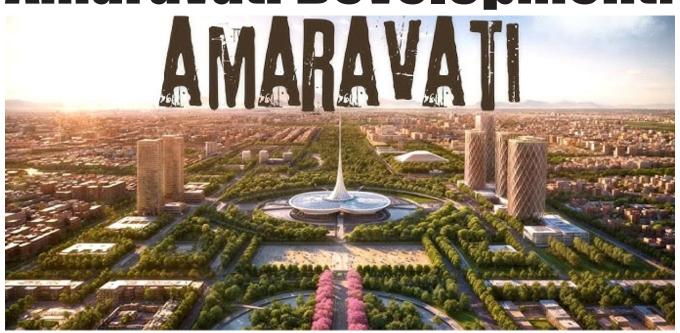


Big Update

Key Orders on Loan for Amaravati Development!



update has emerged regarding Andhra Pradesh's capital, Amaravati. A loan of ₹15,000 crore has been sanctioned by the World Bank and Asian Development Bank (ADB) for the construction of Amaravati. The Andhra Pradesh government has issued orders on the utilization of these funds, empowering the Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA) to implement the development plan for Amaravati and finalize the necessary procedures.

According to the order, the World Bank and ADB will jointly provide the ₹15,000 crore loan to the CRDA. The government has specified that this funding should support tribute any additional necessary struction plans will be overseen activities that ensure Amaravati funds. meets the highest standards of in-

employment opportunities. The CRDA has been instructed to focus on essential facilities, including main roads, ducts, drains, canals, water reservoirs, and safe drinking water, to enhance public life in the capital region.

The proposals presented by AP CRDA for the development of the capital have been approved by the Central Financial Affairs Department. With this approval, the World Bank and ADB have agreed to provide financial assistance of \$800 million each. The order further clarifies that the state government, with support from the Tuesday. The order makes it clear central government, will con- that these development and con-

TPN, **Amaravati**: An important frastructure, green buildings, and The government has also suggested setting up a separate account to receive funds from the banks in a phased manner, aligned with Amaravati's development and construction plans. Additionally, the budget for the capital construction includes special allocations for Amaravati's development initiatives.

> The government issued this directive to the CRDA following the signing of a loan assistance agreement by CRDA Commissioner Katamne Bhaskar with the World Bank and Asian Development Bank in Delhi on Monday and and implemented under the leadership of the CRDA Commissioner.



Jagan, Cases Await If You **Don't Change: PK**

uty Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan warned YCP chief Jagan Mohan Reddy that the government would not tolerate any comments made against public servants. He stated that the government is strong, not weak, and warned that if anyone threatens IAS or IPS officers, suo moto cases will be filed against them. Speaking to the media in Guntur today, Pawan Kalyan expressed his frustration toward YS Jagan Mohan Reddy and YCP leaders. He cautioned that action would be taken against Jagan if he does not change his attitude.

Pawan asserted that Jagan and his YCP leaders have committed many wrongdoings, believing they will remain in power for 20 years. He condemned Jagan's remarks about the Tirupati SP and DGP. "Even though you are a former Chief Minister, you are now a regular MLA. Your

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Andhra Pradesh Dep- comments on IPS officers like Tirupati SP Subba Rayudu and the DGP are inappropriate. They are doing their jobs. We will not tolerate it if you speak against them," Pawan stated firmly.

> Jagan has alleged that DGP Dwaraka Tirumala Rao has been unlawfully arresting YCP leaders and supporters by filing false cases against them, all for the sake of maintaining power. He also claimed that Tirupati SP Subba Rayudu, who is from Telangana, would face consequences if he returns to Telangana after his deputation, vowing to punish him upon regaining power.

Pawan added that if APCC President Sharmila requests protection from her brother Jagan, the government would provide her with security. It is well known that relations between Sharmila and Jagan have been strained over the last few months.

Non-Bailable Case Filed Against Sajjala **Bhargav Reddy**



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Sajjala Bhargav Reddy, son of Sajjala Ramakrishna Reddy and YCP social media in-charge, faces a non-bailable case under the SC/ST Atrocities Act. The case was registered in Pulivendula after a complaint by Hari, a Dalit resident from Simhadripuram, who alleged caste-based abuse by Varra Ravinder Reddy, another YCP social media leader.

Bhargav, along with Arjun Reddy and Ravinder Reddy, is accused of overseeing social media attacks targeting rival party leaders. The incident reportedly began when Hari questioned Varra's derogatory comments about political opponents, leading to the alleged caste-based abuse.

Following the complaint, police registered cases against Bhargav, Arjun Reddy, and Ravinder Reddy. The YCP social media cell has recently been under scrutiny for its offensive remarks, drawing condemnation from leaders, including Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, who called for strict action against those responsible.

Minister Durgesh Sweet Warning to Sand Mafia

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Minister of State for Tourism, Culture, Cinema, and Autography, Kandula Durgesh, reaffirmed the Andhra Pradesh government's commitment to its free sand program, designed to provide affordable resources for housing construction and support employment in the construction sector. In a statement on Sunday, Minister Durgesh clarified that the government has not set any price for sand itself, with costs only associated with excavation and transporta-

The Minister emphasized that the free sand initiative aims to make sand easily accessible to the pub-

lic, particularly construction workers and residents seeking affordable housing materials. However, acknowledged reports of unscrupulous individuals attempting to sell sand at inflated prices for profit, in direct violation of the program's prin-



ciples. Minister Durgesh cautioned against falling for misinformation, reiterating that sand should not be sold at prices above the actual excavation and transport costs determined by the government.

Minister Durgesh urged the public to report any instances of excessive fees being charged in the name of sand. He encouraged people to immediately alert the police or revenue personnel if they encounter illegal practices. "Strict action will be taken against those exploiting the program, and my office will respond firmly to any such cases brought to our attention," he assured.

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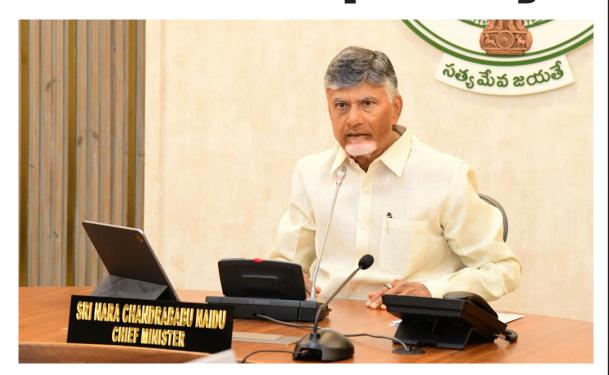
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ANDHRA PRADESH

Chandrababu Naidu **Urges Appointed Leaders** to Work Responsibly



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The coalition government in Andhra Pradesh has announced a second round of nominated posts, appointing 62 individuals to chairman and advisory roles, following a rigorous selection process. Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu personally reviewed around 30,000 applications, selecting leaders for various positions based on factors such as dedication, sacrifice, loyalty, discipline, and their contributions to the party.

In his address, the Chief Minister congratulated the appointees and reminded them of the responsibility their new roles carry. "These selections reflect our commitment to those who have demonstrated dedication and discipline, often under challenging conditions," he said. He highlighted that the appointments prioritized individuals who stood firm for the party during difficult times, including those who faced cases, harassment, and attacks under the previous government.

Naidu shared that the approach used in selecting MLA candidates in the recent general election—based on popular demand through IVRS—contributed to the coalition's historic success, with a 93 percent strike rate and a 57 percent vote share. This same principle of recognizing dedicated grassroots workers has been applied to the nominated posts, with several positions awarded to booth-level workers, village presidents, and other grassroots leaders.

The Chief Minister encouraged the newly appointed leaders to embrace the government's slogan, "Simple Government, Effective Governance," and to work closely with the people. He urged them to avoid arrogance and haste, emphasizing that respectful and responsible conduct would enhance their reputation and the government's standing.

Naidu assured those who were not included in the first round of selections that they would be considered for future opportunities, highlighting the importance of working honestly and effectively to build a strong political foundation for the future. He concluded by advising the appointees to use their two-year term wisely, with a focus on serving the people and strengthening their ties with the community.

BEE to Showcase Southern India's Energy Efficiency Milestones at Global SDG Conference

Bureau of Energy Efficiency (BEE), under India's Ministry of Power, will present significant **Efficiency** achievements in energy efficiency from Southern states, including Andhra Pradesh, at the 4th International Conference on Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). The conference, set to take place in Chitrakoot, India, is organized by the Deendayal Research Institute with support from the World SDG Forum, and aims to foster global collaboration on sustainable development strategies.

At this major event, BEE's Media Adviser Wing will spotlight the transformative impact of energy efficiency programs in Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, and Telangana, among others. The presentation will cover effective communication strategies that have spurred adoption of these programs at the state level, with a special emphasis on the role of State Designated Agencies (SDAs) in leading these initiatives.

BEE's Global **Recognition in Energy Efficiency**

BEE's energy efficiency programs have been recognized internationally, with recent achievements highlighted at the South Asia Clean Energy Forum 2024 in Jaipur, organized by USAID in collaboration with Energy Efficiency Services Limited (EESL). The Chitrakoot conference will build on this success, providing a platform for BEE to showcase key case studies from the Southern states of India, which have become leaders in the energy efficiency domain.

TPN, Vijayawada, Nov 10: The Key BEE Initiatives **Driving Energy**

The BEE has implemented several pioneering programs that are setting new standards in the field of energy efficiency:

Standard & Labelling (S&L) Program: Covering 39 electrical appliances, this program encourages the use of energy-efficient products and has led to a substantial reduction in energy consumption.



Perform, Achieve, and Trade (PAT) Scheme: This innovative, market-based mechanism focuses on reducing specific energy consumption in energy-intensive industries, helping to cut down carbon emissions.

E-Mobility in the Transport Sector: Supporting the adoption of electric vehicles, BEE is contributing to a reduction in greenhouse gas emissions, fostering cleaner transportation solutions.

Focus on Energy-**Efficient Buildings**

BEE's energy conservation ef-

forts extend to the building sector, a critical area given its current share of 33% in India's total electricity consumption. With consumption projected to reach 55% by 2032, the Energy Conservation Building Code (ECBC) introduced by BEE sets minimum energy performance standards for both commercial and residential buildings.

Andhra Pradesh has led the nation in adopting ECBC standards, rolling out implementation across over 120 Urban Local Bodies (ULBs) and approving around

> 880 ECBC-compliant buildings. The state's efforts reflect BEE's multi-level energy performance standards—ECBC, ECBC Plus, and Super ECBC—which offer increasing levels of efficiency.

Southern **States Leading** the Charge

The conference will celebrate the leadership of Southern states, including Andhra Pradesh, Kerala, Telangana, Karnataka, and the Andaman & Nicobar Islands, which

have actively embraced BEE's guidelines to drive energy efficiency at the grassroots level. Their efforts are setting a benchmark for achieving SDG targets through responsible energy management.

BEE's participation in the conference reinforces India's commitment to sustainable development and offers valuable insights into scalable energy efficiency strategies. Through showcasing these impactful initiatives, BEE continues to position itself as a leader in advancing clean and sustainable energy solutions globally.

Govt's key decision on depositing Rs 1500 in women's accounts..!!



TPN, Amaravati: The Andhra Pradesh government is set to introduce a new budget as the AP Assembly's budget session kicks off. This budget, covering the remaining four months of the fiscal year, is expected to emphasize welfare schemes, particularly for women. The government, under the coalition administration, is likely to prioritize initiatives aligned with welfare promises made during the Jamili election campaign, ensuring social benefits and economic support for vulnerable groups.

The budget will include allocations for the highly anticipated "Super Six" promises, with a special focus on schemes aimed at women's welfare. One of the key proposals is the monthly deposit of Rs. 1500 for every woman aged 18 to 59,

which was a central promise during the election campaign. It's expected that the government will provide clarity on the scheme's implementation and allocate the necessary funds. Another key item expected to be addressed is the provision of 10 lakh interest-free loans for women, significantly increasing the previous limit of 3 lakh.

The budget session, scheduled to begin with a presentation by Finance Minister Payyavula, will also cover other welfare measures, such as free RTC bus travel for women and youth stipends of Rs. 3000 per month. Following the budget presentation, a Business Advisory Committee (BAC) meeting will finalize the agenda for the week's discussions.

To ensure transparency and efficient execution, the AP Cabinet will convene before the session to review and approve the budget, especially the welfare allocations. These measures are part of the coalition's strategic response to the Center's preparations for the upcoming Jamili elections. Other commitments, such as increased pensions, free gas cylinders, and new ration card distributions under the Janmabhoomi-2 initiative, are also expected to be funded in the budget.

The YCP has announced plans to boycott the budget meetings, raising the stakes for the coalition government as it aims to uphold its promises and implement substantial welfare programs across the

Visakhapatnam **Police Crack Down on Modified Bike Silencers**



TPN, Vizag: In a recent initiative to combat noise pollution, Visakhapatnam Police conducted a special drive targeting modified bike silencers that produce excessive noise. Under the direction of Police Commissioner Sankhabrata Bagchi, around 80 confiscated silencers were destroyed using a road roller near Kalimata temple at RK Beach.

Commissioner Bagchi advised motorists to avoid using modified silencers, warning that strict actions would be taken against violators. "Such modifications cause noise pollution," he stated, urging bikers to use only company-supplied silencers. He clarified that both the bike owner and the mechanic responsible for the modification would face penalties. Offenders could face a threemonth jail term, a fine of up to ₹10,000, and a three-month license suspension.

Additionally, Commissioner Bagchi reminded Visakhapatnam residents that wearing helmets is mandatory for both riders and passengers. The initiative highlights the police department's commitment to reducing noise pollution and ensuring road safety.





Avinash Reddy's PA Goes **Underground After Varra's** Arrest, Police Intensify Search

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: As the NDA government in Andhra Pradesh enforces a zero-tolerance stance on hate speech and online abuse, supporters of the YSR Congress Party known for their provocative social media activities are retreating, with many deleting accounts and avoiding the spotlight. This crackdown aims to curb abusive behavior and set a strong example for online conduct in the state.

In a recent case, Varra Ravindra Reddy, a close associate of YS Bharathi, the wife of YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, was arrested by Kadapa police. Known for his defamatory comments against prominent leaders and their families over the past five years, Varra was apprehended near the Mahabubnagar border after evading authorities for a considerable period. He is now undergoing an extensive investigation, with the government initiating a detailed inquiry into his attempted escape.

Adding complexity to the situation, Kadapa MP Avinash Reddy's personal assistant, Raghav Reddy, has reportedly gone into hiding after allegedly assisting Varra in his attempted escape last week. Authorities believe that Raghav maintained contact with Varra via WhatsApp while he was evading capture following his release by Kadapa police. Investigators have visited Raghav's residence in Pulivendula, intensifying efforts



Meanwhile, Avinash Reddy has spoken out, questioning the police's rationale for targeting his PA without concrete evidence. Allegations have surfaced suggesting Avinash Reddy may have played a role in Varra's escape plan. If Raghav Reddy is detained, police are expected to question him on Avinash Reddy's involvement in aiding Varra's

As the investigation progresses, authorities remain firm in their commitment to addressing online hate speech and abuse, with Varra's arrest and the search for Raghav Reddy serving as a clear message to those spreading defamatory content on social platforms.

Only NTR and CM Chandrababu have truly done justice for Dalits: Undavalli Sridevi

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Madiga Corporation Chairman and former MLA Undavalli Sridevi held a media conference expressing her gratitude to Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan, Minister Nara Lokesh, and Purandeshwari for entrusting her with the leadership of the Madiga Corporation. She highlighted the corporation's commitment to improving basic facilities for Dalit communities with allocated funds.



In her address, Sridevi criticized the previous YSRCP government under Jagan Mohan Reddy, accusing him of failing to support Dalit welfare. She alleged that although Jagan portrayed himself as a champion for Dalits, he did little to uplift them, stating, "Jagan calls himself the uncle of Dalits but undermined their interests. He acted as the uncle of those who attack Dalits, not of Dalits themselves."

Sridevi emphasized the importance of reservation policies that have allowed Dalits to hold positions of leadership and acknowledged the work done by Chandrababu Naidu's government in supporting Dalit communities. She commended Naidu for implementing initiatives and policies that directly benefited Dalits, providing them with essential resources and opportunities. "Only NTR and CM Chandrababu have truly done justice for Dalits. It is to Chandrababu's credit that Dalits received the support they needed," she remarked.

Sridevi pointed to stalled schemes and insufficient funding for Dalit welfare during Jagan's tenure, claiming that key Dalit-supportive schemes were halted and funds

were not allocated to corporations like Lidcap and other SC bodies. She further noted that in the last five years, YCP failed to implement any meaningful programs for Dalit welfare, leaving a gap in support and development.

She also addressed the delay in Amaravati's development, arguing that its progress as a single capital could lead to job creation for Dalits, a vision she feels the previous government neglected. Additionally, she condemned

YCP leaders such as Nandigam Suresh and Anantha Babu, accusing them of involvement in incidents against Dalits, and pointed to the case of Dalit doctor Sudhakar, who she claimed faced harassment under Jagan's administration for requesting a mask during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Sridevi criticized the YCP's "Navaratnas" schemes, labeling them as mere "new scams" rather than genuine initiatives for the people's welfare. She also highlighted that in the YCP, only those who engaged in attacks or public disputes were awarded positions, contrasting it with her own appointment under Chandrababu Naidu, who recognized her educational background and commitment to public service.

Concluding her address, Sridevi reiterated her dedication to serving the Dalit community through her role in the Madiga Corporation, ensuring that the funds and resources allocated reach those in need. She expressed hope that with the support of the current government, significant advancements can be made for Dalits across the

Pawan Kalyan Empowers Balineni and Subbarayudu

Strategic Moves for JanaSena's Growth in Alliance with TDP

TPN, Avinash: In 2024, Chandrababu Naidu and Pawan Kalyan forged a powerful alliance between TDP and JanaSena, a unique collaboration that marks a new chapter for both parties. While TDP has formed alliances in the past, this partnership stands out as JanaSena looks toward significant leadership roles in Andhra Pradesh, with Pawan Kalyan's vision and ambition to uplift the party

to new heights. This coalition offers a transformative opportunity for JanaSena, enhancing its grassroots presence and organizational strength.

For JanaSena, this alliance presents an ideal platform to build a strong foundation across the state. Pawan Kalyan has made strategic moves to empower leaders with proven records and influence within their communities, ensuring the party reaches every corner of Andhra Pradesh. In Prakasam district, Pawan Kalyan is working closely with Balineni Srinivas Reddy, who is poised to strengthen JanaSena's presence in the region. Balineni's vast experience and connections make him a valuable asset as JanaSena works to expand its network in Prakasam and beyond. In West Godavari, Kothapalli Subbarayudu, another influential leader, has been entrusted with the Kapu Corporation Chairman post, reflecting the alliance's commitment to empowering Kapu leaders and ensuring inclusive growth.

Though Balineni is related to Jagan, his decision to work with JanaSena and contribute to the alliance reflects the appeal and potential of this partnership. His commitment to development-focused governance aligns with Pawan Kalyan's vision for a progressive Andhra Pradesh, making him a strong ally. Subbarayudu, with his extensive experience

across various political platforms, brings a wealth of knowledge and adaptability, which will be beneficial as JanaSena establishes a solid grassroots foundation. His recent roles have reaffirmed his dedication to public service, and he is now ready to work alongside Pawan Kalyan in driving the party's mission forward.

This alliance between JanaSena and TDP reflects a forward-thinking approach to governance, with both parties committed to delivering results. By positioning influential leaders in key roles, Pawan Kalyan has shown his strategic vision for a brighter future for JanaSena and its supporters. With the unwavering support of Chandrababu Naidu, the coalition is well-positioned to make significant strides in Andhra Pradesh. The presence of seasoned leaders like Balineni and Subbarayudu signals the readiness of JanaSena to lead and bring about meaningful change for the people.

As JanaSena strengthens its roots, the future looks promising for both the party and the alliance as a whole. This partnership symbolizes a commitment to effective governance, inclusivity, and stability in Andhra Pradesh, and with Pawan Kalyan's vision and Naidu's experience, the alliance is poised for



Andhra Pradesh government rethe party have earned him the man of the AP State Aqua Culture cently announced a new round of role of chairman of the AP State Development Authority. appointed posts, honoring loyal Warehousing Corporation. members from the Telugu Desam Party (TDP), as well as some from the Jana Sena Party (JSP) and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). In total, 49 positions were awarded to TDP members, nine to JSP, and one to BJP, reflecting a commitment to reward longstanding party loyalty and dedication. Here are some notable appointees recognized by Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu:

Chereddy Manjula Reddy: Known for her bravery during the elections, Manjula Reddy became a symbol of resilience after defending herself against an attack by YCP supporters while serving as a polling agent in Macherla's Rentala village. After recovering from injuries, she continued her duties, showcasing her dedication. She has been appointed as the chairman of AP Silparamam, Arts, Crafts, and Cultural Society.

Ravi Venkateswara Rao: A seasoned TDP supporter and fourtime MLA from Gudivada, Rao played a vital role in securing MLA Venigandla Ramu's recent victory. courage have been recognized

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The His loyalty and contributions to with his appointment as chair-

Tejaswi Podapati: Vocal in her criticisms of the YCP government, Tejaswi Podapati became a prominent figure in TDP's campaigns and helped organize the CBN Gratitude Event in Gachibowli. She has now been appointed as chairman of the AP Cultural Commission.

Kommareddy Pattabhiram: After enduring multiple threats and physical assaults during the YCP government's rule, Pattabhiram has been appointed chairman of the Swachh Andhra Pradesh Mission. His resilience and loyalty to TDP have been unwavering.

Mohammed Shareef: A longstanding TDP member and former MLC, Shareef brings years of experience to his new role as the Minority Welfare Affairs Advisor, a position with cabinet rank.

Anam Venkataramana Reddy: Known for his witty criticisms of the YCP government, Anam Venkataramana Reddy's loyalty and

Gummadi Gopala Krishna: A loyal TDP supporter and a songwriter whose work celebrates Chandrababu Naidu and the TDP, Gummadi has been appointed as the chairman of the Nataka Acad-

MV Pranav Gopal: Through his role with the Telugu Nadu Student Federation, Pranav Gopal led multiple demonstrations against the YCP government. His dedication has earned him a position with the Vishakapatnam Metro Region Development Authority (VMRDA).

Nilayapalem Vijayagopal: Recognized for his public speaking and representation of TDP's values, Vijayagopal has been appointed as chairman of the AP State Biodiversity Board.

These appointments reflect the coalition government's commitment to reward party members who have demonstrated steadfast loyalty and significant contributions, as Andhra Pradesh's leadership acknowledges their service.



2027 FEB chance for Jamili: MLA Raghurama

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: TDP MLA delimitation occurring approxiindicated that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) is prepared to implement simultaneous elections, commonly referred to as 'Jamili elections,' across India. In a recent stituencies from 25 to 30. interview, he suggested that the not oppose this initiative. Raju anticipates that these concurrent elections could take place in February 2027, with constituency

Raghurama Krishnam Raju has mately six months prior. He also mentioned that, following this delimitation, Andhra Pradesh's Assembly seats could increase from 175 to 225, and its Lok Sabha con-

Indian National Congress might The concept of 'Jamili elections' aims to synchronize the electoral cycles of the Lok Sabha and state assemblies to streamline governance and reduce election-relat-

ed expenditures. However, implementing such a system requires significant constitutional amendments and consensus among political parties.

Regarding the increase in assembly seats, Section 26(1) of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act, 2014, provides for an increase in the number of seats in the Legislative Assemblies of Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. However,

the central government has previously stated that any delimitation exercise to increase assembly seats would be considered only after 2026, in line with the national delimitation schedule.

As of now, there has been no official confirmation regarding the exact timeline for implementing 'Jamili elections' or the proposed increase in assembly and parliamentary seats in Andhra Pradesh.

Art of Andhra Pradesh Book Launch Celebrates Telugu Culture and Heritage





TPN, Vijayawada: The Art of Andhra Pradesh book launch was a grand celebration of Telugu culture and art, held on Sunday morning at Bhavanipuram's Harita Berm Park, Punnami Ghat. The event was inaugurated by former Deputy Speaker Mandali Buddhaprasad, and the book, edited by Kalasagar, editor of 64arts.com, was formally introduced to the public.

Around 250 esteemed artists, including notable figures in film and sculpture from across the state, attended

the event. Among the prominent attendees were Padma Shri awardee CV Raju, renowned literary writer Ganteda Gaurunaidu, and Kalaratna awardee Bonda Jaganmohana Rao. Their pre sence added prestige to this cultural celebration, which aimed to showcase the artistic richness of Andhra Pradesh.

As part of the program, Kumodfuliwe unveiled a visual composition that complemented the book's artistic themes, creating an immersive experience for attendees. Each artist present was gifted a copy of The Art of Andhra Pradesh, symbolizing a shared commitment to preserving and promoting Telugu art.The gathering fostered a warm, familial atmosphere, bringing together established artists, young talents, and enthusiasts from diverse regions.The event highlighted a shared pride in Andhra Pradesh's cultural heritage, creating lasting memories and reinforcing the bonds within the artistic community.

AP Outsourcing & Contract Drivers Demand Job Security and Equal Pay



TPN, Vijayawada: In a state-level meeting organized by the State Outsourcing Corporation & Contract Drivers Welfare Association at Vijayawada's Revenue Bhawan, contract and outsourcing drivers raised pressing demands for job security, fair compensation, and enhanced welfare benefits. Leaders from AP JAC Amaravati, including Chairman Bopparaju Venkateswarlu, along with Presidents of various driver associations, came together to address the concerns of drivers working in Andhra Pradesh's government depart-

The association urged the government to implement a comprehensive HR pol-

icy for contract and outsourcing drivers, providing them with job security and equal pay as per Supreme Court directives on "equal pay for equal work." They also highlighted the need for accident-related leave with pay and support for the families of drivers working in departments like MEPMA and SERP.

Chairman Bopparaju Venkateswarlu called on the government to fulfill its election manifesto promises, which included better welfare provisions for contract and outsourced employees. He emphasized that APJAC Amaravati would continue advocating for these workers, pushing for job security, seniority-based increments, and other essential benefits.

Samsani Srinivasa Rao, President of the Government Drivers Association and Honorary President of the State Outsourcing and Contract Drivers Welfare Association, highlighted issues stemming from outdated government vehicles and insufficient funds for maintenance. He urged the government to consider purchasing new vehicles and providing increments for eligible contract drivers.

Contract and Outsourcing Employees Association leaders, including State President K. Suman and General Secretary A. Suresh Babu, called for ESI health cards for every driver and parity in facilities with permanent government drivers.

The meeting saw the distribution of accident insurance policies worth ₹10 lakh to 50 drivers from various departments, with the certificates handed over by leaders Bopparaju Venkateswarlu, Samsani Srinivasa Rao, and K. Suman. Hundreds of drivers from across Andhra Pradesh attended the meeting, where multiple resolutions were passed to ensure better working conditions and job security for contract and outsourcing drivers in the state.

VIJAYAWADA

Home Minister Anita's Review **Meeting with Senior Police Officials**

No Leniency for Crimes Against Women and Children



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Home Minister Vangalapudi Anita has urged senior police officers to take stringent action against individuals committing crimes against women and children, emphasizing a zero-tolerance approach. Chairing a review meeting at the Mangalagiri police headquarters on Saturday, she directed police officials to expedite investigations in missing persons cases, prioritizing arrests to prevent potential atrocities. She suggested forming special task forces and fast-tracking court procedures to ensure swift justice for victims, while also urging timely filing of chargesheets and prompt arrests in such cases.

Anita emphasized that cases involving women and children will now be reviewed regularly to maintain priority on sensitive issues. Additionally, she directed police to intensify efforts in controlling ganja and drug-related offenses. The Home Minister praised the recent seizure of 25,251 kg of ganja by the anti-narcotic task force, along with the confiscation of 373 vehicles and the identification of 2,237 suspects in the case. Anita further stressed the need to curb obscene and offensive social media posts, advocating for strict measures against those who engage in such behavior. She highlighted the alliance government's commitment to introducing laws to deter online misconduct and protect the integrity of social media platforms.

In addressing public expectations, she called for a district-wide drive to install CCTV cameras, ensuring better monitoring and security. DGP Dwaraka Tirumala Rao, along with senior officials including Intelligence ADG Ladda, CID ADG Ravi Shankar, Anti-Narcotics Chief AK Ravikrishna, and Law and Order IG Srikanth, attended the meeting via video conference, affirming their commitment to implementing the Home Minister's directives.

Walkers Protest at Vijayawada Loyola College, Demand Access to College Grounds

TPN, Vijayawada: Members of the Walkers Association staged a protest at Vijayawada Loyola College on Sunday, expressing frustration over being denied access to the college grounds for their morning walks. The association, which has approximately 3,000 members, represents city residents who have used the college grounds for the past 25 years under the name "Loyola College Walkers."

The college management closed the walking track during the COVID-19 pandemic, and despite ongoing appeals from the association, access has not been restored. While the matter was escalated to a local MLA, it remains unresolved. The college management reportedly granted walking access only to IAS and IPS officers, further fueling the association's discontent.

During the protest, the walkers briefly staged a *dharna* in front of the college gate, leading to a brief period of tension. Advocating for the health of senior citizens, the association demanded that the college reopen the walking track for all members. In a display of frustration, some members broke the locks on the gates, entered the grounds, and resumed their

The association has pledged to continue its efforts to secure access to the college grounds, urging the college administration to reconsider its restrictions for the benefit of the community.

Pawan Kalyan Meets with Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Leaders, Vows to Address Key Rural Issues



meeting held at the Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan's camp office in Mangalagiri, leaders from the Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj

Association met with Pawan Kalyan to discuss challenges faced by rural governance bodies. Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Chamber State Presi-

key demands on behalf of Sarpanchs, MPTCs, ZPTCs, and rural communities, calling for government action to address pressing concerns affecting gram panchayats and the welfare of rural citizens.

During the two-and-a-half-hour discussion, YVB Rajendra Prasad highlighted the struggles of village governance and requested Pawan Kalyan's intervention in several matters, including the integration of gram secretariats into gram panchayats to streamline welfare programs under the supervision of Sarpanchs. He also advocated for an increase in honorariums, suggesting that the monthly stipend for Sarpanchs and MPTCs be raised from ₹3,000 to ₹15,000 and that for MPPs and ZPTCs be increased from ₹6,000 to ₹30,000.

The demands further included a request for the state government to assume responsibility for electricity bills of smaller gram pancha-

dent YVB Rajendra Prasad outlined 26 yats and for both the central and state governments to cover salaries for Clapp Mitras, essential contributors to village management. Additionally, an appeal was made for an annual protocol darshan visit to Tirumala Venkateswara Swamy for Sarpanchs, MPTCs, and JDPTCs along with their families.

> Expressing gratitude for Pawan Kalyan's recent release of ₹4,500 crore through the National Rural Employment Guarantee scheme for rural development, Rajendra Prasad thanked him for supporting the advancement of Andhra Pradesh's villages.

> In response, Pawan Kalyan assured the leaders of his commitment to addressing their concerns. He promised to discuss the feasibility of these demands with relevant officials and bring them to the attention of Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu. If required, he pledged to pursue resolutions within the cabinet, reaffirming his dedication to rural welfare.

Pawan Kalyan also committed to holding monthly meetings with Pan chayat Raj leaders to monitor progress and address emerging issues.

The meeting was attended by prominent representatives, including Andhra Pradesh Panchayat Raj Chamber State President Y.V.B. Rajendra Prasad, Chief Secretary Birru Prathapara Reddy, Sarpanchula Sangam State President Mrs. Vanapalli Mutyala Rao, Telangana Panchayat Raj Chamber Honorary President Shri P. Narendra, Panchayat Raj Commissioner Krishna Teja, and 118 District Presidents and State Committee Leaders from all over Andhra Pradesh.

Pawan Kalyan's assurance of ongoing support has raised hopes among rural governance bodies that their issues will be addressed, reinforcing the government's commitment to empowering local leaders and advancing the welfare of Andhra Pradesh's villages.

Pawan Kalyan Pledges Full Support to Forest Officials in AP TPN, Guntur: Andhra Pradesh Depu-

ty Chief Minister and Forest Minister Pawan Kalyan attended a memorial event today in Guntur, commemorating the sacrifices of forest department martyrs. Speaking at Aranya Bhavan, Kalyan emphasized the importance of honoring the 23 personnel who lost their lives in the line of duty, including both regular and contract staff. He proposed constructing memorials and naming forest department blocks after these martyrs to ensure their sacrifices are remembered.

Kalyan affirmed his commitment to supporting the forest department, inspired by the legacy of Martyr Pandallapalli Srinivas. He pledged to raise a ₹5 crore donation for the department, assuring that all necessary resources and assistance will be provided to combat forest smuggling. "We are granting full freedom to forest officials to protect the forests," he stated, acknowledging the current personnel shortage within the department.

On a broader note, Kalyan emphasized that the government is strong, not lenient, especially in matters concerning public servants. He warned that suo moto cases would be filed against any

government's commitment to women's safety and expressed readiness to provide security to APCC President uphold law and order.



YS Sharmila if requested. Additionally, he shared plans who attempt to intimidate officers. He highlighted the to eradicate illegal cannabis cultivation, reiterating the government's resolve to protect the state's forests and

IT Inspections Continue at Former YCP MLA Grandhi Srinivas's Residence

TPN, Bhimavaram: Income Tax (IT) department officials are conducting ongoing inspections at the residence of former YCP MLA Grandhi Srinivas in Bhimavaram, West Godavari district. The searches, led by IT officials from Chennai, entered their fifth consecutive day, with investigations also extending to Srinivas's business partners, followers, and his GVR Aqua Company in Singarayakonda, Prakasam district.

Reports suggest that the IT department has seized

several important documents and some cash during the searches. Last Wednesday, while Srinivas was en route to Hyderabad, he reportedly received a call from IT officials, prompting him to turn back to Bhimavaram to cooperate with the ongoing investi-

In the 2019 elections, Grandhi Srinivas defeated Janasena chief Pawan Kalyan in the Bhimavaram constituency. However, he lost his seat to Janasena candidate Pulaparthi Ramanjaneyulu in the subsequent election. Since then, Srinivas has maintained a strained relationship with Janasena, often engaging in challenges and criticisms directed at Pawan Kalyan. Recently, rumors circulated that Pawan Kalyan had filed a complaint against Srinivas, which some believe may have triggered the IT investigation.

The ongoing inspections have garnered attention due to Srinivas's high-profile status and his long-standing rivalry with Janasena leadership.

APSRTC Introduces Special Darshan Packages for Devotees Traveling to Srisailam During Kartikamasam

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: In a significant travelers can book both bus seats and boost to spiritual tourism, the Andhra Pradesh government, led by Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, has introduced new travel and darshan packages for devotees visiting Srisailam during the holy month of Kartikamasam. As part of its commitment to promoting temple Passengers can book their Srisailam darvices and bus packages with exclusive The darshan packages include three levdarshan tickets.

The government recently launched a sea- 1. Touch Vision Darshan - 275 tickets, plane service on the Krishna River, running from the Prakasam Barrage in Vijayawada to Srisailam, with successful trial runs already completed. This service is part of a broader plan to offer convenient ₹150 each. access to major pilgrimage sites across Andhra Pradesh.

The Andhra Pradesh State Road Transport Corporation (APSRTC), in line with the efforts of the Andhra Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation (APTDC), has rolled out special darshan packages for devotees visiting the renowned Bhramaramba Mallikarjuna Swamy temple in Srisailam. Through this package,

darshan tickets, making the journey and pilgrimage experience seamless.

The APSRTC has collaborated with the Devadaya Ministry to reserve 1,075 daily darshan tickets exclusively for devotees traveling to Srisailam by APSRTC buses. tourism, the state has launched innova- shan tickets via the APSRTC official webtive initiatives, including seaplane ser- site or directly from the bus conductor. els of priority:

priced at ₹500 each.

2. Super Quick Darshan - 300 tickets, priced at ₹300 each.

3. Quick Darshan – 500 tickets, priced at

APSRTC operates over 200 daily bus services to Srisailam from various locations across the state, and this darshan ticket facility has been met with enthusiasm by devotees. The initiative underscores the coalition government's dedication to enhancing spiritual tourism and ensuring that devotees have an enriching and accessible pilgrimage experience.

Dr. Kolleti Ramesh Selected as **NSS Male Contingent Leader** for Pre-Republic Day Parade

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Dr. Kolleti Ramesh, NSS District Coordinator for NTR District and NSS Program Officer at SRR and CVR Government Degree College, has been chosen as the Male Contingent Leader for the Andhra Pradesh NSS team at this year's pre-Republic Day Parade. College Principal Dr. K. Bhagyalakshmi announced the selection, with official orders sent by NSS Regional Director Dr. Ramakrishna.

Dr. Ramesh will lead the Andhra Pradesh NSS contingent at the parade, held at North Maharashtra Univer-

to 21. The contingent includes 44 NSS volunteers, in representing Andhra Pradesh.

selected from 16 universities and affiliated colleges across the state. The team is scheduled to depart for Maharashtra on November 11, where they will undergo a series of training sessions. Following the pre-Re-

22 boys and 22 girls,

public Day Parade, select volunteers will have the opportunity to participate in the national Republic Day celebrations in New Delhi on January 26. The college principal, faculty, district officials, and community leaders congratulated Dr. Ramesh on his se-

sity in Jalgaon, Maharashtra, from November 12 lection and extended their best wishes for his role

Pattabhi Appointed as Swachh AP Corporation Chairman, Thanks Chandrababu and Lokesh

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: TDP National General Secretary Kommareddy Pattabhiram has been appointed Chairman of the Swachh Andhra Pradesh Corporation as part of the coalition government's second round of nominated posts. Known for his vocal support of the TDP and his resistance against the previous YCP government, Pattabhi has been recognized for his unwavering commitment to the party, even in the face of attacks and challenges.

The TDP, on its social media platforms, highlighted Pattabhi's appointment as Alongside his statement, Pattabhi posta recognition of his steadfast efforts. In response, Pattabhi expressed gratitude towards Chief Minister Chandrababu

Naidu and Minister Nara Lokesh.

"Until recently, my role was to address the political 'garbage' within the state. After fulfilling that responsibility, I now take on the role of Chairman of Swachh Andhra Pradesh Corporation," Pattabhi shared on social media. "I am deeply grateful to Chief Minister Chandrababu Babu and Minister Nara Lokesh for entrusting me with this key responsibility to ensure the cleanliness of every town and village in our state."

ed photos with Chandrababu Naidu and Nara Lokesh, symbolizing his gratitude and commitment to his new role.

Actress Kasturi Reportedly Goes Into Hiding Amid Police Summons

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Actress Kasturi, known for her outspoken comments, has reportedly gone into hiding after facing police action over recent remarks she made about the Telugu community. The police visited her residence in Chennai to serve legal notices, only to find the house locked and Kasturi absent. Reports indicate that her phone has also been switched off, adding to the speculation that she is avoiding immediate legal proceedings.

The controversy began during an event organized by her brother, where Kasturi allegedly claimed that several centuries ago, Telugu people came to serve women in the harems of Tamil Nadu kings. She further remarked

bold statements about their Tamil heritage. The statements sparked outrage, leading to cases being filed against her in both Chennai and Madurai.



that those who settled in Tamil Nadu now make In response to the legal action, Kasturi is reportedly seeking anticipatory bail through her lawyer. The police are monitoring the situation closely as the case unfolds.

Trump's China Policies Expected to Benefit **India and ASEAN Nations**

With Donald Trump set to return to the White House following a close presidential election, Moody's Ratings predicts that his approach to US-China relations, along with shifts in trade, energy, and fiscal policies, could yield benefits for India and other Asian economies. Moody's projects that Trump's administration will likely intensify economic restrictions on China, potentially diverting investment flows toward India and Southeast Asia as the United States tightens investment rules in sectors deemed strategically significant.

US-China Tensions and Regional Shifts

Moody's noted that as Trump's admini stration focuses on a "tough on China" approach, trade and investment in the Asia-Pacific region may pivot further away from China. "Trade and investment flows might be further diverted from China as the US restricts investments in strategic sectors, negatively affecting China's economy and regional growth. However, this shift might benefit India and ASEAN countries," the ratings agency stated. India and ASEAN economies could see increased investment and trade opportunities, especially in manufacturing and technology, as firms look to diversify supply chains outside of China. Trump's planned return to protectionist trade policies, including broad tariffs on Chinese goods, would likely lead to immediate impacts on the global supply chain, particularly in manufacturing, technology, and retail sectors dependent on imported materials. However, Moody's pointed out that a divided Congress could



potentially alter or limit the scope of such measures, although the agency anticipates that the overarching approach will increase disruption and risks to global economic growth.

Tax and Fiscal Policy Shifts

Moody's projects that Trump's fiscal agenda would bring notable changes, largely focused on tax reform and cuts. As a candidate, Trump pledged to make the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act permanent, further reduce the corporate tax rate, and introduce broader income tax relief.

While these moves could stimulate business activity, Moody's warned that they are likely to increase federal deficits, adding pressure to the US fiscal landscape. The rating agency highlighted that Trump could pursue his agenda through both executive orders and legislative changes, giving him flexibility in enacting policy shifts even with potential Congres-

sional opposition.

Climate and Energy Policy Reversals

One of the most significant anticipated shifts under Trump's administration would be the reversal of climate initiatives undertaken by the Biden administration. Trump has emphasized "American energy dominance," which could mean substantial support for fossil fuel production, reduced funding for clean energy, and relaxed environmental regulations.

The agency noted that Trump is likely to withdraw the US from the Paris Agreement once again, reversing commitments to cut greenhouse gas emissions and achieve net-zero emissions by 2050. This shift could undermine the US's role in global climate initiatives and decrease funding for Reducing regulatory burdens could green technology development.

While federal support for renewable energy might dwindle, private-sec-

tor efforts and state-level mandates ulations might expose the banking could offset some of the rollback. Wind and solar energy, which have become cost-competitive in many regions, may continue to grow due to market forces and state policies. Some experts believe this market-driven momentum could sustain growth in the renewable sector, even as federal support wanes.

Moody's noted that fossil fuel production is likely to receive renewed support, with potential rollbacks on Envi ronmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations aimed at reducing emissions in the power and automotive sectors. "The Trump administration will likely reverse commitments to net-zero greenhouse gas emissions and withdraw from the Paris Agreement," the agency stated, noting that this policy shift could loosen environmental protections across various

Lighter Regulatory Approach and Impact on Banks

On the regulatory front, Moody's anticipates a shift toward a lighter regulatory environment under Trump, particularly for small and midsized banks. The Trump administration is expected to ease capital requirements and regulatory restrictions on smaller financial institutions, which may stimulate lending but could also increase creditor risk.

encourage more aggressive lending practices, potentially enhancing financial market liquidity. However, Moody's cautioned that looser regenergy policies worldwide.

sector to greater risks, especially if smaller banks face heightened exposure to default risks amid an uncertain global economy.

Implications for Global Markets and Trade

As Trump prepares to return to a protectionist trade policy, Moody's warns that potential tariffs and restrictive trade measures could strain US-China relations and global supply chains. Disruptions are anticipated in sectors dependent on Chinese materials, such as technology and manufacturing, potentially raising costs and reducing efficiencies.

In Asia, India and ASEAN nations could stand to benefit as firms diversify away from China, redirecting investments to alternative markets. "Increased US-China tensions could enhance India's and ASEAN's appeal as alternative destinations for trade and investment," Moody's highlighted, suggesting that these economies might capitalize on Trump's harder stance toward Beijing. Overall, Moody's outlined that while Trump's policy directions may benefit certain sectors and regions, such as India and Southeast Asia, they could also create broader uncertainties in the global economy, especially as the US pivots back to a protectionist stance and scales back climate commitments. The agency underscored that while some impacts might take time to materialize, the Trump administration's policies are likely to reshape trade dynamics, regulatory frameworks, and

Reliance Urges Auction of Satellite Spectrum in Growing Clash with Elon Musk's Starlink



In an intensifying dispute over satellite spectrum in India, Mukesh Ambani's Reliance Jio is pressing India's telecom regulator, TRAI, to reconsider its plan to allocate spectrum administratively rather than through an auction process. This move pits Reliance Jio against Elon Musk's Starlink, which has expressed interest in entering India's satellite internet market and supports the government's current allocation approach.

Last month, India's Telecom Minister Jyotiraditya Scindia indicated that the government favored administrative allocation of spectrum in line with global practices. However, TRAI is still finalizing recommendations that will be critical in shaping the future of satellite internet in India.

At an open discussion hosted by TRAI on Friday, Ravi Gandhi, a senior Reliance executive, argued that administratively allocating spectrum is "the most discriminatory method of assigning any kind of government resource." Reliance contends that an auction, requiring significant investment, would create a level playing field, especially after Jio invested \$19 billion in recent airwave auctions. Gandhi's comments reflect Reliance's concerns that without an auction, competitors like Starlink could benefit without similar financial commitments, potentially drawing away Jio's broadband customers and, eventually, data and voice clients.

In contrast, Starlink's India executive, Parnil Urdhwareshe, described the administrative approach "forward-looking," favoring an allocation method that could facilitate rapid entry into the market. Starlink, a subsidiary of Musk's SpaceX, already operates 6,400 satellites providing low-latency broadband to over 4 million users globally, and has seen success with this model in Africa. In Kenya, Starlink offered services at

\$10 per month, drastically lower than the US price of \$120, sparking local telecom backlash over competition.

Reliance, which holds a significant share of India's telecom sector, is wary of losing its dominance to Musk's innovative pricing tactics and extensive satellite infrastructure. Ambani has employed similar aggressive pricing in the past, notably offering free data to capture market share when Jio launched. However, Starlink's international strategy of pricing below traditional providers poses a fresh challenge.

The debate reflects broader concerns about the impact of administrative allocation on competition and investment. Analysts believe that a high-cost auction could deter foreign players, while administrative allocation might invite rapid deployment and innovation. Nevertheless, the regulatory decision will likely have lasting implications for India's telecommunications landscape and the balance of power within the sector.

TRAI's recommendations are expected in the coming weeks, with industry players awaiting a final decision on spectrum distribution. The outcome will determine if India's satellite internet market remains accessible to international players like Starlink or requires significant investment, favoring established giants like Reliance.

Canada on High Alert for Potential Migrant Influx from US

Canada is on heightened alert amid concerns of a potential surge in migration from the United States following the recent election of Donald Trump, who has pledged a stricter stance on immigration. Canadian officials, including the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), are closely monitoring the US-Canada border for any changes in migration patterns that may result from Trump's planned policies.

"We're on high alert," RCMP spokesman Sergeant Charles Poirier told AFP, emphasizing that Canadian authorities are watching closely for any uptick in irregular migration. "All of our eyes are looking at the border to see what's going to happen... because we know that Trump's stance on immigration might drive up illegal and irregular migration to Canada," he said.

US President-elect Trump, who previously held office from 2017 to 2021, has promised to implement the largest deportation effort in American history, which could displace thousands of migrants. During his first term, many migrants - including Haitians and others who lost US protections - sought refuge in Canada, often crossing irregularly into the country. Some experts believe that similar patterns could emerge as Trump begins his second term, with more migrants fearing deportation and considering Canada as an alternative safe haven.

In response, Canada's Deputy Prime Minister Chrystia Freeland convened a meeting with ministers in Ottawa to address possible issues with the incoming Trump administration. Following the meeting, Freeland reassured Canadians that the government is prepared. "We have a plan," she said at a news conference, though specific details were not disclosed. "Canadians need to know... our borders are safe and secure and we control them."

The Trudeau government has already expressed an interest in slowing population growth to focus on bolstering infrastructure and social services. The potential influx of migrants could place additional pressure on these systems, particularly in provinces like Quebec, which has been dealing with an increase in migrant arrivals. Quebec Premier Francois Legault recently voiced concerns, noting that his province's housing resources are



already strained.

This week, online searches in the United States about moving to Canada spiked following Trump's election victory, according to Google Trends. For many, Canada appears to be a safer option amidst the anticipated immigration crackdown in the US.

Poirier also highlighted the potential dangers for migrants crossing the border irregularly, particularly as winter approaches. "We understand the misery and fear that drives people to try to cross into Canada... but there are real dangers," he said, referring to hazardous winter conditions and the physical risks of entering Canada between official checkpoints.

As Canada prepares for a potential rise in migration, officials are working to balance border security with humanitarian considerations, underscoring their commitment to keeping borders safe and secure while being ready to address the needs of any new arrivals.



"Madam Sonia Ji...": PM Draws A Comparison On Centre's **Support To Jharkhand**



At an election rally in Jharkhand's Bokaro, Prime Minister Narendra Modi took aim at the Congress and its ally, the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM), accusing them of attempts to divide the OBC community and creating what he called a "paper leak mafia" and "recruitment mafia." With Jharkhand set to vote in two phases on November 13 and 20, Modi's speech covered various issues, appealing to voters for support in favor of a National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government in the

"Ek rahenge toh safe rahenge" ("We will be safe if we are united"), calling on the backward classes to remain united against what he described as divisive tactics by the Congress. According to Modi, the Congress has not surpassed 250 seats in the Lok Sabha since the 1990s, a period marked by the introduction of OBC reservations. He alleged that to regain control, the Congress is now attempting to fragment the OBC community into sub-castes, thereby weakening its collective political influence.

of using such divisions to pit communities and JMM want to sow division. They want people to focus on sub-castes rather than the larger OBC identity," he said, encouraging the crowd to reject these tactics.

The Prime Minister also spoke on national security, especially the issue of Article 370, which granted special status to Jammu and

Kashmir before it was abrogated by the Modi government. Highlighting his government's removal of Article 370, he claimed it brought Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's Constitution to Jammu and Kashmir, ensuring that Dalits, Adivasis, and other marginalized groups there could enjoy the same rights as citizens in the rest of India. He criticized the Congress and JMM for supporting a resolution to restore Article 370, accusing them of disregarding Ambedkar's principles and "throwing soldiers into the fire of terror."

The Prime Minister highlighted his slogan, Modi did not hold back in his criticism of the JMM and Congress regarding alleged corruption and mishandling of government exams. He accused the ruling coalition of fostering a "paper leak mafia" that compromises job opportunities for Jharkhand's youth. "The JMM and Congress have turned recruitment into a playground for mafia, leaking question papers and playing with the future of our youth," he said, promising to hold accountable those responsible and emphasizing that BJP will "strike all those involved and send them to jail."

Modi further accused the JMM and Congress
The Prime Minister contrasted the financial support Jharkhand received under Congress against each other, a tactic he argued would rule from 2004 to 2014, when the state reweaken the unity and strength of the nation. ceived ₹80,000 crore in assistance, with the "The unity of castes under the OBC umbrel- ₹3 lakh crore provided by the BJP-led govla has made India stronger, but the Congress ernment over the past decade. Referring to Sonia Gandhi, he stated, "Madam Sonia ji ran the government, and Manmohan Singh was made the Prime Minister. After 2014, the government in Delhi changed, you gave this sevak an opportunity to serve. In the past 10 years, we gave more than 3 lakh crore rupees to Jharkhand. Isn't this four-fold? Don't we love you four-fold?"

A Mafia Swipe In Yogi Adityanath's New **Full Form For Akhilesh Yadav's PDA**

The bypoll campaign in Uttar Pradesh is heating up as Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath takes a jibe at Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav's PDA slogan, reinterpreting it with a critical twist. Yadav, who coined the term "PDA" to represent pichde (backward classes), Dalits, and alpsankhyak (minorities), has used the slogan since the general election as a rallying call for these communities. However, Adityanath offered a different meaning, saying PDA stands for "Production house of Dangai (rioters) and Apradhi (criminals)."

Speaking at a gathering in Ambedkar Nagar, where the Katehari Assembly seat is up for election following Samajwadi Party MLA Lalji Verma's move to the Lok Sabha, Adityanath criticized the Samajwadi Party as a "production house" for criminals and rioters. He claimed, "Every criminal, mafia, and rapist is born in this production house, and Akhilesh Yadav is its CEO." Referring to notorious figures like Khan Mubarak, Mukhtar Ansari, and Ateeq Ahmed, Adityanath alleged that these individuals were closely linked to the Samajwadi Party and exploited the poor As both parties prepare for the crucial bypolls while undermining social harmony.

Adityanath continued his attack in Mirzapur, saying, "Daughters are scared when they see Samajwadi Party leaders," and accused the He asserted that the BJP's "double engine government" at the state and central levels had put an end to the influence of such individ-



Meanwhile, Akhilesh Yadav has yet to directly respond to Adityanath's remarks, but he took to X (formerly Twitter) to voice his discontent with the BJP's governance, sharing a photograph of farmers waiting for fertilizers and stating, "PDA is saying, we don't want BJP." In a previous comment, Yadav took a swipe at the Chief Minister, questioning Adityanath's integrity as a yogi, and accused him of causing divisions within the state's religious community.

across nine assembly seats, including key constituencies in Ambedkar Nagar and Mirzapur, the political climate in Uttar Pradesh is charged, with both leaders using pointed rhetoric to win over voters. The Samajwadi party of fostering a climate of fear and crime. Party hopes to maintain its momentum after a strong performance in the general elections, while the BJP is aiming to defend its governance record in the state.

\$1 Trillion Economy Plan, Focus On Women, AI In BJP Maharashtra Manifesto

In a strong bid to retain power in Maharashtra's upcoming Assembly elections, the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) launched its Sankalp Patra manifesto, outlining ambitious plans centered around economic growth, women's welfare, and technological progress. The manifesto was unveiled in Mumbai by Union Home Minister Amit Shah, accompanied by Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis, BJP state chief Chandrashekhar Bawankule, and Union Minister Piyush Goyal. The Mahayuti coalition—consisting of the BJP, Shiv Sena, and NCP (Ajit Pawar faction)—will face off against the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) alliance of Congress, Shiv Sena (UBT), and NCP (Sharad Pawar faction) on November 20.

A prominent goal in the manifesto is the BJP's Vision Maharashtra @2028, which aims to transform Maharashtra into a \$1 trillion economy by 2028. To reach this target, the BJP plans to elevate cities like Nagpur, Pune, and Nashik as key hubs for fintech, aerospace, and artificial intelligence. This "Make in Maharashtra" initiative is designed to strengthen the state's economy and position Maharashtra as a technological leader.

In a significant move for women's empowerment, the BJP has proposed an increase in monthly assistance under the Ladki Bahin Yojana, raising it from ₹1,500 to ₹2,100. Additionally, the party aims to provide economic independence to women by pledging to create 50 lakh "Lakhpati Didis" with ₹1 lakh in savings by 2027.

Support for farmers and rural

development forms another key component of the manifesto. The BJP has committed to extending loan waivers, securing food supplies, and providing adequate housing for rural communities. Infrastructure improvements, including the construction of new roads in over 45,000 villages, are also promised, with a targeted reduction of power bills

by 30% through renewable ener-

gy sources.

The manifesto also places a strong emphasis on employment and education. The BJP plans to create 25 lakh new jobs and provide a ₹10,000 stipend for 10 lakh students. In line with its technological focus, the party has pledged to introduce AI and technical training in government schools and conduct a skill census to align workforce needs with economic development. Financial assistance for students from economically backward communities is also highlighted as a priority.

Healthcare, social security, and inflation control have not been

overlooked. The BJP has proposed an increase in old-age pensions to ₹2,100 per month, as well as expanded health insurance coverage for residents. The manifesto emphasizes the need to stabilize prices of essential commodities, aiming to reduce the impact of inflation on daily

expenses.

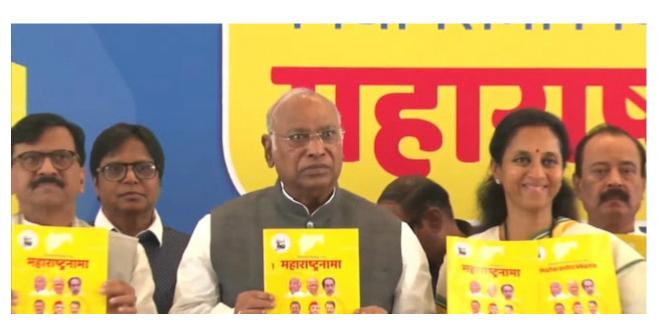
Law and order also feature in the BJP's vision, with plans to legislate against forced religious conversions. Additionally, the manifesto addresses man-animal conflict in rural areas, promising to introduce technology-driven solutions to mitigate these concerns.

During the launch event, Home Minister Amit Shah criticized the opposition MVA, pointing to promises left unfulfilled by Congress and its allies in other states. Shah underscored Maharashtra's historical legacy and emphasized the BJP's commitment to sustainable development, aligning the manifesto with the aspirations of the state's people.



Maharashtra Opposition Manifesto Unveiled

₹3,000 Monthly Support for Women, Caste Census, and More



The Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA), an alliance of Congress, Shiv Sena (UBT), and NCP (Ajit Pawar), launched its manifesto today for the upcoming Maharashtra Assembly elections, promising targeted support for women, farmers, and youth. Set to challenge the Eknath Shinde government's Ladki Bahin scheme, the MVA's Mahalaxmi Yojana promises ₹3,000 monthly assistance to women, surpassing both the ₹1,500 currently provided and the ₹2,100 pledged by the BJP in its own manifesto.

In addition, MVA has outlined benefits for women including free bus travel, access to six gas cylinders annually at ₹500 each, a free cervical cancer vaccine for girls aged 9-16, and stronger laws for women's safety. Additionally, they promise two days of period leave each month for working women.

Maharashtra's farmers, a crucial voting bloc, the MVA manifesto proposes a high-level committee to prevent farmer suicides, fair pricing for produce, and an improved crop insurance scheme. Families of deceased farmers would also receive support through an enhanced assistance program.

The alliance has pledged a ₹4,000 monthly allowance for unemployed youth, as well as an expansion of state scholarship programs. Under its healthcare initiatives, the MVA aims to broaden the state's health insurance policy. In a move toward social justice, the manifesto includes a commitment to conduct a caste census in Maharashtra to gather detailed data for policymaking.

At the manifesto launch, Congress leader Nana Patole referred to the document as a vachan nama (pledge) rather than a mere manifesto. He criticized

the BJP for making promises like loan waivers but failing to implement them effectively. Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge emphasized the election's importance, describing it as a decisive moment for Maharashtra's stability and future. Shiv Sena (UBT) leader Sanjay Raut and NCP leader Supriya Sule also supported the manifesto's launch.

The MVA's manifesto also aimed pointed criticism at rival factions, especially the recent splits within Shiv Sena and NCP, following internal mutinies that reshaped Maharashtra's political landscape. In a swipe at the BJP, Patole highlighted the irony of the BJP promoting similar schemes it had previously dismissed as revdi (freebies) when Congress implemented them in Karnataka. He clarified that the proposed caste census would not divide communities but would provide essential data for addressing social inequality.





Indian Markets to Watch Trump's Win, FII Movements, and Oil Prices for Direction This Week

Domestic stock markets are likely to move mixed this week. Donald Trump's victory as US President, US Fed's decision on interest rates, changes in crude oil prices, withdrawal of investments by foreign institutional investors will have an impact on the indices. Shares of IT, public sector banks, consumer durables and auto sectors marginally performed last week. Shares in realty, media, energy, FMCG and commodities sectors faced selling pressure. Nifty support is at 24100 and resistance is at 24,250.



Mahindra and Mahindra: These shares have seen a 17% correction after hitting a lifetime high. After finding support at the crucial Rs.2661, the uptrend started from there. Momentum picked up after

the latest quarterly results. Investors should take a position Motilal Oswal: Despite negative market in the range of Rs.2960 with a target price of Rs.3150/3300 in this counter which closed at Rs.2974 last Friday with a gain of 2.89%.

Indian Hotels: The shares are hovering at lifetime highs. Investors are showing interest due to better EPS and sales recorded in the latest quar-

ter. Moreover, it is performing strongly compared to Nifty. In this counter which closed at Rs.732 last Friday with a gain of 7.18%, investors should count on Rs.780/850 level in the Rs.700

Ashok Leyland: Down 25% after a lifetime high, this counter looks likely to turn around. Investors are showing interest after releasing better results and announcing dividend in the latest



sentiment, these stocks are performing strongly. Accumulation is taking place in lifetime maxima. Trading and delivery volume will be huge. EPS and sales have increased significantly. Investors should enter the Rs.960 range with a target price of Rs.1050/1250 on this

Paytm: The bull run that started in May is still going on. These stocks have fared better in a losing market. In the latest quarter, EPS increased by

211% and sales increased by 11%, increasing investor interest. Investors should take a position at Rs.825 with a target price of Rs.990/1050 in this counter which closed at Rs.848 last Friday with a gain of 6.62%.

6.4% last Friday.

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counter which closed at Rs.997 last Friday with a gain of 6.1%.

declined to comment on specif-

TSMC to Halt Production of Advanced AI Chips for **Chinese Customers**

Taiwan Semicon-ductor Manufacturing Co (TSMC), the world's largest contract chipmaker, is set to suspend the production of advanced AI chips for Chinese companies starting Monday, according to a report by the Financial Times. Citing sources familiar with the decision, the re-

port states that TSMC informed its Chinese customers that it will no longer produce AI chips at advanced nodes of 7 nanometers or smaller, which are crucial for powering sophisticated artificial intelligence systems.

The move aligns with intensified U.S. measures aimed at curbing China's access to advanced chip technologies, which Washington fears could bolster China's capabilities in developing AI-driven bioweapons and conducting large-scale cyber operations. The restriction is part of a broader U.S. strategy to prevent China from advancing in sectors where American officials see potential security risks.

The U.S. recently imposed a \$500,000 penalty on Global-Foundries, a New York-based semiconductor manufacturer, for unauthorized shipments to an affiliate of SMIC, a blacklisted Chinese chipmaker. With these regulations tightening, any future TSMC shipments of advanced AI chips to Chinese customers will likely require approval from U.S. authorities.

In response to inquiries, TSMC



ic market rumors but emphasized its commitment to adhering to all applicable regulations, including export controls. The U.S. Department of Commerce, which oversees these export restrictions, has yet to provide an official statement on TSMC's decision.

The suspension of chip production for Chinese clients comes amid an ongoing investigation by the U.S. Department of Commerce into how a TSMC-produced chip found its way into a device manufactured by Huawei, China's heavily sanctioned telecom giant. This incident has raised further scrutiny over the supply chain of advanced semiconductors and underscores the increasing geopolitical tensions surrounding semiconductor technology.

TSMC's decision is expected to impact China's tech industry significantly, as the advanced chips are integral to high-performance computing, AI, and various military applications. The halt will also underscore the challenges faced by Chinese tech companies reliant on foreign technology amid the global chip race and escalating U.S.-China tech rivalry.

India's Power Sector Poised for Strong Growth Amid Renewable Energy Expansion

Tndia's power sector **⊥**is on the brink of significant growth, driven by soaring demand and a push towards renewable energy. As the country prepares to meet increasing energy requirements across various sectors, it is set to become the largest global energy demand market in the next decade. The Central Electricity Authority (CEA) projects \$110 billion in investments from FY22 to FY32 to



expand transmission infrastructure and meet ambitious renewable energy targets.

According to Japanese brokerage firm Nomura, India's power demand is expected to grow at a compound annual growth rate (CAGR) of over 7% between FY24 and FY27. Renewable energy, primarily solar and wind, is playing a pivotal role in meeting this rising demand, already accounting for 75% of India's incremental power needs. A Nomura report noted, "The share of renewable energy will grow from here on. It will account for 55% of the total power capacity," underscoring the sector's growing importance in India's energy mix.

India's recent progress is underpinned by policies aimed at reducing reliance on fossil fuels. The International Energy Agency's (IEA) *World Energy Outlook* report forecasts India's total energy demand will increase by nearly 35% by 2035, with electricity generation capacity projected to triple to 1,400 GW by then. India's National Electricity Plan (Transmission), unveiled last month, aims to facilitate 500 GW of renewable energy capacity by 2030 and over 600 GW by 2032, underscoring the country's commitment to clean energy.

Rating agency ICRA forecasts that the share of renewable energy, including hydro, in India's power generation mix will grow from 21% in FY24 to 35% by FY30. Achieving the renewable purchase obligation (RPO) target of 43.3% by FY30 will require more than doubling the current renewable capacity of 200 GW, a significant increase to meet future demand.

India has pledged that by 2030, 50% of its installed power capacity will come from non-fossil fuel sources. This commitment aligns with global efforts to reduce carbon emissions and build a sustainable energy future. Solar and wind power will continue to lead India's energy transformation, contributing significantly to its energy security and environmental goals.

As India aims to become the third-largest economy by 2028, with GDP growth projected at 7.8% in 2023, the nation's energy sector is poised to expand in tandem. With robust policy support, substantial investments, and a growing renewable infrastructure, India's power sector is positioned for sustained growth and is set to lead the way in renewable energy adoption on the global stage.

Apple Establishes First R&D Subsidiary in India Amid Supply **Chain Diversification Push**

Apple has announced plans to establish its first-ever research and development (R&D) subsidiary in India as part of its global strategy to diversify its supply chain and reduce dependence on China. The new facility will focus on research, design, testing, and providing support to third-party manufacturers, strengthening Apple's integration with India's manufacturing ecosystem and enhancing collaboration with local original equipment manufacturers (OEMs).

This move reflects Apple's growing interest in India, which assembled \$14 billion worth of iPhones in the last fiscal year, with exports exceeding \$10 billion. By establishing R&D operations in India, Apple aims to create

India-specific products and solutions, tapping into the country's expanding market potential. Industry experts view Apple's India R&D center as a milestone, with potential benefits extending beyond local manufacturing to drive innovation tailored to Indian consumers.

Prabhu Ram, VP of CyberMedia Research's Industry Research Group, noted that India could be Apple's next growth hub, as China was in previous decades. "The key to this growth is not just retail and marketing but also robust R&D operations," said Ram. He suggested that India-centric R&D could fuel Apple's innovation for the Indian market and beyond.

Apple's expansion in India aligns with its recent manufacturing acceleration in the region. Boosted by ease-of-doing-business policies and favorable manufacturing incentives, Apple has expanded its "Make in India" production of iPhones, setting new export records. According to the latest industry data, Apple is expected



to exceed FY24 export figures, reaching over Rs 50,000 crore (more than \$6 billion) in the first half of FY25.

In addition to its R&D and manufacturing commitments, Apple is set to open four new branded retail stores across India. During Apple's Q4 earnings call, CEO Tim Cook expressed enthusiasm about the brand's progress in India, noting an all-time revenue record in the region. Cook also emphasized Apple's commitment to education in India, underscoring the role of technology in inspiring students and enhancing learning.

With its India operations reaching a value of \$23.5 billion in FY24, Apple is firmly positioning itself to tap into one of the world's fastest-growing markets. This expansion reflects Apple's strategy to create a self-sustaining ecosystem in India, leveraging local R&D, manufacturing, and retail to support long-term growth in the





Donald Trump Wins Arizona, **Sweeps All 7 Swing States**

In a major victory for the Republican Party, Donald Trump has won Arizona, flipping the state back to the GOP and sweeping all seven swing states in the November 5 U.S. presidential election. This marks Trump's second win in Arizona, securing the state's 11 electoral votes and surpassing his 2016 performance, when he won with 304 electoral votes.

With Arizona's support, Trump now holds 312 electoral votes, comfortably surpassing the 270 threshold required to claim the presidency. This victory grants the 78-year-old former president a second term, following his initial tenure from 2016 to 2020. The win follows a series of successful battles in key battleground states, including Georgia, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsin, North Carolina, and Nevada, all of which were previously won by Democrats in 2020.

Vice President Kamala Harris, who stepped in as the Democratic nominee in place of the aging President Joe Biden, received 226 electoral votes. Biden withdrew from the race in July, citing age-related concerns. The election's outcome continues a trend of alternating party control of the White House, mark-



ing the fourth consecutive term of leadership change between Republicans and Democrats—a phenomenon not seen since the late 19th century.

Despite facing legal challenges and two impeachments during his previous term, Trump's decisive victory underscores his continued influence within American politics. As he prepares for his January 20 inauguration, he has begun assembling his second administration, announcing the appointment of Susie Wiles as his White House Chief of Staff. Wiles, 67, becomes the first woman to hold this prestigious role.

In addition to Wiles, other prominent figures are expected to join the new administration. Speculations indicate that Elon Musk, the world's wealthiest individual, may be tapped for a government role focusing on auditing waste, while former U.S. Ambassador to Germany Ric Grenell is a potential candidate for Secretary of State. Robert F. Kennedy Jr., a known health advocate, is also expected to play a significant role in Trump's health policy initiatives.

Biden is set to meet with Trump in the Oval Office on Wednesday as the transition of power begins.

Putin Signs Into Law Mutual Defence Treaty With North Korea



Russian President Vladimir Putin has signed into law a mutual defense treaty with North Korea, marking a significant escalation in the strategic partnership between Moscow and Pyongyang. The treaty, ratified by Russia's upper and lower legislative chambers, obliges each nation to provide military support in the event of an armed attack.

The treaty was initially agreed upon in June during a summit between Putin and North KorePyongyang. This accord intensifies cooperation between the two countries, whose relationship has grown closer since Russia's full-scale invasion of Ukraine in February 2022.

According to reports from South Korean and Western sources, North Korea has supplied Russia with military weaponry, some of which Ukrainian forensic teams have allegedly traced at locations where Russian forces have launched attacks.

an leader Kim Jong Un in Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskiy further claimed on Thursday that North Korea has dispatched 11,000 troops to Russia, with some reportedly involved in combat in the southern Kursk region. Russia has not officially confirmed the presence of North Korean soldiers.

> This defense treaty comes amid mounting concerns from neighboring countries and Western allies regarding the implications of a strengthened Russia-North Korea alliance.

Trump Excludes Nikki Haley, Mike Pompeo from New Administration

President-elect Donald Trump announced that he will not be appointing former UN Ambassador Nikki Haley or former Secretary of State Mike Pompeo to positions in his upcoming administration. In a statement on Truth Social, Trump expressed appreciation for their past service but confirmed their exclusion from his new team, as reported by Bloomberg.

Nikki Haley, former governor of South Carolina, had run against Trump in the Republican primary, supported by high-profile Wall Street donors and establishment Republicans hoping to reclaim influence within the GOP. Although Haley garnered backing from conservative groups,



her candidacy struggled to gain traction among Trump's core supporters. Key conservative figures, including billionaire Ken Griffin, the Koch Group, and Senator Lisa Murkowski, had hoped Haley could challenge Trump's bid for a third consecutive nomina-

Mike Pompeo, a steadfast Trump ally and former CIA Director, will also not return to the administration. Potential candidates for Secretary of State include Ric Grenell, former U.S. Ambassador to Germany, and Steven Mnuchin, former Treasury Secretary.

With Republicans projected to control the White House and Senate and leading in the House, Trump's appointments for key positions are likely to face little resistance in the confirmation process. Trump has already appointed Susie Wiles, a seasoned Republican strategist, as his chief of staff. Known for her low-profile approach, Wiles was the first to secure a senior role in the new administration as competition intensifies for top cabinet positions.

Meanwhile, outgoing President Joe Biden is scheduled to welcome President-elect Trump to the White House on November 13 for their first post-election meeting. According to White House Press Secretary Karine Jean-Pierre, the Oval Office meeting, set for 11 a.m., marks the beginning of a peaceful transition of power that will culminate with Trump's inauguration in January.



Taliban Officials to Attend UN Climate Summit for First Time

In an unprecedented move, Afghan Taliban officials are set to attend the upcoming COP29 climate summit in Baku, Azerbaijan, marking their highest-profile multilateral participation since taking control of Afghanistan in 2021. The UN, which does not formally recognize the Taliban as Afghanistan's legitimate government, has restricted their access to Afghanistan's UN General Assembly seat. The country remains diplomatically isolated due to the Taliban's policies, especially concerning women's rights and freedoms.

Officials from Afghanistan's National Environmental Protection Agency have arrived in Azerbaijan, invited by the host nation to participate as observers, according to Afghan Foreign Ministry spokesman Abdul Qahar Balkhi. This status allows them to engage in side discussions and possibly hold bilateral meetings, though they lack credentials to fully participate alongside member states.

Afghanistan, one of the countries most vulnerable to climate change, has suffered severe environmental impacts this year, including deadly flash floods and a prolonged drought that threatens food security for millions. Humanitarian advocates argue that international isolation may worsen the plight of Afghan citizens, limiting access to vital support and solutions for the country's environmental crises.

Habib Mayar, deputy general secretary of g7+, a coalition of conflict-affected nations, emphasized the urgency of Afghanistan's climate and humanitarian needs.

Police arrest Khalistani protest organiser Inderjeet Gosal | Who is he?

Peel Regional Police (PRP) announced the arrest of Inderjeet Gosal, a key figure in Canada's Khalistani protest movement, on charges linked to the recent violent attack on a Hindu temple in Brampton. Gosal, known as a primary organizer of Khalistani demonstrations across Canada, allegedly played a significant role in the November 3rd invasion of the Hindu

Sabha temple. His arrest marks a significant development amid rising tensions between Hindu and Sikh communities the region.



Inderjeet Gosal is a prominent Khalistani activist in Canada, often regarded as a close associate of Gurpatwant Singh Pannun, the general counsel of Sikhs for Justice (SFJ). Following the death of Hardeep Singh Nijjar, leader of the Khalistan Tiger Force (KTF), in June 2023, Gosal emerged as the principal figure organizing the ongoing Khalistan referendum in Canada. He reportedly worked closely with Nijjar, who was assassinated in Surrey, British Columbia, an event that strained India-Canada diplomatic relations.

On November 8, Gosal was charged with "Assault with a Weapon" in relation to the Brampton temple attack. Peel Regional Police stated that he has been released with conditions and is scheduled to appear before the Ontario Court of Justice in Brampton on a later date.

In August 2024, Canadian police had warned Gosal of elevated threats to his life. Canadian authorities, including Ontario police and the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP), issued a "duty to warn" notification to Gosal about potential dangers he might face.

Violence Erupts Outside Awami League Office Following Rally Call, Dhaka on High Alert



Tensions are high in Bangladesh's capital Dhaka as reports emerge of violence against Awami League supporters following the party's announcement of a rally at Shaheed Noor Hossain Square. The rally, organized to commemorate Noor Hossain Day, marks the Awami League's first significant move since former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina's government was ousted in a popular uprising on Au-

Local media reported the incident occurred in front of the Awami League's central office on Bangabandhu Avenue, where several supporters were allegedly attacked. The rally was called in memory of Noor Hossain, a youth leader and activist with the Awami League's youth wing, Jubo League, who was killed on November 10, 1987, during the anti-Ershad movement.

In a social media post, the Awami League invited citizens and party loyalists to join the march at Noor Hossain Chattar (Zero Point) in Dhaka, rallying for the removal of "anti-democratic forces" and the restoration of democratic governance under its leadership. The party called on those who "believe in the values of the Liberation War and democratic principles" to stand in solidarity.

However, Bangladesh's interim government, led by Chief Advisor Muhammad Yunus, swiftly denied permission for the protest. Shafiqul Alam, the press secretary to Yunus, stated, "The Awami League in its current form is a fascist party. There is no way this fascist party will be allowed to hold protests in Bangladesh."

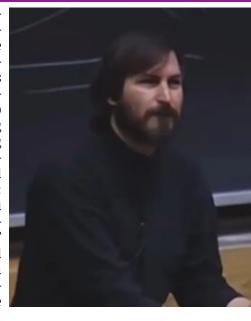


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Steve Jobs Pauses for 18 Seconds Before Answering

Inspires Reflection on Leadership and Patience

↑ resurfaced video featuring Apple co-founder Steve Jobs has once again captivated audiences. In the clip, Jobs takes an unusual pause, spending 18 full seconds in deep thought before responding a thought-provoking question during a Q&A session. The question asked was simple yet profound: "What's the one thing you personally learned at Apple that you're doing next?" Jobs' lengthy pause and his response have struck a chord with viewers, showcasing his contemplative approach to leadership.



After acknowledging the question with a brief "Good question," Jobs shared a powerful insight. "I'm not sure I learned that when I was at Apple," he began, "but I learned it based on the data when I was at Apple. And that is, I now take a longer-term view on people." He explained that instead of immediately jumping to fix issues, he considers the importance of building a strong team for the long term. "When I see something not being done right, my first reaction isn't to go fix it. It's to say, we are building a pull them out." team here, and we're going to do great stuff for the next decade, not just the next year. So what do I need to do to help so that the person that's

Jobs' deliberate, thoughtful answer resonated across social media, sparking discussion on pa-

tience and leadership. One user praised Jobs' approach, saying, "Thinking before answering, a lost art." Another noted the confidence it took to pause that long, saying, "He had the courage to take such a long pause, think, and respond. Most people in a crowded room like this would give quick, surface answers."

A third user connected Jobs' perspective with a philosophy from business speaker Jim Rohn's mentor, noting, "Don't build a company and find the right people; find the right people and build a

company around them." They highlighted how Jobs was thinking not just about immediate needs but about building a team for the future.

Other users reflected on the larger implications of Jobs' response. "Steve Jobs is a great example of thinking first and then talking," commented one user, while another connected the story to leadership, saying, "Leadership is having patience. People are like seeds that need to grow. And if those seeds are actually weeds, then you

The video continues to inspire, illustrating how a thoughtful pause and a long-term perspective can reveal the depth of a leader's vision. Jobs' response is a reminder that true leadership often involves patience, foresight, and the commitment to foster growth in others over time.

Woman Recounts Frightening Encounter with Fake Ola Driver at Bengaluru Airport

A Bengaluru woman, Dr. Nikita Malik, recently endured a harrowing experience with a fake Ola cab driver while trying to get home from Kempegowda International Airport late at night. The incident, which unfolded around 10:30 p.m., began when she was picked up by a cab at the designated pickup area. Unaware that the vehicle wasn't her actual booking, she initially dismissed any suspicions.

Dr. Malik, a junior resident doctor who had just arrived from Delhi, was on a call with her family at the pickup loca-

tion when the driver approached her. She noticed that the car model didn't match her booking — she had requested an Ola mini, while the As tensions rose, Dr. Malik dialed 112 to reach driver was operating a sedan — but was reassured when he promised to take her home.

Her concerns grew after she got into the vehicle and the driver didn't ask for her OTP, a usual security protocol for Ola rides. As he drove nearly 700 meters without requesting her OTP or confirming her destination, she became increasingly uneasy. "He told me to put my location in the Maps application on his phone, explaining that his Ola app wasn't working," she shared in a handwritten complaint to the police.

The situation quickly escalated when the driver began demanding an extra fare, which Dr. Malik refused to pay. When she asked to return to the airport, he ignored her requests and made an unscheduled stop at a petrol station, asking for ₹500 to refuel. At this point, Dr. Malik realized the urgency of her situation and discreetly took a wide-angle photo of the car, capturing

the license plate without leaving the vehicle.

the police helpline, and the driver, sensing trouble, changed his approach, promising to take her back to the airport and pleading with her not to report him. She remained calm and pretended to be on the phone throughout the ride, while police were on their way.

The driver was arrested shortly afterward, thanks to Dr. Malik's quick thinking and timely alert to law enforcement. Reflecting on the experience, she noted that even in a relatively safe city like Bengaluru, such incidents can happen and urged others to stay vigilant.

This incident underscores the importance of verifying driver details before entering a cab and maintaining awareness throughout the journey. Dr. Malik's cautionary tale serves as a reminder for travelers to prioritize safety and trust their instincts when in uncertain situations.

Google Pixel 11 to Feature Improved Tensor G6 Chip for Better Efficiency and Thermal Management

Pixel 11 series, set to debut with the next-generation Tensor G6 chip, is expected to tackle key performance issues that have plagued previous Pixel models, particularly in areas of thermal management and battery life. According to a report by *Android Authority*, the Tensor G6 is designed to enhance efficiency and address overheating problems, which have been the primary cause of returns for Pixel devices.

screwing up learns?"

The report, based on internal documents from Google's GChips division, reveals that Google recognizes the thermal issues impacting Pixel smartphones, noting

that "thermal comfort limits are too high." In an attempt to reduce customer dissatisfaction and returns, Google is focusing on the Tensor G6's thermal performance to provide a cooler user experience.

Another significant focus for the Tensor G6 is improved power efficiency and battery life. Battery The report also highlights Google's drain has been a common complaint among Pixel 6 and Pixel 7 users, with feedback indicating that customers "expect 36 hours of battery life." This suggests that the Pixel 11 series may deliver better endurance, potentially addressing one of the Pixel lineup's most common drawbacks.

Pricing Strategy for the Tensor G6

Google is also reportedly targeting a more cost-effective approach for the Tensor G6, aiming to keep the chip's price around \$65 (approximately ₹5,500). This is notably lower than Qualcomm's comparable chips, which are said to cost around \$150 (roughly ₹12,700). By reducing chip production costs, Google aims to make its Pixel de-



vices more competitively priced while retaining its focus on exclusive software features and AI capabilities.

Partnership with TSMC and Future Generations

partnership with Taiwan Semiconductor Manufacturing Co. (TSMC) for the production of its Tensor G5 chips, expected to power the successor to the Pixel 9 series. Although the next-generation Tensor chips are not projected to deliver major performance gains, they are expected to improve efficiency and battery life further, setting the stage for the Pixel 11's potential advancements in 2026.

With the anticipated improvements in thermal management, battery efficiency, and cost, the Tensor G6 could position the Pixel 11 as a more competitive option in the smartphone market, especially for users seeking a smoother, longer-lasting experience with Google's exclusive AI and software features.

Dense Smog Engulfs Delhi and Mumbai as Air Quality Deteriorates

Delhi and Mumbai awoke to a thick blanket of smog this morning, with air quality plummeting across both metropolitan cities. According to data from the Central Pollution Control Board (CPCB), Delhi's air quality index (AQI) hit 335 at 8 a.m., placing it in the "very poor" category. SAFAR, the government's System of Air Quality and Weather Forecasting and Research, advised residents to avoid outdoor activities in the early morning and after sunset due to the high pollution levels.

In Delhi, several areas recorded AQI levels above 350, including Bawana (383), Mundka (358), New Moti Bagh (394), RK Puram (368), and Wazirpur (366). Prominent locations such as the Kartavya Path in central Delhi and the high-rise buildings in Kalindi Kunj were shrouded in dense smog. To counter the pollution, authorities have deployed anti-smog guns, with visuals from Ashoka Road showing water being sprayed to curb particulate matter in the air.

Meanwhile, the air quality in Mumbai registered as "moderate" with an In Agra, approximately 240 km from



AQI of 139. However, Nanadeep Garden recorded the highest AQI in the city at 306, categorized as "very poor," while Kandivali West reported an AQI of 222. Other areas, including Bhandup, Colaba, Chembur, Bandra Kurla Complex, and Byculla, saw moderate pollution

Delhi, the AQI remained within the "satisfactory" range. However, a visible layer of haze surrounded the Taj Mahal, offering a hazy view for visitors.

AQI levels are classified as follows: 101-200 "moderate," 201-300 "poor," 301-400 "very poor," 401-450 "severe," and above 450 "severe plus."

Thousands Protest in Spain Over Deadly Floods and Government Response

Tens of thousands gathered in Valencia, Spain, on Saturday to protest regional authorities' response to catastrophic floods that claimed the lives of more than 220 people. This tragic event has become one of Europe's deadliest natural disasters in recent decades, leaving communities devastated and sparking widespread anger at the perceived mismanagement of the crisis.

Protesters filled Valencia's city of regional government leader Carlos Mazon, chanting "Killers!" and accusing officials of neglect. Signs displayed messages like "Our hands are stained with mud, yours with blood," and some demonstrators dumped muddy boots and smeared mud on the government building to symbolize their frustration.

Residents from affected areas allege that Mazon's government delayed issuing an emergency alert, waiting



center, demanding the resignation until 8 p.m. on October 29, hours after floodwaters had already swept through towns and villages. Mazon responded that he would have acted sooner if the severity of the situation had been relayed by the official water monitoring body, though he has not commented further.

> "We want to show our indignation and anger over the poor management of this disaster which has affected so many people," said Anna Oliver, pres

ident of Accio Cultural del Pais Valenciano, one of 30 organizations behind the protest.

Although the protest remained largely peaceful, tensions rose when police charged a group of stone-throwing demonstrators, resulting in minor damage to the city council building.

Prior to the floods, Spain's national weather service AEMET had issued storm warnings as early as October 25. Some local bodies and municipalities took early action, suspending public activities and advising residents to stay indoors. However, the regional government's alert was delayed, leading to accusations of negligence.

Nearly 80 individuals remain missing as search and recovery efforts continue. This flood has become the most deadly in a European country since the devastating 1967 Portugal floods that claimed approximately 500 lives.





England secured a commanding eight-wick-et victory over the West Indies in the opening T20I at Kensington Oval, Bridgetown, as Phil Salt's unbeaten 103 guided the team home with 19 balls to spare. Chasing a target of 183, Salt's powerful 54-ball century included nine fours and six sixes, propelling England to 183-2 in just 17 overs.

Salt, who has scored all three of his international T20 centuries against the West Indies in the Caribbean, launched England's chase with an explosive fourth-over attack, taking 24 runs off Shamar Joseph and moving England swiftly to 52-0. He was well-supported by 21-year-old Jacob Bethell, a Barbados-born talent, who scored an impressive 58 off 36 balls with five fours and two sixes in front of friends and family.

"I enjoy batting here -- I've grown up on these

Salt remarked after his match-winning performance.

Earlier, West Indies posted a challenging 182-9, thanks to a strong lower-order push. Andre Russell hit four sixes in a quickfire 30 off 17 balls, while Romario Shepherd's unbeaten 35 off 22 deliveries and Gudakesh Motie's aggressive 33 off 14 balls lifted the total in the final overs. Shepherd's late surge included three fours and two sixes, while Motie, a tailender, showcased his hitting prowess before being caught by Dan Mousley off Saqib Mahmood.

Mahmood was the standout bowler for England, taking 4-34 from his four overs, while Adil Rashid claimed 3-32.

The second match in the five-game series is set for Sunday in Bridgetown, where England will look to continue their strong start.

Pakistan Secures Historic ODI Series Win Over Australia After 22 Years

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m akistan}$ clinched a landmark ODI series victory over Australia, their first on Australian soil in 22 years, with a commanding eight-wicket win in Perth. Led by captain Mohammad Rizwan, Pakistan bowled out the hosts for a mere 140, reaching their target in just 27 overs to wrap up the series.

Saim Ayub scored a brisk 42 and Abdullah Shafique added 37, setting Pakistan up for victory. Rizwan and Babar Azam calmly guided Pakistan across the finish line, cementing their 2-1 series win. Rizwan attributed the success to Pakistan's impressive bowling lineup, including standout performances from Naseem Shah (3-

54), Shaheen Shah Afridi (3-32), and Haris Rauf

"It's a special moment for me and the fans," said Rizwan. "I'll give all the credit to the bowlers. Playing Australia in Australia is not easy, but Saim and Abdullah have given us great starts as well."

After losing the first match narrowly in Melbourne, Pakistan bounced back with a nine-wicket victory in Adelaide before sealing the series in Perth. The absence of key Australian players— Steve Smith, Marnus Labuschagne, Pat Cummins, Josh Hazlewood, and Mitchell Starc, who were rested for the upcoming Test series—was evident as their replacements struggled to challenge the visitors.

Pakistan's bowlers quickly dismantled the Aus-

tralian batting lineup. Sean Abbott was the only batsman to show resistance, scoring 30 as Australia stumbled to 140 all out in the 32nd over. Jake Fraser-McGurk, Matt Short, and Aaron Hardie failed to make an impact against Pakistan's relentless pace attack, with Fraser-McGurk nicking a Shah delivery for seven and Hardie falling

Captain Josh Inglis expressed disappointment at the team's performance, admitting that Australia had been outplayed since midway through the first game. "Not enough runs on the board in games two and three," he said.

Pakistan's series win marks a milestone achievement and a significant boost as they build momentum ahead of future international competitions.





ionel Messi's dreams of lifting chuk, making it 2-1. the MLS Cup ended abruptly as Inter Miami suffered a surprise first-round exit, losing 3-2 to Atlanta United at home. Despite Miami's strong regular season, where they clinched the Supporters' Shield with a record points total, the playoffs proved unforgiving. Atlanta, who finished ninth in the Eastern Conference, pulled off an upset by winning twice in the best-of-three series.

Miami took an early lead in the 17th minute after Messi's initial attempt was blocked by Atlanta goalkeeper Brad Guzan, with Matias Rojas pouncing on the rebound to score. However, Atlanta quickly responded with Jamal Thiare equalizing after a deflected pass from Dax McCarty fell to him. Minutes later, Thiare struck again, this time assisted by Aleksei Miran-

Miami thought they had equalized in the 23rd minute through Diego Gomez, but the goal was ruled offside. Guzan, at 40, produced an outstanding performance, thwarting Miami's attempts to level the score. Messi eventually broke through in the 65th minute, scoring with a powerful header from a Marcelo Weigandt cross.

Pushing for a winner, Miami's hopes were dashed when Atlanta's Pedro Amador delivered a cross that Polish midfielder Bartosz Slisz headed in at the back post, sealing the 3-2 win.

Atlanta United will now face Orlando in the Eastern Conference semifinals, while the New York Red Bulls and New York City FC face off in the other semifinal matchup.

Tuventus emerged victorious in a tense **J** Turin derby, defeating Torino 2-0 to close within a single point of the Serie A summit on Saturday. Goals from Timothy Weah and Kenan Yildiz secured Juventus' third-place position with 24 points, level with Inter Milan and just one behind league leaders Napoli.

Juventus coach Thiago Motta praised the team's performance on home turf, expressing satisfaction with both the result and fan support. "It was another good performance where we brought the three points home," Motta told Sky Sport Italia. With Napoli and Inter set to face off on Sunday, Juventus are guaranteed to reduce the gap to at least one of the top two

Torino's early season form has faltered significantly; they now sit 11th, having won only once in their last seven matches. Weah opened the scoring in the 18th minute, capitalizing on a loose ball after Torino's goalkeeper Vanja Milinkovic-Savic spilled a save. Yildiz sealed the win with a header in the 84th minute, ending Torino's hopes of a late comeback.

Meanwhile, AC Milan dropped points in a dramatic 3-3 draw against Cagliari. Despite twice taking the lead, Milan couldn't secure victory, leaving them seventh in the table, four points off the Champions League places and seven behind Napoli.

Rafael Leao's two first-half goals initially put Milan in command, following Nadir Zortea's opener for Cagliari. Gabriele Zappa equalized early in the second half for the home side, only for Tammy Abraham to restore Milan's lead. However, Cagliari struck back through a sensational late volley from Zappa, ending the match in a deadlock.

"This draw is clearly a step backwards," Milan coach Paulo



to Afridi for 12.

Juventus Claim Derby Victory, Move Up to Third in Serie A

Fonseca admitted to DAZN, referencing his side's midweek Champions League win over Real Madrid. Fonseca criticized his team's defensive performance, citing lapses in aerial duels and aggressive play.

Elsewhere, Parma claimed a 2-1 comeback victory over Venezia, moving three points clear of the relegation zone. Hans Nicolussi Caviglia scored first for Venezia, but goals from Emanuele Valeri and Ange-Yoan Bonny ensured Parma's climb to 14th.

Sunday's Serie A action will see reigning champions Napoli take on 2023 Scudetto winners Inter Milan in a highly anticipated showdown.

India Gears Up to Defend Title at Women's Asian Champions Trophy on Home Turf

The Indian women's hockey team is set to defend its Asian Champions Trophy (ACT) title as they open against Malaysia on Monday in Rajgir, Bihar. India, with ACT titles in 2016 and 2023, aims to retain the crown on home turf. After a challenging year with 13 losses in 16 FIH Pro League matches, the team looks to rebound under captain Salima Tete and vice-captain Navneet Kaur, blending youth journey toward the LA 2028 Olympics.

India faces a strong field with Olympic silver-medalists China, South Korea, Japan, Malaysia, and Thailand. The defense includes Udita, Jyoti, Ishika Chaudhary, Sushila Chanu Pukhrambam, and Vaishna-



and experience as they start a new vi Vitthal Phalke, while Tete anchors the midfield with Neha, Sharmila Devi, Manisha Chauhan, Sunelita Toppo, and Lalremsiami. The forward line, led by Navneet Kaur, includes Sangita Kumari, Deepika, Preeti Dubey, and Beauty Dungdung, with Savita and Bichu Devi Kharibam handling goalkeeping duties.

With Sushila and Dungdung returning after rehab, India's roster looks solid. Though world-ranked sixth China poses a major challenge, India is favored alongside tournament leader South Korea, a three-time ACT winner.

New coach Harendra Singh has emphasized fitness to rebuild mental and physical resilience, a priority Tete also highlighted, noting the team's new foundation. Due to insect infestations under floodlights, matches have been rescheduled to daylight hours, with the day's first match at 12:15 p.m., followed by 2:30 p.m., and 4:45 p.m. Japan faces South Korea in the opener, with China vs. Thailand following.

Thrilling Showdown at St George's Park South Africa Clinch Low-Scoring Thriller Against India

Tn a gripping encounter at St George's **■**Park, South Africa edged past India in a low-scoring thriller, despite being 86/7 at one point. Displaying resilience under pressure, Tristan Stubbs and Gerald Coetzee guided the Proteas home, maintaining composure in a tense finish. Earlier, South Africa's spinners had kept India's batting under control, limiting them to a below-par score on a pitch offering grip and turn.

India's defense looked promising, thanks to an extraordinary spell from Varun Chakaravarthy, who claimed his maiden T20I five-wicket haul with figures of 5/17. Chakaravarthy's mystery spin proved deadly, dismantling the Proteas' top order, including key dismissals of Aiden Markram, Heinrich Klaasen, and David Miller. Yet, despite his stellar performance, India's pacers couldn't provide the necessary sup-



port, conceding runs at a higher rate.

The spin-versus-pace disparity proved crucial, allowing South Africa to hold on and break India's 11-match winning streak. Remarkably, Chakaravarthy's effort set a record for the best figures by a bowler from a Full Member nation in a losing cause. The contest showcased T20 cricket's unpredictability, as South Africa clinched a memorable win, leaving India to regroup for the upcoming matches.

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Don Lee & Prabhas – What's Stirring Up?

Korean superstar Ma Dong-seok, famously known as Don Lee, made waves in Indian media circles recently with rumors hinting that director Sandeep Reddy Vanga was considering casting him as the antagonist in Prabhas' upcoming cop drama Spirit. Fans were eagerly hoping this buzz would materialize, but Don Lee just dropped a twist of his own.



Earlier today, Don Lee took to Insta-

gram to share the poster of Prabhas' highly anticipated sequel Salaar 2, adding a thumbs-up emoji. This unexpected nod from the Korean star has set social media abuzz, sparking speculation and excitement among fans and media alike. The intrigue deepened when Salaar's official Instagram page reposted Don Lee's gesture, fueling speculation that he might be joining Prabhas in the sequel.

will indeed be part of Salaar 2, one thing seems certain: a collaboration between

Prabhas and Don Lee is on the horizon. A face-off between these two powerhouse actors would be a dream come true for

Meanwhile, Hombale Films, the production house behind Salaar, recently inked a three-film deal with Prabhas. Alongside Salaar 2, this deal includes a project with director Prasanth Varma and another with Lokesh Kanagaraj. Whether Don Lee's Though it's too soon to confirm if Don Lee role will be in Salaar 2 or Spirit remains to be seen, but fans are eagerly awaiting an official announcement.

Veteran Tamil Actor Delhi Ganesh Passes Away at 80

 $R^{ ext{enowned Tamil actor Delhi Ganesh has}}$ passed away at the age of 80, following health complications due to old age. The actor died at 11 p.m. on November 9. His family released a heartfelt statement confirming his passing, with the final rites scheduled for today in Ramapuram, Chennai.

Delhi Ganesh, born on August 1, 1944, made his

film debut in 1976 in Pattina Pravesam, di- il cinema. Later in his career, he explored across Tamil, Telugu, and Malayalam cinema. Before entering the film industry, Ganesh served in the Indian Air Force from 1964 to 1974.

Known for his versatile roles, he portrayed a range of characters from villains to father figures in classic films like Nayakan (1987), Michael Madhana Kama Rajan (1990), Apoorva Sagodharargal (1989), Aahaa..! (1997), Thenali (2000), and Dhu-



ru (2016). He won the Tamil Nadu State Film Award Special Prize for his performance in Pasi (1979) and received the prestigious Kalaimamani Award in 1994.

Delhi Ganesh worked alongside legendary actors such as Rajinikanth, Kamal Haasan, and Vijayakanth, establishing himself as a beloved figure in Tam-

rected by the iconic K. Balachander. Over television and short films, leaving a lasthis career, he appeared in over 400 films ing impact on audiences with his unique style. He was also a member of the Delhi-based theatre group Dakshina Bharata Nataka Sabha and made a memorable cameo as Alfred Pennyworth in the short film What If Batman Was from Chennai.

> Ganesh's contributions to cinema and theatre have left an indelible mark, and he will be remembered as one of Tamil cinema's enduring talents.

Sai Pallavi Shakes Off the Haters! In today's social media-driven world,

Lopinions are formed and judgments passed with the swipe of a finger. Calls to boycott films and actors have become common, not just in Bollywood but also increasingly in the South. Recently, Sai Pallavi found herself at the center of such a controversy, with a segment of netizens pushing to boycott her and her latest film, Amaran. But Sai Pallavi rose above the noise, proving that a single stellar performance can silence the critics.

The backlash began after an old interview resurfaced in which Sai Pallavi's comments comparing the Indian and Pakistani armies sparked controversy. Boycott hashtags circulated online, but the movement quickly fizzled as fans and audiences rallied in her support.

Amaran turned into a box office hit, with many flocking to theaters to witness Sai Pallavi's powerful performance. The film's success highlighted how the influence of social media boycotts is waning, and Sai Pallavi's star power remains as bright as ever.

Not just another actress relying on glamour, Sai Pallavi brings her intellect and versatility to each role. A doctor fluent in



multiple languages, her choice of scripts reflects her thoughtful approach to cinema. It's clear that negativity has little effect on her career trajectory.

Looking ahead, Sai Pallavi is set to appear in Thandel in Telugu, with two more exciting projects lined up in Hindi. She's forging ahead, focused and undeterred.

'Game Changer' Teaser **Shatters Records with 55 Million Views in 24 Hours**

The teaser for Game Changer, directed by acclaimed filmmaker Shankar and starring global star Ram Charan, has taken the internet by storm. Released on November 9, the teaser racked up an astonishing 55 million views within just one day, highlighting the immense anticipation for the film.

The teaser launch event was held in Lucknow, Uttar Pradesh, in an innovative approach to reach a wider audience. Ram Charan was joined by co-stars Kiara Advani, Anjali, SJ Suryah, and producer Dil Raju for the event, where the teaser was unveiled in multiple languages to cater to fans across different regions.

Game Changer is scheduled for a grand worldwide release on January 10, 2025, just in time for Sankranti. With its compelling storyline, star-studded cast, and high production values, the film has already generated remarkable buzz and is expected to be one of the major cinematic events of the year.



Kanguva: Suriya's Quest for Stardom—Will It Soar or Sizzle Out?

Suriya, once celebrated as Tam-il cinema's next superstar following a string of blockbusters like Kaakha Kaakha, Aaru, Vel, Ghajini, and Singam, created a strong fanbase in both Tamil and Telugu markets. His films once guaranteed a minimum of ₹10 crores at the Telugu box office. Even legendary director SS Rajamouli credited Suriya as a major influence behind his own pan-India filmmaking vision, underscoring the actor's phenomenal popularity during his peak.

However, after a stellar 2000s run, Suriya hit a rough patch in the 2010s. Outside of the Singam series and 24, his films struggled to impress at the box office. While 24 was seen as a good film, it managed only moderate business. Big-budget projects like

The Seventh Sense, Maattraan, Anjaan, Masss, NGK, Kaappaan, and Thaanaa Serndha Koottam fell short of expectations. Recent successes like Soorarai Pottru and Jai Bhim resonated widely but found their success on OTT platforms, leaving Suriya without a major theatrical hit in recent years.

Now, Suriya is gearing up for Kanguva, an ambitious historical adventure that's set to release across multi- With Kanguva, Suriya stands at a crossroads, and and high stakes, it's projected to be Tamil cinema's umphant comeback or a challenging setback.



portunity for Suriya to reclaim his standing in Indian cinema. A hit could re-establish him as a pan-India star, elevating his career to new heights. However, if Kanguva fails to resonate with audiences, it could be a major setback, possibly restricting him to local Tamil films or more OTT projects going forward.

ple languages as a pan-India film. With a hefty budget fans are eagerly awaiting to see if this will be his tri-

Srileela Joins Allu Arjun for a Special **Dance Number in Pushpa-2**

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m he\ highly\ anticipated\ film}_{
m Pushpa-2:\ The\ Rule,\ star-}$ ring Allu Arjun and directed by Sukumar, is set for a grand release on December 5. Produced by Naveen Erneni and Y. Ravi Shankar under Mythri Movie Makers with Sukumar Writings Association, the pan-India film is in its final stages of production, with post-production work progressing rapidly.

In recent weeks, there was much speculation about which actress would feature alongside Allu Arjun in a special dance number. While names like Shraddha Kapoor, Pooja Hegde, and Samantha were rumored, the makers have officially announced that Srileela will be performing the special song.

The song, choreographed by Ganesh Acharya with lyrics by Chandra Bose, is currently being filmed on a special set at Ramoji Film City. Srileela's collaboration with Allu Arjun, who is celebrated for his exceptional dance skills, has generated a great deal of excitement. This song is expected to be a massive hit,

from Pushpa: The Rise.



following the popularity of Samantha's Ooo Antawa A lyrical video of the song featuring Allu Arjun and Srileela is expected to be released soon, further building anticipation for Pushpa-2: The Rule.