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## Pollution Control Policy and 50K Jobs: CM Revanths Vision

We will soon announce a comprehensive policy on pollution control 3000 new electric buses will be introduced under ORR CM who provided appointment documents of AMVI



TPN , Telangana: Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy announced plans for a comprehensive pollution control policy aimed at reducing pollution in Hyderabad. As part of this initiative, 3,000 new electric buses will be introduced under the Outer Ring Road (ORR) to tackle air pollution. He made the announcement during a visit to the Transport Commissioner's office in Hyderabad, where he also handed appointment documents to newly selected Assistant Motor Vehicle Inspectors (AMVIs).

In his address, CM Revanth Reddy highlighted the significant steps taken by his government over the past ten months, including the creation of 50,000 government jobs, fulfilling the aspirations of the unemployed who had long

been overlooked. He emphasized that reducing pollution, reviving the Musi River, and promoting electric autos are key priorities of his government. He also called for respect in providing public services, such as licenses and vehicle registrations.

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## Strict Action on Grain Procurement Fraud: CM

- \* Strict action against traders who trouble farmers
- \* District Collectors have been instructed to take steps to ensure smooth procurement of grain

TPN , Telangana: Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has directed officials to take strict action against individuals causing trouble for farmers during the grain procurement process. He emphasized that such traders should be dealt with under the Essential Services Maintenance Act (ESMA) if necessary.

The CM intervened after several reports surfaced regarding issues faced by farmers in the procurement process. Speaking to concerned officials, he expressed his dissatisfaction over the frauds and confusion being caused by certain traders, which were leading to harassment of farmers.



them efficiently.

Revanth Reddy instructed district collectors to take immediate and appropriate measures to ensure smooth procurement of grain across the state. He further emphasized the importance of addressing any issues promptly by consulting with higher officials to resolve

This directive aims to protect the interests of farmers and ensure that they are not exploited during the procurement process, as the government seeks to streamline and safeguard the grain-buying operations in Telangana.

## BRS Seeks Investigation into CM's Tender Allegations

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## Farmers Attack District Collector Over Pharma Plant

- \* Attack on the officials who came to collect opinion
- \* Women and farmers attacked with stones and sticks
- \* Farmers are strongly opposed to Pharma City
- \* The incident of attack on the collector which became a sensation across the state



TPN , Telangana: A tense situation unfolded in Vikarabad district when farmers and villagers attacked District Collector Prateek Jain and other officials during a public consultation regarding the establishment of a pharmaceutical company in Lagacharla village. The district government had planned to acquire land in the village for the project, prompting the visit of Collector Jain, Kodangal Urban Development Authority (KUDA) Special Officer Venkat Reddy, Additional Collector Lingamay-

ak, Sub Collector Umashankar Prasad, and other officials to gather villagers' opinions. Initially, a public meeting was arranged in the suburbs of Dudyala, but when villagers failed to attend, the authorities moved to Lagacharla village, where tensions rapidly escalated. The officials were greeted by chants of protest, and soon, some villagers began throwing stones and attacking with sticks. The situation turned violent when a woman struck Collector Jain on the back, forcing security

personnel to quickly evacuate him to a vehicle. As the protests continued, three vehicles were damaged, and KUDA Special Officer Venkat Reddy was injured. The police have deployed additional forces in the village to identify those responsible for the attacks. In response, district officials and employees have strongly condemned the assault, calling for the arrest of the perpetrators.

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## Transfers 13 IAS Officers in Major Administrative Shake-Up



TPN , Hyderabad : The Telangana government has announced the transfer of 13 IAS officers in a major administrative reshuffle on Monday. The transfers involve key changes across several departments, aimed at streamlining governance and enhancing departmental efficiency.

Illambarithi K, who was serving as the Commissioner of the Transport Department, has been appointed as the new Commissioner for the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC).

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## CM Revanths Vision

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The CM further discussed the government's achievements, including the waiver of loans for over 22 lakh farmers amounting to Rs. 18,000 crore, free bus travel for 1.05 lakh women, and the distribution of 500 LPG cylinders for women. The government also implemented measures to provide free medical treatment up to Rs. 10 lakhs through Arogyashri and electricity benefits for nearly 50 lakh families.

Minister Ponnampalapati Prabhakar and senior Transport Department officials participated in the event, underscoring the government's commitment to addressing the state's challenges and ensuring the welfare of its citizens.

## Pharma Plant

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The Telangana Employees' Joint Action Committee (JAC) also expressed outrage, announcing a strike to protest the attack. The matter has been referred to the DGP, with assurances of appropriate action and measures to prevent such incidents in the future.

## Transfers 13 IAS Officers in Major Administrative Shake-Up

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In other significant moves, Smita Sabharwal, previously serving as Member Secretary of the State Finance Commission, has been transferred to the Youth Advancement, Tourism, and Culture Department as Secretary. E Sridhar, who was the Commissioner of Prohibition and Excise, will now serve as Secretary for the Backward Classes Welfare Department and also as the Finance and Planning Commissioner for the Endowments Department. Anita Ramachandran, the outgoing Commissioner for Panchayat Raj and Rural Development (PR&RD), has been moved to the Women Development and Child Welfare Department as Secretary.

K Surendra Mohan, the Secretary for Mines, Geology, and Industries, will now take charge as the Commissioner for the Transport Department. D Krishna Bhaskar has been appointed as Commissioner for the Directorate of Municipal Administration (CMD) and TRANSCO. Other notable transfers include Chevuru Hari Kiran, who has been appointed Director of the Prohibition and Excise Department, and Siva Sankar Lotheti, now the CEO of Arogyasri Health Care Trust. The reshuffle also sees changes in the leadership of various other departments including Intermediate Education and Labour. This reshuffling aims to boost efficiency and address the evolving challenges in the state's governance.

## Tummala Highlights Irrigation Efforts in Khammam



**TPN , Khammam:** Agriculture Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao, during a media conference at Allipuram in Khammam city, shared his accomplishments in providing irrigation water to 45 out of the 46 mandals in the Khammam district. He expressed pride in supplying water to the drought-prone Paleru region through the Bhakta Ram Dasu Project.

"I consider it a great privilege to have provided irrigation to Paleru. My birth will be blessed if I can provide water to Raghunathapalem mandal," he said, emphasizing the importance of completing the irrigation project in the mandal.

Nageswara Rao further highlighted the successful lift irrigation project from the NSP canal to Manchukonda, which was sanctioned with a budget of ₹66.33 crores as part of the Manchukonda Upliftment Scheme.

He expressed his commitment to providing water to all 46 mandals of Khammam district, with a special focus on Raghunathapalem by the next Independence Day.

## BRS Seeks Investigation into CM's Tender Allegations



- \* Complaint about corruption in Amrit scheme tenders
- \* BRS provided evidence of abuse of power
- \* KTR will talk to the media today

**TPN , Telangana:** A delegation led by BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) met Union Minister for Urban Development, Shri M.L. Khattar, in Delhi, to submit a representation requesting an investigation into allegations of "office of profit" related to the AMRUT tender. The delegation claims that Chief Minister Revanthy Reddy helped a family

member secure the tender, raising concerns about potential conflicts of interest.

The delegation, which included BRS MPs K. Suresh Reddy, Vaddiraju Ravichandra, Damodar Rao, former MPs Balka Suman, Maloth Kavita, Badugula Lingaih Yadav, and MLC Shambipur Raju, emphasized the need for trans-

parency in government dealings.

KTR has announced that he will hold a press conference at the BRS Party Office in Delhi at 11 AM tomorrow to brief the media on the issue. The delegation's move has sparked political discussions about governance practices and the need for accountability in public administration.

## Minister Ponguleti Slams KTR Over Delhi Visit



**TPN , Hyderabad :** The war of words between Congress and BRS leaders escalated after former Telangana minister K.T. Rama Rao's recent visit to Delhi. KTR had earlier accused the government of involvement in the Amrit scam, sparking a series of retaliatory comments from Congress ministers, who alleged that KTR's statements were an attempt to evade ongoing legal cases.

In a sharp response, Telangana Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy made sensational remarks about KTR. Speaking to the media, Red-

dy said, "KTR's name will soon be associated with Lakshmi Bambo and Tusu Bambo," implying that KTR's situation was worsening and would soon become widely known. Reddy further mocked KTR, questioning why he was fleeing to Delhi, suggesting that the BRS Working President was attempting to avoid the mounting legal cases against him.

Reddy claimed that KTR's trip to Delhi was a calculated move, as the minister was aware he would receive clearance from the Governor to testify in an ongoing case. He also pointed out that phone tapping allegations against KTR were not a trivial matter, further fueling the tension between the two political parties.

The verbal exchange between Congress and BRS has intensified, with both sides accusing each other of corruption and political maneuvering.

## Revanth's Rule Hurts Vikarabad Farmers

**TPN , Hyderabad :** Former Minister Harish Rao has strongly condemned the Vikarabad pharmacy incident, accusing Telangana Chief Minister Revanthy Reddy of mismanagement and alienating farmers. Speaking to the media on Monday, Rao likened Revanthy's governance to a "stone in the hands of a madman," claiming that it has fallen on the farmers of Vikarabad, the Chief Minister's home district.

Rao sharply criticized Revanthy Reddy's decision to promote the Pharma City project, suggesting that it would harm green crop fields. He stated, "If Indira Gandhi called for 'Garibi Hatao,' then Revanthy is calling for 'Kisan Hatao' in the name of Pharma City." Rao alleged that the ruling government is ignoring farmers' concerns, especially after 15,000 acres of land were acquired for the project, and environmental clearances were bypassed.

The tense situation escalated when farmers in Vikarabad protested against the Pharma Village project. In a dramatic turn, a woman farmer attacked District Collector Prateek Jain, and stones were thrown at the vehicles of government officials. Three cars were damaged, and the protestors expressed their frustration with the government's actions.

Rao demanded that Revanthy Reddy reconsider the decision to establish the Pharma City in the green fields, stating that the move was driven by a conspiracy to use the land for real estate purposes rather than development. He urged the Chief Minister to refocus on administration and address the farmers' grievances.

## Komati Reddy Unveils Plan for Pothole-Free Roads



**TPN , Hyderabad :** Telangana's Roads, Buildings, and Cinematography Minister Komati Reddy Venkat Reddy has announced a comprehensive plan to address the state's pothole problem using advanced technology. The Minister outlined the ambitious initiative to fill potholes across 9,000 kilometers of roads, ensuring safer and more efficient travel for citizens.

Speaking at a press event in Chilukur village, Moinabad Mandal, Rangareddy District, Reddy expressed concerns over the neglect of roads under the previous government, which he claimed had failed to construct new state highways or secure funding for national highways. "KCR's rule is like placing a lamp in the wind and asking for blessings," Reddy said, criticizing the lack of infrastructure development.

The Minister highlighted the use of eco-friendly technologies to repair potholes efficiently. Along with R&B Department Special Chief Secretary Vikas Raj and Special Secretary Mrs. Dasari Harichandana, Reddy inspected the performance of the "Air Pressure Jet Patcher" and "Pothole and Road Maintenance Machinery." These machines can fill potholes on 10-20 kilometers of road per day,

significantly speeding up the repair process compared to traditional methods. Reddy also pointed out that these methods reduce carbon emissions by 90%, making them environmentally friendly.

Reddy further emphasized that the previous government's negligence had caused significant damage to the state's roads. He stressed that under the new administration, efforts are being made to repair roads promptly, reduce accidents, and cut down on maintenance costs. With these plans, the government aims to provide pothole-free roads, improving the quality of life for the people of Telangana.

Government Chief Whip Mahender Reddy, local MLA Kale Yadayah, and other local leaders were also present at the event.

## Sadar Festival Celebrated with Grandeur in Siddipet

**TPN , Siddipet :** The Sadar festival was celebrated with great enthusiasm at the Koheda Mandal center in the Husnabad constituency of Siddipet district. Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnampalapati Prabhakar was the chief guest at the event, which was attended by the Yadav brothers, including Rajya Sabha members Anil Kumar Yadav and Anjan Kumar Yadav.

Minister Ponnampalapati Prabhakar performed a special pooja to the plows as part of the celebrations, honoring the cultural traditions of the Yadav community. He wished everyone a Happy Sadar festival and expressed hopes for a prosperous future. "We are celebrating our traditions with grandeur, and the government is committed to supporting such cultural events by allocating necessary funds," he said.

The minister emphasized the importance of hard work for the betterment of the Yadava community and encouraged collective progress for weaker sections of society. He also spoke about the Telangana government's caste survey, emphasizing that it aims to help all communities by ensuring better access to government schemes.

Prabhakar urged the Yadav brothers to participate in the survey, assuring that the information collected will be confidential and used for the development of the community. He concluded by wishing the Yadav brothers a joyful and successful Sadar festival.





# CM Calls for Hindu-Muslim Unity in Telangana



**TPN , Telangana:** Chief Minister Revanth Reddy emphasized the importance of unity and development during his speech at the National Education Day and Minority Welfare Day celebrations held at Rabindra Bharati. The event, organized to honor the birth anniversary of Maulana Abul Kalam Azad, saw the CM participating as the chief guest and paying tribute to the portrait of

Maulana Azad.

Speaking at the event, CM Revanth Reddy described Hindu and Muslim communities as two vital components for leading Telangana towards development. He called for the cooperation of all communities to enhance education, healthcare, and employment opportunities in the state. Red-

dy recognized Maulana Azad's significant role in laying the foundation for modern education in India, recalling his tenure as Education Minister under Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru's leadership, where he introduced progressive reforms in the country's education system.

The Chief Minister also warned against divisive politics, stating that attempts to create rifts between Hindus and Muslims would harm the nation and weaken its unity. He reassured the audience that his government is committed to prioritizing the welfare of minorities.

During the program, the CM inaugurated the Integrated Command Center set up by the Telangana Minorities Residential Educational Institutions Society (TGMREIS) and presented several prestigious awards, including the Maulana Abul Kalam Azad Awards, Makhdoom Award, and Lifetime Achievement Awards. These awards recognized 21 distinguished individuals for their contributions from 2019 to 2024.

The event was attended by Minister Ponnam Prabhakar, Government Advisor Shabbir Ali, MP Anil Kumar Yadav, MLC Aamer Ali Khan, Former MP V. Hanumantha Rao, and other prominent leaders and officials.

## KTR Visiting Delhi to Escape Accountability for Corruption



**TPN , Telangana:** In a series of sensational remarks, Minister Ponnam Prabhakar has accused BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) of being involved in irregularities related to Formula One racing and the Amrit scheme. Minister Prabhakar alleged that KTR has been involved in "money laundering" in connection with Kateyare car racing and is visiting Delhi to avoid accountability. He further questioned KTR's innocence, suggesting that if the leader is not guilty, he should cooperate with ongoing investigations.

Prabhakar also pointed out that KTR's visit to Delhi is aimed at protecting himself from allegations of irregularities in the Amrit scheme. The Minister claimed that KTR's attempt to align with the BJP in Delhi is linked to efforts to cover up corruption in the tenders related to the scheme. He remarked that KTR should admit his mistakes rather than evade responsibility.

Additionally, KTR is scheduled to meet Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar in Delhi, where he is expected to lodge a complaint about alleged corruption in the Amrit scheme tenders. This follows KTR's earlier accusations against CM Revanth Reddy's cousin, Srujan Reddy, over illegal tenders related to the scheme.

## Jagdish Reddy Accuses Ministers of Exploiting Farmers



**TPN , Telangana:** Former Minister Jagdish Reddy has strongly criticized the state government, accusing it of failing to support farmers and providing necessary irrigation water. Speaking to the media on Monday, Reddy blamed the current ministers for enabling exploitation of farmers by brokers, and he warned that he would soon expose everyone, including the Nalgonda district minister and CM Revanth Reddy, over the ongoing issues.

Reddy stated that farmers are revolting against the government and revealed that the government's conspiracy against them will be exposed soon. He also claimed that the Congress-led government's days are numbered, citing increasing public dissatisfaction. Reddy lambasted the administration for its failure to meet its promises, leading to a situation where threats of violence are being made to suppress public protests.

He further criticized the government for halting development and causing the collapse of various government departments. According to Reddy, the police department remains the only functional institution in Telangana, primarily focused on suppressing dissent. He pointed out that basic services, including healthcare, are failing, with children dying in schools, and essential medicines unavailable at dispensaries.

## BRS Party of Spreading False Propaganda-Minister Sitakka

**TPN , Telangana:** Minister Sitakka criticized the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) for spreading false propaganda and conspiring to benefit the BJP in Maharashtra. She accused BRS of working as the BJP's "B team" to avoid legal cases. Sitakka highlighted that since the announcement of Maharashtra elections, BRS has intensified its campaign with a strategy to attack the public government through false narratives.

She particularly targeted BRS's criticism of the state's free travel scheme for women, clarifying that the scheme provides essential travel support during emergencies, even when women don't have cash. Sitakka also condemned BRS for instigating protests against auto drivers, questioning why they did not raise concerns when ride-sharing services like Ola and Uber were introduced.

Additionally, she lambasted the BRS government for failing to waive crop loans for 20 lakh farmers during their tenure. Sitakka emphasized that the loan waivers provided by BRS were inadequate, covering only the interest, and expressed frustration over the party's lack of meaningful support for farmers.

## Etala Rajender Criticizes Govt. Over Farmer Payments



**TPN , Telangana:** Malkajigiri MP Etala Rajender (R) condemned the state government's practice of paying "porter paise" to farmers, calling it an injustice. During a visit to grain buying centers in Janagama on Monday, Rajender highlighted how the central government is supporting farmers by purchasing rice through FCI, covering all costs including transport and handling charges. He accused local market owners of exploiting farmers by not informing them about these payments.

Rajender urged the government to take responsibility for the porter's fees and called for more transparency in the payment process. He also discussed the challenges faced by cotton farmers, who are receiving less than the MSP of Rs. 7,521 per quintal due to pressure from millers. He emphasized the importance of strengthening procurement systems for both rice and cotton to ensure farmers receive fair prices.

## Govt Cheating Farmers, Announces Statewide Tours

**TPN , Telangana:** BJP MP Laxman criticized the state government for its handling of the farming crisis, accusing it of colluding with millers to exploit farmers. Speaking about the mounting issues farmers face, Laxman pointed out that their grain has been sitting unsold for over a month, with no one to purchase it. Despite reaching out to the collector, Laxman claimed that the government's response was insufficient, stating that the authorities had yet to take meaningful action.

He criticized the state government for its failure to support farmers, especially after untimely rains, questioning the role of sleeping ministers and the

lack of proper systems in place. Laxman emphasized that while the central government has been providing generous support to farmers, the state government was allowing them to sell grain at a loss of Rs 1,000 per quintal.

The BJP MP also accused the government of neglecting promises made to farmers, including the Rythu Bharosa scheme and other financial support measures. Asserting that these unfulfilled promises have left farmers without security, Laxman announced that the BJP would begin statewide tours to highlight the plight of farmers and demand action from the government.



## Kaushik Reddy Warns Revanth Reddy Amid Growing Farmers' Discontent

**TPN , Telangana:** Huzurabad MLA Padi Kaushik Reddy has strongly criticized Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, alleging that farmers are increasingly dissatisfied with his leadership. Reddy pointed to a recent incident in Kodanagal, the CM's own constituency, where agitated farmers protested by attacking government officials and damaging vehicles. In a dramatic display of frustration, the farmers reportedly hung the collector. Kaushik Reddy expressed concern that if the Dalit Bandhu scheme is not implemented fairly in Huzurabad, similar protests might take place in his constituency as well.

The MLA also took aim at Revanth Reddy's leadership style, warning that if the situation escalates, he too could adopt the same confrontational tone as



the CM. Reddy emphasized that the people are now focusing closely on Revanth Reddy's actions, suggesting that the CM's leadership is being closely scrutinized. He further asserted that there is growing disillusionment among the public, particularly in rural areas, over the government's policies and promises.

Kaushik Reddy's remarks come at a time of increasing unrest, with opposition leaders capitalizing on the dissatisfaction surrounding farmers' welfare schemes and government accountability. His warning highlights the mounting pressure on CM Revanth Reddy as farmers and local communities continue to express their frustrations over unfulfilled promises.



## Phone Tapping Notice to Ex-MLA Chirumurthy Lingaiah

Notices to former MLA Chirumurthy Lingaiah  
Notices to attend the hearing  
Notice of absence due to illness  
Notices to a politician for the first time in this case

TPN , Hyderabad : In a significant turn of events in the phone tapping case linked to the previous administration, police have issued notices to former MLA Chirumurthy Lingaiah. This marks the first instance of a politician being formally notified in connection with this case. The notices direct Lingaiah to appear before the Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) at Jubilee Hills.



he joined the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS).

The basis for the notice is Lingaiah's reported phone contact with an individual named Thirupatanna, who is involved in the investigation. However, Lingaiah informed the investigating officers that he was unwell and unable to attend the hearing on the designated day. He has requested additional time to comply with the summons.

Chirumurthy Lingaiah's political journey has seen various milestones. He was elected as an MLA from Nakirekal in 2009. Following the agitation for a separate Telangana state, he resigned in 2010, although the Speaker did not accept it. Lingaiah resigned again in 2011 and later successfully contested the 2018 elections as a Congress candidate. Subsequently,

This development underscores the widening scope of the phone tapping case and could signal further investigations involving prominent political figures. The outcome of Lingaiah's response to the notice is awaited as authorities continue to probe the matter.



## Police Ban Protests Near Telangana Secretariat

TPN , Hyderabad: Hyderabad Police Commissioner CV Anand has imposed a ban on public gatherings, protests, and rallies within a 500-metre radius of the Telangana secretariat. The directive, issued on Monday, November 11, is aimed at maintaining public order and security amid potential protests.

The order is enforced under Section 163 of the Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita 2023 (formerly Section 144 of the Criminal Procedure Code), restricting gatherings of five or more people within the specified area. The mandate will be in effect from November 11, 2024, until further notice.

An exception is made for peaceful protests and dharnas held at Indira Park Dharna Chowk. The commissioner cited public safety concerns as the reason for the restriction, noting that exemptions apply to police and military personnel on duty, funeral processions, and individuals with prior clearance from the authorities.

Previously, the Hyderabad police had implemented a similar month-long ban on public gatherings and demonstrations across Hyderabad and Secunderabad, effective from October 27 until November 28 at 6 p.m. This action was also taken to safeguard public order and maintain peace in the region.

## HYDRAA Removes Footpath Encroachments



TPN , Hyderabad: HYDRAA dismantled illegal footpath encroachments in busy areas, including Shastripuram, Vattepalli Road, and Filmnagar in Jubilee Hills. These unauthorized structures, including sheds in front of shops, were cleared to improve public access and road safety.

HYDRAA officials highlighted that such encroachments disrupt traffic flow and diminish the city's visual appeal. To address these issues, HYDRAA Commissioner A.V. Ranganath directed teams to continue identifying and removing encroachments across Hyderabad in coordination with the traffic police.

A coordinated plan is being developed to tackle encroachments citywide, aiming to encourage pedestrians to use designated footpaths rather than walk on roads, thus improving safety and accessibility.

In addition, HYDRAA is planning a special awareness campaign to educate pedestrians on proper footpath use and ensure paths remain unobstructed. In response to public complaints, Commissioner Ranganath has urged the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) to conduct a thorough review of grievances. Following this review, HYDRAA will carry out further removal actions to maintain safe, accessible walkways for pedestrians.

The initiative reflects ongoing efforts to ease traffic congestion and enhance the overall urban environment in Hyderabad.

## Two Women Found Dead in Separate Incidents in Hyderabad

TPN , Hyderabad: In the Gulshannagar area of Film Nagar, a 23-year-old techie, Iram Nabidaar from Jammu and Kashmir, was found dead in her apartment. Employed at a multinational bank, she had not reported to work since November 7, prompting her colleagues to alert Jubilee Hills police. Officers forced entry into her apartment and discovered her deceased. Preliminary information from her parents indicated she had been troubled by issues related to a love affair. Police have registered a case and investigations are ongoing.

In a separate incident, 25-year-old Sridevi, a newlywed from Andhra Pradesh, was found dead in Petbasherabad, Quthbullapur, on November 8. Employed at a private firm in Hyderabad, Sridevi was reportedly unhappy with her recent marriage, arranged against her wishes. Police suspect suicide. Following a postmortem at Gandhi Hospital, her body was handed over to her parents. Investigations continue in both cases.

## Massive Fire Erupts in Hyderabad; No Casualties Reported

TPN , Hyderabad: A massive fire broke out on Monday afternoon in Arangar, Hyderabad, behind a Mahindra showroom. The blaze, which originated in a godown, caused thick smoke to engulf the area. Police and fire officials promptly arrived and managed to control the fire. Preliminary investigations indicated that a short circuit was the cause.

In a separate incident, a fire erupted in a scrap warehouse in MM Pahadi under the Attapur police station. Witnessing the flames, locals quickly evacuated the area. The fire was brought under control with the help of two fire engines, and no injuries were reported.

Residents expressed relief as there was no loss of life in either incident. Authorities have urged precautionary measures to prevent future occurrences.



## Worm-Infested Food Found at Hyderabad Cafeteria

TPN , Hyderabad:

Food safety in Hyderabad remains a pressing issue despite ongoing inspections and raids at various eateries. On November 11, a woman reported finding a worm in the brinjal curry served at the cafeteria in the Purva Summit building, located in Hitech City. She shared photos of the contaminated food on social media, calling for urgent action and raising concerns about the potential health risks for those who dined there that day.



The post quickly gained attention online, with the woman tagging food safety department officials in hopes of prompt intervention. However, as of now, neither the cafeteria management nor the food safety authorities have provided an official response.

This incident underscores the persistent challenge of maintaining food hygiene standards in the city. The lack of a timely response has raised questions among the public regarding the effectiveness of current food safety measures. The woman's post serves as a reminder of the need for stricter enforcement and accountability to ensure the health and safety of consumers.

Authorities are urged to address these reports swiftly to prevent future occurrences and uphold food safety standards in public dining facilities.

## Prioritizes Telangana in 'Chitrapuri' Flats Announcement

TPN , Hyderabad : Telangana Minister Komatireddy Venkata Reddy has announced that the upcoming 'Chitrapuri' flats will prioritize locals, emphasizing the state's commitment to supporting the film industry. Speaking at the swearing-in ceremony of the Telangana Film Chamber of Commerce executive committee members, the Minister underscored his desire to see cinema thrive in Telangana, highlighting films like Mabhumi and Balagam as prime examples of the state's growing contribution to the industry.



Reddy expressed his dedication to helping small filmmakers, pledging assistance for their films to reach theaters. He further shared the government's efforts to allocate 800 square yards of space for the Telangana Film Chamber of Commerce.

During the ceremony, the Minister congratulated Ramakrishna Goud on his sixth term as chairman of the Telangana Film Chamber of Commerce and commended the association's continued support for the local film community. Reddy's remarks reflect the government's commitment to fostering the growth of the film industry in the state.

## MLA Talasani Criticizes State's Caste Survey for Public Discontent

TPN , Hyderabad: Former minister and Sanathnagar MLA Talasani Srinivas Yadav has voiced strong criticism of the state government's ongoing caste survey, citing widespread public discontent and operational challenges. During his visit to Bansilal Peta Division on Monday, Yadav expressed concerns about the survey, which he claimed has been met with significant criticism and placed the government under pressure.

Yadav specifically questioned the necessity of the extensive 75-item proforma used in the survey aimed at identifying caste demographics. He highlighted that enumerators conducting the survey have been facing difficulties due to the public's negative reactions.



"People are becoming confused and frustrated when they see the detailed information requested in the survey," said Yadav. He argued that the current approach will not yield meaningful results and dismissed the survey

as a waste of time and an attempt to mislead citizens. Yadav pointed out that residents are angered by the survey's perceived inconsistencies and have started to protest.

He also drew attention to the comprehensive family survey previously conducted in a single day under Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao's leadership, questioning the logic behind the current prolonged process. Yadav further raised concerns about how the state plans to proceed with Sarpanch elections and BC reservations without first completing the survey. The MLA called for the government to reconsider its approach to avoid further public unrest and confusion.

## Telangana Student Dies by Suicide at IIIT Basara



**TPN , Hyderabad:** A 17-year-old student from the Rajiv Gandhi University of Knowledge Technologies (RGUKT), IIIT Basara, Nirmal district, tragically died by suicide on Monday, November 11. The student, enrolled in the Pre-University Course II, was found hanging in her hostel room by her roommates, according to police reports.

Preliminary investigations suggest that the girl may have taken her own life due to "family issues." A suicide note, addressed to her parents and brother, was found at the scene.

The student was originally from Nizamabad district. Authorities have initiated further investigations into the matter to determine the exact cause of the tragedy.

## Telangana Woman Appointed Advisor to Ohio Minority Development Board



works as a director in a software company.

Radhika, the daughter of Ramasahayam Buchi Reddy and Nirmala, completed her engineering degree from Gadwal in 2009. She later moved to the U.S. with her husband, Raghuram Reddy, where she gained extensive experience, holding various positions in multiple companies before becoming a software director at a national firm.

**TPN , Khammam :** native Ramasahayam Radhika has been appointed as an advisor to the Ohio Minority Development Finance Advisory Board in the United States. Governor Mike DeWine issued the appointment order, marking a significant achievement for Radhika, who currently resides in Columbus and

Her father, Buchi Reddy, shared the news of her new advisory role, highlighting the pride it brings to their family and community. This appointment underscores Radhika's professional accomplishments and her contribution to minority development initiatives in Ohio.

## Tiger Spotted Near Nirmal-Amrabad Border, Forest Officials on Alert

**TPN , Hyderabad:** A tiger was spotted near the Nirmal-Amrabad border along National Highway 44 late on Sunday, November 10, creating concern among travelers. The tiger was seen in the forested area between Kuntala and Sarangapur mandals by a motorist, who captured a video of the animal's movement. Officials from the Telangana Forest Department confirmed the sighting near the Ghanpur check post in the Boath range of Echoda division, Adilabad. Forest staff are monitoring the tiger's movements daily. Preliminary investigations suggest that the tiger may have strayed from Maharashtra, likely in search of new territory and a mate, as it is the mating season for tigers.

Authorities have advised the public to avoid any interaction with the tiger, stressing that efforts are being made to ensure its safe passage while also protecting the safety of travelers on the highway. Forest officials are actively tracking the animal's movements to ensure there are no risks to human life.

## Thieves Loot 10 Houses in Nalgonda, Steal Rs. 2 Lakh and Gold

**TPN , Nalgonda:** In a shocking incident on Sunday night, thieves looted ten houses in Sunshine Colony, located in the Narketpally area of Nalgonda district. The burglars made off with Rs. 2 lakh in cash and 4 tolas of gold. The entire theft was captured on CCTV cameras installed in the colony.

The authorities suspect that an inter-state gang may be responsible for the crime. However, residents claimed that the police have not initiated an investigation despite being informed about the incident. A case has been registered, and police are currently looking into the matter.

The recent series of thefts has created panic among the local residents, who are now demanding increased security in their neighborhood. They are calling on the government to take immediate action to prevent such incidents and ensure the safety of the community.

As the investigation continues, the people of Sunshine Colony are hopeful that the authorities will address their concerns and take swift action to resolve the issue.

## MLA Payam Criticizes KTR, Warns Ponguleti's Critics

**TPN , Telangana :** Pinapaka Congress MLA Payam Venkateswarlu made strong remarks against KTR, the working president of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS), and his father, Telangana Chief Minister KCR, on Monday. During a visit to Sarapaka in the Burgampadu mandal of Bhadradi Kothagudem district, Payam stated that KTR would "break KCR's joints," reflecting the ongoing political tensions within the state.

He criticized both KTR and KCR for allegedly lacking the courage to speak about Revenue Minister Ponguleti Srinivas, emphasizing that they have no right to criticize leaders like Revanth Reddy or Ponguleti, whom he accused of turning Telangana into a "state of debt" and "a state of drugs."

Payam further warned KTR and KCR not to make unfounded remarks about Ponguleti, threatening that they would face consequences for speaking against him. The MLA's comments have sparked controversy, intensifying the already heated political climate in Telangana.



## Two Migrant Workers Killed in Wall Collapse

**TPN , Medak:** Two migrant laborers from Jharkhand were killed, and two others were critically injured when an under-construction wall of a poultry shed collapsed on them at Kamaram Thanda in Chinna Shankarampet mandal on Monday. The victims have been identified as Rafique Alam (20) and Wasiquil Alam (27).

The police reported that the bodies were shifted to the government hospital in Ramayampet for

post-mortem. The injured, Naseem Akhtar and Inthakar, are in critical condition and receiving medical attention.

Initial investigations suggest that poor construction quality might have contributed to the tragic incident. The poultry farm owner, identified as Enugu Saibaba Reddy, is under scrutiny. Authorities are continuing their probe into the mishap to determine the exact cause.

## Minister Surekha Resolves Public Grievances in Warangal

**TPN , Warangal:** Minister of Charities, Konda Surekha, assured the public that the state government is actively implementing special initiatives to address the concerns of citizens. Speaking at her camp office in Warangal City on Monday, she emphasized that the government, in collaboration with officials, employees, and public representatives, is committed to resolving issues promptly.

Minister Surekha interacted with people from various divisions and political backgrounds, who presented their problems. She addressed most of the issues on the spot by contacting the relevant officials and instructing them to resolve the pending matters. The minister also

followed up on unresolved grievances from previous sessions, directing officials to prioritize their resolution. In her address, Surekha reiterated that the Congress government prioritizes the welfare of the people, ensuring their voices are heard and their issues are resolved. The minister further clarified that her office would be available for representations from the people of Warangal East and Hyderabad, ensuring continued support and responsiveness to public needs.

The public expressed satisfaction with the minister's approach, appreciating her attentive and swift action in resolving their concerns.



## Cotton Farmers in Adilabad Face Struggles in Selling Produce



**TPN , Adilabad:** Cotton farmers in Adilabad are facing numerous challenges as they try to sell their produce, after raising commercial crops in hopes of a profitable season. Initially, the farmers struggled with delays in the commencement of cotton procurement by the Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) and insufficient procurement centers. This forced them to transport their cotton to neighboring districts, incurring significant costs.

Now, farmers are being exploited by private traders who offer prices below the Minimum Support Price (MSP) of Rs. 7,521 per quintal, citing high moisture content in the cotton. Additionally, unauthorized traders

are levying extra charges, including a 2.5% commission and Rs. 25 per bag for handling fees.

For example, Swami from Pippalikoti was forced to sell his cotton for Rs. 6,700 per quintal after CCI rejected it due to 16% moisture content. Farmers have expressed frustration, claiming the CCI is not supporting them, and that elected officials only raise their concerns during elections.

Meanwhile, farmers are struggling to find labor for cotton picking. To address this, they are offering Rs. 10 per kilogram, up from Rs. 7 last year, but still face a shortage of workers, relying on migrant labor from neighboring Maharashtra.



# 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.

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

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 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 Srikanth Sitaram Hasabnis commanded the headquarters post, while Subedar Hoshiar 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 Vadatal, 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 Vadatal 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 Vadatal 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 Vadatal 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 Vadatal, 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.

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

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.

## 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 beeper 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 consistently

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 43,000 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.



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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

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



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.

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

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



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

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.

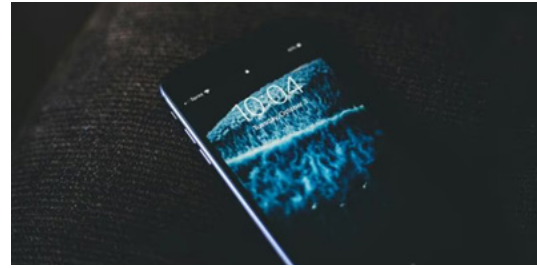
Market watchers are hopeful that with easing pressures on JLR's margins, along with the potential upside from EVs and a recovery in global automotive demand, Tata Motors will be well-positioned to post improved earnings in the second half of FY25. The stock's positive movement amid broader market volatility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



# 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.

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.

## 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.

## 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 Prabhask 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 Prabhask.

According to sources close to the film, the director and the team are thrilled with the chemistry between Prabhask 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 Prabhask 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 Prabhask. The film, which is currently in production, has already generated significant buzz, especially with the announcement of social media influencer-turned-actor Imanvi Esmail, 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, Prabhask's star power, and Imanvi's fresh appeal, *\*Fauji\** is set to be one of the most eagerly awaited films of the coming years.

## 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.

## 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 docuseries 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.

## 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.

