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CM Chandrababu Travels to Srisailam by Seaplane, Marks a Boost for AP Tourism

TPN, Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh (AP) received a significant boost in tourism infrastructure with the introduction of seaplane services, a new venture aimed at enhancing connectivity and tourism in the state. On this special occasion, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu traveled from Vijayawada to Srisailam by seaplane, showcasing the state's progress in tourism initiatives. The venture was made possible with support from the central government and the efforts of Union Minister for Civil Aviation, Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu.

The seaplane took off from Prakasam Barrage's Punnam Ghat in Vijayawada, with CM Chandrababu onboard. The 40-minute journey to Srisaillam Reservoir was conducted by a De Havilland 14-seater seaplane, specifically designed by the De Havilland Aircraft Company. The seaplane arrived at Srisaillam's Patala Ganga area, where CM Chandrababu was welcomed amidst tight security, with Greyhound forces, NDRF teams, and police providing protection in the surrounding areas.

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formally launched the seaplane trial run between Vijayawada and Srisaillam at Prakasam Barrage Punnam Ghat. During his visit, he offered prayers at the Shri Bhramaramba Mallikarjuna Swamy Temple, where he was warmly welcomed by temple priests and governing council members.

These seaplane services, expected to operate on the Krishna River, aim to enhance AP's tourism appeal, bringing both convenience and excitement for visitors to Srisaillam. The state government hopes that the initiative will increase tourist footfall in the region, allowing devotees of Srisaillam Mallanna to experience ease of travel and a new mode of enjoyment. Chandrababu expressed his vision to see Srisaillam emerge as a top pilgrimage destination, supported by modern tourism infrastructure.

The seaplane service is seen as a game-changer for AP tourism, with officials optimistic about the role it will play in attracting national and international visitors, and contributing to economic growth in the region.

Drugs menace inherited from previous 'corrupt and criminal' regime

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan has expressed deep concern over the escalating drug menace in the state, attributing it to the previous YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) administration. In a recent post on 'X' (formerly Twitter), he highlighted the proliferation of drug-related activities and called for immediate intervention from the Union Home Ministry.



and safeguard the state's resources.

"Drugs have become a major menace in the state. Another legacy problem inherited from the previous corrupt and criminal regime. A special focus is needed to curb drug mafia, ganja cultivation, and related criminal activities in the state," Kalyan stated.

He referenced a significant cocaine seizure at Visakhapatnam port, noting its connections to a trading company in Vijayawada, as evidence of the drug mafia's expansion under the former government. Kalyan emphasized the necessity for a comprehensive action plan to dismantle these criminal networks

This isn't the first time Kalyan has raised alarms about the state's drug issues. In October 2021, he criticized the then-government for its inaction against the growing narcotics problem, alleging that Andhra Pradesh had become a hub for drug trafficking affecting the entire nation.

Kalyan's recent statements underscore the ongoing challenges Andhra Pradesh faces in combating drug-related crimes and the imperative for coordinated efforts between state and central authorities to address this pressing issue.

Twist in Furniture Dispute at Former CM Jagan's Residence

Government Throws Last-Minute Curveball

TPN, Amaravati: The issue surrounding the government-allotted furniture at former Chief Minister and YCP chief YS Jagan Mohan Reddy's residence remains unresolved. Despite a proposal from the YCP requesting the government's General Administration Department (GAD) to take possession of the furniture from Jagan's residence, the matter has seen delays. In response to the lack of action, MLC Lella Appireddy recently approached the Andhra Pradesh High Court, seeking directives for a decision from the GAD.



Appireddy filed a petition requesting that the High Court instruct the GAD to make a timely decision regarding the furniture. As the court prepared to hear the petition, the government threw an unexpected twist into the proceedings. Government counsel informed the court that the initial petition filed by Appireddy on behalf of the YCP contained inaccuracies and questioned its validity. This unexpected revelation surprised the court.

During the hearing, government counsel highlighted significant errors in the petition's verification column, casting doubt on the details provided by Appireddy. Justice Krishnamohan questioned how the petition received a case number despite these discrepancies.

Following this, Appireddy requested additional time to rectify the mistakes in the petition. The High Court granted him two weeks to make the necessary corrections, postponing further investigation until then. This delay adds another layer to the already complex case, leaving the dispute over the government-allotted furniture unresolved for now.

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Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan asks Police to Act Responsibly During Road Accidents

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Deputy Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Pawan Kalyan, expressed deep disappointment over police negligence following a tragic road accident in Kakinada district that claimed the lives of two students. Speaking at the Deputy Chief Minister's camp office in Mangalagiri, he highlighted the need for police officers to act responsibly in such incidents, as negligence can tarnish the reputation of the coalition government.

The accident, which occurred near Tuni, left the families of the deceased students, Polishetty Revanth Srimurahari from Bhimavaram and Nadendla Niranjan from Vijayawada, heartbroken, especially given the police's behavior when the families sought assistance. Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan met with the grieving families and expressed his condolences, offering financial support of Rs. 2 lakhs each from his trust, 'Pawan Kalyan Learning Center for Human Excellence.'

Reflecting on the incident, Pawan Kalyan said, "It is tragic that two young lives were lost. When their parents approached the police to report the accident, they were met with indifference. In such situations, the way officials



communicate is critical, especially as parents are grappling with unimaginable grief." He was particularly moved by Revanth's parents, who chose to donate their son's organs despite their sorrow.

The Deputy CM stressed the importance of immediate assistance during road accidents, urging bystanders and officials alike to prioritize helping the injured without fearing legal repercussions. "Timely medical attention can save lives," he noted, calling for awareness programs by police to encourage prompt responses from the public.

Pawan Kalyan apologized to the families on behalf of the police for their mishandling of the situation and emphasized the need for greater sensitivity in future incidents.

Police Treat Rowdy-Sheeteer Borugadda with Unusual Hospitality

Pillows and Biryani Episode Stir Controversy

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: There has been widespread speculation about Borugadda Anil Kumar, a known rowdy-sheeteer who was frequently seen associating with leaders from the previous YSR Congress Party (YCP) government in Andhra Pradesh. Many assumed that his influence would decline with the new coalition government in power. However, recent events suggest otherwise, as police actions continue to surprise the public and, seemingly, the government as well.



gadda. The video footage, now widely circulated, shows him seated comfortably with a chair and table provided at the station. Furthermore, police allocated him a "writer's seat," complete with a special table, blankets, and pillows, ensuring he could rest comfortably. Even water bottles were made available nearby. In the video, Borugadda is seen instructing officers to place a chair for him, indicating an unusual level of respect and accommodation.

Following his arrest, Borugadda Anil Kumar was expected to face strict treatment. Yet, to everyone's astonishment, reports surfaced of him being granted exceptional privileges while in police custody. Just days after an incident in which Borugadda was seen enjoying a biryani meal at a restaurant under police escort, another video has emerged, further stirring controversy.

When the coalition government assumed power, Borugadda was first arrested in connection with a blackmail case registered during the YCP regime. Since then, he has been arrested multiple times across the state, produced in court, and remanded in various cases. Recently, the Guntur police took him into custody from October 26 to October 29, following a court order for a three-day interrogation in the same blackmail case. During his custody, officers from the Arundel Peta police station extended unexpected hospitality to Boru-

The incident follows the recent biryani episode where, on his way to Rajahmundry Central Jail after appearing in court for two other cases registered in Amaravati, Borugadda was filmed eating biryani at a restaurant in Gannavaram. This incident led Guntur SP to suspend seven policemen involved, and a departmental inquiry is reportedly underway into another officer who allegedly facilitated this treatment. The video of Borugadda's comfortable station accommodations has sparked outrage, particularly among ruling party leaders, who view this as an inappropriate show of respect for a known offender.

As these incidents unfold, public sentiment and government frustration continue to mount, raising questions about law enforcement's handling of Borugadda and the apparent privileges afforded to him despite his criminal background.

Heavy Rain Warning Issued for Andhra Pradesh

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Bay of Bengal has once again prompted a heavy rain warning for Andhra Pradesh, with the Indian Meteorological Department (IMD) alerting residents about a low-pressure system forming in the region. Expected to affect Andhra Pradesh within the next 24 hours, the IMD predicts heavy rainfall across the state for three consecutive days, from November 11 to 13.

Several states, including Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Tamil Nadu, and West Bengal, have already experienced heavy rainfall over the past month, causing disruptions even in winter. This upcoming low-pressure system is expected to bring further rainfall, particularly impacting the rain-prone districts in Andhra Pradesh.

Currently, a surface circulation over the Bay of Bengal is gradually intensifying and is anticipated to form a low-pressure area moving westward toward the Tamil Nadu and Sri Lankan coasts. This



development could lead to heavy rains in Rayalaseema, Coastal Andhra, and Yanam regions from November 11 to 13. The IMD has also warned that rough sea conditions will persist, advising fishermen to avoid venturing into the waters for the next few days.

Districts expected to see the most significant impact include Prakasam, Nellore, Annamaya, Tirupati, Srikakulam, and Visakhapatnam, where heavy rains are anticipated over three days. Moderate rainfall is also expected in several other districts across Andhra Pradesh. The Meteorological Department has urged residents in affected areas to stay alert and take necessary precautions.

Srisaillam to Get Elevated Corridor, A Boon for Nature Lovers

TPN, Srisaillam: The Centre has announced plans to enhance infrastructure on National Highway 756, aiming to benefit travelers journeying between Hyderabad and Srisaillam. In response to the growing traffic and to protect the local wildlife in the Nallamala forest and Amrabad Tiger Reserve, an elevated corridor spanning 45.42 km and rising 30 feet above ground is set to be constructed. This corridor will allow safe passage for vehicles while minimizing disruptions to the forest's ecosystem.



Officials from the Central Surface Transport Department, along with the National Highways Authority of India (NHAI), recently met with Andhra Pradesh State Forest Department representatives to discuss the project's impact on the region. During the meeting, forest department officials proposed modifications to ensure minimal tree-cutting within the Nallamala forest and Amrabad Tiger Reserve. They recommended that the elevated corridor be constructed with carefully designed lighting and no vehicle ramps between flyovers to avoid disturbing wildlife.

The central authorities assured that construction would proceed following the National Wildlife Board's guidelines. This corridor is expected to offer 24-hour access, providing both convenience and conservation.

In a gesture of support, former Chief Justice of India, Justice NV Ramana, wrote to Prime Minister Narendra

Modi, emphasizing the project's benefits for devotees traveling to Srisaillam and for wildlife protection. He proposed that the "South Kashi" project could greatly enhance the region's appeal if the Prime Minister backed the initiative. The Secretary of the Central Road Transport Department recently responded positively to Justice Ramana's letter, signaling official support for the project.

With this elevated corridor, the Centre aims to create a sustainable solution for increased traffic in the Srisaillam area. The corridor will offer breathtaking views, allowing travelers to immerse themselves in nature without disturbing the delicate forest ecosystem. The long-awaited project, once complete, will blend infrastructure and ecological preservation, fulfilling a vision long hoped for by travelers and environmentalists alike.

MP Keshineni Sivanath Promises Support for Mango Farmers' Development

TPN, Vijayawada: MP Keshineni Sivanath has pledged ongoing support for the advancement of the Farmers Producers Association members, especially mango farmers in the Gannavaram region. In a meeting with members of the Reddy Gudem Rythu Producers Association (FPC) held at NTR Bhavan in Vijayawada, Sivanath assured that he would approach Union Civil Aviation Minister Rammohan Naidu regarding the potential export of mangoes by air cargo.



FPC members, representing mango farmers from Reddy Gudem Constituency, showcased their mangoes, explaining the cultivation techniques used to ensure quality production. MP Keshineni commended the use of fruit covers currently adopted in Reddy Gudem for enhancing mango quality. He suggested that expanding this practice across all mandals in the district could significantly boost quality mango production.

The FPC members also requested Sivanath's support in restarting the stalled integrated pack house at Reddy Gudem, a facility crucial for streamlining mango processing and packaging. Responding positively, Sivanath reassured the farmers of his commitment to address their concerns.

The meeting was attended by FPC Directors Chebrolu Kripiraju and Kondapalli Parameswara Rao, alongside other members, Horticultural Officer Narendra Kumar, and Fruit Tech Company Head Apparao, among others.

AP Second Nominated Posts: 49 TDP, 9 JSP, 1 BJP

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Government of Andhra Pradesh has announced its second list of nominated posts, distributing key advisory roles and development corporation positions to leaders who supported the coalition during its opposition years. In this new list, 49 members from the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) have been appointed, alongside nine from the Janase-na Party (JSP) and one from the BJP.

Notably, well-known spiritual speaker Chaganti Koteswara Rao has been appointed as the Advisor on Students' Ethics and Values, a position with cabinet rank. Additionally, loyal TDP leaders GV Reddy, Pattabhi, and Kavali Greeshma, who actively supported the party during challenging times, have been recognized with nominated posts.

One standout appointment includes Manjula, a TDP polling agent who showed remarkable

resilience by staying at her polling booth despite being injured on election day. In recognition of her commitment, she has been awarded a position with the Andhra Pradesh Arts, Crafts & Cultural Society.

Other prominent names on the list include Mohammed Sharif as Minority Affairs Advisor (with cabinet rank), Kudipudi Sattibabu for Shetty Balija Development and Welfare Corporation, Mala Surendra for Gavara Welfare and Development Corporation, Ronanki Krishnam Nayadu for Kalinga Welfare and Development Corporation, PVG Kumar for Koppula Welfare and Development Corporation, and Devendrapa for Kuruma Welfare and Development Corporation.

These appointments reflect the government's approach of rewarding loyalty while aiming to fulfill development and welfare agendas across various communities within the state.

AP Assembly Joint Secretary M. Vijayaraju Suspended Following Governor's Orders

TPN, Amaravati: In a significant administrative action within the Andhra Pradesh government, Assembly Joint Secretary M. Vijayaraju has been suspended. This decision came following orders from the Governor, with the AP Assembly Secretary General issuing the suspension order today.

The action stemmed from an incident where, in the absence of the Secretary General, who was in Delhi at the time, Vijayaraju wrote a letter in the Secretary General's name to the Director General of Police (DGP) office. In this letter, Vijayaraju asserted that there had been no misconduct or remarks against the former Assembly Chief Marshal, Deo Philus, despite prior reports suggesting that action should be taken against Philus.

The AP Assembly General Secretary expressed strong disapproval over Vijayaraju's unauthorized letter, especially as it described Philus as a man of good conduct. Following an investigation, the Secretary General submitted a report to the Governor, who recommended Vijayaraju's dismissal. Acting on these recommendations, the Assembly Joint Secretary M. Vijayaraju was formally removed from his post.

Chandrababu Naidu Warns Against Obscene Social Media Posts: “Respect Must Be Maintained”

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu issued a strong warning against inappropriate social media activity, particularly targeting individuals who post offensive content against women and the government. Naidu emphasized that anyone posting obscene material would face consequences, with a specific message directed at YSR Congress Party leaders and activists.



firmly, underscoring the need for dignity in public discourse. He also warned that any attempts to damage individuals’ reputations online would be met with strict action, reinforcing the Telugu Desam Party’s (TDP) commitment to ensuring respectful communication.

Reflecting on the achievements of his government, Naidu highlighted the TDP’s

history of tackling criminal activities, including fighting terrorism and dismantling groups that incite religious hatred. He warned that law enforcement officers tempted by greed or corruption would face serious repercussions. Naidu stressed that a safe and secure environment is essential for attracting investments and developing the tourism sector, stating, “Only in a peaceful state can tourism thrive and investments flow.”

Naidu concluded by underscoring his commitment to improving the state’s economy and maintaining law and order to foster growth. He reiterated that his administration would not support actions or individuals that threaten the state’s stability or impede its progress, stressing the importance of economic development and a peaceful environment for prosperity.

Naidu visited Srisailem in Nandyala district on Saturday, arriving via a newly introduced seaplane service. Alongside Civil Aviation Minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu, the Chief Minister formally launched the seaplane trial run between Vijayawada and Srisailem at Prakasam Barrage Punnamu Ghat. During his visit, he offered prayers at the Shri Bhramaramba Mallikarjuna Swamy Temple, where he was warmly welcomed by temple priests and governing council members.

Speaking at a program organized in Srisailem, Naidu emphasized that respect and decency must be upheld, particularly on social media. “If I’m treated politely, I’ll reciprocate, but when it comes to women, I won’t tolerate disrespect,” Naidu stated

Jagan Criticizes Chandrababu for Suppressing Opposition, Controlling Media

In a strong statement, YCP leader and former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy accused current CM Chandrababu Naidu of engaging in organized crime and using propaganda to suppress dissent. Jagan expressed frustration over Naidu’s alleged attempts to control media narratives and target individuals who oppose him on social platforms.



“Chandrababu has a history of organized political maneuvers spanning 40 years,” Jagan said. He claimed that Naidu is now focusing his power on social media, as it is one area beyond his influence. According to Jagan, Chandrababu resorts to controlling media to maintain his image, including exerting pressure on cable operators to block certain news

broadcasts. “The only thing Chandrababu can’t control or censor is social media, and that is exactly why he is targeting it,” Jagan stated.

Jagan also alleged that Naidu has systematically built a network,

using media owned or influenced by him to spread misinformation. “Instead of working for the people, Chandrababu is committed to holding power by weaving a web of lies and amplifying them through his media outlets,” Jagan continued. He claimed that Naidu’s supporters, including his son Lokesh, contribute to this campaign by amplifying these messages on social media.

Reflecting on past incidents, Jagan accused Chandrababu of targeting his family and engaging in malicious acts. He referenced a two-year-old incident where a social media post falsely alleged his mother’s car had a tire burst, and criticized the publicity surrounding his mother’s response as defamatory.

Another Setback for YCP: Former Minister Kannababu Poised to Join BJP?

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: After a tough loss in the recent general elections, YSR Congress Party (YCP) is facing an exodus, with key leaders departing. Reports indicate that Kakinada district YCP president and former minister Kurala Kannababu may be the next to exit. Since the party’s defeat, Kannababu has distanced himself from YCP activities, interacting less with the party cadre and

avoiding the media.

Despite being appointed district president by Jagan after the election, Kannababu’s involvement has been minimal, fueling speculation about his next political move. Rumors suggest that he sees little future with YCP and, with no likelihood of joining TDP or Janasena, he is considering a switch to the BJP. Discussions re-

garding his potential defection are reportedly taking place at a high level in Delhi.

If confirmed, Kannababu’s departure would mark yet another significant setback for YCP, which is already grappling with post-election instability and leadership departures.

Roja Accuses Chandrababu of Double Standards

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: YSR Congress senior leader and former minister RK Roja recently voiced her grievances regarding political developments in Andhra Pradesh, launching a strong counter-attack on TDP leaders Chandrababu Naidu and Pawan Kalyan. She accused Naidu of manipulating others’ reputations and criticized his approach to handling dissent, especially on social media.



Roja also highlighted the recent incident involving YSRC social media activist Peddireddy Sudharani and her husband Venkat Reddy, who, she claimed, were allegedly mistreated by the police. She questioned why no action was taken against TDP social media activists who had previously posted degrading content about YS Jagan and his family. “Why were there no cases filed against them?” Roja asked, asserting that Chandrababu’s government selectively targets those critical of his leadership.

Roja further alleged that harassment of women is common when Chandrababu is in power, asserting that she herself was a victim of such treatment. She claimed that during her tenure as an MLA, she was kidnapped by the police and feared for her life. She expressed solidarity with Sudharani and Venkat Reddy, suggesting that they too had been unfairly targeted.

Expressing her concerns for women’s safety in the state, Roja criticized the lack of security for women despite having a female Home Minister, Vangalapati Anitha, who she alleged has failed to address the growing incidents of crime against women. Roja questioned Anitha’s inaction, claiming that cannabab cultivation occurs close to her residence and yet goes unchecked.

“They Believe They Can Secure Power if Jamili Elections Happen,” Says RRR

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) coalition, currently leading the central government, is taking significant steps toward implementing “One Nation, One Election,” a plan to hold simultaneous elections for state assemblies and the Lok Sabha. This initiative, known as “Jamili elections,” could become a reality within the current five-year term.



This decision follows recommendations from a high-level committee, chaired by former President Ram Nath Kovind, which studied the feasibility of holding unified elections across India. With the Union Cabinet reportedly approving the committee’s report, a draft bill is expected to be introduced in the upcoming parliamentary sessions. If successful, the nation could see Jamili elections as early as 2027.

Raghurama Krishnam Raju, a legislator from the Telugu Desam Party (TDP), recently expressed his views on the matter. In a recent interview, he conveyed that the BJP is indeed committed to pushing forward the Jamili election concept, and he suggested that this approach could lead to favorable outcomes for them. “There is confidence that Jamili elections will bring us to power,” Raghurama stated, pointing to a belief within the BJP and its allies that simultaneous elections could en-

hance their position across the states.

Raghurama highlighted that if Jamili elections proceed, major parties, including Congress, might align to support the bill, potentially making its passage through Parliament smooth. He also pointed out that if Jamili elections are scheduled for 2027, new constituencies for both the assembly and Lok Sabha seats would need to be allocated around six months prior. This change could increase the number of assembly seats in Andhra Pradesh from the current 175 to 225.

He further noted that TDP leader Chandrababu Naidu would likely support the proposal, given the TDP’s affiliation with the NDA coalition. According to Raghurama, Jamili elections are seen as a viable path to power, and if enacted, they could set the stage for a new political landscape in India.

Jagan’s Biggest Fan Suddenly Remembers Nara Lokesh Exists

TPN, Amaravati: In an interesting development, former AP BJP chief Somu Veerraju met with TDP National General Secretary Nara Lokesh, marking a notable shift in the political dynamics of Andhra Pradesh. Veerraju, often viewed as a sympathizer of YSRCP leader YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, had previously been perceived as maintaining a soft stance toward Jagan, which some say led to his removal from the BJP post in favor of Daggubati Purandeswari.



The recent meeting, held against the backdrop of the NDA’s significant win in Andhra Pradesh, has sparked discussions, especially as Veerraju has been relatively silent since the victory. During the meeting, Veerraju and Lokesh reportedly discussed upcoming educational reforms in the state. They appeared to have a positive dis-

cussion, as seen in the photo they later shared, where both leaders were seen smiling.

The timing of this meeting has fueled speculation, as the growing influence of Lokesh within the NDA camp and the apparent decline in YCP’s dominance in the state are being closely watched. Some political analysts suggest that Veerraju’s meeting with Lokesh could signal a shift in his loyalties, moving away from Jagan, who may no longer hold the same political sway, toward Lokesh, who is seen as an emerging force in AP politics.

TDP Alleges Conspiracy in Varra Ravindra Reddy’s Disappearance

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Telugu Desam Party (TDP) has raised suspicions over the alleged arrest of YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) leader and social media convenor Varra Ravindra Reddy. While various news outlets and social media platforms have reported that Reddy was detained in Telangana’s Mahbubnagar district, TDP Pulivendula in-charge BTech Ravi has questioned the authenticity of these reports, suggesting it might be mere propaganda.



BTech Ravi highlighted that Kurnool Range DIG Koya Praveen previously confirmed Reddy had not been arrested, yet rumors of his detention and subsequent escape continue to circulate widely on YSRC-affiliated social media accounts. BTech Ravi suspects that a larger conspiracy may be at play, speculating that YSRC could be attempting to manipulate the situation for political gain by

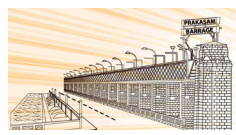
creating a narrative that might implicate the Andhra Pradesh police and the TDP.

In a video statement, BTech Ravi alleged that if Varra Ravindra Reddy’s life is indeed in danger, the responsibility would fall on the AP police and the coalition government, which includes the TDP, Jana Sena, and BJP. Ravi further claimed that if Reddy were apprehended and interrogated, crucial infor-

mation could emerge. He urged the authorities to expedite Reddy’s arrest and produce him in court to ensure transparency.

Amid these allegations, reports indicate that Reddy has been evading police since cases were registered against him. Despite rumors of his capture, Kurnool Range DIG Koya Praveen clarified that four special teams continue to search for him. Praveen explained that Reddy’s cell phone signals had been traced to Hyderabad before the device was turned off near Judcharla in Mahbubnagar district, leading to the belief that he remains in hiding.

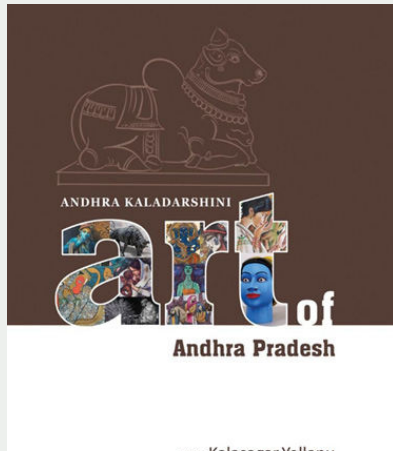
With tensions mounting, TDP has cautioned against any attempts to harm Reddy, urging authorities to act swiftly and secure his safety. The party emphasized that any attempt to manipulate the situation or endanger Reddy’s life would not be tolerated.



"Art of Andhra Pradesh"

A New Coffee Table Book Celebrating Century-Old Heritage of Telugu Art

TPN, Vijayawada: In a rare tribute to the vibrant artistry of Andhra Pradesh, a new coffee table book titled *Art of Andhra Pradesh* is set to be unveiled on November 10 in Vijayawada. Edited by Kalasagar Yellapu and published by 64kalalu.com, this visually rich volume celebrates the works of 345 artists, sculptors, and artisans, encapsulating a century of Telugu painting and sculpture.



The 484-page hardcover book features high-quality, full-color reproductions of artwork, showcasing the evolution of fine arts within Andhra Pradesh. Through stunning visuals and comprehensive art profiles, the book aims to connect past and present generations of artists, creating a tapestry of Andhra Pradesh's cultural and creative legacy. Attending the launch will be artists, sculptors, and art enthusiasts, marking this as a significant moment for Telugu art.

Kalasagar Yellapu, who has spent years documenting Andhra's artistic heritage, has dedicated this book to artists whose contributions remain unrecognized by history. The project includes tributes to prominent figures like Da-

merla Rama Rao, Varada Venkataratnam, and Bapu, along with lesser-known artisans from Kalankari, Atikoppaka, and Kondapalli traditions, bridging generations of artistic talent and heritage.

Through his web magazine 64kalalu.com, Kalasagar has consistently highlighted Telugu artistry. Since its founding in 2010, the online magazine has provided a global platform for Telugu artists, drawing attention to their timeless creations and creating a digital repository of Andhra Pradesh's rich artistic history. *Art of Andhra Pradesh* represents a culmination of these efforts, with Kalasagar bringing his years of expertise to this ambitious project.

Despite the financial and logis-

tical challenges, this self-published book was brought to life through the collaborative efforts of artists and art promoters. Kalasagar's unwavering commitment, even without government backing, speaks to his dedication to preserving Andhra Pradesh's artistic identity. The book serves not only as a celebration of the state's art but also as a "Karadeepika," a guiding light for future generations in the Indian art landscape.

As this unique work launches, *Art of Andhra Pradesh* promises to be a lasting contribution to Telugu culture, encapsulating the essence of "Life is short – Art is long." This coffee table book stands poised to enter the annals of history, forever solidifying Telugu's influence in the world of art.

T.T.D. Board Members Meet Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan



TPN, Mangalagiri: Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister and Janasena Party President Shri Pawan Kalyan recently met with newly appointed members of the Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanam (T.T.D.) board, including Mr. B. Mahender Reddy, Mrs. Anugolu Rangashree, and Mr. B. Anandasai. The board members expressed gratitude for the trust placed in them to uphold the sanctity of the Tirumala temple and ensure its traditions

and values are preserved. Mr. Pawan Kalyan emphasized the importance of their role in safeguarding Tirumala's spiritual heritage and stressed that they should perform their duties with integrity and adherence to the rules. He remarked, "You have joined T.T.D. at a crucial time, and your commitment to Sanatana Dharma is paramount." In his discussion with other party leaders recently appointed to nominated posts,

Mr. Kalyan underscored the need for all office bearers to work responsibly, avoid personal and family disputes, and uphold a respectful approach in their roles. He also highlighted the importance of acting in line with the policies of the NDA government and encouraged all leaders to sustain and honor their positions with dedication. Party Treasurer Mr. AV Ratnam was also present at the meeting.



ACA President MP Keshineni Shivnath Meets Governor

Requests Support for Cricket Development in Universities



Vijayawada: Andhra Cricket Association (ACA) President and Vijayawada MP Keshineni Shivnath (Chinn) met with Governor S. Abdul Nazir at the Governor's Bungalow on Saturday to discuss the development of cricket infrastructure across universities in Andhra Pradesh.

During the meeting, Shivnath presented a petition requesting the Governor's approval for ACA's

plans to establish and improve cricket grounds at various universities in the state. The initiative aims to promote cricket at the grassroots level and provide better facilities for young athletes pursuing the sport.

Keshineni Shivnath outlined ACA's strategic plans to foster cricket development in Andhra Pradesh, focusing on enhancing sports facilities and encouraging talent across educational institutions. Governor S. Abdul Nazir responded positively to the proposal, expressing support for ACA's vision to advance cricket in the state.

ACA Secretary Sana Satish and Treasurer Dandamudi Srinivas were also present, reinforcing ACA's commitment to the project. This collaborative step between ACA and the state's educational institutions could potentially strengthen the future of cricket in Andhra Pradesh by offering improved training grounds and resources for aspiring cricketers.

TDP Workers Flock to Central Office Seeking Justice for YCP Harassment



TPN, Vijayawada: At a public petition reception held at the TDP central office, numerous workers and local residents gathered to submit grievances about alleged harassment and false cases filed against them, purportedly for refusing to switch allegiance to the YSR Congress Party (YCP). TDP leaders, including state president Palla Srinivasa Rao, former minister Prathipati Pulla Rao, Polit Bureau members Varla Ramaiah, Butchiram Prasad, and TDP Christian cell state president Swamidassulu, received petitions and assured prompt resolution.

Golla Govindu and Golla Krishnappalu from Errappadoddi village, Anantapur district, appealed for the removal of alleged false cases against them. G. Gajendra from Tirupati claimed he was forced to join YCP and faced



a "rowdy sheet" and false cases for remaining with TDP, pleading for justice. K. Govindu of Chittoor district alleged that YCP-affiliated individuals illegally occupied his land with the help of officials who fabricated records. Poturaju from Vijayawada Rural, NTR district, reported that land taken from him for a public housing project was seized without proper compensation. Ramanamurthy of Annamayi district, and Pila Ravindra of Nellore district, who recently lost family members, pleaded for justice and assistance.

Additional grievances included withheld salaries, land encroachments, and unlawful seizures of property. TDP leaders pledged to take these cases seriously, emphasizing their commitment to supporting party members facing challenges due to political pressures.

AP Village Ward Secretariat Employees Seek Govt Support to Address Long-standing Issues

TPN, Vijayawada: The Andhra Pradesh Village Ward Secretariat Employees Welfare Organization (AP GW Sevo), affiliated with AP JAC Amaravati, held a significant state working committee meeting at AP Revenue Bhawan in Vijayawada on Saturday, focusing on the welfare of Grama Ward Secretariat employees. The meeting saw the participation of state leaders, district representatives, and AP JAC Amaravati Chairman Bopparaju Venkateswarlu, who joined as the chief guest.

In his address, AP GW Sevo State President Velpula Arlaiah

emphasized the importance of unity among Grama Ward Secretariat employees. He urged employees to collectively support the welfare organization and promised full cooperation to the new government, encouraging efforts to integrate secretariat employees within their respective departments and to support them at the field level. Arlaiah appealed to prioritize secretariat employees for vacancies like junior assistant roles across departments and urged the government to ensure equal pay for them compared to junior assistants.



AP JAC Amaravati Chairman Bopparaju Venkateswarlu outlined several challenges faced by Grama Ward Secretariat employees, including delayed probation, lack of clarity in job responsibilities, and undefined promotion paths. He pointed out that about 1,34,000

employees were appointed across 11 categories in municipalities and rural areas in 2019 and 2020, but due to delayed probation, employees suffered financial setbacks and service-related disadvantages. Bopparaju noted that despite multiple appeals to the previ-

ous administration, no action was taken to resolve these issues, leading to confusion and uncertainty among employees. He urged the government to address the chaotic state of the village secretariat system and provide much-needed clarity on service terms and duties.

The meeting included representatives like AP JAC Amaravati Treasurer Sangeetha Rao, Vice Chairman K.P. Chandrasekhar, and Women's Division Principal Secretary Mrs. Ponnuru Vijayalakshmi, who voiced their support for the

welfare organization's efforts. They reiterated the call for integrating Grama Ward Secretariat employees with parent departments and requested that they receive priority in departmental vacancies and salaries at par with other state employees.

The AP Village Ward Secretariat Employees Welfare Organization pledged to work closely with the government to resolve these issues, aiming to support the welfare and professional growth of Andhra Pradesh's Grama Ward Secretariat employees.

Seaplane Demo at Amaravati

A Source of Pride for All of Us, Says Union Minister Rammohan Naidu

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Union Civil Aviation Minister Rammohan Naidu expressed pride in Amaravati serving as the venue for the seaplane re-launch in India. He mentioned that the project initially faced delays in Gujarat due to various obstacles but is now being relaunched with guidance from Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu. The Chief Minister's advice and suggestions helped address the challenges faced with water aerodromes. The Union Minister attended the seaplane demo program organized by the Andhra Pradesh Government at Punnami Ghat in Vijayawada.

Speaking at the event, Minister Rammohan Naidu acknowledged CM Chandrababu's instrumental role in his career, stating that he became Union Minister and took charge of the Civil Aviation Department with Chandrababu's blessings. He explained that the Chief Minister advised him to leverage every opportunity to bring global recognition to India in the field of civil aviation, which he is now working toward with great commitment.

The minister noted that civil aviation involves more than just airports and airplanes, emphasizing the challenges of building new airports, particularly due to difficulties in land acquisition. In light of this, seaplanes were considered as an alternative mode of passenger transport. He pointed out that hundreds of seaplanes operate in the Maldives, which is about the size of a small district in India, and highlighted the significant potential for seaplanes in India.



Following CM Chandrababu's directions, the issues faced during the seaplane launch were discussed with experts. Minister Rammohan Naidu explained that today's seaplane demo in Amaravati has been made possible through expert guidance and by overcoming previous obstacles. He expressed gratitude to everyone who contributed to making the program a success.

Union Minister Rammohan Naidu praised AP CM Chandrababu during his speech, describing him as a guiding light for Andhra Pradesh, akin to a

full moon illuminating the earth. He remarked that Chandrababu is a visionary leader who turns the impossible into reality with his ideas and expressed gratitude for being able to work under his mentorship.

He noted that working with Chandrababu is akin to moving forward at jet speed, adding that meeting him is not an easy task given his dedicated work schedule. Rammohan Naidu expressed his happiness at the Andhra Pradesh government taking full responsibility for the seaplane demo launching program initiated by the central government.



Seaplane Service 'Miracle for AP Tourism' - Minister Durgesh

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: In a significant leap for Andhra Pradesh tourism, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and Union Civil Aviation Minister Rammohan Naidu inaugurated the first seaplane service from Vijayawada to Srisailem. Andhra Pradesh Tourism Minister Kandula Durgesh also graced the occasion, describing the launch as a "miraculous unveiling" and an exciting milestone for the state.

Speaking at the event, Minister Durgesh highlighted the rapid progress made since the coalition government took office, emphasizing that this seaplane service symbolizes a new chapter in AP's development. "Within four months, CM Chandrababu has been implementing reforms across the state while balancing welfare and development programs. Today, this seaplane is a crown jewel in the journey of AP tourism," he said.

Durgesh expressed pride in the collaboration between the Central Avia-

tion Department and the AP Tourism Department, calling the seaplane service a groundbreaking initiative that combines the thrill of water and sky travel, showcasing Andhra Pradesh's diverse geography and natural beauty.

"AP has a unique coastline of 974 km, with major rivers like Krishna, Godavari, and Penna. It's the only state with such abundant forest areas and scenic landscapes," he said, lamenting the previous administration's neglect of the tourism sector. He expressed confidence that, under the leadership of CM Chandrababu and Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan, AP's tourism sector is on a path to resurgence, with backing from Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"We are committed to consolidating and expanding this seaplane initiative," Durgesh added, underscoring that strategic plans are being laid to integrate more such services to attract tourists and promote the natural splendor of Andhra Pradesh.



YS Avinash Reddy: "No Need to Fear Police - We Will Take It to Court"

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Kadapa MP YS Avinash Reddy expressed his anger today over the series of arrests of YCP social media activists in Andhra Pradesh. He voiced deep concerns over what he described as the illegal arrests conducted by the police under the coalition government's influence, accusing them of terrorizing YCP activists and leaders day and night.

Avinash criticized the police's treatment of his PA, Raghavareddy, who he described as a law-abiding person regularly in contact with law enforcement. He alleged that, without any prior notice, police officers arrived at Raghava's residence late at night, forcefully knocked on doors, and caused disturbances within the household. Avinash stated that if Raghava had been summoned to the station calmly, he would have gone willingly. He questioned the necessity of such intimidating tactics, comparing them to the behavior of bullies.

Avinash also addressed recent reports in the media regarding YCP activist Varra Ravindra Reddy, stating that false claims were spread that he had been arrested in Mahabubnagar. He accused TDP Pulivendula in-charge B.Tech Ravi of speaking without knowledge of the actual events, asserting that Varra Ravi was not arrested by the police, and any rumors were the result of false propaganda by TDP.

Furthermore, Avinash alleged that Varra Ravi was harassed by officials at Kadapa DTC throughout the night and accused the Kurnool Range DIG and Annamayi District SP of pressuring him to file false cases against YCP workers. He condemned the police for their actions, allegedly directed by TDP leaders, and demanded that Varra Ravi be produced in court immediately so he could take legal action against the police's conduct.



TDP's Poster Woman Manjula Gets Nominated Post

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Andhra Pradesh government announced its second list of nominated posts, rewarding dedicated party members who have demonstrated unwavering loyalty and resilience. The list includes 49 TDP leaders, nine from Janasena, and one from BJP. Among these honorees, Cherreddy Manjula of the Macharla constituency stands out for her exceptional courage.

Cherreddy Manjula gained widespread recognition during the recent general elections when she steadfastly remained at her polling booth, even after a violent attack left her with a head injury. Refusing to abandon her post despite the danger, she became a symbol of determination and commitment to fair polling in the state. Her act of bravery was widely celebrated across Andhra Pradesh, highlighting her resolve to prevent illegal vote-rigging, a concern she said had plagued her village of Rentalu in Macherla constituency.

In acknowledgment of her dedication, the TDP has awarded her a nominated post with the Andhra Pradesh Arts Crafts & Cultural Society, recognizing her as a beacon of strength within the party. Manjula's story resonates as an inspiring example of commitment, reinforcing the TDP's mission to honor those who have championed democratic values despite adversity.

AP Government Reclaims Sarada Peetam Lands

TPN, Vizag: The Andhra Pradesh government, under Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, has reclaimed 15 acres of land in Pendurthi, Visakhapatnam, which was previously allocated to the Sarada Peetam by the former YSR Congress administration. The move follows allegations of irregularities in the land allocation process, including questions about the nominal price at which the land was allotted.

In recent developments, the government issued an order canceling the previous allocation, prompting swift action by Visakhapatnam district officials. The district collector has now taken control of the land, erecting warning signs on the property to mark it as government land. The reclaimed property includes 7.7 acres in Kothavalasa Survey No. 102/2 and 7.3 acres in Survey No. 103, totaling 15 acres in a prime location where each acre is reportedly valued at approximately Rs. 15 crore on the open market. By these estimates, the land's cumulative value is around Rs. 225 crore, a stark contrast to the Rs. 1 lakh per acre rate at which it was allocated.

Strict Measures in Place Against Illegal Liquor Production Excise Director Orders Crackdown in Agency Areas



TPN, Eluru: Nishant Kumar, Director of the State Excise and Liquor Prohibition Department, has issued firm orders for strict action against the production of prohibited natu sarai (local liquor) in agency areas. In line with the new liquor policy, Kumar emphasized zero tolerance for the production and sale of natu sarai, underscoring the government's commitment to eliminating illicit liquor practices.

On Saturday, Nishant Kumar conducted a surprise inspection of the Eluru Depot and Jangaredy Gudem Excise stations. Speaking to the media, he stated that various brands of licensed liquor are readily available throughout the state to meet consumer demand. Kumar noted that quality liquor is now available for as low as Rs.99 per quarter bottle, as announced under the new policy.

To reinforce this commitment, check posts along the Telangana borders are being fortified, and surveillance has been increased to prevent cross-border smuggling and illegal liquor sales. Kumar instructed officials to maintain strict vigilance at all border check posts, warning that any violation of Maximum Retail Price (MRP) regulations would not be tolerated. He stated that, according to revised rules, any establishment found charging above the MRP would incur penalties, with licenses revoked upon a second violation.

Furthermore, Kumar emphasized that Chief Minister's directives prohibit any business practices deviating from the established rules, with even minor infractions, such as unauthorized belt shops, facing strict action. He also directed the immediate removal of vehicles seized in various cases from the station premises to maintain cleanliness and order at the Excise station. Nishant Kumar's firm stance reaffirms the government's commitment to eradicating illicit liquor production and ensuring compliance with the state's liquor policies, prioritizing regulation and public safety.

Trump 2.0: Doubling Down or a Fresh Start?

The recent U.S. election results have generated both relief and shock, with Donald Trump defying predictions to secure another term as president. The outcome was decisive, marked by a strong swing to the hard right, with the Republican Party expanding control over the Senate and potentially the House of Representatives. Trump's victory has left the GOP in a powerful position, supported by a right-leaning Supreme Court and a Federal Reserve under pressure to ease monetary policy.

A Divisive Victory

While Trump's supporters celebrate, the result has stunned Democrats, mainstream media, and political analysts who largely expected a victory for Kamala Harris. The unexpected endorsement of Trump, a populist often criticized for controversial views, has raised questions about the political maturity of the electorate. Despite a booming economy with low inflation and unemployment, many American voters were swayed by Trump's rhetoric on issues like immigration, globalization, and personal economics, signaling a deep-seated discontent with the political status quo.

Trump's Domestic Agenda: Bold Moves Expected

In domestic policy, Trump 2.0 is likely to double down on the agenda that first brought him to office. Trump's early actions may include firing officials he considers adversarial and granting presidential pardons, catering to his core base with promises to put "America First." Immigration is expected to be a top priority, with Trump aiming to restrict illegal entries and ramp up deportations, though many of these measures could face legal hurdles.

On the economic front, Trump has hinted at reducing welfare spending and advocating for a smaller government, coupled with promised tax cuts. His "Drill, Baby, Drill" slogan points to plans for domestic oil production, while potential high tariffs on imports could signal a return to the trade wars that marked his first term. While these moves may appeal to Trump's supporters, they could also lead to trade conflicts, environmental damage, and economic volatility, especially if his policies favor corporate allies,



inviting accusations of crony capitalism.

Navigating a Complex Foreign Policy Landscape

The international arena, however, presents a new set of challenges. Trump 1.0's foreign policy was often marked by unilateralism and a transactional approach, leading to strained relations with allies and a more isolated America. Under Trump, the U.S. withdrew from the Iran nuclear deal, forged a controversial peace agreement with the Taliban, and undermined several multilateral institutions. Though Trump touted these moves as successes, many were short-lived or left unresolved, requiring careful handling in a more complex geopolitical landscape.

Since Trump's last term, the global order has evolved, with new alliances forming and middle-power countries like India, Brazil, and Saudi Arabia asserting themselves. Traditional allies, such as the UK, Japan, Australia, and Israel, may still support Trump, but their governments are now more cautious, mindful of the instability that Trump's previous term brought to the international stage. Trump will need to engage with both adversaries and allies in a way that prioritizes diplomacy over discord, a challenge for a leader known for his unorthodox style.

A key dilemma for Trump 2.0 will

be whether to maintain the isolationist tendencies of his first term or to reengage with multilateral institutions. Analysts suggest that America's influence has waned, with hard and soft power diminished, limiting Trump's ability to enforce his policies without cooperation. To address issues like climate change, the China-Russia nexus, and ongoing tensions in the Middle East, Trump may have to balance his "America First" agenda with practical diplomacy, a shift from the often combative tone of Trump 1.0.

Moving Forward: Trump's Second Chance?

As Trump prepares to return to the White House, he has a unique opportunity to reshape his legacy. The choices he makes—whether to revisit the brash tactics of Trump 1.0 or adapt to the changing political landscape—will determine the impact of his second term. His critics remain skeptical, but his supporters hope he will rise to the occasion, invoking the sentiment captured by John Wayne's words: "A man deserves a second chance, but keep an eye on him."

With the power he now wields, Trump's decisions could redefine America's role on the world stage, reinforcing or rewriting the story of Trump 2.0. Whether he doubles down or shifts direction remains to be seen, but the world will be watching closely.



India-US Relations Flourished During Trump's First Term

During Donald Trump's first presidential term, India emerged as an indispensable partner of the United States, with strategic, defense, and economic ties advancing significantly. From heightened defense cooperation to increased energy trade and a shared stance on global security, Trump 1.0 laid a solid foundation for India-US relations, setting a precedent for the years to come.

One of the most significant aspects of the India-US relationship under Trump's presidency was the alignment on counterterrorism. Following the 2019 Pulwama attack, the US strongly supported India's stance at the United Nations Security Council (UNSC) by endorsing the designation of Jaish-e-Mohammed chief Masood Azhar as a global terrorist. This acknowledgment of India's concerns at an international level strengthened India's position against cross-border terrorism. Similarly, in 2018, the US backed the Financial Action Task Force (FATF) in grey-listing Pakistan, emphasizing a shared commitment to holding nations accountable for harboring terrorist organizations. This collaborative stance underscored India and the US's alignment on regional security issues and sent a strong message to nations supporting terrorism.

The growing defense relationship between the two countries further cemented their strategic partnership. In 2019, India's defense procurement from the US rose to an impressive \$18 billion annually. This marked an upward trajectory in defense cooperation, facilitating the acquisition of advanced American technologies that bolstered India's military capabilities. Additionally, India's elevation to Tier I of the Strategic Trade Authorization (STA) license exception opened up high-level American defense technologies, symbolizing Washington's trust in New Delhi as a reliable strategic partner. This status, previously reserved for NATO allies, allowed India access to critical US defense technologies, strengthening its capacity to counter potential regional threats.

The Trump administration's commit-

ment to supporting India during the Galwan Valley skirmishes with China in 2020 highlighted the US's strategic role in regional security. During the skirmishes, India and the US shared intelligence, which proved crucial as tensions between India and China escalated. Trump's stance on China as a global threat resonated with India, encouraging deeper collaboration on security in the Indo-Pacific region and emphasizing the importance of balancing China's influence in Asia.

The energy sector was another area where India-US relations witnessed unprecedented growth. In just two years (2018-19), the value of India's crude oil and liquefied natural gas (LNG) imports from the US skyrocketed to \$6.7 billion from zero, making the US India's sixth-largest source of hydrocarbon imports. This diversification reduced India's reliance on traditional suppliers, creating an interdependence that bolstered the bilateral relationship.

Economically, the US emerged as India's largest trading partner under Trump, with bilateral trade in goods and services growing by over 10% annually from 2016 to 2018, reaching \$142 billion. However, Trump often pushed for better tariffs from India and a more predictable regulatory regime, seeking to address trade imbalances. Although these demands occasionally created friction, they underscored a mutual interest in bolstering economic ties, showing Trump's commitment to establishing a fair trading environment.

Ultimately, Trump's most consequential contribution to India-US relations was firmly establishing China as a strategic threat, a stance that aligned closely with India's security concerns. By elevating India within its strategic framework, the Trump administration fostered a robust partnership with long-term potential, creating a legacy that continues to shape India-US relations today. This period of mutual understanding and cooperation set a new standard, demonstrating the advantages of a close partnership between two of the world's largest democracies.

After U.S. Election Loss, What's Next for Kamala Harris?

Following her election loss to Republican rival Donald Trump, U.S. Vice President Kamala Harris faces an uncertain political future. Addressing a reflective crowd at her alma mater, Howard University, Harris vowed to continue fighting for the causes that powered her campaign. Yet, with only 72 days left in office, the 60-year-old leader has announced no specific plans for her next political steps, leaving the nation speculating on what lies ahead for the former Democratic nominee.

Preparing for 2028

One of Harris's most straightforward options could be preparing for a renewed bid in 2028. Many politicians have rebounded after an election loss to later take on significant roles. John Kerry, for instance, lost the 2004 presidential race to George W. Bush but remained in public service, eventually becoming Secretary of State under President Barack Obama. If Harris considers a return to the national stage, taking the time to reassess and build her profile could set the groundwork for another White House bid in four years.

Return to the Senate?

Another potential path could be for Harris to return to her legislative roots. A former Senator



from California, Harris could consider re-entering state politics, leveraging her political experience to contribute from the Senate. However, returning may be challenging; reports indicate Harris faces a mixed reception among donors and constituents in California. Longtime Democratic donor Mark Buell expressed the disappointment that many feel over her recent loss. "Everybody is devastated," he remarked, reflecting widespread feelings among her supporters. Additionally, Richie Greenberg, a San Francisco-based Republican commentator, suggested that Harris might struggle to regain the robust

financial backing she previously enjoyed. Still, the option to reestablish her base within California remains a possible pathway if Harris chooses to stay connected to legislative work.

A Leadership Role Within the Democratic Party

Harris's broad recognition and experience within the Democratic Party could make her a strong spokesperson and advocate for key party issues. Given her background, she could assume a role similar to prominent party figures, offering her voice on central issues, helping shape the Democratic message, and possibly mentoring emerging leaders. However, challenges exist in reigniting her base and securing financial support. Greenberg notes that Harris may struggle to rekindle the enthusiasm she initially generated in San Francisco and beyond. Still, her national name recognition could serve her well in influencing the party's direction and agenda.

Exploring Writing and Personal Pursuits

A post-election endeavor that has been popular among former candidates is the pursuit of personal projects, such as writing a memoir. Many prominent political figures, including Hillary Clinton and Al Gore, turned to writing

and media projects to share their experiences and reflect on their campaigns. Clinton's book *What Happened* became a bestseller after her 2016 loss, while Gore's documentary *An Inconvenient Truth* won critical acclaim. For Harris, a tell-all book or documentary could offer her a platform to discuss her vice presidency, challenges, and vision for America, potentially reconnecting with her supporters and broadening her influence.

Time Away from Politics

Perhaps the most understated option is for Harris to step back from the political spotlight entirely, taking time to recharge and reflect. Shortly before the election, she jokingly promised herself some rest, stating, "I plan on putting on some pounds after this is over... They're working me to the bone." Harris could, like Clinton, step away to focus on personal endeavors while staying engaged in advocacy behind the scenes.

Whatever her choice, Kamala Harris's next steps will be closely watched as she transitions from her historic role as Vice President. Whether she chooses a direct return to politics, a leadership role in the Democratic Party, or a quieter path, her future will continue to influence the evolving political landscape and shape discussions for the 2028 election.

"This Will Be the Decade of Uttarakhand"

PM on State's 25th Foundation Day

On the 25th Foundation Day of Uttarakhand, Prime Minister Narendra Modi extended his congratulations to the people of the state, declaring that "this decade will be the decade of Uttarakhand." In a video message shared on social media, PM Modi expressed the government's dedication to transforming Uttarakhand into a "Viksit Uttarakhand" as part of a broader goal for a "Viksit Bharat" over the next 25 years.

Addressing the state's development, PM Modi emphasized the government's commitment to Uttarakhand's progress, citing recent achievements. He highlighted Uttarakhand's leading position in last year's Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) index and the notable growth in the state's economy, with a 1.25% increase in growth rate and a 14% rise in GST contribution. "The average annual income of the state has grown to ₹2.6 lakh," he noted, underscoring the positive economic trajectory.

Promoting sustainable tourism in the hill state, PM Modi called



upon tourists to adopt responsible practices. "I have four appeals to the tourists visiting the state," he said, urging them to prioritize cleanliness, avoid single-use plastic, support local businesses, and adhere to traffic and regional rules. He also emphasized respecting the norms of religious

sites, encouraging visitors to "learn and follow the rules and regulations" specific to Uttarakhand.

Uttarakhand Chief Minister Pushkar Singh Dhami also commemorated the state's Foundation Day with celebrations at Pa-

rade Ground in Dehradun, joined by Chief of Defence Staff Anil Chauhan, Governor Lt Gen Gurmit Singh (Retd), and other dignitaries. During the event, CM Dhami presented the Uttarakhand Ratna Awards to five individuals who made significant contributions, including CDS Anil Chauhan for defense, folk singer Pitam Bharatwan, Mahesh Kudiyal, Mata Mangala for social service, and Hemant Pandey for achievements in film and art.

Acknowledging the occasion, CM Dhami expressed pride in the state's accomplishments and pledged to work towards PM Modi's vision. "PM Narendra Modi said that the third decade of the 21st century will be Uttarakhand's decade, and we all will strive to live up to his words," CM Dhami stated.

As Uttarakhand embarks on its silver jubilee, the central government's support and PM Modi's vision for Uttarakhand aim to drive significant progress, positioning the state as a vital contributor to India's growth.



IT Raids Target Jharkhand CM Hemant Soren's Close Aide

The Income Tax Department on Saturday conducted raids at multiple locations linked to Sunil Srivastava, reportedly a close aide and personal secretary to Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren. According to sources, the raids spanned nine locations across Ranchi and Jamshedpur, including Srivastava's residence.

This development comes at a critical time, just days before Jharkhand's assembly elections. CM Soren's Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM), in coalition with Congress, RJD, and left-leaning parties, faces strong opposition from the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) in the state.

In a related legal matter, Hemant Soren was granted bail by the Jharkhand High Court in June in connection with an alleged land scam. The Chief Minister had been arrested by the Enforcement Directorate (ED) earlier in January on charges of money laundering related to the alleged scam. Soren's political position and recent legal troubles have added complexity to the already high-stakes election race.

The 81-member Jharkhand Assembly will hold elections in two phases, on November 13 and 20, with vote counting scheduled for November 23. As the election approaches, the raids are likely to heighten political tensions and further intensify the battle between the JMM-led alliance and the BJP-led NDA.



Bihar MP Pappu Yadav Receives Another Threat from Lawrence Bishnoi Gang

Bihar MP Pappu Yadav has once again received death threats allegedly linked to the Lawrence Bishnoi gang. His personal secretary, Mohammad Sadiq Alam, received threatening WhatsApp messages in Delhi, prompting him to file an FIR at Connaught Place police station. The messages, which arrived early on November 7, allegedly claimed that "six individuals have been contacted for the murder of Pappu Yadav." The sender also shared an image of a Turkish-made pistol, suggesting it would be used against Yadav.

This threat follows a similar incident in which an individual associated with the Lawrence Bishnoi gang issued threats to Yadav, leading to an arrest by Purnia Police. Addressing the media in Purnia, Yadav expressed frustration over the repeated threats, noting that he has already filed six FIRs in response to similar incidents. Despite informing senior officials, including the Director General of Police, the Inspector General, and even the Home Minister, Yadav criticized the lack of decisive action.

Yadav speculated that the continued threats could be linked to political motives or systemic issues that enable such intimidation. He highlighted other individuals potentially involved, including Mayank Singh, reportedly based in Malaysia, the Aman Sahu gang from Jharkhand, and unidentified persons from Nepal. Yadav expressed disappointment that, despite one arrest, multiple individuals continued to issue threats, questioning why these individuals remained at large despite clear evidence.

Despite the persistent threats, Yadav stated he remains undeterred and committed to his principles. He urged authorities to take swift action, warning that further delay would contribute to a climate of impunity. As the threats escalate, Yadav's call for a thorough investigation emphasizes the need for prompt and effective measures to address security concerns surrounding public officials in India.

Amit Shah Warns Rahul Gandhi: "Even Your 4th-Generation Can't..."

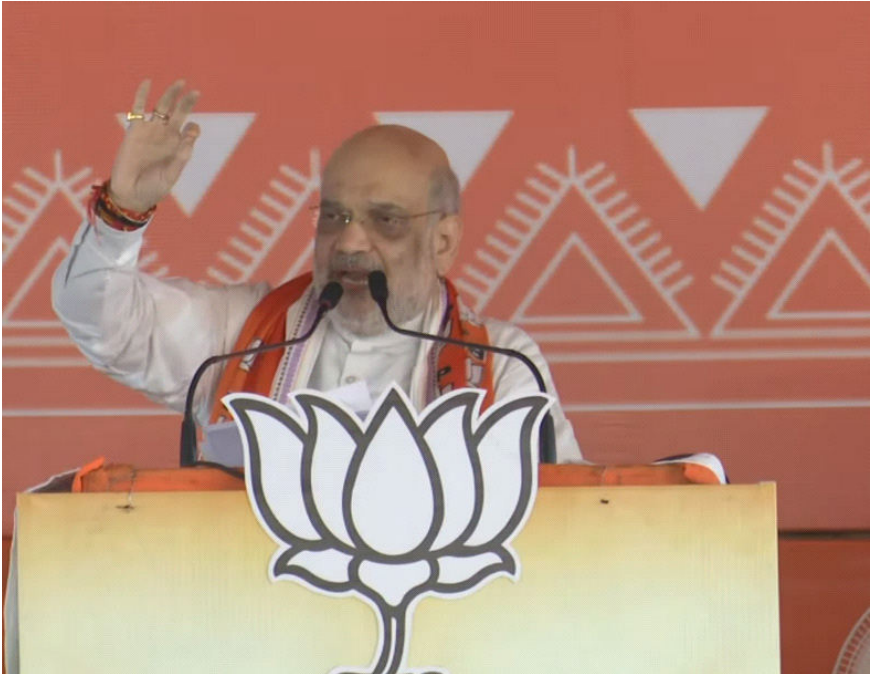
Union Home Minister Amit Shah, at a BJP rally in Palamu, accused Congress leader Rahul Gandhi of disrespecting the Constitution by presenting a "fake" copy and vowed that the BJP would prevent Congress from implementing reservations for minorities. Shah asserted that the BJP, under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership, would never allow religion-based reservations, which he claimed the Congress was attempting to introduce.

Shah criticized Gandhi for allegedly waving a Constitution copy lacking content, accusing him of mocking the document. "By waving a fake copy of the Constitution, you have insulted B.R. Ambedkar and the Constituent Assembly. The Congress party has made a mockery of the Constitution," Shah charged. He highlighted that PM Modi has designated November 26 as Constitution Day to honor the nation's founding document and its values.

Reiterating the BJP's stance on reservations, Shah alleged that Congress was determined to take reservations from OBCs, Dalits, and tribals, intending to grant them to minorities instead. He claimed, "The Congress is against OBC quota. It promised 10 percent reservation to minorities when a delegation of Ulemas met Congress leaders in Maharashtra."

Shah also took a strong stance on Article 370, which granted special status to Jammu and Kashmir until its abrogation in 2019. Shah warned Gandhi against any attempts to restore it, saying, "Kashmir is an integral part of India. I warn Rahul Gandhi that even your fourth generation can't bring back Article 370."

In his address, Shah also criticized the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha-led state government, calling it the "most corrupt government" in India and directing



his ire at Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren. Referring to Soren's comments on BJP's stance on infiltration, Shah alleged that infiltration was financially advantageous for the state government. "The Chief Minister says infiltration is the BJP's political

agenda. I say it is the CM's bank... corrupt leaders will be hanged upside down," Shah said.

Jharkhand assembly elections are scheduled for November 13 and 20, with vote counting on November 23.

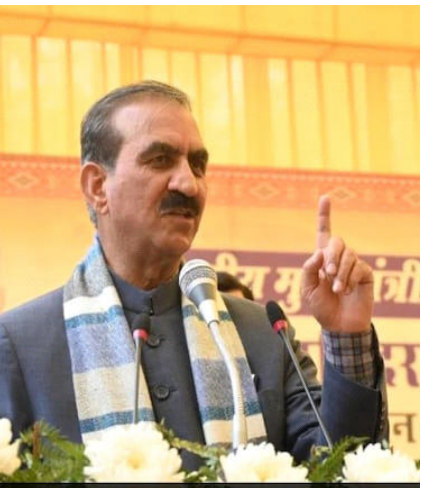
Who Ate Himachal Pradesh CM's Samosas?

In an unusual incident, five police officers in Himachal Pradesh face a CID probe after consuming samosas originally intended for Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu. The situation escalated after media reports framed the inquiry as an investigation into the "missing samosas," prompting the Chief Minister to clarify that the probe focused on alleged "misbehavior" by officials, not the snacks themselves.

CID Director General Ranjhan Ojha attempted to downplay the incident, explaining, "Officials were having tea in the office when someone casually asked what happened to the food items brought for the event, and we simply requested clarification." He confirmed that no formal action or notice had been issued and stressed that the matter should not be politicized.

What Happened?

According to the investigation report, an Inspector General (IG) officer instructed a sub-inspector to arrange refreshments from a five-star hotel in Shimla's Lakkar



Bazaar for the CM's event. An assistant sub-inspector and a head constable driver collected three boxes containing samosas and cake and handed them over to a woman officer of Inspector rank. Unaware that the items were meant for the CM, she directed the boxes to a senior officer's room, where they were inadvertently shuffled between rooms.

Some officers present claimed they had verified with tourism department staff, who reportedly said that the items weren't listed on the CM's menu. As per the investigation, only a sub-inspector

seemed aware of the food's intended purpose. Ultimately, the boxes were opened and served to 10-12 people with tea, leading to the unintended "misallocation" of the CM's snacks.

Political Fallout: BJP-Congress Spar Over "Samosa-gate"

The incident sparked an exchange between BJP and Congress. BJP leaders criticized the Congress-led Himachal government, calling it a "laughing stock" and accusing it of misplaced priorities. Former Union Minister Smriti Irani mocked the probe, contrasting it with what she described as Congress's lack of accountability for larger issues. BJP Leader of Opposition Jai Ram Thakur, in a satirical jab, ate samosas with party workers, accusing the government of making impulsive decisions and attempting damage control when they backfire.

Thakur further questioned how the issue could be seen as "anti-government," pointing out that the samosas were mistakenly

consumed by officials within the government's ranks, not opposition members.

Jalebis Take the Spotlight Last Month

The samosa episode comes on the heels of another snack-related political exchange. Last month, the BJP sent boxes of jalebis to Congress headquarters following its electoral victory in Haryana, poking fun at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, who had previously held up a box of "Matu Ram Halwai" jalebis to critique BJP's business policies, suggesting they be sold nationwide to boost employment.

In the end, the "samosa scandal" has become fodder for a political showdown in Himachal Pradesh, with both parties seizing the opportunity to exchange barbs. While the CID clarified that no action would be taken against any officers, the incident highlights how even minor administrative missteps can fuel major political debates.

Third Assassination Plot Against Trump

“Iranian Asset” Charged in Alleged Murder Scheme

An alleged “Iranian asset” has been charged with plotting to assassinate U.S. President-elect Donald Trump, who survived two previous attempts on his life this year. The Department of Justice has accused Farhad Shakeri, 51, of working with Iran’s elite Revolutionary Guard Corps (IRGC) in an attempt to kill Trump. Trump, who is slated to return to the White House in January, was previously injured in an assassination attempt in July, sustaining a gunshot wound to his ear.

According to the Justice Department, Shakeri was tasked by the IRGC in early October to devise a plan to eliminate Trump. Although Shakeri claimed he did not intend to meet the IRGC’s deadline, prosecutors allege he coordinated with criminal networks to carry out Iran’s plans against prominent figures, including Trump.

Attorney General Merrick Garland emphasized the seriousness of the charges, stating, “The Justice Department has charged an asset of the Iranian regime tasked with directing criminal associates to advance Iran’s assassination plots against its targets, including President-elect Donald Trump.”

The IRGC, designated as a terrorist organization by the U.S., has previously been implicated in threats against American citizens and offi-



cials critical of the Iranian government. FBI Director Christopher Wray highlighted ongoing concerns, noting that the IRGC has been linked to criminal networks targeting Americans on U.S. soil. “This behavior will not be tolerated,” Wray said.

Shakeri, identified as an Afghan national who immigrated to the U.S. as a child, was deported in 2008 after a robbery conviction. He is currently believed to be in Iran. In addition to Trump’s case, Shakeri faces charges for allegedly hiring two associates in New York to murder a U.S. citizen of Iranian origin who publicly opposed the Iranian government. Those associates, Carlisle Rivera and Jonathan Loadholt, are now also facing charges for their involvement.

In response, Iran’s foreign minis-

try denied the accusations, calling them “totally unfounded.” Ministry spokesperson Esmail Baghaei dismissed the allegations, stating that Iran rejects any implication of involvement in plots against American officials.

The recent incidents underscore heightened security concerns as Trump prepares for his second term. The U.S. Secret Service has ramped up protective measures around Trump’s Mar-a-Lago residence, including deploying robotic dogs for additional surveillance.

Reflecting on his close encounters, Trump remarked in his victory speech that he believes his survival was divinely guided to “save our country and restore America to greatness.”

25 Dead in Suspected Suicide Blast at Quetta Railway Station, Pakistan

A powerful blast struck Quetta’s main railway station in Pakistan’s Balochistan region this morning, killing 25 people and injuring 46 others. The explosion, suspected to be a suicide attack, occurred as passengers waited on the platform, preparing to board the Jaffer Express bound for Peshawar. Among the victims were at least 14 soldiers, according to police reports.

CCTV footage captured the devastating moment when the blast tore through the crowded platform, scattering bodies and causing extensive damage to the station’s roof. Rescue workers combed through the debris and abandoned luggage, searching

for survivors amid pools of blood. The explosion reportedly took place near the station’s booking office, with initial investigations pointing to the Baloch Liberation Army (BLA), an ethnic militant group, as the perpetrators.

Law enforcement agencies quickly secured the area, and the injured were transported to Quetta’s civil hospital, where emergency protocols were enacted, and additional medical staff were summoned. The Inspector General of Police in Balochistan, Mouzzam Jah Ansari, stated that the blast specifically targeted army personnel from the Infantry School.

Balochistan Chief Minister Sarfraz Bugti condemned the attack as a “horrific act” and launched an immediate investigation. “The terrorists’ target now are innocent people, labourers, children, and women. Those targeting innocent people do not deserve mercy,” Bugti said in a statement.

The tragedy comes amid a surge in militant violence in Balochistan. Just three months earlier, a series of attacks in the region claimed at least 73 lives, further straining Pakistan’s security forces as they grapple with escalating terror threats from ethnic militant groups.



Israeli Football Fans Return Home After "Frightening" Amsterdam Violence

Israeli football fans returning home from Amsterdam have shared accounts of violence that targeted Jewish supporters following a Europa League match between Israel’s Maccabi Tel Aviv and Dutch club Ajax. The fans described the scenes as “frightening,” with attackers allegedly waiting at multiple corners throughout central Amsterdam after the game, which ended in a 5-0 victory for Ajax.

One returning fan, Eliya Cohen, reported seeing “Muslims looking for Jews to beat them up” as he navigated the city, eventually deciding to leave to avoid becoming involved in the violence. Kobi Eliyahu, another fan who

attended the game, recalled that people with their faces covered were present “on every single corner,” and described the experience as eerily similar to the 1930s in Europe. He called on fellow Israelis and Jewish people to avoid traveling to Europe, describing the event as an orchestrated anti-Semitic attack.

Despite a substantial police presence, at least five people were hospitalized due to the violence. Fans reported blasts and shouts in Arabic through the night, and some expressed frustration over the apparent lack of immediate police intervention. “We never heard the police,” said Nadav Zer, another return-

ing fan, who claimed that he and his companions had to flee back to their hotel to avoid attacks.

Tensions reportedly flared before the match, with incidents on both sides, and social media footage appeared to show some Maccabi Tel Aviv fans chanting inflammatory slogans. Dutch and Israeli officials condemned the violence as anti-Semitic, with the CEO of Maccabi Tel Aviv, Ben Mansford, labeling it “tragic” and noting that the violence “was not connected to football.” He described the post-game violence as targeting Maccabi Tel Aviv fans once they left the stadium.



India's Russian Oil Purchases Helped Prevent Global Price Surge, Says Minister

Union Petroleum and Natural Gas Minister Hardeep Singh Puri defended India’s decision to purchase oil from Russia amid global tensions, claiming it helped stabilize oil prices and prevent them from surging to \$200 a barrel. Speaking at the ADIPEC energy conference in Abu Dhabi, Puri explained to CNN’s Becky Anderson that India’s actions contributed to global market stability, benefiting both consumers and the energy market at large.



“If we hadn’t bought Russian oil, the global oil prices would have gone up to \$200 per barrel,” Puri stated. He also expressed optimism for future price stability, predicting a reduction in oil prices as more energy sources enter the market by 2026.

Responding to questions on India’s recent reduction of Russian oil imports by 10% in October, Puri attributed the decrease to competitive pricing from other suppliers, underscoring that India’s energy decisions are driven by market forces. He clarified, “If you don’t get it from one, you get it from someone else.”

In a post on X (formerly Twitter), Puri emphasized that India’s decision to buy Russian oil benefited the global economy, helping to keep prices stable and affordable. He also criticized commentators who suggested restrict-

ing India’s energy imports, pointing out that European and Asian nations had similarly purchased significant amounts of energy from Russia.

Puri stressed that India prioritizes energy affordability and sustainability for its citizens, noting, “India is the only major consumer where fuel prices have significantly dropped in the last three years, despite global price increases.” As the world’s third-largest oil consumer, India is committed to ensuring a steady, affordable energy supply for its citizens, he concluded.



Indian Official Meets Taliban Minister, Offers Chabahar Port Access and Discusses Humanitarian Aid

In a notable diplomatic development, an Indian delegation led by J P Singh, Joint Secretary of the Pakistan-Afghanistan-Iran division in India’s External Affairs Ministry, met Afghanistan’s acting Defence Minister Mullah Mohammad Yaqoob. The delegation proposed the use of Iran’s Chabahar Port for Afghan businesses and discussed India’s ongoing humanitarian support to Afghanistan. The Indian team also met with former Afghan President Hamid Karzai, senior ministers, and UN agency representatives to explore ways to deepen assistance.

External Affairs Ministry spokesperson Randhir Jaiswal highlighted the potential benefits of Chabahar Port for Afghanistan’s trade, stating, “The Chabahar Port can be utilised by the Afghan business community for export and import, facilitating broader transactions.” Despite not recognizing the Taliban government that took

control in 2021, India has consistently provided humanitarian aid, including wheat, medicines, and medical supplies, to the Afghan people.

India’s outreach reaffirms its longstanding ties with the Afghan population. “We have a historic relationship with Afghanistan, and these ties will continue to guide our approach toward the country,” Jaiswal emphasized. Earlier this year, India signed a 10-year contract with Iran to develop and operate the Chabahar Port, which India helped construct, aiming to strengthen regional connectivity.

India’s diplomatic approach signifies a commitment to support the Afghan people while navigating complex regional relationships. The offer of Chabahar Port access could provide Afghanistan with an essential trade route, bolstering its economy amidst challenging times.

Indian Markets Brace for Volatility Amid Global Cues and Key Economic Data Releases



The Indian stock market may experience some fluctuations in the upcoming week due to a mix of economic and global indicators. Key influences will include corporate earnings reports, GDP data from Europe, and trends among foreign portfolio investors (FPIs). After a slight decline last Friday, market experts expect a potential recovery on Monday, mainly in response to U.S. employment data and positive updates from key companies.

Nifty is projected to trade within a range of 23,800 to 24,400, while Bank Nifty may see movement between 50,900 and 52,300. Investors are advised to stay mindful of FPI activity and the global market's impact on domestic stocks as they plan their trades.

A cautious outlook is advised for the coming week, with a focus on protecting gains during intermittent rebounds. Sector rotation is also evident, with Financial Services, IT, and Pharma leading, while Consumption and FMCG weaken.



ICICI Bank is one of India's largest private-sector banks, known for its strong retail and corporate lending presence. It benefits from digital adoption and growing market share in retail loans. Significant growth in net profit over recent quarters, driven by higher net interest income and lower provisions. Improved asset quality, with a decreasing NPA (Non-Performing Asset) ratio. Expanding retail portfolio, strong digital presence,

and robust deposit growth. Positive, with continued growth in lending and digital transactions, making it well-positioned to capture demand in financial services.



L&T is a leading engineering, procurement, and construction (EPC) firm in India with a diversified portfolio across infrastructure, defense, power, and IT. Stable revenue growth with strong order inflows, particularly from infrastructure and defense projects. Well-managed debt, with recent efforts to reduce financial leverage. A strong order book that ensures revenue visibility over the next few years. Positive, supported by government infrastructure initiatives and private investments in construction and engineering.



Granules India is a pharmaceutical manufacturing company with a focus on Active Pharmaceutical Ingredients (APIs), Finished Dosages, and OTC (Over-the-Counter) products. Consistent revenue growth from APIs and formulations, with a focus on high-volume products. Strong EBITDA margins and a diversified revenue base. Recent investments in capacity expansion to meet rising demand. Positive, with continued demand for generic medicines globally and expansion in API production, positioning it well for future growth.



AU Small Finance Bank is known for its focus on retail and SME (small and medium enterprises) lending, with a significant presence in rural and semi-urban areas. High loan growth driven by retail and SME sectors, particularly in underserved regions. Relatively stable asset quality but requires monitoring due to exposure to SME and retail borrowers. Strong NIM due to high-yielding retail loans. Positive, as the bank benefits from increasing penetration in rural areas, though asset quality risks remain a key area to watch.



Happiest Minds focuses on digital transformation services such as cloud, analytics, and IoT. It primarily serves customers in sectors like BFSI, education, and retail. Strong revenue growth, driven by digital services demand. Consistent profitability with high EBITDA margins due to focus on niche digital services. The company has a debt-free balance sheet, which provides financial stability. Positive, with demand for digital transformation across industries, and a niche focus on emerging tech like AI and cloud computing.



CAPLIN POINT[®] Laboratories

Caplin Point focuses on generics and injectables, with a strong presence in emerging markets in Latin America and Africa. Steady revenue growth, with high

margins from emerging markets where competition is lower. Low debt, enhancing financial flexibility. New product launches and potential U.S. market entry, supported by an increasing focus on injectables. Positive, given its focus on high-growth emerging markets and plans to expand into regulated markets like the U.S.

Aurobindo Pharma is a major pharmaceutical player focusing on generics, APIs, and specialty drugs, with significant export revenue from the U.S. and European markets. Stable revenue growth with a diverse product pipeline, though some pressure on margins due to competitive pricing in generics. Moderate debt levels,



with efforts to deleverage. High R&D investment for specialty drugs and biosimilars, positioning it well in high-margin segments. Mixed, as it faces price erosion in generics but benefits from R&D investment in specialty segments.

Elon Musk's Net Worth Soars Past \$300 Billion Following Tesla's Stock Surge

Elon Musk's net worth has crossed the \$300 billion mark, making him the only individual on the planet to surpass this milestone. According to **Forbes' Real-Time Billionaires** list, Musk's wealth surged to \$304 billion following a 30% increase in Tesla's stock price over the past five days. This spike came in the wake of Donald Trump's recent victory in the U.S. presidential election.

Tesla shares saw an 8.19% rise on Friday alone, closing at \$321.22 per share, propelling Musk's wealth by 4.71% in a single day. Before the election results, Musk's net worth was around \$250 billion, but the post-election rally in Tesla stock boosted his fortune by approximately \$54 billion.

A contributing factor to Musk's wealth surge appears to be his public support for Trump during the campaign. Musk attended Trump's rallies, with Trump openly endorsing the Tesla CEO, strengthening investor confidence in Tesla and sparking market enthusiasm for Musk's companies.

Global Billionaire Rankings

Following Musk on the **Forbes** billionaires list is Oracle's Larry Ellison, whose net worth stands at \$230.7 billion. Amazon's Jeff Bezos holds third place with \$224.5 billion, followed by Meta's Mark Zuckerberg at \$203.8 billion, and Bernard Arnault & family at \$165.5 billion. Notably, several of these top billion-



aires, including Bezos, Ellison, and Zuckerberg, also expressed public support for Trump's 2024 campaign.

Musk's Growing Influence

Musk's alignment with Trump's administration seems to have further strengthened his influence. Reports indicate Musk was part of a recent call between President-elect Trump and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy, highlighting Musk's potential advisory role in the new administration. Musk has also voiced support for federal regulations on autonomous vehicles, signaling a potential policy focus if he assumes an advisory position under Trump.

This rise in Musk's wealth reflects not only his impact on the market but also his growing role in shaping policy discussions under the Trump administration. As the only person currently valued at over \$300 billion, Musk's influence is poised to extend beyond business into realms of public policy and technological regulation.

Zomato and Swiggy Found in Violation of Antitrust Laws, CCI Probe Reveals

An antitrust investigation by the Competition Commission of India (CCI) has found that food delivery giants Zomato and Swiggy engaged in anti-competitive practices that unfairly favored certain restaurant partners. The probe, initiated in 2022 following a complaint from the National Restaurant Association of India (NRAI), highlighted exclusivity arrangements that hindered market competitiveness.

According to non-public documents reviewed by Reuters, Zomato allegedly entered "exclusivity contracts" with specific partners, offering lower commission rates in exchange. Swiggy reportedly guaranteed business growth for certain restaurants that listed exclusively on its platform. The CCI's investigative arm noted that such arrangements prevent healthy competition in the market, allowing Swiggy and Zomato to wield significant influence over restaurant pricing and exposure.

A further issue outlined in the documents is the requirement for restaurants to maintain price parity across platforms, preventing them from offering lower prices on alternate sites. This practice, the CCI found, directly restricts competition and limits restaurant autonomy over pricing strategies.

The CCI's findings were shared confidentially with Swiggy, Zomato, and restaurant complainants in March 2024. While Zomato declined to comment, Swiggy and the CCI did not respond to queries. Both platforms have significantly reshaped the food delivery landscape in India, driving demand as smartphone usage surged, particularly during and after the pandemic.

With Swiggy preparing to close bids on a \$1.4 billion IPO, India's second-largest of the year, the CCI case arrives at a critical moment. The final phase of the CCI's investigation involves a decision on potential penalties or mandated changes to the companies' business practices.



Swiggy's IPO Oversubscribed 3.59 Times on Final Day Amid Strong QIB Demand

Online food delivery platform Swiggy's Rs 11,327 crore IPO received strong interest on its last day of bidding, with a subscription rate of 3.59 times. Despite a slow start, with the IPO subscribed only 0.12 times on day one and 0.35 times on day two, the final day saw a surge, led primarily by qualified institutional buyers (QIBs).

The QIB portion was oversubscribed 6.02 times, reflecting high confidence from institutional investors. Retail individual investors (RIIs) and employee portions were subscribed 1.14 times and 1.65 times, respectively, while the non-institutional investors (NIIs) segment recorded 0.41 times subscription. Swiggy set a price range of Rs 371 to Rs 390 per share, with shares expected to list on the NSE and BSE on November 13, and allotment scheduled for November 11.

Market Position and Competitive Landscape

Swiggy currently holds a 34% market share in India's food delivery sector, ranking behind its main competitor, Zomato, which leads with a 58% share. In the quick-commerce market, Swiggy's Instamart holds a 20-25% market share, while Zomato's Blinkit commands 40-45%.

Financial Performance

Swiggy's financial performance has shown steady revenue growth despite ongoing losses. In FY 2021-22, Swiggy's revenue was Rs 6,119.78 crore, with a net loss of Rs 3,628.90 crore. By FY 2022-23, revenue rose to Rs 8,714.45 crore, though net losses widened to Rs 4,179.31 crore. FY 2023-24 saw further revenue growth to Rs 11,634.35 crore, while net losses reduced to Rs 2,350.24 crore. In the first quarter of FY 2024-25, Swiggy reported revenue of Rs 3,310.11 crore and a net loss of Rs 611.01 crore.



Goa Tourism Sees Significant Decline Amid Rising Competition and Challenges

Once a prime destination for tourists worldwide, Goa's appeal appears to be waning, as foreign tourism struggles to rebound to pre-Covid levels. Known for its beautiful beaches and vibrant nightlife, Goa has long been a preferred choice for travelers seeking sun, sand, and a lively atmosphere. However, a report from CEIC Data reveals that foreign tourism in the state is still lagging, with only 1.5 million foreign visitors in 2023, a steep drop from the 8.5 million in 2019. This decline is attributed to a combination of factors, including increased travel costs, unregulated hotel rates, and inadequate tourist experiences that have driven travelers to look for alternative destinations.



Competing seaside locations in South-east Asia, such as Sri Lanka and Thailand, have become more attractive to international tourists, including regulars from Russia and the United Kingdom, who were once Goa's mainstays. These countries offer affordable accommodations, exciting nightlife, and well-regulated tourist infrastructure, drawing visitors away from Goa's sun-kissed beaches. The Covid-19 pandemic accelerated this trend, with tourism numbers taking a significant hit, and the industry has yet to see a full recovery.

Social media has also played a role in highlighting Goa's current issues, particularly the so-called "Goa taxi mafia." Many tourists have shared negative experiences with local taxi services, recounting incidents of overcharging, harassment, and even threats when taxi drivers opposed them giving rides to foreigners. The taxi unions' stronghold over transportation in the state dates back to 2014 when popular ride-hailing ser-

vices like Ola and Uber were effectively banned following a taxi union-led strike. This lack of modern transportation options has not only added to the inconvenience for travelers but also inflated travel costs within the state, impacting overall tourist satisfaction.

Year	Domestic Tourists (in millions)	Foreign Tourists (in millions)
2014	5.5	6.0
2015	6.0	6.5
2016	6.5	7.0
2017	7.0	7.5
2018	7.5	8.0
2019	8.0	8.5
2020	3.0	0.2
2021	4.0	0.5
2022	6.0	1.2
2023	8.0	1.5

Domestic tourists, too, are increasingly opting for destinations like Thailand, Vietnam, and Malaysia,

where they find better infrastructure, affordability, and more convenient travel arrangements. These countries have recently made strides to attract Indian tourists, with some even waiving visa requirements for Indian passport holders. This move, coupled with more favorable travel expenses, has drawn even Indian tourists away from Goa.

The challenges Goa faces in maintaining its tourism appeal are growing as competitors continue to offer better alternatives. If Goa fails to address these concerns by improving infrastructure, regulating hotel and transport costs, and enhancing the overall visitor experience, the state's tourism sector

may continue to experience a steady decline, losing its once-celebrated status as India's ultimate vacation spot.

Slice of Royal History: Queen Elizabeth II's Wedding Cake Auctioned for Rs 2.4 Lakh

In a unique auction, a 77-year-old slice of Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip's wedding cake fetched £2,200 (approximately Rs 2,39,915). The piece, a remnant of the iconic 9ft-tall, four-tier fruitcake served to over 2,000 guests at the royal wedding in 1947, was gifted to Marion Polson, a housekeeper at The Palace of Holyroodhouse. Along with the cake, Polson received a personal thank-you letter from Queen Elizabeth II, which accompanied the slice at auction.



The thank-you letter, signed "Elizabeth," expressed the Queen's appreciation for Polson's gift of a "delightful dessert service" for the newlyweds. The letter read: "My husband and I are deeply touched to know that you shared in giving us such a delightful wedding present. We are both enchanted with the dessert service; the different flowers and the beautiful colouring will, I know, be greatly admired by all who see it."

Polson kept the slice carefully preserved until her passing in the 1980s, after which her family stored it un-

der a bed in a suitcase in Scotland. Discovered still intact in its original presentation box, the slice was evaluated at £500 (Rs 54,526) by auctioneers earlier this year. The rare collectible sparked global interest, with fierce bidding from buyers around the world. Ultimately, a Chinese bidder won the slice over the phone.

James Grinter, a royal expert from the Reeman Dansie auction house, described the item as "a real little find." This nostalgic auction moment has captivated collectors and royal enthusiasts alike, providing a taste of history from Queen Elizabeth II and Prince Philip's November 20, 1947 wedding.

Inside Virat Kohli's "Chilled Out" Birthday Celebration with Anushka and Their Kids

On November 5, Indian cricket star Virat Kohli celebrated his 36th birthday in a low-key manner, spending the day at home with his wife, actress Anushka Sharma, and their two children, Vamika and Akaay. During an event in Mumbai hosted by Gaurav Kapoor, Virat shared how this year's celebration was a "chilled out" affair, a departure from the usual grandeur.



When asked about his feelings on turning a year older, Virat responded with a laugh, "I don't know about being wiser, but I am older for sure. This was probably the most chilled out birthday I've had. It was just Anushka and our two kids at home. It was very relaxed." He added that this year's celebration was more for his daughter, Vamika, emphasizing how birthdays evolve when you have young kids. "This birthday was basically for my daughter," he said with a smile.

In addition to his quiet birthday at home, Virat and Anushka also made appearances at other celebrations. They were spotted together at Neha Dhupia and Angad Bedi's son Guriq's birthday party, with Anushka dressed in a casual white shirt and jeans and Virat

in a maroon t-shirt, light blue jeans, and a red cap.

The couple was also seen on a breakfast date in Mumbai at Benne Bombay, where they enjoyed crispy dosas and podi idli. The restaurant shared photos of their visit on Instagram, showcasing a rare glimpse of the couple's personal time together.

Virat Kohli and Anushka Sharma, who tied the knot in December 2017, have grown into one of India's favorite celebrity couples. They welcomed their daughter Vamika in 2021 and their son Akaay earlier this year. As Kohli continues to shine on the cricket field, Anushka was last seen on screen in a cameo role in her home production, Qala, in 2022.

Samsung Galaxy S25 Ultra Leaked Renders Reveal Updated Design and Four Color Options

The Samsung Galaxy S25 Ultra, anticipated to launch in early 2025, has surfaced in new design renders, offering a glimpse into the potential look and features of Samsung's upcoming flagship. Expected to follow the Galaxy S24 Ultra, which was introduced in January, the Galaxy S25 Ultra showcases a refined design with a few notable tweaks. The renders, shared by Technizo Concept on X (formerly Twitter), display the smartphone's revamped build and reveal four distinct color options.



Design Enhancements and New Colorways

The leaked renders suggest that the Galaxy S25 Ultra will retain the flat edges of its predecessor but with slightly rounded corners, aiming to improve ergonomics. Additionally, the rear camera module appears more pronounced, with thicker rings around each lens, as depicted in

close-up images of the device's back panel. Only one render shows the display, which appears to have a flat screen, possibly a shift from previous Galaxy Ultra models that often featured curved screens.

The device is expected to debut in four premium colorways: Titanium Black, Titanium Blue, Titanium Gray, and Titanium Silver. This aligns with predictions from industry expert Ross Young, who hinted

at these color options last month, underscoring Samsung's focus on a sleek, metallic aesthetic for its new flagship.

Performance Boosts and Additional Features

The Galaxy S25 Ultra is expected to be powered by Qualcomm's latest Snapdragon 8 Elite chip, marking a significant performance improvement from the Galaxy S24 Ultra. Samsung's trademark S Pen, visible in the renders, will remain a key feature of the device. Additionally, the smartphone is likely to introduce enhanced Galaxy AI capabilities right out of the box, enhancing user experience across applications.

As Samsung fans await further updates, the Galaxy S25 Ultra is expected to reveal more details leading up to its release, setting the stage for one of Samsung's most anticipated devices in the Galaxy series.

New Earth-Like Planet Discovered Orbiting White Dwarf, Offers Insight into Humanity's Future

Astronomers have discovered an Earth-sized rocky planet orbiting a white dwarf star 4,000 light years away in the constellation Sagittarius, a finding that could offer crucial insights into the future of Earth and humanity. The planet, designated KMT-2020-BLG-0414, has a similar mass to Earth and orbits at a distance double that of Earth from the sun. Alongside it is a massive brown dwarf, a planet-like object 17 times the mass of Jupiter.



This discovery provides a glimpse into Earth's potential fate when the sun reaches its final stages of evolution. White dwarfs are the remnants of stars like our sun, which, after exhausting their nuclear fuel, expand into red giants before shedding their outer layers and contracting. As our sun ages, it will expand to engulf its inner planets—Mercury and Venus are the most vulnerable—before likely shrinking to a white dwarf. The extent of its expansion remains uncertain, leaving the fate of Earth in question.

The study, published in *Nature Astronomy*, was led by researchers from the University of California, Berkeley, who observed the system using the Keck Telescope in Hawaii. According to Jessica Lu, an associate professor of astronomy at UC Berkeley, the white dwarf's companion planet may support theories that planetary orbits can shift outward as a star loses mass and expands. "Whether life can survive on Earth through that (red giant) period is unknown. But certainly, the most important thing is that Earth isn't swallowed by the Sun when it becomes a red giant," Lu noted.

Keming Zhang, the study's lead author, ex-

plained that Earth's habitability is limited to roughly another billion years, as the sun's increased heat will eventually evaporate the planet's oceans. However, should Earth avoid engulfment, outer regions of the solar system could offer refuge. As the sun swells into a red giant, its habitable zone will shift outward, potentially warming the icy moons of Jupiter and Saturn, such as Europa, Callisto, and Enceladus, making them possible havens for life.

"In any case, planet Earth will only be habitable for another billion years, at which point Earth's oceans would be vaporized by the runaway greenhouse effect," Zhang added. "Humanity could migrate out there," he suggested, envisioning a future where humanity seeks refuge on ocean worlds in the outer solar system.

This newfound Earth-like planet near a white dwarf not only opens doors for studying Earth's fate but also emphasizes the possibility of future human habitats beyond our home planet.

Gautam Gambhir’s Job at Risk? India Coach Could Lose Test Role If...

India’s head coach Gautam Gambhir could potentially lose his role in Test cricket if the team underperforms against Australia in the upcoming Border-Gavaskar Trophy. After a series of underwhelming results, including an ODI series loss in Sri Lanka and a 0-3 Test series sweep by New Zealand at home, Gambhir’s coaching tenure is facing a crucial test. The Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) is reportedly considering a change if India’s performance doesn’t improve in Australia.

According to a report by *Dainik Jagran*, the BCCI is prepared to keep Gambhir as the coach for limited-overs formats but could bring in a Test cricket specialist like VVS Laxman if the Australian tour ends in disappointment. Whether Gambhir would



think tank on key selection choices—a factor that could impact team dynamics heading into the Australia series.

With Gambhir’s Test coaching role hanging in the balance, the Border-Gavaskar Trophy has become a pivotal moment not only for Team India but also for his future in red-ball cricket coaching.

accept a reduced role remains uncertain, especially with such high stakes in the Border-Gavaskar series.

In a recent six-hour meeting with BCCI selection committee chief Ajit Agarkar and India’s skipper Rohit Sharma, Gambhir reviewed the team’s recent struggles, focusing on the issues behind the New Zealand defeat. The meeting also highlighted some disagreements between Gambhir and the team’s

Rohit Sharma’s Australia Tour Uncertain Amid Paternity Leave Speculation

Captain Rohit Sharma’s participation in the opening Test of the Border-Gavaskar Trophy against Australia remains uncertain due to personal reasons, though he is set to travel with the Indian squad on November 10. Reports suggest Rohit may miss the first Test in Perth due to his wife Ritika Sajdeh’s pregnancy, as the couple anticipates the arrival of their second child. Despite the speculation, Rohit has decided to fly with the first batch of Indian players, giving himself a chance to join the team if circumstances permit.

According to sources, the Indian team is traveling to Australia in two groups due to limited flight availability, with Rohit joining the first contingent on Sunday. His presence in Australia doesn’t guarantee his participation in the Perth Test, as he could return home if needed.

A source confirmed the uncertainty around Rohit’s participation: “He is traveling, but his participation in the 1st Test is not confirmed. His availability is subject to his personal matter.” Rohit himself previously expressed doubts over his availability, stating, “I am not sure of my availability for the first Test in Perth, fingers crossed.”

Following India’s recent 0-3 defeat against New Zealand, Rohit participated in a six-hour meeting with BCCI selection committee chief Ajit Agarkar and head coach Gautam Gambhir to address the team’s performance and prepare for the Australia tour. Sources close to the BCCI noted the urgency of the



meeting, given India’s critical upcoming series and the need for alignment among the leadership team.

If Rohit ultimately sits out the first Test, the Indian squad will likely rely on vice-captain KL Rahul or another senior player to lead in his absence. The BCCI and Indian fans remain hopeful that Rohit’s presence in Australia will boost morale, even if he’s unable to play in the opening match. The decision will ultimately rest on Rohit’s personal situation as he balances his captaincy duties with family priorities.

Pat Cummins Shifts Focus to Border-Gavaskar Trophy After Loss to Pakistan

Following Australia’s nine-wicket defeat to Pakistan in Adelaide, skipper Pat Cummins has set his sights on the upcoming five-Test Border-Gavaskar Trophy series against India. The series, beginning November 22 in Perth, promises to be a fierce contest as Cummins and his squad transition to the red-ball format after recent setbacks in ODIs.

Australia struggled in the second ODI, bowled out for just 163 runs in 35 overs after Pakistan’s Haris Rauf and Shaheen Shah Afridi showcased their fast-bowling prowess, taking eight wickets between them. Rauf’s fiery five-wicket haul dismantled the Australian lineup, while Afridi’s tight figures of 3-26 further restricted the hosts. Pakistan’s chase was swift, with openers Saim Ayub and Abdullah Shafique establishing a 137-run partnership, sealing the win in just 21 overs.

Reflecting on the game, Cummins admitted the team’s shortcomings with the bat. “They bowled well, but we should have done better and scored more than 160,”



Cummins said during the post-match presentation. With Cummins, Mitchell Starc, Josh Hazlewood, Marnus Labuschagne, and Steve Smith missing the series decider, wicketkeeper-batter Josh Inglis will lead the side for the final ODI in Perth.

As the Test squad prepares for India, Cummins emphasized the need for focused red-ball training. “Good training sessions are needed. My mind now switches to the red ball for the upcoming Test series,” he said, highlighting the significance of the upcoming clash with India in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy.

“Waited 10 Years”: Sanju Reflects on Journey After Stunning Century in Durban

Sanju Samson’s impressive run of form continued as he became the first Indian to score consecutive hundreds in T20 Internationals. His explosive 107 off 50 balls against South Africa in Durban followed his 111 against Bangladesh, further establishing his reputation with consistent, game-changing performances across formats. This streak marks a defining moment in Samson’s career, highlighted by three centuries in his last six games, including a standout hundred in the Duleep Trophy.

Speaking emotionally during the innings break, Samson revealed the depth of his journey: “I waited for this moment for 10 years. If I think too much, I’ll get emotional,” he admitted. “I’m happy, grateful, and blessed, but I want to stay grounded and enjoy the moment.”

Samson’s aggressive approach

was on full display in Durban, as he maintained his high-risk, high-reward strategy. “Really enjoyed my time out there in the middle,” he said after receiving the Player of the Match award. “I’m making the most of my current form, keeping the team’s goals above everything. Once you play three or four balls, you’re just looking for boundaries.”

Samson’s journey hasn’t gone unnoticed by his captain, Suryakumar Yadav, who praised his resilience and dedication. “The hard work he’s put in over the last decade is paying off,” said Suryakumar. “Even in the 90s, he was still looking for boundaries, putting the team first. It shows his character, and that’s what we value.”

With years of effort finally translating into recognition, Samson is savoring his long-awaited moment in the spotlight.



India’s Javelin Champion Neeraj Chopra to Train Under Jan Zelezny’s Elite Group

India’s javelin sensation, Neeraj Chopra, will be joining the training group of legendary triple Olympic champion Jan Zelezny this winter, as confirmed by the Czech Athletics Federation (CAS). Chopra, who clinched Olympic gold in Tokyo in 2021 and a silver medal at the recent Paris World Championships, requested the guidance of Zelezny, a Czech athletics icon.

Zelezny, 58, who won Olympic golds in Barcelona (1992), Atlanta (1996), and Sydney (2000), expressed enthusiasm about



Chopra’s decision, having recognized his talent early in the Indian athlete’s career. The coaching arrangement will formally begin at the traditional winter training camp in South Africa, with Zelezny set to lead the group for the next two years.

However, Chopra’s arrival has led to a shift within the group, as Czech Republic’s Jakub Vadlejch, who won silver in Tokyo, has opted to leave after nearly 14 years. Vadlejch’s departure marks a significant change as Chopra prepares to join this elite training environment.

PSG Vows to Ban Political Slogans After ‘Free Palestine’ Banner

Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) has committed to preventing the display of political messages in its stadium following an incident involving a “Free Palestine” banner unfurled by fans. The banner, presented by the Paris Ultras Collective (CUP), appeared prominently in the stands before PSG’s recent match against Atletico Madrid, which ended in defeat for the French team.

The banner, which covered an entire section of the stadium, depicted the phrase “Free Palestine” alongside powerful images, including a bloodstained Palestinian flag, a figure wearing a keffiyeh with only his eyes visible, the Al-Aqsa mosque, and a child wrapped in a Lebanese flag. Beneath it, another slogan read: “War on the pitch but peace in the world.”

After consultations between PSG, the French Football Federation, and government officials, the Qatari-owned club issued a commitment to “guarantee the absence of political messages” in the stands. The club clarified it had no prior knowledge of the



banner, released by the CUP group. PSG pledged to implement measures ensuring political neutrality in the stadium, starting with the next match at the Parc des Princes.

A government spokesperson described the talks as “frank and constructive,” stating that solutions were agreed upon and PSG is now committed to upholding them.



Game Changer’s Teaser Makes Waves, Fans Thrilled for Sankranthi Release

After a long wait, Game Changer, one of Tollywood’s most delayed yet highly anticipated projects, is finally set to release this Sankranthi season. Produced by Dil Raju, this ambitious project has managed to reignite excitement with its teaser, which teases an action-packed, star-studded spectacle that fans are eagerly anticipating.

Directed by Shankar, the teaser showcases the magnetic screen presence of Ram Charan and Kiara Advani, whose chemistry and performances have already left a strong impression on viewers. Ram Charan’s powerful portrayal in the teaser, paired with his single, impactful line—“I’m Unpredictable”—has sent fans into a frenzy. Meanwhile, Kiara Advani’s elegance adds a unique touch, complementing the action

sequences that mark the tone of the film.

Adding a thrilling twist, SJ Suryah takes on the role of the antagonist, promising a dynamic and intense showdown with Ram Charan that has fans even more excited. Shankar’s direction shines in the teaser, which is filled with fast-paced, high-energy scenes, and a well-crafted action cut that hints at his signature style of commercial cinema. Fans have lauded the visuals and Shankar’s touch, which suggest a return to his forte of larger-than-life action dramas.

The teaser launch event in Lucknow was a massive success, with fans turning out in droves to support the film. The scale of promotions for the teaser alone has set a new benchmark in Tollywood, with Game Changer receiving an ex-



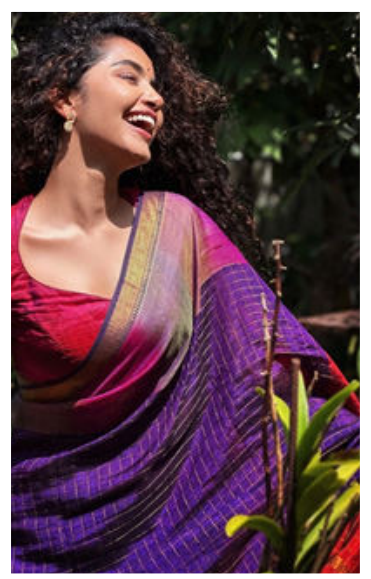
traordinary level of attention before its release. If the upcoming trailer and songs sustain this momentum, Game Changer could go from a long-delayed project to a record-breaking hit.

With Shankar’s direction, Dil Raju’s production,

and the electrifying performances of Ram Charan, Kiara Advani, and SJ Suryah, Game Changer looks poised to live up to its name and deliver an unforgettable cinematic experience this Sankranthi.



Anupama Stuns in Timeless Saree Look!



No one in the South quite matches Anupama Parameswaran’s grace when it comes to draping a saree. Recently, the actress turned heads in a breathtaking blue silk saree, perfectly complemented by a vibrant pink blouse. With her signature curls left loose, delicate golden earrings, and a touch of tradition with a bindi, she radiated elegance as she posed amidst lush greenery, flashing her captivating smile.

Fans are eagerly awaiting her return to the silver screen with her upcoming film **Paradha**, where she’s sure to charm audiences with her mesmerizing presence once again!

Who Decided to Replace Devi Sri Prasad in Pushpa 2?



In a surprising development for the highly anticipated sequel *Pushpa 2: The Rule*, set to release worldwide on December 5, 2024, Devi Sri Prasad (DSP) will not be composing the background music. Instead, celebrated music director S.S. Thaman has been brought on board to handle the film’s background score. While DSP will still be credited for the film’s songs, the decision to switch composers was reportedly made collectively by star Allu Arjun, director Sukumar, and key stakeholders involved in the project.

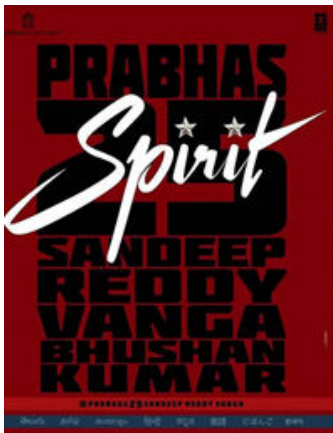
Sukumar and DSP have had a successful collaboration since Sukumar’s debut, producing numerous chart-topping soundtracks across their films together. DSP’s work has often been viewed as integral to Sukumar’s cinematic style. However, due to DSP’s other profession-

al commitments and the tight deadlines associated with *Pushpa 2*, the team felt the need to make this challenging choice to ensure the film’s timely release.

While the official confirmation is awaited, sources indicate that DSP’s other engagements left him unable to meet the production timelines, prompting the decision to enlist Thaman. DSP has already composed all the songs for *Pushpa 2*, including two tracks released earlier this year. Although they received mixed responses, the team is preparing to release additional songs, including a signature item number featuring Sreeleela and Allu Arjun.

With Thaman now taking charge of the background score, expectations are high as fans eagerly await the next chapter of this blockbuster franchise.

Prabhas to Begin Shooting for Sandeep Reddy Vanga’s Spirit by Year-End



Prabhas is set to team up with director Sandeep Reddy Vanga for the upcoming cop drama **Spirit**, produced by Bhushan Kumar. While the actor is currently occupied with other projects, it’s anticipated he’ll start filming by the end of December, as revealed by producer Bhushan Kumar. Although Prabhas is on board, casting for the film remains ongoing.

Fans are particularly curious about the leading lady opposite Prabhas. There was early speculation about Trisha being considered; however, fans

expressed a preference for a younger actress to match Prabhas’s character. Recent reports hint that Vanga may be considering former collaborators Rashmika Mandanna or Kiara Advani, though there has been no official confirmation regarding the heroine’s role.

As excitement builds, **Spirit** is already generating buzz as one of the most anticipated films in Prabhas’s lineup, with fans eagerly awaiting further casting announcements.

GV Prakash’s Music Adds Major Hype to Varun Tej’s Matka

Varun Tej is gearing up for the grand release of *Matka*, directed by Karuna Kumar and featuring Meenakshi Chaudhary as the female lead, with Nora Fatehi in a pivotal role. Initially, *Matka* struggled to generate excitement, but following the release of its trailer and songs, the film has gained significant traction. The latest boost comes from music director GV Prakash, who has made bold claims about the movie’s potential.

Prakash expressed confidence in *Matka*, describing it as an “intense gangster drama” packed with “action, emotion, and stellar performances.” He praised Varun Tej’s role, calling it his “career-best performance” and lauding Karuna Kumar’s direction. Prakash’s musical score, which contributed to his recent successes



with Lucky Bhaskar and Amaran, is expected to play a crucial role in elevating *Matka*.

With the added hype from Prakash’s backing and recent hits, the buzz around *Matka* has noticeably strengthened, setting the stage for what could be a promising opening at the box office. While Prakash’s endorsement has fans eagerly anticipating the film, the final verdict rests with the audience, who will soon get to experience *Matka* in theaters.

Kiran Abbavaram’s “KA” Continues Strong Box Office Run in Second Week

Young actor Kiran Abbavaram’s period thriller *KA* has been performing steadily at the box office since its October 31 release, becoming a memorable Diwali treat for audiences. Directed with an engaging storyline and featuring standout performances, the film has struck a chord with viewers, particularly in B and C centers, where it has received enthusiastic responses.



Kiran Abbavaram, who was eagerly awaited for his next project, has made a strong comeback with *KA*, showcasing his versatility in an intense role that has won him praise from both critics and audiences. The film

has also been released in Chennai and is expected to expand into other languages, allowing it to reach an even wider audience.

Produced by Chinta Gopalakrishna Reddy under the SriChakraas Entertainment banner and presented by Mrs. Chinta Varalakshmi, *KA* stars Nayan Sarika and Tanvi Ram alongside Abbavaram, and has been praised for its gripping narrative and well-executed cinematic elements. The film’s distributor, Vamsi Nandipati, has seen audiences steadily flocking to theaters, contributing to the film’s sustained success even in its second week.

Despite facing competition, *KA* has managed to hold its ground, becoming one of the season’s standout films with its strong content and appeal. Industry figures have congratulated Abbavaram on the success, adding to the momentum and positive reception surrounding the film. With its consistent performance at the box office, *KA* looks set to continue attracting audiences in the coming weeks, solidifying its position as a crowd favorite this season.