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Modi spreading false propaganda against Telangana

- * Maharashtra BJP leaders are spreading false propaganda against Telangana
- * Modi should stop telling lies
- * Most of the farmers committed suicide in Maharashtra

TPN , Telangana : Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, during his visit to Mumbai on Saturday, accused Prime Minister Narendra Modi and BJP leaders of spreading false propaganda against the Congress-led Telangana government. Reddy warned that if Modi continues with misleading statements, he will respond by highlighting the truth.

Reddy noted that Maharashtra, with its rich history and influential figures such as Mahatma Jyotiba Phule, Bal Gangadhar Tilak, Savitribai Phule, and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, should resist BJP's divisive tactics. He criticized Modi for shifting 17 major projects from Maharashtra to Gujarat, calling it a betrayal of the state's interests.

Highlighting his government's achievements, CM Reddy stated that within ten months, Telangana filled over 50,000 government jobs and launched the Mahalakshmi scheme, providing gas at Rs. 500. He reported that 50 lakh citizens have benefited from 200 units of free electricity, and 4 crore women have availed free bus travel through an investment of Rs. 3,541 crores into the RTC. The state also offers a support price of Rs. 500 for rice.

Reddy mentioned the implementation of a Rs. 2 lakh loan waiver for farmers, totaling Rs. 17,869 crores for 22,22,067 farmers in just 25 days. He urged Modi to include the Telangana caste census in the 2025 national census.

Concluding, Reddy called on the people of Maharashtra to reject the BJP, which he claimed had failed them, and uphold their state's proud legacy.

KCR Confident of BRS Comeback

- * People understood what was lost
- * Authority given not to demolish.. to build
- * 100 percent victory in the next elections is ours: KCR
- * KCR said that he is not afraid of arrests

TPN , Hyderabad: After a prolonged period of silence, Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) president and former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhar Rao expressed strong confidence that his party would reclaim power in Telangana. Addressing party workers from the Palakurthi Assembly Constituency at his residence in Erravalli, KCR pointed to the rising dissatisfaction among different sections of society and the frequent protests against the Congress-led government as clear signs of public discontent.

KCR noted that it has been 11 months since the Congress assumed power, during which time the people have realized the void left by the BRS's absence. He emphasized that the BRS had a proven track record of nurturing Telangana, implementing over 90 percent of its promises, and even launching additional initiatives beyond its original commitments. According to him, this legacy has not been matched by the current administration.

Highlighting the current challenges, KCR criticized the Congress government for its approach, arguing that governance should be defined by tangible actions rather than mere words. He questioned whether the Congress was genuinely using its mandate to serve the people or squandering it on ineffective rhetoric. He reassured party members that the BRS did not make empty promises and stood by its commitment to creating an equitable society

that benefits all.

In his speech, KCR also addressed the increasing challenges faced by BRS leaders and supporters, including what he termed police high-handedness, cases filed against them, and other forms of pressure. He urged the party cadre not to be intimidated by illegal cases or threats of arrest, emphasizing the importance of fighting these battles legally and re-

maining committed to the party's goals.

The gathering also witnessed leaders from various political backgrounds joining the BRS, reflecting shifting political alignments ahead of the next election. KCR concluded by assuring party members that public trust in the BRS remains strong and that with continued hard work and determination, the party is poised for a victorious return.

Kishan Reddy: Congress Fails to Deliver on Promises to Farmers

- * Is this the same for trampling with bulldozers..?
- * BJP is not against moosi purge..
- * Against demolition of poor houses- Kishan Reddy

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Dalit Bandhu Protest: Huzurabad MLA Detained

- * If Dalit Bandhu is not given, there is no question of settling down
- * MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy sitting on the road
- * Kaushik Reddy fell unconscious in the police chase
- * KTR and Harish condemned the behavior of the police against Kaushik Reddy

TPN , Hyderabad : BRS leader and Huzurabad MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy was arrested on Saturday, November 8, for demanding

the release of the second phase of Dalit Bandhu funds in Karimnagar district. Following his arrest, Reddy complained of chest pain and was admitted to the Huzurabad government hospital for treatment.

Earlier, Reddy announced plans to invite applications from eligible Dalits for the second phase of the Dalit Bandhu scheme. On Saturday morning, hundreds of Dalits gathered at his residence, joining him in a march toward Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's statue in the town. During the protest, police intervened and forcibly arrested the MLA, during which he reportedly sustained injuries.

Reddy, later taken to the Huzurabad police station, accused Chief Minister Revanth Reddy of orchestrating violence against him. "CM Revanth Reddy is planning to murder me. They beat me up and tore my clothes. You can see how a circle inspector held my collar," Reddy stated before being transferred to the hospital.

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Huzurabad MLA Detained

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BRS working president KT Rama Rao (KTR) condemned the arrest, questioning whether it was wrong for an MLA to demand the release of welfare funds. He warned that police officers involved in arresting BRS leaders would face consequences once the party returns to power. KTR also demanded action against the officers responsible and called for the release of the arrested BRS workers.

The Dalit Bandhu scheme, launched by the previous BRS government in April 2021, aims to empower marginalized communities by providing Rs. 10 lakh to eligible Dalit households to establish sustainable income sources and improve socio-economic status.

Kishan Reddy: Congress Fails to Deliver on Promises to Farmers

*** Is this the same for trampling with bulldozers..?**
*** Against demolition of poor houses- Kishan Reddy**

TPN , Hyderabad : Union Minister Kishan Reddy made strong statements while inspecting rice procurement centers in Pochampally village, Yadagirigutta-Bhuvanagiri district. Speaking to the media, he criticized Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's remarks, describing them as "degenerate." Kishan Reddy asserted that while they support the Moosi river cleanup project, they oppose the demolition of houses belonging to the poor.



The Union Minister also accused the Congress government of betraying farmers by not fulfilling promises made during the election. He highlighted that despite

announcing a bonus of Rs. 500 for farmers, the government later limited it to only small farmers. He expressed skepticism about the Congress's plans for the Moosi cleanup, estimated to cost Rs. 1.5 lakh crore, questioning their financial strategy and timeline for implementation.

Kishan Reddy noted that farmers are struggling to sell their hard-earned crops, emphasizing that not a single election guarantee has been fully implemented in the

state. He called out the Congress leadership for failing to deliver on their promises and challenged Congress leader Rahul Gandhi to visit rice procurement centers in Telangana to witness the situation firsthand.

The Union Minister's comments add to the ongoing debate over the effectiveness of the Congress government's initiatives and the challenges facing farmers in Telangana.

Telangana Marks One Year with 26-Day Celebration

Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka has announced



TPN , Hyderabad: Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka has announced grand public celebrations to commemorate the first anniversary of the Congress government under Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. The "Public Victory Celebrations" will span 26 days, from November 14 to December 9, and will take place across

the state to showcase the government's achievements and welfare initiatives. Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka stated that the current administration was formed after the "overthrow of an autocratic government" and has since implemented unprecedented welfare and development measures. The celebrations will serve to inform the public

about these transformative initiatives and foster community participation.

Key programs to be highlighted include the free RTC bus travel for women, free gas cylinders, 200 units of free electricity for low-income households, Arogya Sri health schemes, and the Indira Mahila Shakti program. Bhatti pointed out that 50,000 government jobs have been created, agricultural loans amounting to Rs. 18,000 crores have been waived, and Rs. 20,000 crores in interest-free loans have been extended to women's groups.

The festivities will begin on November 14, Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru's birthday, with cultural events

planned throughout the state. The celebrations will culminate on December 9 with a spectacular laser show in Bhagyanagar, featuring thousands of performers. The event will also include the distribution of appointment letters to successful Group-4 exam candidates and the announcement of new departmental policies. The celebrations will also feature the signing of new industrial agreements, the foundation-laying ceremony for a Sports University, the inauguration of 16 nursing and 28 paramedical colleges, and the foundation stone for the new Osmania Hospital building. The launch of the State Disaster Response Force and programs showcasing state security measures will also be part of the festivities.

Ponnam Criticizes BJP's Opposition to Caste Census



TPN , Telangana : Minister Ponnam Prabhakar has criticized BJP leaders, particularly Rajya Sabha MP Laxman, for opposing the caste census. Speaking at a media conference, Ponnam questioned whether the BJP supports a nationwide caste enumeration and whether they would pressure the central government to conduct it. He demanded that Laxman clarify the party's stance, warning that blocking the survey would brand him a traitor.

Ponnam accused the BJP of using religion to color elections and claimed the party is against the welfare of SC, ST, BC, and minority communities. He urged the public to remain indifferent to BJP leaders. He pointed to past incidents, including the arrest of Hemant Soren over reservations in Rajasthan, and questioned Modi's record on welfare for the weaker sections.

Harish Rao: CM Revanth Reddy Lied to the People

TPN , Telangana : Former Minister Harish Rao strongly criticized Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, accusing him of betraying the people and failing to deliver on promises. Speaking at the Rythu Garjana event in Kolcharam, Medak district, on Saturday, Harish Rao accused Revanth Reddy of "cheating even the gods" with his false promises. He claimed that Revanth Reddy is the only CM to have "lied to the gods" and criticized him for not fulfilling the six guarantees made to the public, particularly the delayed loan waivers.

Harish Rao further attacked Revanth Reddy for his diversionary politics, especially in response to protests over unfulfilled promises such as the loan waivers, Rythu Bandhu scheme, and KCR kits. He mocked the Chief Minister's rhetoric, comparing his leadership to a "Titla regime" and comparing his words to the "stale smell of Musi dust." Harish Rao even took aim at Revanth Reddy's comments, suggesting they should be censored for their offensive nature.

The former minister also accused the Congress party of betraying the trust of the people by failing to implement the six guarantees within the promised 100 days. He claimed that the Congress



government has failed to keep its promises, turning into a "party of postponements" and a "government of delays."

Harish Rao went on to allege that illegal cases were being filed against those questioning the government on social media. He warned that if

such cases continue, the government would be made to pay with interest, drawing a parallel to the situation in Andhra Pradesh.

Finally, he emphasized that, in contrast, the BRS had successfully waived off a significant portion of farmers' loans and delivered on its promises.

Minister Thummala Assures Full Support for Farmers

TPN , Telangana : Minister Tummala Nag-eswara Rao announced that Ramannapet in Yadadri district will be restored as a new market to benefit farmers. Speaking about the current situation, he highlighted that the BRS government has not received any assistance from the central government, which has resulted in significant financial losses for cooperative societies. He assured that the government will soon release pending funds for craftsmen and continues its support for the handloom sector by providing sarees to every woman in Telangana. Additionally, the government has waived the debts of families dependent on handloom.



Regarding agriculture, Minister Thummala assured farmers that the government will purchase all grains brought to the markets. He emphasized that the milling charges for wood purchase have been increased in consultation with millers. Thummala also mentioned that farmers must bring grain and cotton without moisture for sale. The Minister proudly noted that Telangana has waived off loans for 22 lakh farmers, with Nalgonda district recording the highest number of waivers in the state. He further pledged that all pending irrigation projects would be completed and that farmers' loans would be fully waived by December 9, 2024.

Minister Uttam Urges Swift Action on Paddy Procurement Process



TPN , Hyderabad: Telangana Civil Supplies and Irrigation Minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy has directed officials to expedite the paddy procurement process across the state. Speaking at a Cabinet Sub-Committee meeting on paddy procurement on November 8, the minister emphasized the need for faster procurement and smooth storage, particularly in districts where millers were not cooperating.

Uttam Kumar Reddy commended the procurement arrangements in most districts but noted that some areas required faster action. He instructed the Civil Supplies Com-

missioner and officials to procure and store paddy in intermediary godowns if millers failed to cooperate. The state has arranged 30 lakh metric tonnes of godown space with the State Warehousing Corporation for storage.

The minister reassured that the government would bear the additional costs involved in storing paddy in intermediary godowns and custom milling. "Farmers should not face any inconvenience anywhere in the state," he stressed.

Uttam Kumar Reddy also highlighted Telangana's expected

record yield of 150 lakh metric tonnes of paddy, making this year's procurement process the largest in terms of scale and volume. To support farmers, the government has announced a bonus of Rs 500 per quintal for fine paddy.

The minister urged millers to cooperate fully, stressing that Telangana offers more favorable conditions, including a low bank guarantee requirement compared to neighboring Andhra Pradesh. He instructed officials to ensure timely procurement and resolve any issues to avoid delays and hardships for farmers.



BJP’s Bandi Sanjay Attacks CM Revanth Reddy's Leadership



TPN , Telangana : Union Home Minister Bandi Sanjay Kumar, along with BJP workers and ABVP leaders, attended a screening of the film Jitender Reddy at Mamta Theater in Karimnagar. During the event, he congratulated the film's hero, Rakesh Varre, and the entire film unit. Afterward, he addressed the media, launching a strong critique of the state government.

Bandi Sanjay accused Chief Minister Revanth Reddy of misleading the people of Telangana by claiming that promises, including loan waivers and the implementation of the six guar-

antees, were being fulfilled. He challenged Reddy to go on a walk to explain these promises and their progress to the people. Sanjay also expressed concern about the appointment of individuals with alleged Naxalite ties to the Education Commission, questioning what message such appointments sent to society.

The BJP leader also criticized the KCR-led government, alleging that it had burdened each family in Telangana with debts exceeding Rs 1 lakh. He compared the situation to the Congress government, accusing them

of further impoverishing the people by taking on even more debt. Sanjay claimed that the people of Telangana had grown disillusioned with KCR, as the Chief Minister is only visible during elections and fails to take action during crises such as floods or farmer distress.

Sanjay also took a swipe at KTR, stating that while he was seen in rave parties, the public continued to suffer. He concluded by asserting that the people of Telangana no longer trust KCR's family or the governance of the Congress party.

KTR Warns Police Over Attack on MLA Kaushik Reddy



TPN , Telangana : BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) has issued a stern warning to the Telangana Police following a brutal attack on Huzurabad MLA Kaushik Reddy. KTR condemned the police's actions, which he described as an indiscriminate assault on public representatives. He expressed his anger, stating that the police were attacking elected officials and citizens simply for questioning the government, particularly over the second tranche of financial aid under the

Dalit Bandhu scheme.

KTR called out the government for fostering a culture of repression, referring to it as "Indiramma's kingdom" and accused Chief Minister Revanth Reddy of fearfully attacking those who questioned the promises made by the government. He criticized the CM for tolerating such brutality against individuals standing up for the public's rights.

He further warned that police officers acting inappropriately under government pressure would face consequences, asserting, "they will surely pay with mitti (mud) when they come." KTR expressed strong disapproval of the police attack on Kaushik Reddy, labeling it cowardly. He also demanded immediate action against the officers involved and called for the release of all BRS activists arrested during the incident.

KTR's remarks reflect growing tensions within the ruling BRS as public representatives increasingly voice concerns over unfulfilled promises and alleged government corruption.

Komatireddy Announces Padayatra for Musi River Revival



TPN , Telangana : Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy has reaffirmed his commitment to the Musi River revival project, stating that no BRS leaders, including KTR or Harish Rao, will stop the initiative. Speaking to the media on Saturday, Komatireddy emphasized that the Musi will be cleansed and revived,

despite opposition. He announced plans to join Chief Minister Revanth Reddy in a padayatra from Vadapally to Charnimar in January, to raise awareness for the cause.

Komatireddy criticized the BRS government for its ten-year tenure, during which he claimed the state accumulated a debt of Rs. 7 lakh crore. He pointed out that despite this large debt, a mere Rs. 20 crore had been allocated for the development of the Musi River. The Minister strongly condemned the lack of action and promised that the people of the joint Nalgonda district would reject BRS leaders who oppose the project.

Ibrahimpatnam MLA Malreddy Rangareddy also supported the CM's padayatra, stressing that it was crucial to understand the struggles of the Musi's residents. He criticized KTR and Harish Rao for expressing anger over the march, accusing them of speaking out of turn against the initiative.

MLA Mal Reddy Criticizes KTR, Harish Rao in Strong Words



TPN , Telangana : Rangareddy MLA Mal Reddy launched a scathing attack on KCR, KTR, and Harish Rao, accusing them of hypocrisy and corruption. He dismissed KTR's claims of being a "Gandhi," stating that it was not KCR but the people who had sold thousands of acres of land in Rangareddy district. Reddy emphasized that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, unlike KCR, did not engage in petty talk.

He also questioned Harish Rao's rise to power, sarcastically asking how Harish Rao, once seen in rubber sandals, accumulated such vast properties. Reddy remarked that Revanth Reddy had worked his way up from a ZPTC member to Chief Minister. Reddy further criticized Harish Rao's loyalty to KCR, saying that even the Yadagiri Gutta temple was more closely associated with Harish Rao's father. He warned that if they continued to attack the CM, their own faults would soon be exposed.

Maheshwar Reddy Demands Immediate Paddy Purchases

TPN , Telangana : BJP leader Eleti Maheshwar Reddy, along with BJP state general secretary Gujjula Pramender Reddy and MLA Rama Rao Patel, visited the grain buying center in Alur village, Sarangapur mandal, where farmers voiced their frustration. They explained that although a month had passed since the paddy harvest, the purchase process had still not begun, despite grain being poured into the mills.

Speaking with the Additional Collector, Maheshwar Reddy emphasized the urgency of beginning the grain purchases immediately. He also highlighted the lack



of support from the state government,

questioning why rice mills had not been allocated to agencies after months of deliberations. He demanded that all necessary facilities be set up at purchase centers statewide and that grain collection begin promptly.

Maheshwar Reddy warned that if the issue remained unresolved, farmers might take to the streets in large numbers. He also stated that the BJP state leadership would organize a movement to address the issue, pressing for the government to take immediate action to assist the farmers.

Vinod Kumar Condemns Lathi Charge on Dalits



TPN , Telangana : Former MP Boinapally Vinod Kumar condemned the actions of police forces in Huzurabad constituency, alleging that they were working on behalf of CM Revanth Reddy. Kumar strongly criticized the lathi charge on Dalits protesting for the second phase of the Dalit Bandhu scheme, stating that such actions were unnecessary and would not deter the movement. He also condemned the freezing of Dalit Bandhu beneficiary accounts under the current government, which was supposed to provide financial aid to 5,000 beneficiaries.

The protest, led by Dalit Bandhu recipients, was aimed at ensuring the continuation of the finan-

cial assistance promised by the KCR government, which had initially chosen Huzurabad as a pilot project for the scheme. While KCR's government had deposited funds into the beneficiaries' accounts, the Revanth Reddy administration froze these accounts, causing widespread frustration among the beneficiaries.

Kumar and other leaders have demanded that the government lift the freeze and allow beneficiaries to access their funds. The protest continues to highlight the unfulfilled promises and growing dissatisfaction with the handling of Dalit welfare schemes under the current government.

Good News for Farmers: Rs 2 Lakh Loan Waiver by December

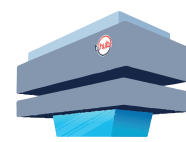


TPN , Telangana : In a major relief for farmers in Telangana, Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy announced that a loan waiver of up to Rs. 2 lakh for farmers will be completed before the end of December. Speaking at a recent media conference, Reddy assured that the state government would continue to purchase the harvested crops, ensuring that every grain is bought from farmers, regardless of the amount. He further confirmed that a support price

will be provided for the crops to ensure farmers are compensated fairly.

Reddy also addressed the pending dues, stating that the government would deposit Rs. 13,000 crore in the accounts of farmers by December. Emphasizing the government's commitment to its promises, he reassured farmers that no one would be left out, and the loan waiver process would continue until completion.

Additionally, the Minister revealed that the appointment documents for Group-1 candidates will be issued in December, further supporting the agricultural sector and other areas of government service. The government's strong support aims to ease the financial burdens on farmers and ensure their sustained welfare.



Akbaruddin Owaisi's Key Comments: Bullet Still in My Body

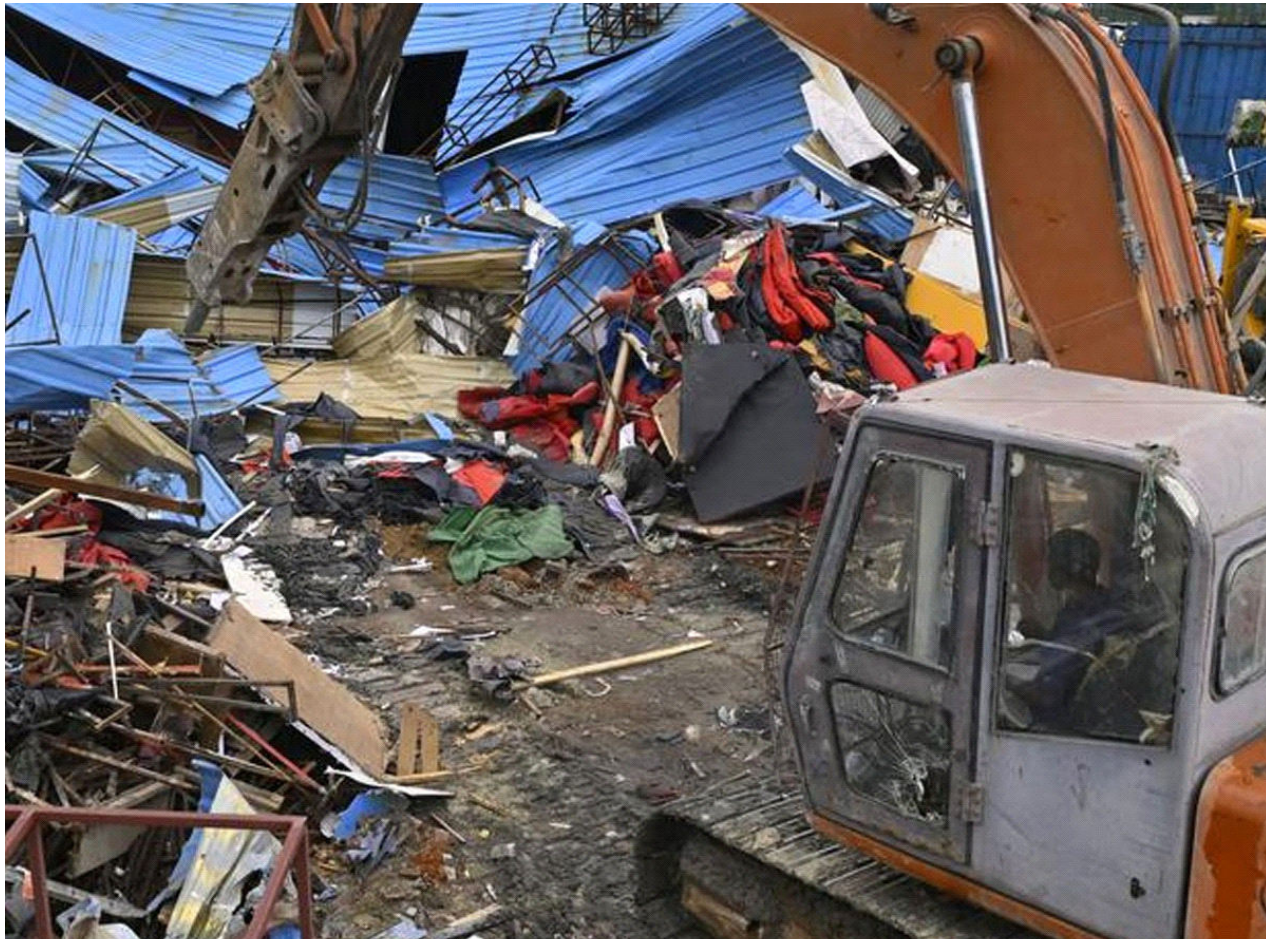
TPN , Telangana : Akbaruddin Owaisi, the prominent leader of the All India Majlis-e-Ittehad-ul-Muslimeen (AIMIM) and MLA from Chandrayanagutta, made striking remarks during his election campaign in Maharashtra on Saturday. Speaking about his health, Owaisi revealed, "My lungs are damaged... they are not working. The bullet is still in my body. Doctors often tell me not to travel," highlighting the physical toll he has endured.

He also expressed frustration with the police, accusing them of acting as if they were aligned with the ruling party. Owaisi criticized the force for attempting to dictate what he should say during public addresses, suggesting they were overstepping their duties.

Additionally, Owaisi addressed the campaign restrictions, noting that public meetings should be allowed to continue until 10 PM. His comment, "15 more minutes are left," has gone viral on social media, drawing responses from BJP leaders who have since countered his statements.

Owaisi's comments reflect both his personal struggle and political challenges, sparking debate across social media and among political circles.

HYDRA Demolitions Continue in Film Nagar



TPN , Telangana : HYDRA demolitions in Hyderabad are continuing, with a recent operation in Film Nagar. The Hyderabad Development and Reconstruction Authority (HYDRA), in coordination with GHMC (Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation) officials, removed illegal encroachments after receiving complaints from local residents about construction obstructing the road.

The inspection revealed that several constructions had encroached upon the road, prompting officials to take action. As a result, a shed and a guardhouse were demolished to clear the encroachment. The authorities acted swiftly, with HYDRA officials ensuring that the debris was immediately cleared after the demolition.

HYDRA Commissioner Ranganath, following the operation, spoke to GHMC Khairatabad Zonal Commissioner Anurag Jayanthi, suggesting the immediate construction of a road in place of the cleared encroachments to restore proper access.

The operation is part of a larger effort by HYDRA to tackle illegal constructions and encroachments across the city, addressing concerns from citizens about their impact on public infrastructure and road access. The ongoing demolitions have raised questions and concerns among some locals about the future of similar encroachments, but officials remain committed to clearing the city of such illegal structures for the betterment of Hyderabad's infrastructure.

Robbery at Minister Sridhar Babu's House Raises Concerns

TPN , Hyderabad: A theft occurred at the residence of Telangana Minister Sridhar Babu, sparking concerns about security, even in high-profile political households. The incident took place at the Minister's Quarters on Banjara Hills Road No. 12 during Diwali, where it was discovered that a cellphone had been stolen. The theft was immediately reported to the police, and Minister Sridhar Babu lodged a formal complaint.

The police have registered a case and are actively investigating the matter. CCTV footage from the area is being scrutinized to identify any potential suspects. The locals, alarmed by the theft, are raising concerns about their own safety, questioning the efficacy of security measures when even a minister's home is targeted. This incident follows a similar robbery at Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka's house just a month ago, amplifying the growing fears among residents.

The case has drawn attention to the rising incidents of theft in the state, leaving the public demanding stronger protective measures and swift action from the police.

High Court Chief Justice Inaugurates Additional Courts

TPN , Hyderabad: On Friday, November 8, Telangana High Court Chief Justice Alok Aradhe inaugurated additional District and Sessions Judge courts in Shadnagar and Ibrahimpatnam, located within the Rangareddy district. The event was conducted virtually from the High Court and was attended by Justices P Shyam Koshy, T Vinod Kumar, K Lakshman, and B Vijayasen Reddy.

At the Shadnagar court complex, a large television screen was set up for attendees to witness the ceremony. Justice C Ratnapadmavati unveiled the plaque for the new Additional District and Sessions Judge court, marking a significant step towards improving judicial accessibility.

Justice Alok Aradhe emphasized that the establishment of these new courts is a critical move to ensure swift justice for the public. He also inaugurated the 15th additional District and Sessions Judge court in Ibrahimpatnam, underscoring that these courts were set up following directives from the Supreme Court to enhance access to judicial services for local communities. The new courts are expected to ease the burden on existing judicial systems and facilitate quicker resolution of cases in the region.

Tension After Man Damages Temple Trishul; VHP Demands SIT Probe

TPN , Hyderabad: Tension erupted in Shamshabad on Saturday, November 9, when a man identified as Kishore damaged a 'trishul' at the Katta Maisamma temple in Siddanti village. Kishore, a local resident, was seen vandalizing the sacred trishul, which led to immediate action from the locals. They apprehended the accused and physically assaulted him before the police arrived and took him into custody. A case has been registered in connection with the incident.

The act sparked protests from local villagers, who gathered at the scene to voice their anger. The police intervened to disperse the crowd and deployed a police picket in the area to prevent further unrest.

The Vishwa Hindu Parishad (VHP) has strongly condemned the act, calling for a Special Investigation Team (SIT) to investigate the increasing attacks on Hindu temples in Telangana. VHP spokesperson P. Balaswamy accused the Telangana police of failing to prevent these incidents. He pointed to the lack of action in previous cases, such as the Muthyalamma temple vandalism, where he claimed Hindu protesters were unjustly beaten while the perpetrators of the vandalism were not properly investigated.



Bitter Experience for Enumerators in Comprehensive Family Survey

TPN , Telangana : Enumerators conducting the Comprehensive Family Survey in Hyderabad faced a challenging experience on November 9. The survey, which had initially seen stickers being pasted on doors from November 6 to 8, took a troubling turn for some enumerators. Two women enumerators, Apurupa and Ramyashree, who are government school teachers in Banjara Hills, were allegedly abused while conducting the survey at a house in Arora Colony.

According to reports, the house owners became hostile and verbally abused the enumerators, even un-

leashing their dogs on them. The frightened women informed the authorities about the incident, leading to widespread attention on social media. The matter quickly went viral, prompting Telangana police to step in. Authorities have been tagged to investigate the incident and take necessary action against the individuals responsible for abandoning the dogs.

This incident highlights the difficulties faced by enumerators in the ongoing family survey, raising concerns over the safety and treatment of personnel carrying out public duties.

Food Safety Raid at CCMB Canteen Uncovers Major Health Violations

TPN , Hyderabad: A surprise raid by the Food Safety Department at the canteen of the Center for Cellular and Molecular Biology (CCMB) in Hab-siguda, Secunderabad, on Friday, November 8, revealed numerous violations of food safety norms. The canteen was found operating without a valid FSSAI license, and serious health hazards were observed.

Inspectors discovered cockroaches and rat faeces in the kitchen's storage rack. The kitchen lacked proper window and door screens, and the floor was in poor condition with broken tiles. Several expired food items, including Kohlapur jaggery, kasuri methi, and sabudana, were found, some having expired in October.

Other violations included open dustbins attracting pests, unlabelled food items in the refrigerators, and items like wheat flour stored directly on the floor. Furthermore, the canteen did not possess the required FSSAI or Food Safety Training and Certification (FoSTaC) certificates.

The Food Safety Department is expected to take further action against the canteen for these severe violations, which jeopardize public health and safety.



Police Bust International Human Trafficking Ring, Rescue 3 Women

TPN , Hyderabad : On Saturday, November 9, the Anti-Human Trafficking Unit (AHTU) of Hyderabad police successfully busted an international human trafficking ring operated by Bangladeshi nationals. In the operation, three women were rescued, and several incriminating items were seized, including 11 mobile phones, 3 used condoms, a DVR, and a small quantity of ganja.

The accused were identified as Saleem Mondal, his wife Maria Inchem, Nadipudi Naga Narasimhababu, and Suman Kumar Guru alias Ravi Kumar, who is currently absconding. Acting on credible intelligence, the police raided rooms 104 and



204 of a hotel where the accused were found conducting prostitution activities with a customer.

The victims, aged 22, 20, and 21, hailed from Manikonda, West Bengal, and Assam, respectively.

They were rescued and moved to a rescue home for rehabilitation. According to D Kavitha, Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) for the Women Safety Wing, Saleem Mondal had been in contact with Suman Kumar, who was trafficking women from Bangladesh into India.

The case has been transferred to Saifabad Police Station for further investigation, as the authorities continue their efforts to dismantle the trafficking network. The successful raid highlights the growing efforts of Hyderabad police to combat human trafficking and ensure the safety of vulnerable individuals.



Telangana ACB Arrests Sub-Inspector for Accepting Bribe



TPN , Hyderabad : A sub-inspector (SI) of Varni police station in Nizamabad district, Krishna Kumar, was arrested by the Telangana Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Friday, November 8, for accepting a bribe of Rs 20,000.

The bribe was demanded in exchange for granting station bail to a farmer, Nagaraju, who had been arrested for physical assault on November 4. Initially, SI Krishna Kumar asked for Rs 50,000, but after Nagaraju expressed his inability to pay, the officer reduced the amount to Rs 20,000. Nagaraju agreed to the reduced amount but decided to report the incident to the ACB.

Following the complaint, the ACB set up a trap and apprehended SI Krishna Kumar while he was accepting the bribe. The officer was subsequently charged, and a case was registered against him. He was produced before the ACB court and remanded to judicial custody. The ACB officials have vowed to continue their efforts to tackle corruption within the police department and ensure accountability for officers involved in unethical practices.

Six Maoist Sympathisers Arrested, Pressure Cooker Bomb Seized

TPN , Kothagudem: Six sympathisers of the CPI (Maoist) party were arrested by Cherla police, special party personnel, and CRPF 141 C battalion near the Taliperu project in Cherla mandal on Saturday. The arrests followed an operation conducted by security forces engaged in area domination near a forest area close to the project.

Manugur DSP V. Ravindra Reddy confirmed that the security forces spotted the suspects and apprehended them. During the operation, a pressure cooker bomb with electric wires attached was discovered in their possession.

Upon questioning, the arrested individuals admitted to being Maoist sympathisers and revealed their involvement in a bomb blast on October 17 in the Gorukonda area, which targeted security personnel.

The arrested individuals were identified as Madakam Deva, Sodi Unga, Sodi Kosa, Madakam Idma, Kaluma Aduma, and Kovvasi Bhimaiah, all from Chennapuram village in Cherla mandal. The police have seized the pressure cooker bomb from them.



DSP Ravindra Reddy warned that strict action would be taken against anyone supporting Maoists, whether directly or indirectly. Senior CRPF officials Rajesh Dogra and S. Singaravel, along with Cherla SHO A. Raju Varma and SI R. Narsi Reddy, were present during the operation.

Foundation Stone Laid for Skills University in Telangana



TPN , Hyderabad: The foundation stone for the Young India Skills University was laid by Megha Engineering & Infrastructures Limited (MEIL) at the Net Zero Valley in Meerkhanpet, Kandukur Mandal, Ranga Reddy district, on Friday. The event marked a significant step towards creating a world-class institution focused on skill development.

The university project was launched following a Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) signed on October 26. Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and MEIL Managing Director PV Krishna Reddy were present at the ceremony. MEIL has committed Rs 200 crore for the construction of the university, aiming to set international standards in both education and infrastructure.

The university will feature eco-friendly, sustainable infrastructure, including an academic block, administration block, library, auditorium, advanced classrooms, and laboratories. Designed with a zero-carbon footprint, the campus will utilize open-air systems and advanced ventilation, eliminating the need for air conditioning.

The foundation ceremony was also attended by MEIL Director Ravi P. Reddy, Vice President G. Shiva Kumar, Project Managers Madan Kumar and Venkateshwarulu, and other key project team members. The university's focus on global standards and sustainability promises to set a benchmark in skill development education.

Weaver Couple Ends Life in Sircilla

TPN , Hyderabad: A tragic incident has been reported in Sircilla, where a weaver couple reportedly ended their lives due to financial distress. According to local sources, Amar, who ran powerlooms and engaged in small businesses, had been facing severe economic hardships. For the past six months, there had been no work available, and as a result, Amar was forced to sell his powerlooms three months ago.

The couple, unable to cope with the mounting financial strain, took the extreme step, leaving behind their family in grief. This incident has brought attention to the ongoing struggles faced by the weaving community in the region, particularly in the face of economic challenges and lack of support for traditional industries like handloom weaving.



The local community and authorities have expressed deep sorrow over the tragic loss, with many calling for immediate intervention and support to help prevent such incidents in the future.



Sniffer Dog Uncovers Ganja Plants During Raid at Warangal Station

TPN , Hyderabad: A routine anti-narcotic raid at Warangal railway station on Thursday, November 7, led to an unexpected discovery when a sniffer dog found ganja plants growing on a nearby terrace.

Following the dog's trail, the police reached the building's terrace, where they found two live ganja plants. The owner of the house, Pallaboina Kumar, was immediately arrested, and the plants were seized. Anti-narcotics department inspector Suresh commended the dog's sharp instincts, stating, "We thought it would be a routine check at the station, but it turned into a terrace discovery just steps away."

ITDA Brings Education to Doorsteps of Tribal Students in Remote Village



TPN , Kothagudem: The ITDA Bhadrachalam has launched an initiative to bring education closer to tribal children in a remote village in Dummugudem mandal. In the old Narayanarapeta village, 30 tribal boys and girls were unable to attend school due to the distance to the nearest tribal welfare primary school.

When the village residents raised the issue with ITDA project officer B. Rahul,

highlighting the logistical challenges in sending their children to distant schools, the officer responded by sanctioning Rs 4.50 lakh to build a new school in the village. The school, which features an iron-sheet roof, has now begun functioning, providing access to education for the children.

Rahul emphasized the importance of foundational learning and assured that the tribal welfare department would support the educational needs of these children. Educational materials such as books, pencils, and other resources have been provided. He also stressed the significance of teaching children the Koya language and familiarizing them with their cultural heritage. Rahul encouraged parents to speak to their children in their native language at home to strengthen their cultural identity and academic development.

Villagers Boycott Family Survey Over Ethanol Plant Concerns in Nirmal

TPN , Hyderabad: Villagers in Gundampalli and Dilawarpur in Nirmal district's Dilawarpur Mandal have boycotted a comprehensive family survey, citing concerns over the establishment of an ethanol plant in their area.

In response to the boycott, Telangana BC Commission Chairman G. Niranjan contacted Nirmal District Collector Abhilash Abhinav to gather details and address the situation. Niranjan encouraged the collector to engage with the villagers, explaining the benefits of the survey and addressing their concerns to prevent further disruptions.

District authorities have assured that efforts are underway to connect with the villagers. The Collector is reportedly in touch with community representatives to facilitate the survey process and resolve objections. A formal letter from the BC Commission has been submitted to the Collector, emphasizing the importance of the survey and requesting the community's cooperation.

Meanwhile, on November 7, farmers and representatives from ethanol manufacturing units met with the Telangana Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Commission. Both sides presented their arguments on the establishment of ethanol units, with farmers questioning the benefits, while ethanol plant representatives highlighted the high production costs and the impracticality of shutting down operations.

Revanth Reddy's Effigy Burnt in Asifabad Over Controversial Remarks



TPN , Telangana : Kumram Bheem Asifabad: MLA Kova Lakshmi and BRS cadres participated in burning an effigy of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy in Asifabad on Saturday, in protest against his recent remarks about former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekhara Rao.

Lakshmi criticized Revanth Reddy for his "objectionable and filthy" comments, particularly his statement that KCR would be "crushed to death by bulldozers" if he halted the Musi river rejuvenation project. The MLA condemned the remark, calling it derogatory and shocking, especially considering KCR's inspirational role in the state's development.

The MLA also accused the Telangana government of wasting public money under the guise of the river rejuvenation project. She emphasized that while freedom of expression is vital in democracy, such remarks against a former leader were unacceptable. Lakshmi demanded that Revanth Reddy withdraw his statement and apologize to the people of Telangana for his offensive comments.

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 Kudiyaal, 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..."

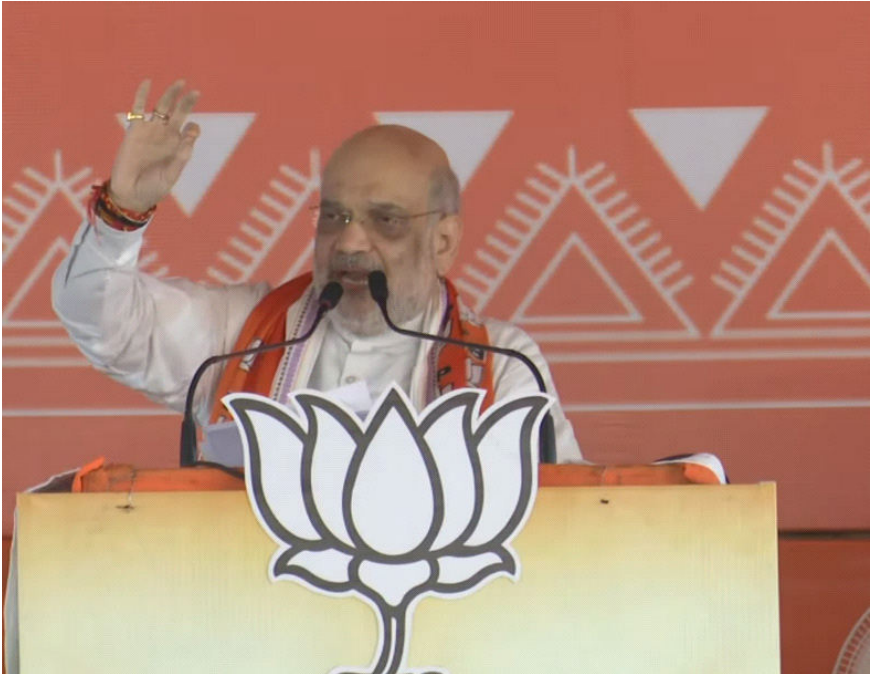
Union Home Minister Amit Shah, at a BJP rally in Palamu, accused Congress leader Rahul Gandhi of disrespecting the Constitution by presenting a "fake" copy and vowed that the BJP would prevent Congress from implementing reservations for minorities. Shah asserted that the BJP, under Prime Minister Narendra 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.

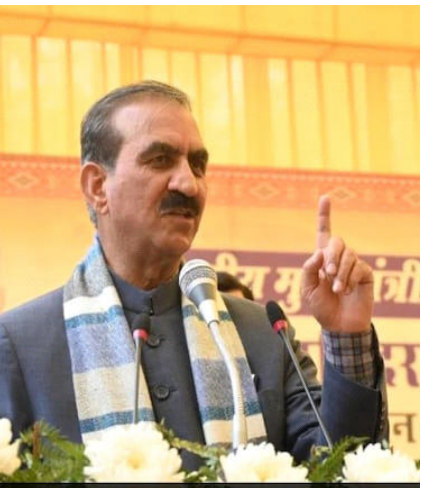
Who Ate Himachal Pradesh CM's Samosas?

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.



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.

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.



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.



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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.



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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-



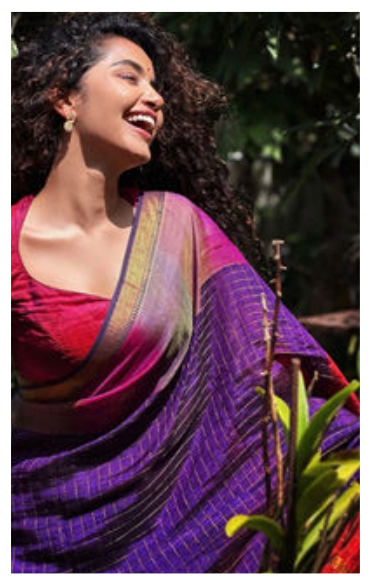
traordinary level of attention before its release. If the upcoming trailer and songs sustain this momentum, Game Changer could go from a long-delayed project to a record-breaking hit.

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.

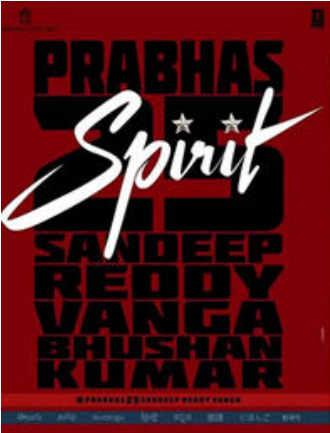
Sukumar and DSP have had a successful collaboration since Sukumar’s debut, producing numerous chart-topping soundtracks across their films together. DSP’s work has often been viewed as integral to Sukumar’s cinematic style. However, due to DSP’s other profession-

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.