly if faced with existential threats. Despite these assertions, Western leaders have often dismissed them as mere bluster, fostering an environment where they feel emboldened to escalate military support to Ukraine.

This ongoing militarization raises alarm bells, especially given the historical significance of Ukraine's recent incursions into Russian territory. Such actions symbolize a direct challenge that Russia cannot overlook, especially with discussions in the West about allowing Ukraine to strike deeper into Russian-held areas with advanced weaponry.

In light of these developments, Putin has revised Russia's nuclear doctrine, allowing for a nuclear response to significant attacks, effectively lowering the threshold for nuclear weapon use. This strategic recalibration serves as a stark warning to the West not to escalate the conflict further. Calls within Russia for a demonstration of nuclear power reflect a growing frustration with the perception that Russia is being pushed around without consequence.

Despite efforts to demonize him, Putin commands a degree of respect in the Global South, where leaders appreciate his perceived restraint compared to the more aggressive postures of some Western counterparts. However, should Russia resort to nuclear weapons, it risks losing this support. Global sentiment against the use of nuclear arms remains strong, particularly after the

devastation witnessed in Hiroshima and Nagasaki. The idea of using nuclear weapons intentionally contradicts international humanitarian principles and would likely isolate Russia even further on the world stage.

The implications of a nuclear strike would be severe, not only for Russia's international standing but also for global stability. The UN has consistently maintained that the use or threat of nuclear weapons is inadmissible, a sentiment echoed in treaties aimed at preventing nuclear proliferation. Should Russia cross this line, it would face widespread condemnation, complicating its relationships even with nations that currently support it.

As the conflict escalates, it is crucial for the West to recognize the risks of pushing Russia toward a corner. The prospect of nuclear warfare is not merely theoretical; it necessitates a recalibration of diplomatic strategies. Instead of exacerbating tensions, there must be a concerted effort to explore dialogue and peaceful resolutions to the crisis in Ukraine.

The current debate over the use of nuclear weapons within Russia serves as a reminder that the stakes have never been higher. If the West continues to escalate military support without seeking a diplomatic resolution, it bears significant responsibility for any future conflict escalation. In this precarious environment, prioritizing dialogue over confrontation is not just advisable—it is essential for averting a potential catastrophe. The world stands at a crossroads, and the decisions made now will shape the future of international relations for years to come.



IAF Shoots Down 'Chinese Spy Balloon' Target: A Show of Strength and Preparedness

The Indian Air Force (IAF) has demonstrated its readiness to counter aerial threats by successfully shooting down a high-altitude target resembling a Chinese spy balloon. This operation took place under the Eastern Air Command's jurisdiction, with a Rafale fighter jet executing the mission at over 55,000 feet. This exercise is part of a broader strategy to enhance India's defense capabilities in response to increasing aerial surveillance activities, particularly from China.

The backdrop to this development is significant. In early 2023, a Chinese balloon made headlines as it traversed the continental United States for several days before being intercepted by an American F-22 Raptor. Following this incident, the U.S. shared intelligence with allied nations, including India, about the potential threats



posed by such surveillance balloons. In light of these developments, the IAF has formulated tactics, techniques, and procedures (TTPs) aimed at addressing similar contingencies.

The successful interception involved a Rafale jet based in Hasimara, West Bengal, which utilized an onboard missile to take down the target. While

the specific target was smaller than the one that caused international concern in the U.S., its downing highlights the IAF's capability to neutralize airborne threats effectively. Reports indicate that the IAF has not only practiced these engagements but is also developing standard operating procedures to enhance its response to aerial surveillance threats in the future.

The sighting of such balloon-like objects is not unprecedented in Indian airspace. In early 2022, a high-altitude balloon was detected over the Andaman and Nicobar Islands, though it was not intercepted due to operational constraints. Experts believe that these balloons can maneuver and hover over strategic areas, raising concerns about their potential use for intelligence gathering.

China has been known to deploy surveillance vessels in the Bay of Bengal and the southern Indian Ocean, closely monitoring India's ballistic missile launches and other critical operations. The IAF's proactive measures reflect a growing awareness of the need to safeguard national security and maintain air superiority amid escalating tensions in the region.

In summary, the IAF's successful interception of a Chinese spy balloon-like target not only showcases its advanced capabilities but also serves as a clear message of India's commitment to defending its airspace. As aerial surveillance threats evolve, India's military readiness and strategic planning will be crucial in maintaining security and stability in the region.

WhatsApp to Introduce Chat Theme Customization for iOS Users

WhatsApp is preparing to roll out an exciting new customization feature for iOS users, allowing them to personalize their chat experience. According to feature tracker WABetaInfo, the instant messaging platform has begun shipping a chat theme feature, which enables users to select from various chat colors and wallpapers. This addition aims to enhance the messaging experience by adding a touch of individuality.

The feature was first detected in August, when it was reported that Meta, WhatsApp's parent company, was still refining it. Recently, some users have started to notice the new customization options on their devices, suggesting a limited release. However, more users are expected to gain access in the coming weeks as the rollout expands.

WABetaInfo noted that the chat theme feature was included in the WhatsApp for iOS 24.20.71 update available on the App Store. While most users may not have seen any significant changes, a select group has reported the presence of the new chat theme functionality. Screenshots of the interface



have also been shared, showcasing the potential for users to tailor their chats according to personal preferences.

This new feature reflects WhatsApp's commitment to enhancing user engagement by allowing for more personalized interactions. As messaging apps increasingly focus on customization, this update positions WhatsApp to compete more effectively with other platforms that offer similar features.

Overall, the introduction of chat themes marks a noteworthy advancement for WhatsApp users on iOS, making their messaging experience more visually appealing and unique. With the anticipated wider rollout, more users will soon be able to express themselves through their chat settings, enhancing their overall experience on the platform.

iPhone 17 Air May Feature an Ultra-Thin Display From Novatek

Just weeks after the launch of the iPhone 16 series, which introduced a dedicated camera control button, speculation around the iPhone 17 is already making waves online. Reports suggest that Apple may discontinue the Plus model in favor of a new iPhone 17 Air, while rumors indicate that the upcoming iPhone 17 Slim will feature an upgraded, thinner display.

According to a report by DigiTimes, Taiwan-based Novatek, a leading display driver IC manufacturer, plans to commence mass production of its OLED TDDI (Touch and Display Driver Integration) technology in the second quarter of next year. Apple is anticipated to be among the first to adopt this innovative display technology, which integrates both output and touch functionality into a single chip, allowing for thinner and more efficient screens.

Although neither Apple nor Novatek has officially confirmed the integration of this technology into the iPhone 17 lineup, the timing of Novatek's production schedule aligns well with the expected



launch of the iPhone 17 Air in 2025. The new display technology could significantly enhance the device's form factor and performance.

There have been numerous speculations surrounding the iPhone 17 Slim/Air. Reports indicate that it may showcase a radically slim design, setting it apart from other models in the iPhone 17 series. Analyst Ming-Chi Kuo previously noted that the iPhone 17 Slim could feature a titanium middle frame and a single 48-megapixel rear camera, which would be a notable shift from previous designs.

The iPhone 17 Slim is rumored to sport a 6.6-inch display with a resolution of 1,260x2,740 pixels and a dynamic island feature. It is also expected to be powered by the Apple A19 chipset, while the iPhone 17 Pro and Pro Max may include the more advanced A19 Pro SoC.

As these leaks continue to emerge, anticipation for the next generation of iPhones is building, and it appears that Apple is preparing to push the boundaries of design and technology once again.

Largest Brain Map Unveils 140,000 Neurons in Fruit Fly

Scientists have unveiled the most comprehensive map of a fruit fly's brain to date, detailing nearly 140,000 neurons and an astonishing 54.5 million synapses. This groundbreaking achievement is the result of over four years of dedicated work by a research team led by neuroscientists Mala Murthy and Sebastian Seung at Princeton University. The map, termed a 'connectome,' represents the most complete brain diagram produced for any organism so far.

The project utilized advanced electron microscopy images to meticulously reconstruct the fly's brain. While AI-assisted tools were employed to help compile the vast amounts of data, many segments necessitated manual review. In total, the research team and volunteers made over three million manual edits to ensure the map's accuracy. This meticulous process revealed 8,453 distinct neuron types, of which 4,581 were previously unknown to science.

Among the surprising findings, researchers discovered intriguing details about the interconnections between neurons. They observed that neurons typically involved in sensory processing—particularly visual circuits—often connect to neurons responsible for other senses, including hearing and touch. This discovery underscores the complex integration of sensory information within the fruit fly's brain.

The data derived from this extensive mapping



has already been applied to simulate fruit fly behavior in virtual models. In one experiment, the simulation demonstrated how neurons responsible for detecting sweet or bitter tastes activated motor neurons that control the fly's proboscis. Remarkably, when tested on live flies, the virtual model was more than 90% accurate in predicting neuronal responses and subsequent behaviors.

Although the current map is based on a single female fruit fly, it offers valuable insights into brain function and structure. The research team plans to expand the project to include male flies and explore additional behaviors, such as singing. However, despite these advancements, researchers acknowledge that much remains to be discovered regarding the chemical and electrical communication between neurons, paving the way for future investigations in the field.

Delhi Street Vendor Introduces Fruit Momos, Sparks Outrage

Momos, the cherished dumplings from the Himalayas, have captured the hearts of food lovers across India, particularly in the bustling streets of Delhi. Renowned for their versatility, these scrumptious treats come in various styles—steamed, fried, pan-fried, or served with rich gravy. You'll find momo stalls at nearly every corner in densely populated areas, where they serve as a favorite evening snack enjoyed by people of all ages.

Recently, a new and unconventional variation has emerged, stirring both curiosity and disappointment among culinary enthusiasts: fruit momos, priced at an eye-catching ₹170. An Instagram account, @realfoodler, showcased a video of a street vendor preparing this contentious dish. The clip features the vendor mixing an unusual array of ingredients, including fruits, milk, liquid cheese, and cream, seasoned with salt, pepper, and mixed herbs. He then adds fried paneer momos to the mix and serves the creation to a customer.

"This is India's first fruit momos with four fruits," the vendor claims, asserting that this



unique dish is designed specifically for fitness enthusiasts. However, the video has elicited a wave of reactions, with many viewers expressing disbelief and distaste. One user humorously remarked, "You forgot to add gunpowder," while another quipped, "Momos be like - My powers are being misused."

Sarcastic comments flooded in as well, with one individual stating, "Fried momo for gym people. Brother, help me build my body; I will eat momos every day." Others echoed sentiments of outrage, with remarks like "Ruining the culinary world" and "What he made is technically poison for the body."

These responses highlight the mixed emotions surrounding this peculiar innovation, raising the question: have momos reached a culinary turning point, or is this simply an eccentric experiment in gastronomic creativity? As fruit momos hit the streets of Delhi, food enthusiasts are left to ponder whether this unusual concoction will find its place among traditional favorites or remain a fleeting curiosity.

Google Meet Unveils Redesigned Call Screen for Enhanced User Experience

Google Meet is set to introduce a redesigned call screen, enhancing its modern look and functionality for users. Initially launched last year for enterprise accounts, the new features are now being rolled out to free-tier users as well.

One of the standout additions is the "New" floating button, prominently positioned at the bottom right corner of the screen. When tapped, this button leads users to a revamped "Start a call" interface, designed for streamlined access and improved usability. The updated layout includes a "Search contacts or dial" option, now displayed within a pill-shaped box, making it easier to initiate calls.

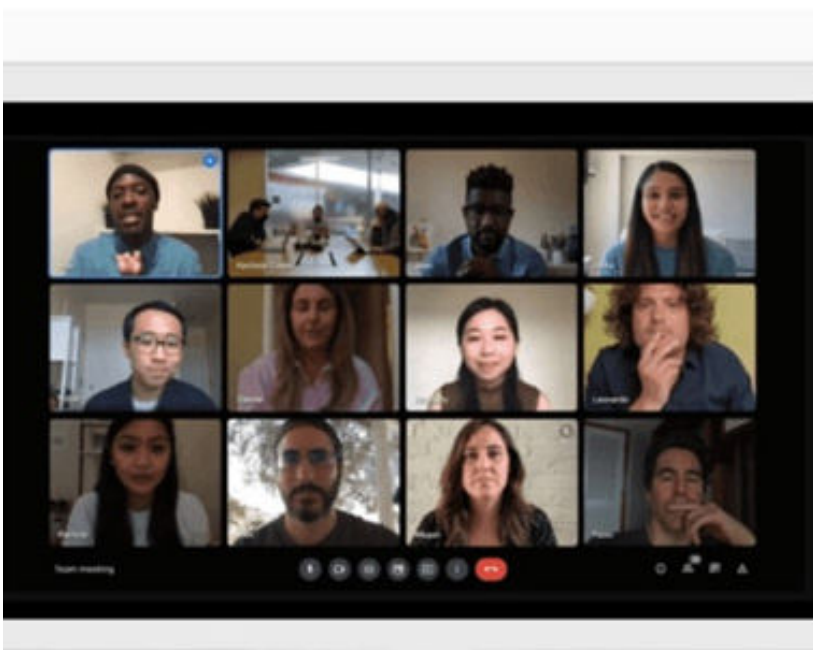
This redesign aligns with Google's ongoing efforts to enhance user engagement and streamline communication on its platform. By simplifying the interface, Google Meet aims to provide a more intuitive experience, catering to the needs of both individual and

business users.

The updated call screen not only modernizes the app's appearance but also enhances functionality. Users can expect improved navigation, allowing them to quickly connect with contacts or initiate new calls without unnecessary clicks. This focus on user experience is critical as remote work and virtual meetings continue to be integral to everyday communication.

With this rollout, Google Meet reinforces its commitment to providing a competitive video conferencing solution that meets the demands of a diverse user base. As the app evolves, users can anticipate more updates that further enhance its capabilities and usability.

In conclusion, the new redesign of Google Meet's call screen is a welcome upgrade that promises to make virtual meetings more



efficient and user-friendly. Whether for personal or professional use, this enhanced interface will allow users to connect seamlessly, reinforcing Google Meet's position as a leading platform in the video conferencing space.

MS Dhoni's IPL Future Uncertain as Talks with CSK Loom

The legendary MS Dhoni, fondly known as 'Thala', remains tight-lipped about his future in the Indian Premier League (IPL) as a player. Chennai Super Kings (CSK) have confirmed that discussions regarding Dhoni's potential retention have yet to take place, but reports indicate that a meeting is scheduled for mid-October.

Recently, the IPL Governing Council reinstated an old rule allowing retired Indian players, who haven't played international cricket for five years, to be classified as uncapped players. This change could benefit CSK, enabling them to register Dhoni as an uncapped player in the INR 4 crore category, thus freeing up funds for additional player acquisitions ahead of the upcoming auction.

According to Cricbuzz, Dhoni has recently returned from a trip to the US and is expected to engage in discussions with CSK in the coming weeks. Each of the ten IPL franchises is permitted to retain up to six players from their IPL 2024 squad, which includes a maximum of five capped players and two uncapped players.

Former India cricketer Ajay Jadeja expressed confidence that Dhoni will be among those retained. He stated, "MS Dhoni for sure. There's no doubt about that, especially because he's now an uncapped player. His value is unquestioned." Jadeja also emphasized the importance of retain-



ing Ruturaj Gaikwad, the team's current captain, and all-rounder Ravindra Jadeja.

Ex-India batter Aakash Chopra added that CSK's Right to Match (RTM) card could prove advantageous for the franchise. "I don't think they'll retain five players. They might go for 3-4. Ruturaj Gaikwad and Ravindra Jadeja are crucial," he said.

Chopra suggested that if players like Shivam Dube are sold in the auction, their prices could exceed INR 10-11 crores, making the RTM card essential for CSK's strategy.

As the meeting approaches, fans and analysts alike eagerly await clarity on Dhoni's future with CSK in the IPL.



Thrilling Draw: Eintracht Frankfurt Stuns Bayern Munich with Last-Minute Equalizer

In an electrifying Bundesliga match, Eintracht Frankfurt secured a dramatic 3-3 draw against Bayern Munich, highlighted by two goals from Omar Marmoush, including a crucial injury-time equalizer. Bayern started the game on the front foot, creating several opportunities, but Frankfurt goalkeeper Kaua Santos was resolute in denying Michael Olise and Serge Gnabry.

Bayern's persistence paid off in the 15th minute when Kim Min-jae opened the scoring, tapping in a square pass from Thomas Müller following a corner. However, Frankfurt responded swiftly, equalizing just seven minutes later. Ansgar Knauff set up Marmoush, who skillfully maneuvered past Raphael Guerreiro to find the back of the net.

Frankfurt capitalized on their momentum, taking a 2-1 lead in the 35th minute. Marmoush played a pivotal role in the build-up, allowing Hugo Ekitike to finish calmly. But Bayern leveled the score just three minutes later, as Dayot Upamecano seized on Olise's blocked shot inside the box.

The second half began with Bayern regaining control. They took the lead again in the 55th minute, with Olise converting a Harry Kane through-ball from 16 meters out, making it 3-2. Despite Bayern's dominance, they struggled to extend their lead, with Joshua Kimmich and Mathys Tel missing key chances.

Frankfurt remained a threat, with Kaua making a crucial save to deny Kingsley Coman in the 77th minute. As the match neared its conclusion, Frankfurt's determination paid off. Just when Bayern seemed poised to secure a hard-earned victory, Marmoush struck again in stoppage time, finishing a swift counter-attack to level the score at 3-3.

Following the match, Bayern coach Vincent Kompany reflected on the performance, acknowledging their missed opportunities but emphasizing the game's intensity compared to last season's 5-1 loss. Meanwhile, Frankfurt coach Dino Toppmoller noted the team's resilience, stating they were fortunate to earn the equalizer. In other Bundesliga action, RB Leipzig secured a 1-0 win over Heidenheim, courtesy of Lois Openda's goal, while Stuttgart managed a late draw against Hoffenheim thanks to Ermedin Demirovic's equalizer.

Mohun Bagan Super Giant Withdraws from AFC Champions League 2



Mohun Bagan Super Giant has effectively withdrawn from the AFC Champions League 2 following their decision not to travel to Iran for a scheduled match against Tractor FC. The Asian Football Confederation (AFC) confirmed this on Monday, citing the club's failure to report for the match on October 2, 2024, as the

basis for their withdrawal.

The Kolkata-based club made this choice last month, prioritizing the "safety and security" of their players amid the unstable conditions in Iran at that time. The situation escalated after the country declared a state of mourning following the death of a senior general from the Revolutionary Guard in an Israeli airstrike.

According to Article 5.2 of the AFC Champions League 2 2024/25 Competition Regulations, Mohun Bagan's matches are now considered null and void, meaning that points and goals from their games will not factor into the final standings of Group A. This decision came after the team's players expressed their concerns about traveling to Iran, resulting in 35

registered players, including seven foreigners, formally requesting that the club seek a rescheduling of the match or a relocation to a neutral venue.

The AFC stated, "The matter will now be referred to the relevant AFC Committee(s) for their decision(s)," indicating that further actions might be taken regarding the withdrawal.

In their previous match in Group A, Mohun Bagan had played to a goalless draw against Tajikistan's FC Ravshan. The decision to withdraw underscores the club's commitment to player welfare, as they have also communicated their concerns to the Indian Ministry of External Affairs, which has advised caution when traveling to regions like Iran and Israel.

Preity Zinta's Team Clinches CPL Title, Faf du Plessis Celebrates in Style



In a thrilling finale at Providence Stadium, the Saint Lucia Kings triumphed over the Guyana Amazon Warriors by six wickets, securing their first Caribbean Premier League (CPL) title. Opting to bowl first, the Kings showcased a stellar performance, limiting the Warriors to 138 runs for 8 wickets, with Noor Ahmad taking three crucial wickets. The Kings successfully chased down the target in 18.1 overs, ending an 11-year wait for the franchise to lift the coveted trophy.

The atmosphere was electric as Faf du Plessis, the Kings' captain, led the celebrations. His humorous imitation of Lionel Messi's iconic robotic walk, famously performed during the FIFA 2022 trophy ceremony, quickly went viral, adding a light-hearted touch to the victory celebrations. This playful act also echoed Rohit Sharma's similar celebration after India won

the T20 World Cup in Barbados earlier this year.

With this victory, the Saint Lucia Kings have finally claimed their maiden CPL title, becoming the last original CPL franchise to do so. In stark contrast, their parent franchise, Punjab Kings, is still on the hunt for their first IPL title, having failed to reach the playoffs since 2014.

Bollywood actress and co-owner Preity Zinta must be overjoyed with the team's achievement. Reflecting on the long journey to this moment, she expressed her delight in seeing the players' dedication pay off after years of striving for success.

Du Plessis shared his pride in the team, emphasizing that this victory was a collective effort without reliance on superstars.



PV Sindhu, Lakshya Sen Set to Compete at Arctic Open Super 500

Shuttlers PV Sindhu and Lakshya Sen are poised to lead the Indian contingent at the Arctic Open Super 500 tournament, which kicks off in Vantaa, Finland, on Tuesday. Both players are eager to regain their competitive edge after a disappointing medal-less performance at the Paris Olympics. This tournament marks their first appearance since the Games, and they are motivated to reset their goals and aspirations.

Sindhu has made significant changes to her coaching team, bringing in Anup Sridhar and Korean badminton legend Lee Syun Il after parting ways with her previous coach, Agus Dwi Santoso. Similarly, Sen, who narrowly missed out on a medal in Paris, has spent time at the Red Bull Arena in Austria for

physical assessments and preparations.

In the opening round, Sindhu is set to face Canada's Michelle Li, a familiar rival. Sindhu, a double Olympic medallist, is favored to win and could potentially meet 18-year-old Japanese star Tomako Miyazaki in the next round—an opponent she lost to at the Swiss Open earlier this year. For Sen, the match against Denmark's Rasmus Gemke presents an opportunity for redemption after he lost to Gemke at the India Open in 2023. If he wins, he may face seventh-seeded Chou Tien Chen of Chinese Taipei. Returning to competition after a four-month injury layoff, Kidambi Srikanth will join the qualifiers alongside younger players Kiran George and Sathish Kumar Karunakaran.

"Pottel: A Rural Action Entertainer Set for October 25 Release"



Sahit Mothkhuri, known for his work in **Bandham Regad** and **Savaari**, is back with a compelling rural action entertainer titled **Pottel**. The film, which carries a strong social message, is set to hit theaters on October 25th. This strategically chosen release date falls perfectly between the Dussehra and Diwali rush, allowing it to stand out amid the festive competition.

Starring Yuva Chandraa Krishna and Ananya Nagalla, **Pottel** has generated buzz with its recent release date poster featuring the lead actors alongside their child. This visual underscores the film's family-oriented themes and emotional depth.

One of the highlights of **Pottel** is Ajay's performance, where he takes on a powerful and unprecedented role. His character is described as one of the most significant in the film, and early reviews suggest that his portrayal is set to leave a lasting impression on audiences.

Produced by Nishank Reddy Kudithi and Suresh Kumar Sadige, **Pottel** has already garnered positive attention with its teaser and soundtrack. Each song has been thoughtfully crafted, serving a specific purpose within the narrative and enhancing the overall storytelling experience. The makers have emphasized the importance of music in conveying the film's message, contributing to the anticipation surrounding its release.

As the excitement builds for **Pottel**, it's clear that the film aims to blend entertainment with meaningful themes, promising a captivating experience for viewers. With a release date now confirmed, fans and audiences alike are eagerly awaiting this unique cinematic offering that is poised to resonate with many.

Singham: Action-Packed Trailer Unveils Epic Diwali Release

Filmmaker Rohit Shetty's highly anticipated film, **Singham Again**, is set to hit theaters this Diwali, and excitement is building with the release of its action-packed trailer on Monday. The film features Ajay Devgn reprising his iconic role, alongside an impressive ensemble cast that includes Kareena Kapoor, Tiger Shroff, and Deepika Padukone. In a thrilling twist, Arjun Kapoor plays the antagonist, while Akshay Kumar and Ranveer Singh make cameo appearances as their beloved characters from the franchise, **Sooryavanshi** and **Simmba**, respectively. Additionally, fans can look forward to a special appearance by Salman Khan as Inspector Chulbul Pandey from the **Dabangg** series.

The trailer opens with Avni Kamat, portrayed by Kareena Kapoor, recounting the epic tale of the Ramayana to her and Bajirao Singham's (Ajay Devgn) son. She describes how Lord Ram traveled an incredible 3,000 kilometers to rescue Sita. This sets the stage for Singham, who channels the spirit of Lord Ram when Avni is kidnapped by Arjun Kapoor's character, Danger Lanka. Determined to rescue her, Singham proclaims, "History will repeat

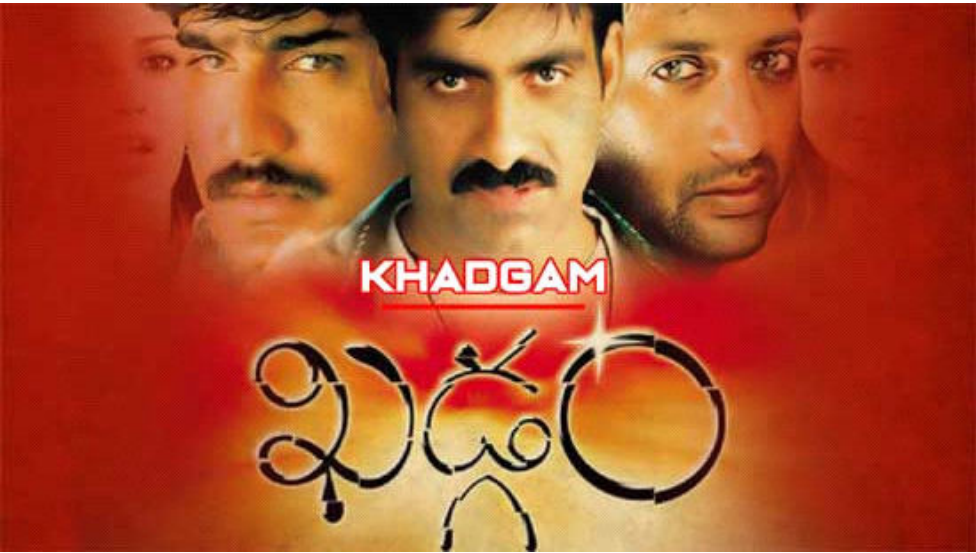


itself, and Rama will burn Lanka for one vachan," signaling the intense mission ahead.

In a compelling moment, Jackie Shroff's character warns Singham about Danger Lanka, referring to him as "a storm of fire." This intriguing interplay sets the tone for the high-stakes action that fans have come to expect from the **Singham**

franchise.

As Diwali approaches, **Singham Again** promises to deliver a thrilling cinematic experience filled with action, drama, and nostalgia. With its star-studded cast and gripping storyline, the film is sure to be a highlight of the festive season, drawing fans eager to witness the epic showdown between good and evil.



Khadgam Set for 4K Re-Release on October 18

One of the standout films from the acclaimed director Krishna Vamsi, **Khadgam**, is making a comeback with a grand re-release scheduled for October 18, 2024. Starring prominent actors Ravi Teja, Prakash Raj, and Srikanth, this film has long been celebrated for its gripping narrative and powerful performances.

The upcoming re-release will feature a stunning 4K version, promising to enhance the viewing experience with improved visuals and sound quality. Fans can look forward to reliving the film's iconic patriotic scenes, which are expected to create a festive atmosphere

in theaters across the country.

Khadgam is particularly remembered for its memorable soundtrack composed by Devi Sri Prasad, whose music played a crucial role in the film's widespread acclaim and success. The energetic and emotive songs contributed to the film's appeal and have remained popular among audiences over the years.

This re-release follows the recent trend of classic films returning to theaters, a movement that gained momentum with the successful re-release of Krishna Vamsi's earlier work, **Murari**.

Suriya wraps filming for 44th movie directed by Karthik Subbaraj



In an exciting development for fans, the team behind **Suriya 44** has officially wrapped filming just four months after starting production. This update comes directly from Suriya, who took to his social media accounts to express his gratitude to the cast and crew for a "wholesome, happy shoot."

Accompanying his heartfelt message, Suriya shared a series of photos capturing moments from the shoot, including a striking monochrome image with director Karthik Subbaraj that has quickly gone viral on social media. The camaraderie displayed in these pictures reflects the strong bond formed during the production process.

In his post, Suriya expressed his appreciation, writing, "A wholesome, happy shoot got done across several locations. Lots of memories with the super talented cast & crew. I made a brother for life, Karthik Subbaraj. Thank you & our team for making **Suriya 44** a memorable experience." His words highlight not just the professional achievements but also the personal connections made along the way.

Suriya 44, directed by the acclaimed Karthik Subbaraj, promises to be an exciting addition to Suriya's filmography. Known for his dynamic storytelling and engaging narratives, Subbaraj's collaboration with Suriya has generated considerable buzz, and fans are eager to see the final product.

Gunasekhar and Bhumika Chawla Set to Reunite in Euphoria



Okkadu (2003) is a landmark film in Mahesh Babu's career, directed by Gunasekhar and featuring Bhumika Chawla in the lead role. Now, after two decades, excitement is brewing as the iconic duo of Gunasekhar and Bhumika is rumored to be reuniting for a new project.

Bhumika has been confirmed to play a pivotal role in Gunasekhar's upcoming film, *Euphoria*, a youthful social drama that promises to resonate with contemporary audiences. A teaser for the film is set to be released today, generating significant anticipation among fans eager for more details. Bhumika took to her Instagram Story to share the movie poster, further fueling excitement around the project.

Fans are particularly curious about the character she will portray in *Euphoria*, as her previous performances have left a lasting impact. Bhumika's last Telugu film was *Butterfly*, in which she starred alongside Anupama Parameswaran. Additionally, she is awaiting the release of *Emergency*, featuring Kangana Ranaut, marking a busy period for the talented actress.

The reunion of Gunasekhar and Bhumika has fans reminiscing about their previous collaboration in *Okkadu*, which was celebrated for its engaging storyline and strong performances. As the film industry evolves, the prospect of their renewed partnership adds to the intrigue surrounding *Euphoria*.

With the teaser dropping soon, audiences are keen to see how the duo will recreate the magic of their earlier work and what new dynamics they will bring to the screen. This collaboration is not only a nostalgic moment for long-time fans but also an exciting development for those looking forward to fresh narratives in Telugu cinema. The countdown has begun, and all eyes will be on the unveiling of *Euphoria* and Bhumika's role within it.