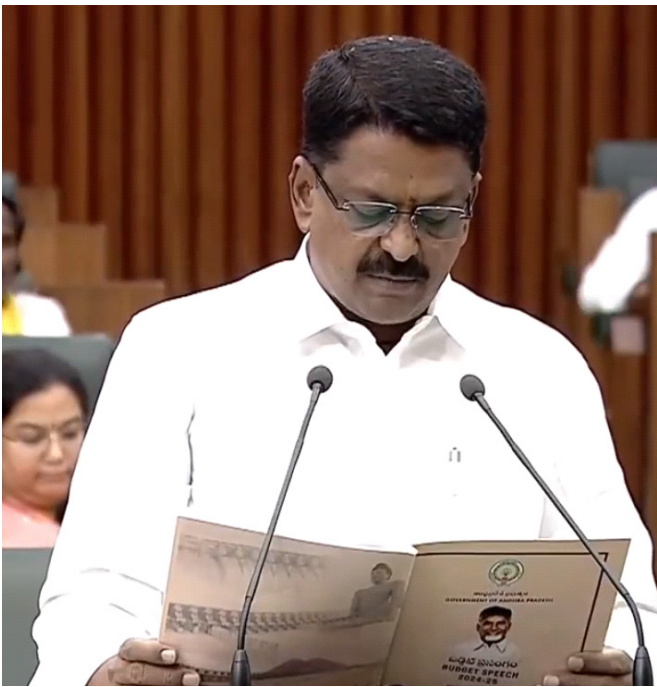


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Minister Highlights  
**Free Bus**  
Travel for Women in AP Budget



TPN, Amaravati: The Andhra Pradesh Assembly sessions began today, with Finance Minister Payyavula Keshav presenting the budget for the remaining financial year 2024-25. The total budget allocation for the year is Rs. 2,94,427.25 crores, with revenue expenditure set at Rs. 2,35,916.99 crores and capital expenditure at Rs. 32,712.84 crores. The budget outlines a revenue deficit of Rs. 34,743.38 crores and a fiscal deficit of Rs. 68,742.65 crores.

In a recent budget speech in the Assembly, Minister Payyavula Keshav outlined the government's extensive focus on women and child welfare, emphasizing empowerment, education, and security for women across Andhra Pradesh. Presenting the budget, he announced that a significant Rs. 4,285 crore has been allocated to the Women and

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# Govt Targets 15% Growth Rate with Vision 2047 Plan



TPN, Amaravati: Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu outlined the government's ambitious target of a 15% growth rate for Andhra Pradesh, emphasizing that wealth creation will come through expanded opportunities. Speaking at the Secretariat during a task force committee meeting focused on "Swarnandhra Pradesh Vision 2047," the CM discussed strategies with top industry leaders to achieve this long-term vision.

Reflecting on past successes, the CM noted that the previous Telugu Desam government achieved a growth rate of 13.5%, expressing confidence in reaching 15% with the right policies and action plans.

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## AP's Power Play: Pawan Kalyan's Ministry Bags Top Budget Share



TPN, Amaravati: The NDA-led Andhra Pradesh government presented its inaugural budget today during the assembly sessions in Amaravati. Finance Minister Payyavula Keshav revealed a comprehensive budget totaling Rs 2.94 lakh crore, laying out ambitious plans for statewide growth across multiple sectors.

The budget sets revenue expenditure at Rs 2.34 lakh crore, with the fiscal and revenue deficits projected at Rs 68,743 crore and Rs 34,743 crore, respectively. The health-care sector has received a significant allocation of Rs 18,421 crore.

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# Minister Achchennaaidu Presents Rs. 43,000 Crore Agriculture Budget



**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** In a heartfelt address, Andhra Pradesh Agriculture Minister Achchennaaidu presented the agriculture budget, allocating Rs. 43,402 crores to support the state's agricultural sector and empower farmers. The minister began his speech with a tribute to farmers, quoting poet Gurram Joshua's words:

*The farmer, who toils tirelessly, feeds the world; may he never lack the sustenance he provides to others."*

Achchennaaidu paid homage to the efforts of Andhra Pradesh's farmers, expressing Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's vision of empowering farmers to become "kings." He emphasized that the government's goal is to uplift farmers and revitalize agriculture, an industry upon which 62% of the state's population relies. Achchennaaidu criticized the previous administration for neglecting the sector, pledging that the current government is taking comprehensive steps to restore agriculture's role as the backbone of Andhra Pradesh.

Achchennaaidu highlighted the government's prioritization of digital and sustainable agriculture practices. Remote sensing technology will be employed for soil testing, and subsidies for fertilizers and seeds will be provided through primary credit unions.

He reiterated that the government's vision is to ensure no student is deprived of education due to poverty, further showcasing their commitment to rural and agricultural communities. Through these extensive initiatives and substantial budget allocations, the Andhra Pradesh government aims to strengthen the state's agricultural foundation and ensure the prosperity of farmers.

<i>The agriculture budget focuses on natural and sustainable farming practices, advanced technology, and farmer welfare programs. Achchennaaidu outlined several key allocations:</i>	
Annadata Sukhibhava Scheme	Rs. 4,500 crores
Natural Agriculture Initiatives	Rs. 422.96 crores
Soil Testing (Remote Sensing)	Rs. 38.88 crores
Crop Insurance	Rs. 1,023 crores
Agricultural Mechanization	Rs. 187.68 crores
Subsidized Seeds	Rs. 240 crores
Fertilizer Supply	Rs. 40 crores
“The Farm is Calling” Campaign	Rs. 11.31 crores
Digital Agriculture Initiatives	Rs. 44.77 crores
Interest-Free Loans	Rs. 628 crores
Rythu Seva Kendras (Farmer Service Centers)	Rs. 26.92 crores
Integrated Agriculture Laboratories	Rs. 44.03 crores
Agriculture Department	Rs. 8,564.37 crores
Horticulture Department	Rs. 3,469.47 crores
Sericulture (Silk Industry)	Rs. 108.44 crores
Agricultural Marketing	Rs. 314.80 crores
Cooperative Department	Rs. 308.26 crores
NG Ranga University	Rs. 507.04 crores
Udyana University	Rs. 102.23 crores
Sri Venkateswara Animal University	Rs. 171.72 crores
Matsya University	Rs. 38 crores
Animal Husbandry Department	Rs. 1,095.71 crores
Fisheries Sector Development	Rs. 521.34 crores
Free Agricultural Electricity	Rs. 7,241.30 crores
Employment Guarantee Link	Rs. 5,150 crores
NTR Jalasiri Irrigation Support	Rs. 50 crores
Irrigation Project Maintenance	Rs. 14,637.03 crores

## Free Bus

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Child Welfare Department, reflecting Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's commitment to fostering progress among women, as inspired by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar's vision.

### Key Allocations and Initiatives:

**Thalliki Vandanam Scheme:** Minister Keshav announced dedicated funds for the Thalliki Vandanam scheme. He stressed that financial assistance will be given to mothers of students from grades 1 to 12 in both government and private schools, aiming to ensure that no student is denied education due to economic hardships.

**Free Bus Travel for Women:** As part of the government's Super Six promises, a new scheme offering free bus travel for women will soon be launched in Andhra Pradesh, enabling greater mobility and supporting the welfare of women across the state.

**Deepam-2 Scheme:** Highlighting the commitment to household welfare, Minister Keshav mentioned that under the expanded Deepam-2 scheme, 5 lakh housewives currently benefit from three free LPG cylinders annually. This scheme, aimed at reducing the financial burden on families, continues to positively impact households throughout Andhra Pradesh.

Minister Keshav reinforced that the government prioritizes not only the welfare of women and children but also their development and security. The allocation of Rs. 4,000 crore underscores this commitment, and the introduction of new schemes reflects the state's drive to uplift and empower its female population in various spheres of life.

## Govt Targets...

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The task force, led by CM Chandrababu as chairman and Tata Sons chairman Chandrasekaran as co-chairman, includes state ministers, CII representatives, government officials, and business leaders. The Chief Minister shared his vision of Andhra Pradesh as a hub for innovation, supported by its abundant natural resources, infrastructure, and human talent. “Advanced technology offers new avenues. By empowering the youth, we create transformative results. Andhra Pradesh has the resources, highways, and airports to support this ambition,” the CM stated, adding that AP aims to be a leader in the “speed of doing business” as well as ease of doing business. The government's long-term vision also includes having an industrialist in every family and one IT employee in every household. Prominent participants at the meeting included Tata Sons Executive Chairman Chandrasekaran, CII Director General Chandrajit Banerjee, GMR Group Chairman GM Rao, L&T Chairman SN Subrahmanyam, TVS Company Chairman Venu Srinivasan, Apollo's Preeta Reddy, Piramal Group Chairman Ajay Piramal, and Reddy Laboratories Chairman Satish Reddy, among others.

## AP Assembly to Run Till 22nd with 8 Bills on the Agenda

**TPN, Amaravati:** A Business Advisory Committee meeting was held today to discuss the schedule and conduct of the AP Assembly sessions. The meeting was attended by Speaker Ayyannapatra, CM Chandrababu Naidu, Finance Minister Payyavula Keshav, Jana Sena leader Nadendla Manohar, and BJP leader Vishnu Kumar Raju. It was decided that the assembly meetings will continue until the 22nd, with eight bills and government policies scheduled for approval.



nalized tomorrow.

Speaker Ayyannapatra addressed YCP leader Jagan Mohan Reddy's absence, stating that the law would follow its course if he does not attend. He emphasized that the Assembly must operate with seriousness and dedication. To further equip the MLAs, training sessions on the budget will be conducted in the Assembly Committee Hall tomorrow, with meetings planned for Saturday as well.

CM Chandrababu Naidu stressed the importance of responsible discussions on public issues, recalling occasions in 1995 when members remained in the Assembly for extended hours, sometimes dining as late as 4 a.m. He reiterated that assembly meetings should not halt for anyone and urged MLAs to take their responsibilities seriously. He also mentioned that the selection of chief whips and whips will be fi-

Jana Sena leader Nadendla Manohar acknowledged Chandrababu's dedication to maintaining decorum in the House. Meanwhile, BJP leader Vishnu Kumar Raju proposed that the Assembly sessions should last at least 15 days and requested a discussion on alleged misuse of public funds in the development of Rishikonda. He suggested that all MLAs should visit Rishikonda to assess the situation.

In a separate issue, Speaker Ayyannapatra expressed dissatisfaction over discrepancies in meal quality between members and other Assembly staff. Although officials clarified that the meals served were identical except for a variation in rice, the Speaker was displeased, insisting that the Assembly should not be seen as lacking unity or respect for its staff.



## Drones Used to Destroy Illegal Ganja Cultivation in Andhra Pradesh

**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** The police in Alluri Sitarama Raju district identified and destroyed an illegal five-acre ganja plantation in Degalarayi village, G Madugula mandal, utilizing drone technology. This marks a successful use of advanced equipment to locate and eliminate illicit crop cultivation in remote, dense forest areas.

This operation comes on the heels of the Amaravati Drone Summit, where Andhra Pradesh set five Guinness World Records with 5,500 drones in action. The event marked a technological milestone for the state, which the CM described as a new era for drones in AP.

Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan, who has expressed concern about the growing drug menace, emphasized that the problem was inherited from the previous administration. He urged the police to intensify efforts to identify ganja cultivation areas and curb drug trafficking. This successful operation demonstrates the state's commitment to addressing these issues head-on.

Following the operation, legal action has been initiated against those involved in the cultivation. The effort is in line with Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu's emphasis on integrating technology in governance and law enforcement. Police used drones to locate and eradicate the ganja plants, showcasing a modern approach to tackling illicit activities.



AP Assembly:

154 Present,  
11 Absent



**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** The Andhra Pradesh Assembly sessions have kicked off today, with the NDA government presenting its first budget since taking office in June. Amid high expectations regarding the allocation of funds across various sectors, much attention has also focused on the attendance of YSRCP President YS Jagan Mohan Reddy and his 10 MLAs.

As anticipated, Jagan has reportedly opted to boycott the budget sessions, continuing his demand for “Opposition Party” status in the Assembly, given that YSRCP is the only opposition party in the house despite its limited seat count. However, the ruling party and the Assembly Speaker have not accommodated this request, prompting YSRCP to seek intervention from the state High Court to secure official opposition status.

While Jagan himself is expected to skip the entire session, the remaining 10 YSRCP MLAs

plan to participate during the question hour. Despite this partial boycott, YSRCP intends to fully engage in the legislative council sessions, where it holds a stronger position against the ruling coalition.

NDA leaders argue that Jagan’s absence from the Assembly is an attempt to avoid criticism from their MLAs over the alleged actions of YSR Congress during the previous administration. Jagan attended only the first day of the June session after the election, later abstaining from further sessions on the grounds of lacking official opposition recognition.

Jagan’s decision has drawn criticism from political opponents. His sister, AP Congress President YS Sharmila, publicly challenged Jagan and his MLAs to resign if they are unwilling to face the ruling party in the Assembly, asserting that true leadership demands presence and accountability in the legislative house.

Sharmila Schools Jagan:  
Assembly Seats Are for  
Sitting, Not Skipping

**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** APCC President YS Sharmila voiced strong criticism against her brother, YCP leader YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, over his decision to boycott the ongoing Andhra Pradesh Assembly sessions. She stated that people did not elect him to stay away from the Assembly for reasons like not being granted a speaking opportunity. Challenging Jagan and ten YCP MLAs, she urged them to resign if they lack the courage to attend and represent their constituents. Sharmila had similarly condemned Jagan and his MLAs for boycotting the July Assembly sessions, and she remains one of his most vocal critics on the matter, more so than TDP and Jana Sena.

Posting on X, Sharmila wrote, “The people didn’t vote for you to sit at home and speak through your own mic. Your actions led to the loss of your opposition leader status, and your insistence on assembly privileges only shows a misunderstanding of democratic duty.” She emphasized that the Assembly, as a “temple of democracy,” is where elected representatives are expected to address the issues that matter to the people.

Sharmila also took aim at the NDA government, reminding Jagan of its unfulfilled promises, from the rise in unemployment to the persistence of illegal alcohol sales through “belt shops.” She stated that the YCP was elected to tackle these issues in the Assembly, and refusing to attend based on a lack of opposition status is a disservice to voters.

Drawing from history, Sharmila pointed out that in 1994, the Congress Party, with only 26 seats, continued to engage in the erstwhile AP Assembly and took on the TDP without demanding special privileges.

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Among the highlights, the largest share of the budget was dedicated to Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan’s Panchayati Raj Ministry, with Rs 16,739 crore earmarked for rural development initiatives. This substantial allocation aligns with Pawan Kalyan’s longstanding focus on comprehensive village development, a mission he has actively championed across Andhra Pradesh. Given Pawan Kalyan’s pivotal role in helping the NDA coalition secure victory in the recent elections, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu’s allocation reflects a nod of appreciation for his contributions and dedication to rural progress.

In addition to Panchayati Raj, Pawan Kalyan’s other portfolio—the Forest and Environment Department—was allocated Rs 687 crore. Irrigation remains a top priority for the NDA government, with Rs 16,705 crore dedicated to furthering this sector. Urban development received a substantial Rs 11,490 crore, while allocations for social welfare included Rs 3,907 crore for BC Welfare, Rs 4,376 crore for Minority Welfare, and Rs 7,557 crore for ST Welfare. Furthering skill development initiatives, the government allocated Rs 1,215 crore to this department, while housing construction was granted Rs 4,012 crore. Key sectors such as the Police Department and the Energy Sector received Rs 8,495 crore and Rs 8,207 crore, respectively.

The Finance Minister also announced a 3% reservation for athletes under the sports quota, aimed at recognizing and supporting merit-based sportspersons. Additionally, every district will soon have a dedicated cyber police station to address the rise in cyber crimes. An agricultural budget of Rs 43,402 crore was also unveiled, underscoring the state’s commitment to bolstering its agrarian economy.

Pawan Kalyan’s Message  
to Social Media Abusers

Think 100 Times Before You Abuse

**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** The Telugu social media landscape has recently become a hotbed of inflammatory and offensive content, especially in political circles within Andhra Pradesh and Telangana. To address this, the NDA government in Andhra Pradesh has taken corrective action, instructing police to track down individuals circulating morphed images of political leaders and their families, as well as spreading false narratives.

Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan addressed the issue, strongly criticizing those who cross the line with offensive and abusive social media posts. Pawan emphasized that while constructive criticism is essential for a healthy democracy, abuses, death threats, and rape threats are unacceptable.

“In a democracy, we can differ



on many issues, and dissent should focus on policies,” Pawan stated. “Do not target families, individuals, castes, faiths, or the powerless. Having muscle, money, or criminal gangs does not give anyone the right to intimidate the average citizen of this Bharat.” He concluded with a pointed

message, saying, “To all criminal gangs and social media abusers from the previous regime, ‘think 100 times before you abuse. Karma will catch up.’” Pawan’s strong warning highlights the government’s commitment to curbing the abusive culture in social media and restoring a respectful online environment.

Sources Indicate Positions  
Finalized for Verma and Radha?



**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** After two rounds of nominated posts in Andhra Pradesh, the ruling alliance has provided opportunities across all three coalition parties. However, Pithapuram’s TDP leader Verma and Vangaveeti Radha have yet to receive posts. Reports suggest that CM Chandrababu Naidu recently made a key decision regarding positions for both Verma

and Radha, though a new twist has emerged.

Verma, who led the TDP in Pithapuram, was assured a role by Chandrababu in exchange for supporting Pawan Kalyan’s victory. Despite Verma’s active efforts for Pawan’s campaign, Jana Sena’s cadre in Pithapuram reportedly has not shown him the anticipated respect,

and his promised position remains unfulfilled.

Similarly, Vangaveeti Radha was promised an MLC seat before the 2019 elections, yet it has not been delivered. Despite Radha’s recent support in the alliance’s campaigns, the position is still pending. Now, after the second round of appointments, sources indicate that Radha and Verma may soon receive a vacant MLC seat. However, several senior TDP leaders, who sacrificed seats in the elections, are also vying for MLC roles.

Hopeful candidates include Devineni Uma, Paritala Sriram, Beeda Ravichandra, Buddha Venkanna, Jalil Khan, and Radha, along with two Jana Sena leaders and a senior BJP member. Amidst the mounting pressure, the alliance’s decision on MLC seats for Verma and Radha is awaited with keen interest.

Police Investigate  
Former Minister  
Kakani Over Social  
Media Posts on CM



**TPN, Guntur:** Former minister and YCP leader Kakani Govardhan Reddy finds himself in legal trouble as allegations arise concerning objectionable social media posts targeting Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu. A case has been filed against Kakani following a complaint lodged by TDP leaders, prompting police in the Venkatachalam area of Nellore district to initiate an investigation.

Kakani appeared at the Venkatachalam Police Station today, where he is being questioned from multiple angles. Authorities are scrutinizing the content of his posts and investigating potential violations as part of their probe.

In recent days, social media has witnessed a surge of criticism directed at the coalition government. Responding to this trend, government officials have adopted a strict stance, taking legal action against individuals responsible for disseminating offensive and defamatory content on online platforms.

YCP Social...

**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** The police have detained Varra Ravindra Reddy, a YCP social media activist who had been on the run. This was confirmed by Kurnool Range DIG and Kadapa SP during a media conference. Alongside Reddy, two other suspects, Subbareddy and Uday, who are also affiliated with YCP social media operations, were presented to the media.

According to police, Varra Ravindra Reddy was apprehended near Markapuram. Previously employed at Bharti Cement Company, Reddy allegedly used Digital Corporation employees to advance YCP’s social media activities. Senior police officials revealed that Reddy and his associates had posted defamatory content targeting judges, women, and children of political families, aiming to undermine the morale of political leaders.

So far, authorities have identified 45 individuals involved in these activities. Cases have been filed under multiple sections for morphing images of leaders and posting obscene comments, particularly through their network of 40 YouTube channels. The police highlighted that the language used by the accused was offensive, severely insulting the families of CM Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan. The DIG remarked that in certain countries, such actions would be met with severe punishment.

The investigation further revealed that the accused were operating under a platform called “Jagan Connects,” managed by Sajjala Bhargava Reddy since 2022. Police officials stated that YCP social media activists, including Sajjala Bhargava Reddy, Arjun Reddy, Veera Reddy, and Summareddy, were acting on coordinated instructions through this platform. Teams have been deployed to bring others involved to justice as the investigation continues.



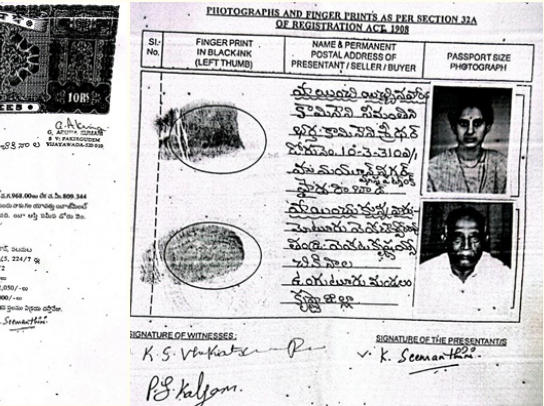
# Land Grab: Kodali Nani and ACP Accused in Alleged Fake Will Scandal

**TPN, V.V.S Madhu Babu:** Former Minister Kodali Nani is facing serious allegations involving a forged will for a private land property in Vijayawada. It is reported that Nani, along with Central ACP Damodar, allegedly supported Kamineni Hospital management in creating fake documents for the property.

The land in question, 53 cents on Padamata Shivaji Road, Ayyappa Nagar, Vijayawada, was inherited by two sisters. The elder sister received 33.5 cents, while the younger sister received 20 cents. Initially, a will (document number 580/1991) bequeathed this property to Kamineni Seemanthi, wife of Mr. Kamineni Sridhar. This will was later canceled, and a new document (6/1993) transferred the property to Seemanthi's daughter in January.

On February 17, 2005, Kodali Nani, allegedly acting as a witness, registered document 1245/2005, involving persons connected to Seemanthi. Subsequently, on March 15, 2021, document 2665/2021 was canceled, again with Nani acting as a witness.

The original claimants, Kongara Jayashree and Kongara Ravi Kumar, along with others, secured a Rs. 4 crore collateral loan in January 2022 for site development. However, they allege they were prevented from accessing the property due to interference by Seemanthi, who had Kodali Nani's support.



In response, Jayashree, Ravi Kumar, and their partners filed a complaint with ACP Damodar. However, they claim that ACP Damodar, overseeing probate matters, pressured them to release existing documents. Allegations have surfaced that ACP Damodar warned them of powerful individuals involved in the settlement, including high-profile figures like the DGP, Kodali Nani, and others, even suggesting they "can't win" against such influential people.



Despite the claimants filing a court case, ACP Damodar and his team reportedly continue to summon them to his office, insisting on a settlement. Calls from the ACP's office (0866 2496433) phone have allegedly pressured the claimants to negotiate despite the ongoing legal case. The victims allege that ACP Damodar's remarks have been intimidating, portraying himself as untouchable due to his connections.

## Minister Narayana Inaugurates Siddhartha Flyover

Criticizes Previous Government's Economic Mismanagement



**TPN, Vijayawada:** Minister Narayana inaugurated the Siddhartha Flyover in Kannur, a project delayed for over five years due to what he described as neglect by the previous government. The inauguration was attended by Penamalur MLA Bode Prasad, Sujana Chaudhary, Kamineeni Srinivas, and Siddhartha Academy Secretary Paladugu Lakshmana Rao.

At the event, MLA Bode Prasad requested the construction of a 3.5 km road from the flyover to the national highway, to which Minister Narayana responded with a promise to fund the project through CRDA.

During his speech, Minister Narayana expressed satisfaction with inaugurating the flyover but highlighted the state's current financial challenges. He criticized the prior administration for mismanaging funds, diverting municipal taxes, and fully utilizing Rs. 3200 crores from municipal department funds. He added that the Asian Infrastructure Bank's Rs. 5300 crore allocation in 2019 remains unreleased, and central support for various schemes, including Swachh Bharat, has lacked matching grants, impacting drainage and water systems across municipalities.

Narayana assured that, despite these setbacks, his government, under CM Chandrababu Naidu's leadership, is working to stabilize the state's finances. He emphasized plans to improve drainage and drinking water issues, starting with areas like Tadigadapa municipality, aiming to bring sustainable development to local communities.



## Bhavani Diksha Dharanas Begin with Devotion on Indrakiladri

**TPN, Vijayawada:** The sacred Bhavani Diksha rituals dedicated to Goddess Kanakadurga began today on the 6th floor of the Mahamandapam at Indrakiladri. The 40-day Mandal Diksha Dharana program, which commenced on November 11, 2024, will run for five days, until November 15, 2024. The devotional program began with Ganapati Puja, and was led by KS Rama Rao, Executive Officer (EO) of the temple, who participated with reverence under the guidance of the temple's Vedic staff. Devotees present for the initiation chanted "Jai Durga Jai Durga" in the divine presence of Goddess Kanakadurga.

Temple Acharyas Yaddanapudi Nagaraju Shastri and Yanamandra Umakanta Sharma will serve as spiritual guides for the devotees during the Bhavani Diksha rituals. EO KS Rama Rao distributed Bhavani Diksha pamphlets containing guidelines and mantras dedicated to Goddess Kanakadurga, as well as spiritual books, including 'Srinidhi' and 'Lalita Sahasra Nama,' authored by renowned spiritual writer Puranapanda Srinivas. The pamphlets and books were presented to the devotees by Bollineni Krishnaiah and his wife.

The temple has scheduled an Arthamandala (21-day) Diksha initiation program from December 1 to December 5, 2024. On December 14, during the full moon at 6:30 pm, the Kalasha Jyotula procession will begin from the Satyanarayanapuram Shivarama Nama Kshetra. The final retirement program for the Bhavani Diksha will take place from December 21 to December 25, culminating in the Mahapurnahuti ceremony at 10 am on December 25.

Temple EO KS Rama Rao assured that arrangements have been made to accommodate the large influx of devotees, especially for key events like Kalasha Jyotulu and Bhavani Diksha. Facilities include queue lines, drinking water, accommodations, Giri Pradakshina routes, and prasad distribution. The initiation ceremonies were attended by Vedic committee members Shri R. Srinivasa Shastri, Vedic scholars V. Maharishi, priests IV Rajasekhar, and other temple staff, who all contributed to the successful commencement of the Bhavani Diksha rituals.

# Udayabhanu's Strategic Influence Brings Four YCP Corporators to JanaSena



**TPN, Vijayawada:** In a significant boost for JanaSena's influence in Vijayawada, four YCP corporators from the Vijayawada Municipal Corporation have officially joined

the party in the presence of Deputy CM and JanaSena leader Pawan Kalyan. The joining was facilitated by JanaSena leader Samineni Udayabhanu, who is a powerful force for

the party in Krishna district and a highly impactful leader in the region. His efforts have been instrumental in strengthening JanaSena's base locally.

The corporators who joined include:

- 1.Mahadevu Appaji Rao :** a two-time corporator currently serving in the 53rd Division.
  - 2.Ummadisetty Radhika:** the 16th Division Corporator and wife of Ummadisetty Bahadur, himself a two-time corporator; this is Radhika's first term.
  - 3.Attuluri Adilaxmi:** 48th Division Corporator, wife of Attuluri Pedababu, serving her first term.
  - 4.Marupilla Rajesh:** 51st Division Corporator, also a first-term corporator.
- With Samineni Udayabhanu's strategic influence in Krishna district, this new support strengthens JanaSena's foothold in Vijayawada, one of Andhra Pradesh's central urban hubs. The expansion highlights JanaSena's growing momentum in the region as the party continues to draw in leaders and support from across the political spectrum.

# Vijayawada Metro Project Update

## Construction Planned in Two Phases

**TPN, Vijayawada:** With the TDP-led alliance back in power, Andhra Pradesh's metro projects have regained momentum. Plans to establish metro networks in Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam, initially devised during TDP's previous tenure, stalled after their 2019 electoral defeat. Now, steps toward implementing metro systems in these cities are advancing, with fresh updates on the Vijayawada Metro project.

**Phase 1:** Two Corridors and 21 Stations  
The AP government, accelerating capital development, has resubmitted proposals for the Vijayawada Metro to the central government. AP Municipal Administration Minister Narayana outlined plans for the first phase, which includes constructing two metro corridors covering 38.40 kilometers.

**1. First Corridor:** From Gannavaram to PNBS, covering 26 kilometers.

**2. Second Corridor:** From PNBS to Penamalur, spanning 12.5 kilometers. This phase will feature a total of 21 stations, including one underground station, with an estimated budget of Rs. 11,000 crores—approximately Rs. 25 crores per station.

**Phase 2:** Expanding to Amaravati with 32 New Stations  
The second phase of the Vijayawada Metro project aims to extend the network by 27.80 kilometers at a projected cost of Rs. 14,121 crores. This phase includes a 27.5 km corridor from PNBS to Amaravati, with 15 kilometers of underground and 5 kilometers of elevated track. A total of 32 stations are planned for this phase.

**Jakkampudi Corridor Update**  
An initial proposal included a 16 km circu-



lar corridor extending to Jakkampudi. However, the latest plans exclude this segment from the project. Across both phases, the Vijayawada Metro project proposes a total of 60 stations, with an estimated total cost of Rs. 25,130 crores. The Andhra Pradesh government has requested that the central government fully fund this amount. As the Vijayawada Metro project moves forward, the government's renewed focus aims to improve connectivity, support urban growth, and enhance infrastructure for Vijayawada's residents.



# Bhogapuram Airport Construction Progressing at "Jet Speed"

**TPN, Bhogapuram:** Exciting news for the residents of Uttarahndhra—construction work on Bhogapuram Airport is advancing rapidly. Union Civil Aviation Minister Kinjarapu Rammohan Naidu announced that if the current pace continues, the airport might be completed six months ahead of schedule. On Sunday evening, the Union Minister inspected the Bhogapuram Airport site in Vizianagaram district, expressing satisfaction with the progress.

Minister Rammohan Naidu shared that the airport construction is being reviewed monthly, with the goal of making air services available as soon as possible. The new airport, officially named Alluri Seetharamaraju Airport, is expected to create job opportunities for local youth and support small traders. Additionally, it will contribute to the development of Vizianagaram, Srikakulam, and Visakhapatnam districts.

During the inspection, officials briefed the Minister on the progress of terminal and ATC building construction, among other areas. Impressed by the rapid development, Rammohan Naidu congratulated the officials on their efforts. So far, 49.07% of the airport



work has been completed, with 99.35% of earthworks and 65.53% of runway construction now finished. He confidently stated that the airport should be operational within 16 months.

Bhogapuram Airport's construction officially began with a Bhoomi Puja on November 1, 2023, and is targeted for completion by 2026. The project's first phase, encompassing 2,203 acres and a budget of Rs. 4,592 crores, is al-

ready halfway completed within the first year. If progress continues at this rate, flights may commence six months ahead of the planned timeline, providing a significant boost to connectivity and economic growth in Uttarahndhra.



## Taking Office with a Sole Purpose: Chaganti Koteswara Rao

**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** The esteemed spiritual leader Brahmashree Chaganti Koteswara Rao has been appointed as a Government Advisor by the Andhra Pradesh government to promote moral values among students across the state. This position has been granted to Chaganti with cabinet rank. Notably, both the Telugu Desam government in 2016 and the YCP government in 2023 previously offered him this role, but he declined. This time, however, he has accepted the position, and he recently explained the reason behind his decision.

At 65 years old, Chaganti expressed that he now feels a responsibility to contribute while he is still in good health. Recognizing that he may not have the same capacity in five or six years, he accepted the position with the hope of instilling moral values in students. He emphasized that if the government could gather thousands of students to listen, he would gladly share wisdom with them, as nothing would bring him greater happiness. Chaganti explained that accepting this role has increased his responsibility. He views it as an invaluable opportunity to instill moral values, foster respect for parents, and promote patriotism among students.

## Dhanurmasa Vrata Mahotsavam to Begin on December 16 at Bapuji Vidyalayam



**TPN, Mangalagiri:** The Dhanurmasa Vrata Mahotsavam, a revered spiritual festival, will commence on December 16 at the Bapuji Vidyalayam in Mangalagiri's Atmakuru, running until January 13. This grand event is organized under the auspices of VTR and Yadakula Tilakaratra Trust, and will be led by Chinna Jeeyar Swami, with spiritual guidance from Kurmanadha Acharya of Sitanagara Chinna Jeeyer Ashram. Wall posters for the Mahotsavam were unveiled at the YTR Trust office in Atmakuru on Monday.

Kurmanadha Acharya emphasized the significance of the Dhanurmasa Vrat, describing it as a path to divine grace and spiritual success. He encouraged collective participation to receive the blessings of Lord Godaranganadhu. The Mahotsavam, which will feature cultural programs promoting Sanatana Dharma, aims to bring prosperity to the state and contribute to the development of Amaravati as a thriving capital.

This festival will be conducted under the guidance of Sri Tridandi Chinna Sri-mannarayana Ramanuja Jeeyar Swami, alongside the Yadukula Tilaka Ratna Trust and YTR Trust. Observing the Dhanurmasa Vrat, Acharya assured, is believed to bring blessings to all beings.

Yarra Kula Tulsi Ram, Chairman of YTR Trust, shared that the Mahotsavam will include a special initiation of Shri Krishna Deeksha, and villagers are encouraged to unite and partake in this spiritual journey.

Prominent attendees at the poster unveiling included Vedic University Principal Madhusudanacharyu, Chief Priest of Vijay Keeladri Srinivasacharyu, Ashram Manager Raghunathacharyu, Advocate Nagarjuna Babu, Tulli Milli Ramakrishna, Kolu-su Raja, Tripura Mallu Satish, Balamram Sena, and Vikas Tarangini leaders Rukmini and Krishna.

## Drone Incident in Srisailam Temple: Two Arrested by Police

**TPN, Srisailam:** In Nandyala district's Srisailam, a drone disturbance near the Srisailam temple's main gopuram led to the detention of two individuals. Security personnel spotted the drone hovering near the temple, where drone usage is prohibited, and immediately responded. They located the two individuals operating the drone without authorization, promptly recovering the device and handing them over to the police.

The arrested individuals have been identified as residents of Tanuku, West Godavari district. This incident follows previous occurrences of unauthorized drone flights around the temple, particularly at night, although past operators had evaded capture. Initial reports suggest the drone operators may have been devotees, but flying a drone near the sacred temple stirred concerns and heightened security vigilance.

## Aghori Naga Sadhu Visits Srisailam Temple

Meanwhile, an Aghori Naga Sadhu, who has been touring prominent temples in the Telugu states, made an appearance at the Srisailam temple. Upon learning of her visit, the DSP, CI, and CSOs approached the temple's entrance. In adherence to temple protocols, the Aghori agreed to wear traditional attire for her visit, and the temple staff facilitated her darshan of Lord Mallanna. Devotees watched with fascination, with some even seeking her blessings. The Aghori expressed a strong call for the protection of Sanatana Dharma, advocating for measures to safeguard cows and urging for stricter laws against violence toward vulnerable groups, including children, women, and the elderly. She emphasized her commitment to this cause and requested assistance with her temple visits. After her time in Srisailam, she plans to continue her pilgrimage to Kotappakonda, Vijayawada temples, and then attend the Kumbh Mela.



## Case Filed Against Director Ram Gopal Varma in Maddipadu

**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** A case has been registered against prominent filmmaker Ram Gopal Varma at the Maddipadu police station in Prakasam district. The complaint, filed by TDP Mandal General Secretary Ramalingam, alleges that Varma made defamatory comments on social media targeting former Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, his son Nara Lokesh, and Nara Brahmani as part of the promotion for his upcoming movie "Vyuham."

The police have invoked provisions of the Information Technology Act in response to the allegations and have commenced an investigation. The posts in question have sparked controversy, with TDP leaders accusing Varma of attempting to damage the reputations of prominent political figures. As the case progresses, authorities will examine Varma's social media activity to determine if his statements violated IT Act provisions. This incident has drawn public attention and stirred debate over freedom of expression and the responsibilities of public figures on social media platforms.

## MLAs Allegedly Demand Shares, Causing Controversy in AP

**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** Five months into the coalition government in Andhra Pradesh, the actions of certain MLAs have sparked controversy. Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu has repeatedly warned coalition MLAs against interfering in the state's liquor and sand businesses. However, reports indicate that some MLAs are allegedly threatening traders to secure shares in these sectors. This behavior has reportedly created difficulties for businesses that refuse to comply, with recent media reports causing unrest within the alliance.

The state recently saw the opening of new liquor shops under the AP govern-

ment's updated liquor policy. Since the tendering process for these shops, the conduct of certain MLAs has come under scrutiny, with allegations that some liquor traders were obstructed from participating in the tender process in various areas. Despite warnings from the Chief Minister at that time, reports suggest that MLAs are still seeking shares through their relatives.

According to sources, certain liquor traders are being pressured to hand over 30-40% of their business profits or pay between Rs. 25 to 30 lakhs annually to continue operating in these constituencies. Traders who refuse to comply

allegedly face obstructions, including delays in obtaining regular licenses and interference in shop setups. Some MLAs' associates are reportedly using authorities to enforce strict regulations selectively against these traders, causing financial losses for those who have invested heavily in their businesses and indirectly reducing government revenue. While new liquor shops have been operational since October 16, around 15% of them still lack regular licenses. Although provisional licenses are usually converted to regular ones within ten days, it is believed that pressure from certain MLAs has caused delays in the process.





# Myanmar's Military Leader's Visit to Kunming: A Diplomatic Tightrope Amid Regional Tensions

Myanmar's military leader, Senior General Min Aung Hlaing, recently made a three-day visit to Kunming, the capital of Southwest China's Yunnan Province, to attend the 8th Greater Mekong Subregion (GMS) Summit from November 6 to 7, 2024. While his presence at the summit was not officially framed as a state visit, it nonetheless attracted significant attention, given the ongoing political crisis in Myanmar and the international scrutiny surrounding its military government.

The Greater Mekong Subregion is a regional cooperative initiative aimed at fostering economic integration and sustainable development across the Mekong River basin. The GMS includes six countries: Cambodia, China, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand, and Vietnam. The summit is a crucial platform for discussing regional cooperation on infrastructure, economic integration,



and environmental sustainability, with an emphasis on improving trade and connectivity across the region.

General Min Aung Hlaing's participation in this summit marks his second

major international appearance since the February 2021 military coup that ousted Myanmar's democratically elected government. The coup sparked widespread protests, violent crackdowns, and international condemna-

tion, especially from Western nations. Despite this, Myanmar's military leadership has sought to strengthen its ties with neighboring countries, particularly those with which it shares geographic proximity, such as China.

While Min Aung Hlaing's visit to Kunming was primarily focused on the GMS summit, it also offered a diplomatic opportunity to engage with Chinese officials on bilateral matters. Myanmar and China have long maintained close economic and strategic relations, with China being Myanmar's largest trading partner and a key supporter of its military regime. During his visit, Min Aung Hlaing was expected to discuss ongoing infrastructure projects and further economic cooperation under the Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), which includes Chinese investment in Myanmar's energy and transport sectors.

The summit itself covered a range of issues, including cross-border trade, regional connectivity, and addressing climate change challenges. However, Myanmar's participation, particularly with its military leadership at the helm, underscored the complex geopolitics of the region. While China has continued to engage with Myanmar's junta, the international community remains divided on how to address the political crisis in the Southeast Asian nation.

Min Aung Hlaing's visit to Kunming thus highlighted both the military regime's desire to maintain regional ties and the broader geopolitical tensions at play in the Mekong Subregion. The outcome of the summit and the discussions that took place are likely to have long-term implications for Myanmar's foreign relations, particularly with its neighbors in Southeast Asia.

## Trump's Return Impact on US-Canada Relations and India



With Donald Trump poised to return to the White House, the dynamics of international relations, particularly between the US, Canada, and India, are set to shift. For many in India, Trump's reelection is a cause for celebration, as his first term saw a close personal relationship with Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Trump's admiration for India and Modi was evident in high-profile events like the "Howdy Modi!" rally and the "Namaste Trump!" event in Ahmedabad, which left many hopeful about future US-India ties.

However, Trump's return is not without its complications, especially for Canada. While some in India may anticipate a shift in focus away from the Biden administration's criticisms of India, Canada is bracing for the potential fallout from a second Trump term. Canada's concerns center on three major areas: tariffs, NATO contributions, and the renegotiation of the US-Mexico-Canada Agreement (USMCA). Trump has hinted at imposing a blanket 10% tariff on imports, which would heav-

ily impact Canada, as over two-thirds of its exports go to the US. Additionally, Canada is already behind on NATO's defense spending targets, which could lead to tensions if Trump demands increased contributions. Moreover, with the USMCA set for a review in 2026, Canada fears Trump might push for even tougher terms than those agreed upon in 2020.

Trump's relationship with Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau has been contentious, with past remarks calling him "weak" and "two-faced." Yet, Trudeau's pragmatism means that he's already preparing for the challenges ahead. His government has been in discussions with Trump's campaign team for months and has reestablished a Cabinet committee to focus on US-Canada relations. Trudeau's approach highlights the delicate balance Canada must strike, given its deep economic, defense, and cultural ties with the US.

Despite the challenges, Canada remains part of the Five Eyes intelligence alliance, which could help bolster its stance in the face of India's growing tensions over allegations of involvement in the killing of a Sikh separatist. Whether Trump will side with India or continue to push Canada on these issues remains uncertain, but one thing is clear: US-Canada relations will be pivotal in the years to come.

## The Rise of India's Startup Ecosystem: A Transformation Under Modi's Leadership



companies now operational, attracting more than \$600 million in funding since 2019. Notably, 79% of startups with a woman founder were established after 2012-13, marking a significant shift in the post-2014 era.

Before 2014, India's startup scene was almost nonexistent. There were only around 350 startups, with just four home-grown unicorns. This stagnation occurred during the Congress-led governments, which dominated Indian politics for much of the first six decades after independence. During this period, India's business environment was heavily controlled by large corporations, and the entrepreneurial spirit struggled to take flight. The focus on big business over small and medium enterprises left little room for the kind of innovation that drives a thriving startup ecosystem.

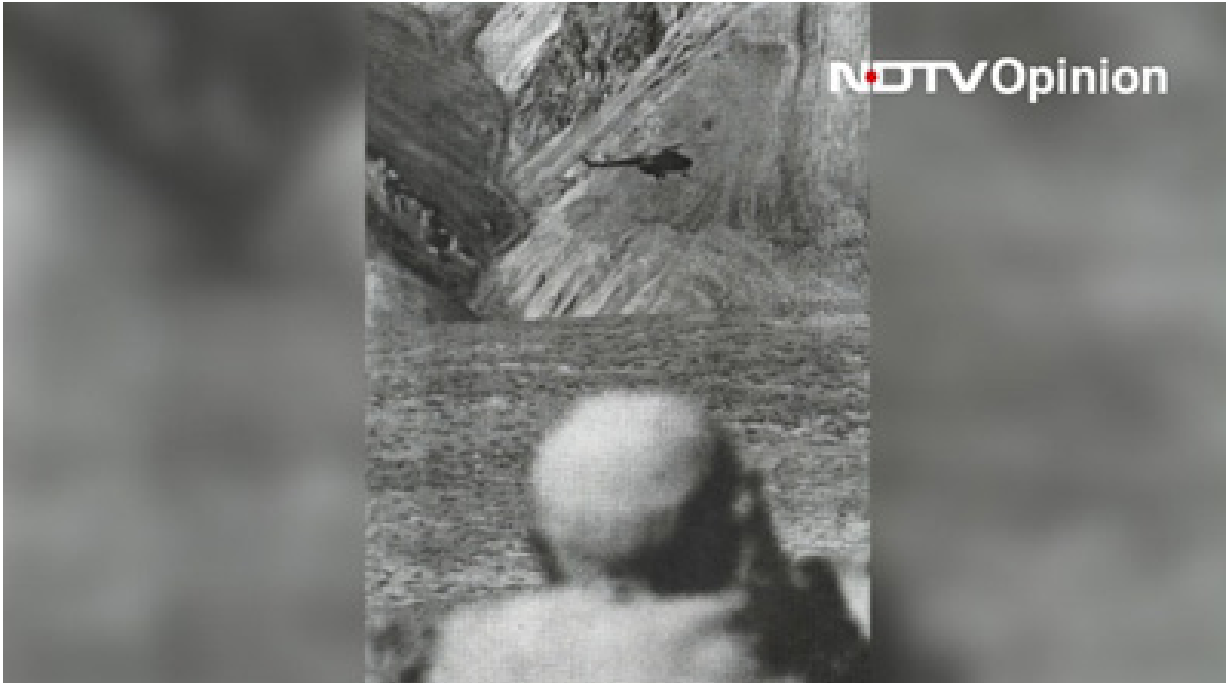
Since the launch of the Startup India initiative, the number of startups in India has skyrocketed from just 350 in 2014 to over 1.4 lakh in 2024, under the leadership of Narendra Modi. India now boasts more than 118 unicorns, a sharp increase from just four in 2014. This remarkable transformation underscores the success of "Modinomics"—a set of policies that have nurtured a culture of meritocracy and innovation, while reducing bureaucratic interference.

Today, India is home to the world's third-largest startup ecosystem, a testament to how a supportive policy environment, coupled with a focus on innovation, can unleash the entrepreneurial potential of a nation. Under Modi's leadership, the Indian startup ecosystem continues to evolve, positioning the country as a global leader in entrepreneurship and technology.

The Startup India initiative, launched by Prime Minister Narendra Modi in 2016, has been a game-changer for the Indian entrepreneurial landscape. Aimed at promoting innovation, economic growth, and job creation, this initiative has led to the birth of new startups at an unprecedented pace. As of June 2024, the Department for Promotion of Industry and Internal Trade (DPIIT) has officially recognised 140,803 startups. This surge in entrepreneurship has not only boosted economic activity but also created over 1.55 million direct jobs, reflecting the success of the government's focus on fostering a dynamic, job-creating environment.

A particularly encouraging trend is the increasing participation of women in the startup ecosystem. Nearly 67,500 of these recognised startups have at least one woman director, highlighting a significant shift towards gender inclusivity in business leadership. Furthermore, the rise of GenAI startups in India has added a new dimension to this growth, with over 100 such

# The Battle of Galwan: A Fight for Survival in October 1962



In August 1962, the Alpha company of 5 Jat Regiment, stationed at Chushul, was tasked with taking control of Hot Springs in the Galwan Valley. Initially, Major Ajit Singh's Bravo company was designated to occupy the Galwan post, but when he insisted on staying at Hot Springs, the responsibility unexpectedly fell to Alpha. In October, around 60 soldiers from the company arrived at the Galwan post, unprepared and under-equipped, unaware of the tough battle that

lay ahead.

The Alpha company's position at Galwan was perilous. The area was heavily snowbound, and the Chinese posts blocked off all land routes. As a result, the soldiers at Galwan were entirely dependent on air supplies, which sometimes fell into enemy hands. The Chinese soldiers also kept up a psychological campaign, circling the posts and chanting slogans like "Hindi Chini

Bhai Bhai" to demoralize the Indian soldiers.

The company was split into four posts, with limited communication between them. Major Srikant Sitaram Hasabnis commanded the headquarters post, while Subedar Hoshier Singh, Naik Inder Singh, and Subedar Nihal Singh led their respective platoons. Despite these efforts, the soldiers were ill-prepared, and many were left without weapons. Radio communication was restricted to scheduled intervals, adding to the isolation. The atmosphere was one of fear, with the men feeling as though they had been abandoned to face certain death.

### The Assault Begins

On the morning of October 20, Major Hasabnis was in his tent when he heard the rattle of a machine gun. As he peeked outside, he was met with a barrage of fire from the Chinese side. Gunfire from rifles, machine guns, and artillery began to rain down on the Indian positions. In an attempt to alert the battalion, Major Hasabnis tried to use the radio, only to discover that it was radio silence, leaving him with no way to call for reinforcements.

With no external support, the Alphas found themselves fighting alone. One soldier, who was unarmed, sat outside in the open, waiting for the inevitable shot to kill him. Meanwhile,

Major Hasabnis was armed only with a pistol, a stark contrast to the heavy artillery fire they faced.

### Fighting Relentlessly

Subedar Nihal Singh's post was also heavily shelled, but despite the brutal assault, he continued to move from man to man, urging them to hold their ground. In the chaos, Sepoy Bhopal Singh, who was wounded, ran to aid a fallen officer, moving him to safety. Upon returning to his position, he found his weapon damaged but continued to fight with grenades until he was killed in action.

Elsewhere, Major Hasabnis and his remaining men continued to resist the Chinese forces. Captain Doctor HN Paul, who had been advised to seek cover in a trench, was tragically presumed dead when his tent caught fire from an incendiary round. Company Havildar Major Banwari Lal, who had been organizing ammunition supplies, was also killed by shellfire while making a dash for more supplies.

Despite the overwhelming odds, the Indian soldiers at Galwan fought valiantly, with many giving their lives in the defense of their post. The battle at Galwan became a symbol of courage, sacrifice, and resilience, as the soldiers stood their ground against a superior enemy force.



# "Saints, Sages Have Helped Humanity Realize Its Purpose": PM Modi

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, addressing a program via video conference on Monday, celebrated the 200th anniversary of the Shree Swaminarayan Mandir in Vadtal, Gujarat, emphasizing the significant role saints and sages have played throughout history in guiding humanity toward discovering its purpose. During the event, PM Modi lauded the contributions of spiritual leaders, stating, "Every person's life has a purpose that defines it. When we discover our life's purpose, it changes everything. Saints and sages have, in every age, helped humanity realize its purpose. This has been a tremendous contribution of saints and sages to our society."

The Prime Minister also highlighted the ongoing influence of the Vadtal Dham, established by Lord Swaminarayan two centuries ago. He expressed pride in the preservation of spiritual consciousness at the temple, which continues to embody the teachings and energy of Lord Swaminarayan. Modi added, "We have kept alive the spiritual consciousness of Vadtal Dham. I am happy that the Government of India has also issued a silver coin of ₹200 and a commemorative stamp on this occasion."

In his address, Modi explained that the event marks more than just the celebration of history—it's a reminder of the timeless spiritual legacy of India. He pointed out that India has always been fortunate to witness the emergence of great sages and saints during times of national hardship. "The advent of Lord Swaminarayan also took place during a period when the country, weakened by centuries of foreign rule, had lost self-confidence. At that time, Lord Swaminarayan not only infused us with new spiritual energy but also awakened our self-respect," he said.

Modi urged that Lord Swaminarayan's teachings must be carried forward, calling Vadtal Dham a major center for serving humanity and building a better world.



He also acknowledged the role of the Swaminarayan community in supporting national campaigns, particularly through their participation in the "Swachhta" and environmental initiatives. "Whenever I have made an appeal, all saints and devotees have never disappointed me. Recently, under the 'Ek Ped Maa ke Naam' campaign, the Swaminarayan community planted over 1,00,000 trees," Modi noted.

The Shree Swaminarayan Mandir in Vadtal, often regarded as the spiritual capital of the Shree Swaminarayan Sampradaya, continues to play a vital role in the social and spiritual lives of millions. The temple, designed in the shape of a lotus to symbolize harmony among all religions, features intricate carvings and colorful depictions from the Ramayan. Built under the guidance of Sadguru Shree Brahmanand Swami and Sadguru Shree Aksharanand Swami, the temple was completed in just 15 months and remains a testament to India's rich spiritual heritage.

# CM Siddaramaiah Challenges Modi to Prove Allegations or Resign from Politics

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has made a bold challenge to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, stating that he would retire from politics if the Prime Minister can prove his claim that the Congress government in Karnataka raised Rs 700 crore through the excise department for use in election-bound states. The comments came after Modi, during a public rally in Akola, Maharashtra, accused the Congress of collecting funds through illegal means to influence elections in Maharashtra, Jharkhand, and to finance bypolls.



crowd, as he accused the Prime Minister of using baseless accusations for political gain.

The controversy began during Modi's public meeting in Akola, where he alleged that extortion linked to the Karnataka excise department had doubled during election season. The Prime Minister claimed that the Congress party had raised the Rs 700 crore through liquor shops in the state to fund elections in other regions.

Siddaramaiah's response reflects the growing political tension between the Karnataka state government and the central leadership of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), as both parties prepare for upcoming elections. His challenge has now set the stage for a high-stakes political confrontation, with the focus on whether Modi can substantiate his claims or whether the allegations will be dismissed as part of the ongoing political rhetoric.

In his response at an election rally in Shiggaon, Haveri district on Sunday night, Siddaramaiah vehemently denied the allegations and called them a fabrication. He criticized the Prime Minister, accusing him of lying in a manner unprecedented in India's history. "I am surprised to see the Prime Minister of this country lie so much," Siddaramaiah remarked, questioning the validity of Modi's claims about extortion in Karnataka. "He says Congress collected Rs 700 crore through the excise department to send to other states. These allegations are far from the truth."

Siddaramaiah then issued a challenge directly to Modi, stating, "I challenge Narendra Modi that if he can prove these allegations, I will retire from politics. If you cannot prove them, then you should retire." His comments were met with applause from the

# Bengal bypolls: Mamata urges electorate to vote for TMC candidates

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, also the leader of the Trinamool Congress (TMC), has made a strong appeal to the electorate in six assembly constituencies going to bypolls in the state. Speaking on Monday, Banerjee urged voters to cast their ballots in favor of the TMC to ensure the continuation of the party's work in these regions.

The bypolls, which are being held in the constituencies of Sagardighi, Shibpur, Jangipur, and others, are seen as crucial for the TMC as the party looks to maintain its dominance in the state's political landscape.



Banerjee emphasized the importance of these elections, which come at a time when the TMC is trying to further consolidate its position in the face of growing competition from the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and the Left Front.

At a campaign rally, Banerjee urged voters to reject attempts to divide the state and the nation through divisive politics. She criticized the opposition for trying to sow discord among communities, stating that the TMC was committed to fostering unity, peace, and prosperity for all. "These elections are about ensuring the progress of West Bengal. Vote for the TMC to ensure development and unity," she told the crowd.

She also pointed out that the TMC government had worked tirelessly to improve the lives of the people in the state, from infrastructure development to social welfare programs. Banerjee called on the electorate to recognize the government's efforts and support the party in the bypolls to keep the momentum going.



# Rahul and Priyanka Gandhi Lead Roadshow in Wayanad for Lok Sabha Bypolls

Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, accompanied by his sister Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, led a vibrant roadshow in the Sulthan Bathery area of Wayanad district, Kerala, on Monday as part of the campaign for the Wayanad Lok Sabha bypolls. The bypolls, which are being held to fill the vacancy created by Rahul Gandhi's disqualification from Parliament, are seen as a crucial test for the Congress party's strength in the region.

The roadshow, attended by hundreds of party supporters, saw the Gandhi siblings engaging directly with the electorate, as they urged voters to support the Congress in the upcoming elections. Both Rahul and Priyanka waved to the crowds and addressed the gathering, highlighting the importance of a strong Congress presence in Kerala and the need for a representative who would truly serve the interests of the people.

Speaking during the event, Rahul Gandhi emphasized the Congress party's commitment to the welfare of the people of Wayanad and the wider Kerala region. He assured the electorate that the Congress, under the lead-

ership of the Gandhi family, would continue to fight for their rights, address their concerns, and push for developmental progress. Priyanka Gandhi also expressed her support for the candidate in the bypolls, reiterating the Congress' vision of a united, progressive India.

The Wayanad bypolls have garnered significant attention, especially after Rahul Gandhi's high-profile exit from Parliament, which came after his conviction in a defamation case. His disqualification has further added to the political drama surrounding the election, making it a key battleground for both the Congress and rival parties.

As the roadshow moved through the streets of Sulthan Bathery, the Gandhi siblings interacted with locals, listening to their concerns and reinforcing their commitment to the region. The Congress hopes that these personal engagements will translate into votes, securing a victory for the party in the bypolls. The outcome of this election will have wider implications for the Congress, both in Kerala and nationally.



# Justice Sanjiv Khanna Sworn in as the 51st Chief Justice of India

Justice Sanjiv Khanna was sworn in as the 51st Chief Justice of India (CJI) on Monday, following a ceremony at Rashtrapati Bhavan where President Droupadi Murmu administered the oath of office. Justice Khanna takes charge with a clear goal of reducing pendency and speeding up the delivery of justice in India.

Born on May 14, 1960, Justice Khanna will serve as the CJI for just over six months, retiring on May 13, 2025, upon turning 65. He succeeds Justice DY Chandrachud, who demitted office the previous day. The swearing-in ceremony was attended by several dignitaries, including Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Defence Minister Rajnath Singh, Law Minister Arjun Ram Meghwal, and former CJI JS Khehar, alongside Justice Chandrachud.

Justice Khanna, who became a Supreme Court judge in January 2019, has played a role in several landmark rulings. These include upholding the integrity of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs), declaring the electoral bonds scheme unconstitutional, supporting the abrogation of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir, and granting interim bail to Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal in the excise policy case.

A third-generation lawyer, Justice Khanna hails from a distinguished legal family. His father, Justice Dev Raj Khanna, served as a judge in the Delhi High Court, and his uncle, Justice HR Khanna, is remembered for his dissent in the 1976 ADM Jabalpur case during the Emergency. HR Khanna's principled stance, which led to his supersession as Chief Justice of India, remains a defining moment in the history of the Indian judiciary.

Justice Sanjiv Khanna, a graduate of Delhi University's Campus Law Centre, has a long and illustrious legal career. He was a senior standing counsel for the Income Tax Department and served as the standing counsel for the National Capital Territory of Delhi. His extensive experience also includes acting as an amicus curiae and arguing significant criminal cases in the Delhi High Court.

# Russian Deputy Prime Minister Denis Manturov to Visit India for Key Bilateral Talks

Russia's First Deputy Prime Minister Denis Manturov will be visiting India on November 11-12 for high-level discussions with Indian leadership on key bilateral and global issues. The visit, announced by the Russian Embassy in New Delhi on Sunday, comes shortly after Donald Trump's election as the U.S. President, underlining the growing importance of Russia-India ties in the changing global landscape.

Manturov's trip will begin on November 11, when he will participate in the plenary session of the Russian-Indian Business Forum in Mumbai. The forum, organized by the Business Council for Cooperation with India and FICCI, will focus on expanding economic and business cooperation between the two nations. The discussions will cover a wide range of sectors, including industrial collaboration, transport and logistics, finance, digital technologies, and enhancing interregion-

al cooperation. This session aims to strengthen trade ties and encourage business partnerships between Russian and Indian companies.

On November 12, Manturov will hold a bilateral meeting with India's External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar in New Delhi. This meeting will be an important opportunity to discuss ongoing bilateral initiatives and further solidify the strategic partnership between Russia and India.





## Netanyahu Confirms Israel's Role in September 17 Pager Attack on Hezbollah in Lebanon

For the first time in nearly two months, Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's administration has officially acknowledged Israel's involvement in the deadly pager and walkie-talkie attacks in Lebanon, which were used by Hezbollah militants. The attack, which took place on September 17, 2024, resulted in at least 37 deaths and over 3,000 injuries after explosions were triggered in communication devices used by Hezbollah operatives.

During a Sunday cabinet meeting, Netanyahu confirmed Israel's role in the operation, which targeted Hezbollah's leadership, including an assassination attempt on its leader, Hassan Nasrallah. "The beep operation and the elimination of Hezbollah's leader Hassan Nasrallah were launched despite the opposition of senior officials in the security establishment and the political echelon in charge of them," Netanyahu reportedly told his cabinet, according to Israeli media.

This acknowledgment marks the first official confirmation from Israel regarding its involvement in the September 17 attack, in which handheld pagers and walkie-talkies detonated over two consecutive days in Lebanon. The blasts were designed to target Hezbollah militants, causing significant casualties and shockwaves across the region. Israel's military and intelligence agencies, including the Mossad and Shin Bet, were reportedly involved in the operation, though Netanyahu's confirmation sheds light on the political division within Israel's leadership over the operation.

Israel's spokesperson, Omer Dostri, confirmed that Netanyahu had personally approved the operation, stating, "PM Netanyahu confirmed Sunday that he green-lighted the pager operation in Lebanon."

The attacks, which have raised significant international concern, were carried out amid tensions surrounding Israel's ongoing conflict with Hezbollah and other regional actors. At the time, former Defense Minister Yoav Gallant praised the operation's success, stating that the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF), in collaboration with intelligence agencies, had achieved "impressive results."

## China Reaffirms Support for Pakistan in Counter-Terrorism Efforts

Beijing: On Monday, China reiterated its commitment to supporting Pakistan in its fight against terrorism, emphasizing the need to protect Chinese nationals working on various projects in Pakistan. The statement came from Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Lin Jian, who underscored that China's support for Pakistan in its counter-terrorism efforts would remain steadfast, despite ongoing challenges in the region.

The Chinese government has long been involved in infrastructure and development projects in Pakistan, particularly under the framework of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC). With numerous Chinese workers and companies operating in Pakistan, Beijing has expressed growing concern over the safety of its nationals in the face of increasing attacks by militant groups.

Lin Jian acknowledged the security challenges faced by Pakistan, particularly in the areas where Chinese nationals are stationed, but reassured that China would continue to assist in ensuring their safety. "China will continue to work closely with Pakistan to enhance security cooperation and ensure the safety of Chinese



personnel working on joint projects," Lin said during a regular press briefing.

Pakistan has been grappling with rising terrorism, particularly in regions bordering Afghanistan, where various insurgent and militant groups operate. Chinese nationals working on large-scale infrastructure projects, including energy plants, roads, and railways, have been targeted by extremist factions in the past. These incidents have raised concerns in Beijing about the safety of its citizens in Pakistan, leading to calls for enhanced security measures.

In addition to its counter-terrorism support, China has consis-

tently called for stronger regional cooperation to address the root causes of terrorism, advocating for greater intelligence-sharing and coordinated actions between Pakistan, Afghanistan, and other regional stakeholders.

China's statement reaffirms its ongoing strategic partnership with Pakistan, underscoring the importance of security and stability in the region for the success of its economic and infrastructure projects. The safety of Chinese citizens abroad remains a key priority for Beijing, and it will continue to support Pakistan in its efforts to combat terrorism and ensure the protection of its nationals.



## Former Biden Staffer Calls for Kamala Harris to Become First Woman President

Jamal Simmons, a former communications director for Vice President Kamala Harris, recently suggested that President Joe Biden should resign and hand over the presidency to his deputy, Kamala Harris, making her the first woman president of the United States, albeit for a short time. Simmons, who made this proposal both in a social media post and during a CNN interview, argued that such a move would fulfill a final promise Biden could make as president and could have lasting political ramifications.

"Joe Biden has been amazing, but he should fulfill one last promise—to be transitional," Simmons stated in his social media post and reiterated during an interview on CNN's "Situation Room". According to Simmons, Biden has achieved much during his presidency, but stepping down to make Kamala Harris president for the remaining term would be a powerful symbolic move. "He could resign the presidency in the next 30 days, make Kamala Harris President of the United States," he said.

Simmons explained that this action would benefit both Harris and the Democratic Party, suggesting that it would allow Harris to avoid the political burden of presiding over the aftermath of the January 6th Capitol riot, a defining moment in American politics. "It would absolve her from having to oversee the January 6 transition of her own defeat," Simmons pointed out. By doing so, Biden would also "dominate the news" and present a fresh, dramatic turn for the Democratic Party at a time when many believe they need to reinvent their image.

Simmons further argued that such a gesture would disrupt Donald Trump's narrative, forcing him to rebrand his campaign and reshaping the political landscape. "It would make it easier for the next woman to run," he noted, implying that Harris could serve as a stepping stone for future female candidates.

While the proposal remains a long shot, Simmons' idea has sparked conversations about the future of the Democratic Party and Kamala Harris' role in shaping it.

## Trump Holds Talks with Putin, Signals Desire to Avoid Escalation in Ukraine War

President-elect Donald Trump recently held a phone conversation with Russian President Vladimir Putin, where he conveyed his intention not to escalate the ongoing war in Ukraine. The discussion comes as President Joe Biden seeks to ensure that the U.S. maintains strong support for Ukraine, despite Trump's previous criticisms of the scale of U.S. military and financial aid to Kyiv.

While the specifics of the call between Trump and Putin were not disclosed, Ukraine's foreign ministry commented that they were unaware of any advanced discussions between the two leaders and refrained from either endorsing or objecting to the call.

Trump's position on the war in Ukraine has drawn attention throughout his campaign, as he repeatedly questioned the U.S.'s role in the conflict and suggested a more isolationist approach. However, it is clear that Trump intends to adopt a different stance than his predecessor, Joe Biden, who has firmly supported Ukraine through-



out the war.

Trump also held talks with Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelenskyy on Wednesday, further signaling his intention to engage diplomatically with both Russia and Ukraine. However, his communications director, Steven Cheung, confirmed that the Trump team would not comment on private discussions between the President-elect and world leaders.

The conversation between Trump and Putin has sparked interest as it reflects potential shifts in U.S. foreign policy under the new administration. While President Biden is

expected to lobby Trump to maintain support for Ukraine, U.S. National Security Adviser Jake Sullivan emphasized that Biden would work to ensure Congress and the incoming administration understand the risks of withdrawing U.S. backing from Ukraine.

As President Biden prepares for his final days in office, he will make his case to both Trump and Congress that cutting ties with Ukraine could destabilize Europe and embolden adversaries like Russia. The geopolitical implications of these ongoing discussions remain critical as Trump prepares to take office on January 20.

## Arab Leaders Meet in Saudi Arabia to Discuss Gaza, Lebanon, and Trump's Re-election

Arab and Muslim leaders convened in Saudi Arabia for a high-stakes summit addressing the ongoing conflicts in Gaza and Lebanon, with significant focus on sending a message to U.S. President-elect Donald Trump. The summit, announced by the Saudi foreign ministry in late October, comes after a year marked by heightened tensions in the region, particularly due to the war in Gaza.

This gathering follows a similar one in Riyadh last year where leaders from the Arab League and the Organisation of Islamic Cooperation (OIC) condemned Israeli military actions in Gaza. The current summit is seen as an opportunity for regional leaders to signal their expectations for the incoming Trump administration, especially in terms of U.S. involvement in Middle East peace processes and relations with Israel.



"The message will likely be one of dialogue, de-escalation, and calling out Israeli military campaigns in the region," said Anna Jacobs, senior Gulf analyst at the International Crisis Group. The war in Gaza, sparked by Hamas's unprecedented attack on Is-

rael on October 7, 2023, has resulted in staggering civilian casualties, with over 43,600 people killed in Gaza alone, according to local health authorities.

During his first term, Donald Trump was a staunch supporter of Israel,

moving the U.S. embassy to Jerusalem and endorsing Israeli settlements in the occupied West Bank. His administration also brokered the Abraham Accords, normalizing relations between Israel and several Arab nations, including the UAE and Bahrain. How-

ever, Saudi Arabia, while maintaining friendly ties with Trump, did not join the accords, citing the need for a Palestinian state as a precondition for diplomatic recognition of Israel.

Umer Karim, an expert on Saudi politics, suggested that the summit aims to reaffirm Saudi Arabia's position as a key partner for the U.S. in the Muslim world. "If you want to extend American interests in the region, Saudi Arabia is your bet," Karim noted. He also anticipates that the summit's final statement will strongly condemn Israel's actions while calling for increased American diplomatic leverage on the Palestinian issue.

The summit comes at a time of evolving regional dynamics, including Saudi Arabia's rapprochement with Iran, highlighting shifting alliances in the Middle East as Trump prepares for his second term.





# Investors Eye Key Levels as Markets Experience Fluctuations and FII Withdrawals



Domestic stock markets closed nearly flat on Monday after a session of ups and downs. The day began with sluggish indices due to negative global cues, but the markets quickly rebounded to daily highs before ultimately softening again, weighed down by weak sentiment and foreign institutional investor outflows.

The BSE Sensex opened lower at 79,298, down from the previous close of 79,486, hit an intraday low of 79,001, and then climbed to a high of 80,102 before closing up by 9 points at 79,496. The NSE Nifty opened at 24,087, fluctuated between a low of 24,004 and a high of 24,336, and ended with a 6-point loss at 24,141. Bank Nifty surged by 315 points to close at 51,876, marking one of the day's strong performances.

Out of the Nifty50 stocks, 19 gained



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while 30 declined. Powergrid, Trent, HCL Tech, Infosys, and Tech Mahindra were the top gainers, while Asian Paints, Britannia, Apollo Hospitals, Cipla, and ONGC led the losses. Sectorally, banking, finance, and IT indices saw gains, while auto, FMCG, media, metals, pharma, healthcare, consumer durables, and oil & gas turned negative. Technical indicators show Nifty's support at 24,150 and resistance at 24,300. Analysts suggest TCS, PFC, Zomato, JSW Energy, and Gland Pharma as promising short-term buys.

In corporate earnings, Bank of India posted a net profit of Rs. 2,421 crore, up 61.5%, with net non-performing assets at Rs. 27,455 crore. Shree Cements saw a decline in revenue and profits, while Jubilant Foodworks recorded a 44.2% rise in revenue, though net profits fell. Orient Paper showed

revenue growth but posted a net loss. Orchid Pharma earned Rs. 230 crore with additional non-tax income, and BEML reported a slight dip in revenue and net profits.

## Recommended Stocks:

**Tata Consultancy Services (TCS):** has consistently shown strong revenue growth, high profitability, and excellent operating margins. The company's net profit margins are around



20-25%, reflecting strong cost efficiency and high demand for its services. Its return on equity (ROE) is often above 35%, indicating effective management of shareholder funds. Digital transformation, cloud adoption, and rising demand for cybersecurity are fueling TCS's growth. Additionally, the company benefits from long-term contracts with major clients globally.

**Power Finance Corporation (PFC) :** is a high-dividend-paying company with steady revenue from interest income. The net interest margin (NIM) has been relatively strong due to its focus



on infrastructure loans, which have higher yields. Its ROE has typically been around 18-20%. The Indian government's focus on infrastructure, renewable energy, and rural electrification boosts PFC's growth potential. Additionally, the National Infrastructure Pipeline (NIP) offers long-term opportunities for financing power projects.

**Zomato :** has a mixed financial profile due to the high expenses associated with expanding and acquiring users. It has yet to show consistent



profitability but has strong revenue growth due to increased market penetration. The company raised significant capital through its IPO, which it has used to strengthen its position in the market. The rise in online food delivery, increased digital adoption, and expanding food services market are positive for Zomato. Its recent merger with Blinkit (a grocery delivery service) diversifies its offerings and positions it well in the fast-growing quick commerce segment.

**JSW Energy :** has shown consistent revenue generation from its existing power assets, and profitability has been improving with a focus on cost management. Its ROE is moderate, with steady dividend payments. The company also has a manageable debt-to-equity ratio for a capital-in-

tensive industry. The company's pivot to renewable energy, especially in solar and wind, aligns with the glob-



al energy transition, making it attractive for investors focused on sustainability. The Indian government's push for clean energy offers ample opportunities for capacity expansion.

**Gland Pharma :** is known for its robust profitability, with net profit margins around 20-25%. Its cash flow generation is strong, and the company has low debt levels. The ROE has been impressive, consistently over 20%. The company benefits from demand for complex injectables, which have high barriers to entry due to stringent regulatory requirements. Its established facilities and regulatory approvals in major markets support expansion opportunities. The demand for healthcare products and injectables globally, especially post-pandemic, enhances its growth outlook.



## SEBI mulls process to seek waiver of interest on penalty payment



On Monday, the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) put forward a proposal outlining a procedure for individuals and entities to request a waiver or reduction of interest related to recovery proceedings initiated by the regulator for non-payment of penalties. This new framework is aimed at offering a more structured process for those seeking relief from the interest charges that accrue on unpaid penalties.

According to the proposal, SEBI has suggested that applicants can approach the regulator to submit requests for the waiver or reduction of interest in cases where penalties were levied but not paid within the stipulated timelines. The request would be considered on a case-by-case basis, with SEBI evaluating the reasons behind the delay in payment and the circumstances surrounding the case.

The move comes as part of SEBI's ongoing

efforts to streamline the penalty and recovery process and make it more transparent. The regulator has been increasingly focused on ensuring compliance with market regulations, but it has also recognized the need to be flexible in certain situations, particularly when genuine financial difficulties or extenuating circumstances may have prevented the timely settlement of penalties.

Under the proposed procedure, the applicant would be required to submit detailed documentation explaining the reasons for the delay, along with any supporting evidence. SEBI would then review the application and make a decision on whether the interest charge should be waived or reduced, based on the merit of the case. This approach aims to strike a balance between maintaining stringent regulatory enforcement and offering relief to those who may be facing genuine challenges in meeting their obligations.

The move to introduce this procedure is likely to be welcomed by market participants who have faced difficulties in settling penalties due to unforeseen circumstances. SEBI's intention is to ensure that its regulatory functions are carried out effectively, while also maintaining fairness in the treatment of individuals and entities involved in recovery proceedings.

## RBI Unveils New Framework for FPIs to Convert Investments into FDI



The Reserve Bank of India (RBI) on Monday introduced a streamlined operational framework allowing foreign portfolio investors (FPIs) to convert their investments into foreign direct investment (FDI) when their equity holdings in Indian companies exceed the 10% threshold.

Under current regulations, FPIs are restricted from holding more than 10% equity in a listed Indian company. When this limit is surpassed—often inadvertently by FPIs and their investor groups—it can

lead to regulatory complications. To address this, the RBI's new framework provides a clear and structured process for FPIs to convert their excess investments into FDI, thereby bringing them into compliance with Indian FDI norms.

This regulatory change is expected to offer greater flexibility to FPIs, particularly those who find themselves in a situation where their holdings unintentionally breach the 10% limit due to stock price movements or other market dynamics. Instead of liquidating the

excess shares or facing regulatory issues, FPIs will now have the option to transition the surplus equity to FDI, which typically carries fewer restrictions than FPI investments.

The move is seen as a step toward streamlining foreign investment processes, reducing administrative hurdles, and encouraging long-term foreign investments in India. By allowing FPIs to seamlessly convert their holdings into FDI, the RBI aims to promote stability in the Indian equity market and provide clarity to foreign investors looking to deepen their exposure to Indian companies.

The new framework also ensures that the process remains aligned with India's overall FDI policy, which is more favorable to long-term investors and allows for higher investment limits in certain sectors. This change is expected to benefit both foreign investors and Indian companies by encouraging more foreign capital inflows, which can aid in business expansion, technological advancements, and job creation within the country.

## Tata Motors Shares Rise 3% Despite Subdued Q2 Performance

Land Rover (JLR).

For the second quarter of FY25, Tata Motors reported a 3.5% year-on-year decline in revenue, amounting to Rs 101,450 crore. The drop in revenue was primarily attributed to ongoing challenges at JLR, which faced margin pressures due to a combination of factors including fluctuating demand and rising input costs. Despite these setbacks, analysts remain optimistic about the company's prospects in the second half of FY25. They anticipate that JLR's margin issues will begin to ease, contributing to a potential recovery

in the latter part of the fiscal year.

The positive movement in Tata Motors' stock price on Monday can be seen as a sign of market confidence in the company's long-term growth prospects, despite short-term headwinds. Analysts believe that Tata Motors' diversified business model, including its strong presence in both passenger and commercial vehicles, will continue to support its overall performance. Moreover, the company's push into electric vehicles (EVs) is seen as a key growth driver in the coming years, as the global automotive industry shifts

towards greener alternatives.

Market watchers are hopeful that with easing pressures on JLR's margins, along with the potential upside from EVs and a recovery in global automotive demand, Tata Motors will be well-positioned to post improved earnings in the second half of FY25. The stock's positive movement amid broader market volatility suggests investor optimism for Tata Motors' future performance, driven by both its traditional automotive business and its expanding EV portfolio.



Tata Motors' share price saw a nearly 3% surge in morning trade on Monday, making it one of the top gainers among Nifty 50 stocks.

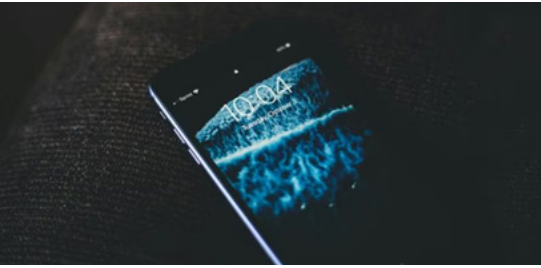
This uptick came despite a subdued performance in the company's Q2 results, largely due to weaker margins at its luxury vehicle division, Jaguar



# iPhone’s New Reboot Feature Makes Devices Harder to Unlock for Thieves

Apple has quietly introduced a new feature in iOS 18.1 designed to enhance the security of iPhones, making it significantly harder for both thieves and law enforcement officials to crack the device's password. The feature, known as “inactivity reboot,” automatically restarts iPhones that remain unlocked for a certain number of days, according to a recent report by 404 Media, citing multiple security experts.

The new feature, which is part of iOS 18.1, appears to be specifically aimed at thwarting digital forensics tools used to access locked devices. If an iPhone is left unlocked for an extended period, it will automatically reboot. When the phone powers up again, it becomes more difficult to unlock using conventional forensic techniques, which rely on extracting data from the device's operating system.



The feature has raised concerns among US law enforcement agencies, who have reportedly noticed iPhones in their custody mysteriously rebooting during forensic examinations. These reboots appear to interfere with attempts to extract information from the devices, making it more challenging for authorities to investigate smartphones in criminal cases.

According to messages shared by forensic expert Christopher Vance, who works for Magnet Forensics, a company that provides

investigative tools for law enforcement, the “inactivity timer” was identified within iOS 18 and later versions. Vance explained that the timer causes a device, when in an “AFU” (Accessed Forensic Unit) state, to reboot to a “BFU” (Boot Forensic Unit) state after a set period of inactivity. This reboot effectively disrupts forensic attempts to bypass the device's security measures.

While Apple has not officially confirmed the existence of this feature, the reports suggest that it may be part of the company's broader effort to improve user privacy and security. The "inactivity reboot" feature could make it significantly more difficult for unauthorized individuals, including criminals and digital forensic specialists, to access sensitive data stored on iPhones, further bolstering Apple's commitment to data protection.

## Scientists Discover Marine Invertebrate That Reverses Ageing Process



Scientists have uncovered a groundbreaking discovery: a new species of marine invertebrate, the comb jelly *\*Mnemiopsis leidyi\**, that defies the traditional cycle of birth, aging, and death. Unlike most animals, which follow a predictable life cycle of development, aging, and eventual death, this species has the remarkable ability to revert to a younger version of itself, effectively “de-aging.”

This unusual phenomenon was first observed by Joan J Soto-Angel, a co-author of the study, who noticed a larval comb jelly in his lab's tank, where an adult version of the jellyfish species had been residing. Upon further investigation, Soto-Angel realized that the larval jellyfish was, in fact, the same adult animal, suggesting it

had reverted to a younger stage of development.

Soto-Angel and his team at the University of Bergen conducted experiments to understand what triggered this de-aging process. They found that under extreme stress, the adult comb jelly could regress back to a larval stage, reshaping its body and changing its behavior in the process. Over several weeks, the comb jelly not only physically transformed but also adopted the feeding behaviors typical of its larval form, known as cydippid larvae.

“This discovery challenges our current understanding of animal development and body plans,” Soto-Angel said. “It opens new avenues for the study of life cycle plasticity and rejuvenation, and raises important questions about how widespread this ability is across the animal kingdom.”

Interestingly, comb jellies are believed to have existed for over 700 million years, potentially making them one of the earliest animals on Earth. This ability to reverse their biological clock has led some to compare them with the “immortal jellyfish,” *\*Turritopsis dohrnii\**, another species known to exhibit similar de-aging properties.

The findings could have profound implications for understanding the aging process in humans, as well as offer insights into the developmental biology of other animals.



### Link Between Technology and Loneliness: How Social Media Affect Mental Health

Recent research by Harvard University’s Laura Marciano sheds light on a troubling trend: teenagers, despite spending significant time on social media and online, are increasingly experiencing loneliness. Over the summer, Marciano conducted a study where 500 teenagers completed surveys three times a day about their social interactions. Surprisingly, over 50% of participants reported not speaking to anyone in the past hour, either in person or online, highlighting a disconnect between online activity and genuine socialization.

This growing sense of loneliness is not confined to teenagers. A study by U.S. Surgeon General Dr. Vivek Murthy found that loneliness has reached epidemic levels in the U.S., with one in two adults reporting feelings of social isolation. Experts are now investigating whether technology, particularly smartphones and social media, is contributing to this loneliness. While there's little evidence that tech directly causes loneliness, there is a strong correlation between the two. Many who feel isolated also tend to engage in unhealthy tech habits.

## Scientists develop self-learning robot which perform human household chores

As the world rapidly evolves through groundbreaking advancements in Artificial Intelligence (AI) and cutting-edge technologies, the concept of self-sufficient humanoid robots is gradually shifting from science fiction to reality. What once seemed like a distant dream in movies and books is now becoming an increasingly plausible prospect thanks to the swift pace of technological progress.



AI, which powers these humanoid robots, has seen remarkable developments in recent years. With machine learning algorithms becoming more sophisticated, robots are now able to perform complex tasks that were previously limited to human abilities. From healthcare and customer service to industrial automation and entertainment, humanoid robots are slowly being integrated into various sectors, performing tasks that require both cognitive functions and physical dexterity.

A key area where these robots are making strides is in their ability to learn, adapt, and function autonomously. Advanced AI systems enable robots to make decisions, solve problems, and improve their performance over time by processing vast amounts of data and learning from experience. This self-sufficiency is what sets humanoid robots apart from their predecessors, as they can now operate independently without

constant human intervention.

Companies like Boston Dynamics, Tesla, and other leading tech innovators are already developing humanoid robots with human-like physical capabilities, such as walking, running, and even performing intricate manual tasks. The potential applications are vast: humanoid robots could help alleviate labor shortages, assist the elderly, and provide support in dangerous or hazardous environments.

However, the rise of humanoid robots also raises critical questions about ethics, privacy, and job displacement. As robots become more advanced, society will need to address these issues to ensure a balanced integration of AI and robotics into daily life. While humanoid robots might not fully replace human workers in every field, their role in augmenting human potential and revolutionizing industries is undeniable.

Many people compare themselves to others on platforms like Instagram, leading to feelings of inadequacy or “FOMO” (fear of missing out). Research by Chia-chen Yang, a professor at Oklahoma State University, found that judgmental comparisons on social media — such as comparing appearances or lifestyles — often lead to negative feelings and isolation. To counter this, experts recommend using social media in a more constructive way, like following accounts that provide helpful or uplifting content, and hiding like counts to reduce the pressure of validation.

While texting has become the primary form of communication, it can often hinder authentic connection. Marciano's study showed that many teenagers experience anxiety when waiting for responses or feeling disconnected through brief text exchanges. In contrast, one-on-one conversations via phone or video calls were linked to lower feelings of loneliness.

Some individuals, especially those feeling lonely, become absorbed in binge-watching shows or streaming content, which can keep them isolated and indoors, further deepening the cycle of loneliness.

To combat these negative effects, experts suggest balancing tech use with more personal forms of communication, such as phone or video calls, and practicing self-reflection when social media use leads to negative feelings.

## WhatsApp Beta Bug Turns Screen Green for Android Users

WhatsApp beta testers on Android have encountered a significant bug in the latest version of the app, *\*WhatsApp Beta 2.24.24.5\**, causing devices to become unresponsive and display a green screen. The issue arises when users open a chat or tap on a message, causing the entire screen to turn green and rendering the device unresponsive until the app is closed.

This is not to be confused with “green lines” that some users may experience on OLED screens due to permanent damage, where a single line of LEDs turns green. In this case, the problem affects the entire display, causing a full-screen green overlay whenever WhatsApp is accessed. The bug has been reported by multiple beta testers, with the issue affecting devices across different models.

The green screen glitch seems to be isolated to the specific beta version *\*2.24.24.5\** and appears when interacting with chats or messages within the app. This bug prevents users from navigating the app

effectively, and the screen remains green until WhatsApp is closed or the device is restarted. While this may not cause permanent damage to the device, it does create a frustrating experience for users, especially those testing the app's new features.

WhatsApp's beta testing is crucial for identifying issues before rolling out new features to the general public. However, this bug highlights the risks of using early software versions, as beta testers often encounter unforeseen issues like this one. The company is expected to release a fix for the bug in a future update, though it's unclear when that will happen.

For now, users affected by the green screen issue should consider downgrading to a stable version of WhatsApp or waiting for the official patch. As always, those interested in beta testing new features should be prepared for potential glitches and bugs that may arise during the process.







## Sindhu and Sen Aim to Reignite Form at Kumamoto Masters Japan Super 500

Star Indian shuttlers PV Sindhu and Lakshya Sen will lead the country's challenge at the Kumamoto Masters Japan Super 500 tournament, which kicks off on Tuesday in Kumamoto. Both players are eager to regain their top form after struggling with inconsistent performances following the Paris Olympics. While Sindhu made it to the quarterfinals at the Denmark Open Super 750, Lakshya Sen faced early exits at both the Arctic Open Super 500 and Denmark Open, with both players struggling to close out tight matches.

Sindhu's journey since the Olympics has been rocky. After a shocking first-round exit to Canada's Michelle Li at the Finnish Open, she bounced back to reach the quarterfinals at the Denmark Open. However, she was eliminated by

Paris bronze medallist Gregoria Mariska Tunjung of Indonesia in a nail-biting deciding game. Despite these setbacks, Sindhu remains confident about her preparations. She has been training closely with her new coaches, Anup Sridhar and Korean legend Lee Syun Il, focusing on improving her speed and defense.

"I'm in good shape, both physically and mentally," Sindhu said ahead of her first-round match against eighth-seeded Thai shuttler Busanan Ongbammrungphan. "We've been working on various aspects, and I'm hopeful to perform well in Japan and China with their guidance."

Meanwhile, Lakshya Sen, who has shown glimpses of his potential to

challenge the world's best, has faced mental hurdles since his heartbreaking loss at the Tokyo Olympics. Despite this, the 23-year-old has the game to take on top players. He will open his campaign against Malaysia's Leong Jun Hao, with a potential second-round clash against Indonesia's eighth-seeded Anthony Ginting.

In addition to Sindhu and Sen, the only other Indian pair in action will be the women's doubles team of Treasa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand. They will face Taipei's Hsu Yin-Hui and Lin Jhih Yun in their opening match.

With both Sindhu and Sen looking to regain their form, the tournament in Kumamoto is an important opportunity for the Indian contingent to make a mark.



## Marmoush Shines with Goal and Assist in Frankfurt's 3-2 Win Over Stuttgart

Eintracht Frankfurt striker Omar Marmoush continued his impressive form in the Bundesliga with a goal and an assist in Frankfurt's thrilling 3-2 victory away to Stuttgart on Sunday. The Egyptian forward, who has been linked with a move to Liverpool in recent weeks, enjoyed a dream return to his former club, playing a pivotal role in the win. Marmoush set up Frankfurt's first goal and scored the third in a match that featured late drama.

Marmoush now has 14 goals and 10 assists in all competitions this season, with 11 of those goals coming in the Bundesliga. He is currently tied at the top of the Bundesliga scoring chart with Bayern Munich's Harry Kane. Frankfurt coach Dino Toppmoller praised Marmoush's relentless drive, saying, "Omar always wants to win, regardless of whether it's a Bundesliga game or a training match."

The win kept Frankfurt in third place, just six points behind leaders Bayern Munich and three ahead of Bayer Leverkusen. Stuttgart, in contrast, have struggled this season and now sit in mid-table after winning just three of their first 10 matches.

Stuttgart had some early chances but were unlucky not to take the lead in the first half. Ermedin Demirovic missed a penalty, and Julian Chabot's header was ruled out for offside. Frankfurt broke the deadlock just before halftime when Marmoush delivered a pinpoint corner for Hugo Ekitike to head in. Frankfurt doubled their lead early in the second half through Nathaniel Brown, and Marmoush sealed the win with a stunning 25-meter free-kick.

Stuttgart made a late push, with Josha Vagnoman and Nick Woltemade pulling one back, but Frankfurt held firm. Stuttgart's hopes of an equalizer were dashed when Chris Fuehrich's stoppage-time goal was ruled offside.

In other Bundesliga action, Wolfsburg defeated Heidenheim 3-1, while Hoffenheim's Pavel Kaderabek set the record for the joint-fastest yellow card in league history after just eight seconds in a goalless draw with Augsburg.

## South Africa Announces Squads for T20I and ODI Series Against Englan

South Africa has confirmed their squad for the upcoming three-match T20I series against England, set to begin on November 24. Marizanne Kapp and Ayabonga Khaka have been rested from the T20I series but will return for the ODI leg of the multi-format series. Mieke de Ridder is also absent from the T20I team, while young leg-spinner Seshnie Naidu will miss the series to complete her matric exams. Naidu, however, aims to represent South Africa in the 2025 ICC U19 Women's T20 World Cup in Malaysia.

In the absence of Kapp, Khaka, and de Ridder, all-rounders Eliz-Mari Marx and Nondumiso Shangase have been called up to the T20I squad. Faye Tunnicliffe also makes her return to the national team for the first time since 2021, after impressing with strong domestic performances. For the ODI series, South Africa has made some key inclusions. Experienced pacer Masabata Klaas returns to the squad after missing the T20 World Cup in the UAE last month. Fast bowler Ayanda Hlubi also makes her first 50-over call-up since the tour to Australia earlier this year. Left-handed batter Lara Goodall, who reached her 50th ODI cap in April, returns after missing the ODI series against India in June.

Proteas Women's Convenor of Selectors, Clinton du Preez, explained that the squad selections were focused on strengthening the team for white-ball cricket. "The T20I series offers us a great opportunity to assess players who have been on the radar based on their domestic performances," he said. "The ODIs will help us continue our preparation for the ICC Women's World Cup and secure our position in the ICC Women's Championship."



## India focused on winning Australia series, not World Test Championship permutations

India's primary focus in the coming two months will be securing a victory in their five-match series against Australia, with no distraction from the ongoing race for the World Test Championship (WTC) final, head coach Gautam Gambhir confirmed on Monday.

Speaking to the media ahead of the team's departure, Gambhir emphasized that while the WTC points table remains a key consideration, India's immediate goal is to perform well against Australia, who are one of the toughest opponents in world cricket. With the series scheduled to begin soon, the Indian team is fully geared up for the challenge, and the WTC final qualification will take a backseat until the series is over.

"We are not looking too far ahead. The next two months are all about the five-match series against Australia. We understand the importance of winning this series and getting our game plan right. The WTC final is still a few steps away, and we are focused solely on our next series," Gambhir stated.

India's performance in Australia will be crucial for their hopes of making it to the WTC final, but Gambhir made it clear that the team will not be distracted by the permutations and scenarios. Instead, they are focused on taking each match one at a time, with a clear mindset of winning every session.

While acknowledging the significance of the WTC standings, Gambhir also highlighted that India's main priority remains developing the right strategies and executing them effectively in Australia. "We know the WTC race is tight, but our focus is on the series. Once it's over, we will assess where we stand and how the other teams are performing," he said.

## India Defeat Malaysia 4-0 in Opening Match of Women's Asian Champions Trophy

Defending champions India started their campaign on a high note at the Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2024 with a commanding 4-0 victory over Malaysia in their opening match on November 11. The match, held in Rajgir, saw the Indian team put on an impressive performance, showcasing their strength and dominance right from the start.

The Indian women's hockey team came into the tournament with high expectations, and they lived up to those with a well-executed display against Malaysia. The match was an all-around team effort, with contributions from several players as India controlled the pace of the game throughout.

India took the lead early in the match and never looked back, with a well-organized attack that kept the Malaysian defense under pressure. The Indian forwards demonstrated excellent ball movement, while the midfielders worked tirelessly to maintain possession and create scoring opportunities.

The team's first goal came in the first quarter, setting the tone for the rest of the match. India continued to press their advantage, with further goals scored in the second and third quarters. Malaysia struggled to break down India's solid defense and could not mount any significant threats on the Indian goal. The final scoreline of 4-0 was a testament to India's clinical finishing and solid defensive structure.





# Kanguva Trailer Release: Suriya's Epic Period Action Drama Set for November 14

The much-awaited release of *\*Kanguva\**, a period action drama starring Tamil superstar Suriya, is just around the corner, with the film scheduled to hit screens on November 14. Directed by Siva and produced by Studio Green and UV Creations, the film promises an intense and visually captivating experience for audiences.

To build excitement ahead of the release, the *\*Kanguva\** team unveiled the official trailer at a special promotional event held in Dubai. The trailer, packed with adrenaline-pumping action sequences and gripping visuals, left fans eagerly anticipating the movie's debut. Suriya, known for his versatile performances, will be seen in a dual role in the film, adding a unique layer to the narrative and raising the stakes of the story.

The movie also features Bollywood actor Bobby Deol in a significant role, alongside a talented ensemble cast that includes Disha Patani, Natarajan Subramaniam, Jagapathi Babu, Redin Kingsley, Kovai Sarla, and Anandraj. With such a strong lineup, *\*Kanguva\** is expected to offer a dynamic blend of performanc-



es from both South Indian and Bollywood actors. Music for the film is composed by the highly acclaimed Devisree Prasad, known for his ability to elevate the emotional and action-packed moments with his powerful compositions. Fans are especially eager to hear how Prasad's music complements the larger-than-life action sequences and intense drama.

Set in an ancient time, *\*Kanguva\** is expected to take audiences on a journey through a world of warfare,

power struggles, and epic confrontations. The trailer showcases Suriya's larger-than-life character and the high-stakes world in which the film's heroes and villains battle for supremacy.

As the film gears up for its release, anticipation continues to build, and the *\*Kanguva\** team is all set to embark on an extensive promotional campaign to ensure that the audience is ready for what promises to be one of the biggest cinematic events of the year.



## Hanu Raghavapudi's Fauji: A Captivating Lead Pair with Prabhas and Imanvi

Renowned director Hanu Raghavapudi has built a reputation for creating on-screen magic with the chemistry between his lead pairs. Whether it was the heartwarming connection between Sharwanand and Sai Pallavi in *\*Padi Padi Leche Manasu\** or the soulful romance of Dulquer Salmaan and Mrunal Thakur in *\*Sita Ramam\**, Raghavapudi's films have always showcased beautifully crafted relationships. Now, he is ready to captivate audiences once again with his biggest and most ambitious project to date—*\*Fauji\**, starring the Rebel Star Prabhas.

According to sources close to the film, the director and the team are thrilled with the chemistry between Prabhas and Imanvi. The sequences shot so far have left everyone confident that their pairing will capture the audience's attention once the promotional material is unveiled. In particular, Imanvi's performance has impressed the team, especially her dance moves in a recently shot song, which has been described as stunning. The film's team is optimistic that the pairing of Prabhas and Imanvi will become one of the most memorable on-screen couples in recent years.

*\*Fauji\**, a period action drama, marks Raghavapudi's first collaboration with Prabhas. The film, which is currently in production, has already generated significant buzz, especially with the announcement of social media influencer-turned-actor Imanvi, also known as Imanvi, making her debut as the female lead. Born in Karachi, Pakistan, and raised in California, USA, Imanvi is being introduced to Indian cinema with this highly anticipated project.

Produced by Mythri Movie Makers, *\*Fauji\** is being made on a grand scale with high production values. The film features music by Vishal Chandrashekhar, adding to the excitement around its release. While the title of the film will be officially announced soon, the team is targeting a theatrical release at the end of 2025. With the combination of Raghavapudi's direction, Prabhas's star power, and Imanvi's fresh appeal, *\*Fauji\** is set to be one of the most eagerly awaited films of the coming years.

## Nayanthara: Beyond the Fairy Tale - A Glimpse into the Life of a Superstar

Netflix has unveiled the trailer for *\*Nayanthara: Beyond the Fairy Tale\**, a highly anticipated docu-series that offers an exclusive, behind-the-scenes look into the life of Nayanthara, one of South India's most iconic actors. Widely known as the "Lady Superstar," Nayanthara has maintained a private persona throughout her career, but this new Netflix feature marks a rare moment of openness as she reveals personal stories and milestones that have shaped her journey.



The docuseries is set to premiere on November 18, 2024, coinciding with Nayanthara's 40th birthday. Fans of the celebrated actress will finally get to witness intimate moments from her life, including footage from her wedding to filmmaker Vignesh Shivan. The documentary will also feature personal reflections from her family, friends, and colleagues, shedding light on how Nayanthara rose to stardom in the fiercely competitive South Indian film industry.

In the official trailer, Netflix teases a heartfelt exploration of Nayanthara's career, her rise to fame, and her evolution both personally and professionally. The docuseries will showcase never-before-seen moments, including exclusive glimpses of her wedding, which captured the attention of fans and media alike. In addition to the star herself, industry peers like actors Rana Daggubati and Taapsee Pannu offer insights into her work ethic, resilience, and dedication to her craft. Actor Nagarjuna Akkineni also shares personal stories, reflecting on the challenges Nayanthara faced early in her career and the strength she exhibited in overcoming those hurdles.

# Pushpa: The Rule Trailer Launch Confirmed for November 17th



The much-anticipated Telugu film *\*Pushpa: The Rule\**, starring Allu Arjun and Rashmika Mandanna in lead roles, is set to hit theaters on December 5th, 2024. Directed by Sukumar, the film is the highly awaited sequel to the 2021 blockbuster *\*Pushpa: The Rise\**. As excitement builds around the film, the makers have now officially confirmed the date for the trailer launch, scheduled for November 17th, 2024.

In a move that highlights their ambition to capture the attention of the North Indian audience, the *\*Pushpa\** team will release the trailer in Patna, Bihar, at a grand event. The trailer will be unveiled at exactly 6:03 PM. The decision to host the trailer launch in North India reflects the makers' strategy to create a massive buzz around the film, especially in regions where the *\*Pushpa\** franchise is rapidly gaining popularity.

The production team is working relentlessly on the post-production and final stages of the film, with tight deadlines to meet ahead of the December release. The makers recently revealed a brand-new poster for *\*Pushpa: The Rule\**, showcasing Allu Arjun's stylish look, which has already generated significant excitement among fans. The poster announcement also served as a reminder of the trailer release date, further intensifying the anticipation for what is expected to be a thrilling cinematic experience.

The film is being produced by Mythri Movie Makers, known for backing some of the biggest hits in the Telugu film industry. *\*Pushpa: The Rule\** will release on a grand scale, with plans for a multi-language release across India and international markets. Fans of Allu Arjun and the *\*Pushpa\** franchise can look forward to a high-octane film with intense action, gripping drama, and powerful performances, set to be a major spectacle on December 5th.

With its trailer launch just around the corner, all eyes are on *\*Pushpa: The Rule\** to take the box office by storm once again.

# Disney Unveils Concept Art for 'Avatar: Fire and Ash' Ahead of 2025 Release

Disney has shared new concept art for *\*Avatar: Fire and Ash\**, the highly anticipated third installment in James Cameron's *\*Avatar\** film series. Revealed on the official Disney X (formerly Twitter) account, the artwork offers fans a glimpse into the stunning world of Pandora, setting the stage for the next chapter in this epic sci-fi saga.

*\*Avatar: Fire and Ash\** serves as a direct sequel to *\*Avatar: The Way of Water\** (2022) and continues the story of Jake Sully, Neytiri, and their family as they navigate

new challenges on the vibrant, yet perilous moon of Pandora. This sequel will expand upon the universe that captivated audiences worldwide with breathtaking visuals and immersive storytelling.

The film is once again co-written by James Cameron, alongside four other writers, and will be directed by Cameron himself. Known for his groundbreaking work on the first two *\*Avatar\** films, Cameron continues to push the boundaries of filmmaking with *\*Fire and Ash\**. He is also producing the movie alongside long-

time collaborator Jon Landau, ensuring the film remains true to the epic vision of the original saga.

Returning to star in *\*Avatar: Fire and Ash\** are Sam Worthington as Jake Sully, Zoe Saldana as Neytiri, Sigourney Weaver as Dr. Grace Augustine, and Stephen Lang as Colonel Quaritch. The cast is bolstered by the addition of new talent, including Kate Winslet, Giovanni Ribisi, David Thewlis, and Oona Chaplin, each bringing fresh characters and energy to the *\*Avatar\** universe.

