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Shocking Revelations in Varra Ravinder Reddy's Remand Report

From iPack to Avinash Booked??



- **Varra Ravindra Reddy Remanded for 14 Days**
- **Police transfer Ravindra Reddy to Kadapa Jail.**
- **Judge orders medical examination at Kadapa RIMS Hospital.**

TPN, Kadapa: YCP social media activist Varra Ravindra Reddy has been remanded for 14 days. Reddy, along with Subbareddy and Udaykumar Reddy, was arrested on charges of posting obscene content on social media targeting alliance leaders. The police presented the accused before the judge at 5 am. After the investigation, the judge ordered a 14-day remand for Ravindra Reddy.

Ravindra Reddy informed the judge that he was allegedly beaten by the police during the investigation. In response, the judge ordered a medical examination at Kadapa RIMS Hospital at 10 am. Following this, the police transferred Ravindra Reddy to Kadapa Jail. However, the judge issued orders to release Subbareddy and Udaykumar Reddy with 41A notices.

Party worker Varra Ravinder Reddy, arrested for allegedly spreading defamatory content on social media against opposition leaders Chandrababu Naidu, Pawan Kalyan, and their families during the previous YCP government in AP, has been remanded by the police. The remand report submitted to the court reveals several sensational details from Varra's statement.

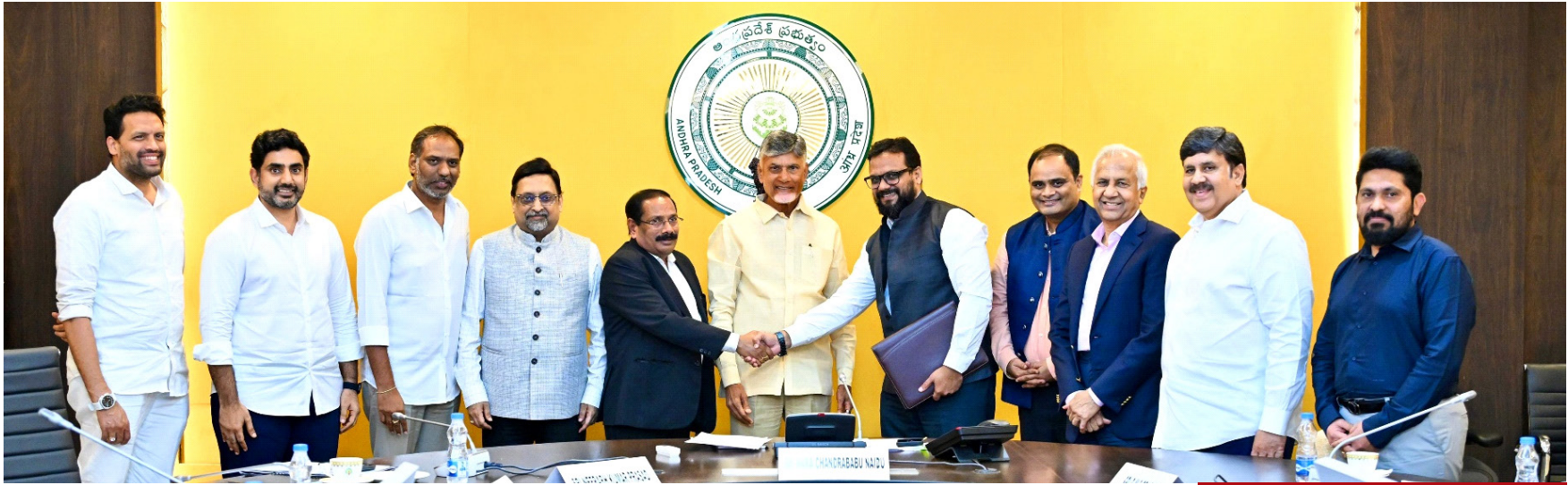
According to the report, Varra disclosed details to the police about the organized social media campaign against political opponents during the YCP regime. He stated that the iPack team provided content which he then posted on Facebook, as well as on the Jagane Raval and Jagananna Raval apps, specifically targeting those who spoke against YCP.

The posts allegedly included comments directed at opposition leaders and their families, with YCP social media convener Vivek Reddy overseeing the operations and providing instructions. Varra mentioned that Sajjala Bhargava Reddy became increasingly involved after taking charge, even allegedly directing posts against judges. He further disclosed that from 2023 onward, Bhargava Reddy began using his Facebook ID to post such content.

The report also includes admissions from Varra that offensive posts were shared targeting prominent figures like Sharmila, Sunita, and Vijayamma. Varra claimed that Avinash Reddy's PA, Raghava Reddy, provided content for certain posts, and that the two would often discuss what kind of material to post. He also stated that Bhargava Reddy, Arjun Reddy, and Sumareddy were key figures in YCP's social media activities.

The revelations have raised questions about the coordinated use of social media during the previous regime to target political opponents.

Signing an Agreement with Reliance in 30 Days is Historic



- **MoU signed between AP Government and Reliance Energy**
- **Reliance set to invest Rs. 65,000 crores in a biofuel project**
- **Largest investment outside Gujarat for RIL under clean energy.**
- **Reliance's investment exemplifies the speed of doing business**

TPN, Amaravati: Today marked a significant milestone in Andhra Pradesh's industrial sector. In the presence of Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu at the State Secretariat, an MoU was signed between Reliance representatives and senior officials of the AP government for a biofuel project.

On this occasion, Minister of Education, IT, and Electronics Nara Lokesh expressed his delight at Reliance Energy's commitment

to invest Rs. 65,000 crores in the biofuel project within the first five months of the new government coming to power in the state.

Lokesh expressed satisfaction that the agreement was finalized within 30 days of his discussions with Reliance Chairman Mukesh Ambani and Reliance Energy Chairman Anant Ambani in Mumbai. He noted that this agreement will further ac-

celerate the state's "speed of doing business" initiatives. Lokesh shared that the Barabanki biofuel project in UP has progressed rapidly, and he expects Reliance's project in AP to surpass that record. The foundation stone for the first biofuel plant will be laid in Kanigiri, Prakasam district, on December 28, and 500 plants will be established across the state over the next three years.

Reliance Energy AP spokesper-

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son Prasad announced that the project's first phase is targeted for completion by December 28 next year. In response, Minister Lokesh pledged that the AP Government would provide all necessary support and cooperation for the Reliance Biofuel Project.

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Police Issue Lookout Notice for YCP's Sajjala Bhargav Reddy

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: In Andhra Pradesh, the police have intensified their crackdown on YCP social media activists involved in posting inappropriate content about opposition leaders, including Chandrababu Naidu, Pawan Kalyan, and Anita Vangalapudi, along with their family members. Following recent arrests of YCP social media operatives Varra Ravinder Reddy, Inturi Ravikiran, and others, new details emerging from their interrogations have led to further actions by the authorities.

Today, a lookout notice was issued for Sajjala Bhargav Reddy, the in-charge of YCP's social media department, reportedly responsible for overseeing YCP's digital communications. Police have formed special teams to locate and arrest Bhargav Reddy, who is said to have gone into hiding. Search operations are underway in Hyderabad, Vijayawada, and several other locations. Additionally, Kadapa police have issued a lookout notice for Bhargav Reddy's son to prevent any attempt to flee the country.

Alongside Bhargav Reddy, Arjun Reddy and several other prominent figures within YCP's social media division have also been issued lookout notices. Police have expanded their search to both Telugu states and even Bengaluru. The recent crackdown has led to many YCP social media workers going into hiding amidst the intensified arrests and searches.

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Jagan's Illegal Assets Case Transferred to Another Supreme Court Bench

- Justice Sanjay Kumar stated, "Not before me."
- CJI transferred the case to a different bench.
- Both petitions filed by MP Raghurama were assigned to Justice Abhay S. Oka's bench.

TPN, Delhi: In a key development in the Supreme Court's handling of YCP chief and former AP CM Jagan's illegal assets case, the CJI's bench has transferred the case to another bench. This case, in which Jagan is out on bail, involves a petition filed by



MP Raghurama Krishnam Raju seeking to revoke Jagan's bail.

Raghurama Krishnam Raju has also filed a second petition requesting that the case be

shifted from Hyderabad to another state. Previously, the Telangana High Court ruled that while CBI and ED cases can proceed separately or in parallel, the judgment in the ED case should follow the judgment in the CBI case. The ED subsequently filed a petition in the Supreme Court regarding this matter.

When the case was up for hearing on Tuesday, Justice Sanjay Kumar of the CJI bench stated, "Not before me." Chief Justice Sanjeev Khanna clarified that Justice Sanjay Kumar had previously indicated this, but due to a listing error, the case appeared before him again. The case is now scheduled for December 2, when Justice Abhay S. Oka's bench will hear both of MP Raghurama's petitions.



IMD Issues Three-Day Rain Alert for Andhra Pradesh

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has issued an alert for three days of rain across multiple districts in Andhra Pradesh due to a low-pressure system forming over the Bay of Bengal. Moderate to heavy rainfall is forecast for the districts of West Godavari, Guntur, NTR, YSR, Eluru, Bapatla, Palnadu, Prakasam, Krishna, Nandyal, Annamayi, Chittoor, and Tirupati. Light showers are also expected in parts of Kurnool, Sathyasai, and Anantapur districts.

In response to the weather conditions, the sea is expected to be rough, and authorities have advised fishermen to avoid venturing out. Additionally, residents near ponds, rivers, and reservoirs have been urged to exercise caution and stay alert to avoid any potential hazards.

The IMD's alert aims to prepare citizens and local authorities for possible disruptions due to rainfall and to ensure safety across affected areas.



Home Minister Anita: Restoring the Former Glory of the Police Department

- Rs. 8,495 crore allocated in the 2024-25 budget for the police department
- Four new special police battalions to be established in the state
- 13 fast-track NDPS courts are being set up for swift resolution

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Home Minister Vanagalapudi Anita announced that an unprecedented Rs. 8,495 crore has been allocated to the police department in the 2024-25 budget, the highest allocation in the state's history. She noted that under the previous government, the police department struggled with limited resources, facing numerous challenges. With the coalition government now in power, significant reforms have been initiated to strengthen the department. An initial fund of Rs. 62 crore has already been released for modernizing police forces and upgrading infrastructure.

The Minister also announced the formation of four new special police battalions in Srikakulam, Chittoor, Prakasam, and Rajamahendravaram. She emphasized the government's commitment to eradicating narcotics, which became a pressing issue during the previous administration, and highlighted the formation of an anti-narcotics task force. Additionally, 13 fast-track NDPS courts are being set up for swift resolution of drug-related cases. Plans are underway to provide training in higher education institutions to 3,172 units, with a focus on keeping students free from drug addiction. To combat rising cybercrimes, a cyber police station will be established in each district. Minister Anita also revealed that 300 staff-supported women's help desks will be set up across the state to ensure women's safety and provide assistance.

Chandrababu to MLAs: "I Am Watching What You Are Talking About"



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: An awareness conference on the budget was held today for newly elected MLAs and second-time legislators in Andhra Pradesh. Addressing the gathering in the Assembly Committee Hall, Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu provided insights on Assembly proceedings and offered valuable advice on building a successful political career.

Key Highlights from Chandrababu's Address:

Chandrababu urged MLAs to fully understand the budget meetings and to bring constructive ideas to the House. He emphasized that each MLA should study the bills and policies introduced by the government, as these impact the lives of the public. "The Assembly is a platform for meaningful discussions, and the people have placed their trust in us to address their issues responsibly," he stated.

Reflecting on his own career, he shared that he was first elected as an MLA in 1978 and became a minister in 1980, winning nine times and serving as Chief Minister four times. "Our continuous success is built on performance and strong party structure," he remarked.

In recent elections, TDP, Jana Sena, and BJP contested as a coalition, resulting in many newcomers in the Assembly. Sixty-one MLAs were elected from TDP, 15 from Jana Sena, four from BJP, and four from YCP. A total of 84 MLAs are serving for the first time, with 30 second-term legislators from TDP.

Chandrababu reminded the MLAs that assembly proceedings are now broadcast live and accessible on social media, unlike in the past when they aired on All India Radio and Doordarshan. He highlighted the importance of informed debate and mentioned that some MLAs were previously sent abroad to study development models in other countries. "Our policies should offer lasting solutions to the state's issues," he added.

Chandrababu encouraged MLAs to stay informed about departmental developments and constituency needs. He also noted that the Center holds training programs for MPs, and understanding the allocations in the central budget can benefit state-level governance.

The Chief Minister emphasized accountability, noting that "even without opposition in the House, we bear the responsibility to the people." He stressed that the Assembly is a place to voice the needs of the people and showcase efforts made on their behalf. "People are always attentive to what their representatives say in the Assembly. Silence on key issues isn't welcome," he asserted.

Encouraging input on Vision-2047, Chandrababu concluded, "The Legislature and Legislative Council should be platforms for constructive discussions and problem-solving."

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Minister Lokesh expressed confidence that Reliance's historic decision will inspire confidence among the people of AP and the business community. He thanked Mukesh Ambani and Anant Ambani for supporting the state government's vision of creating 2 million jobs within five years.

AP's focus on clean energy policy, with incentives to attract leading companies, is setting a new benchmark for business efficiency. Lokesh's initiatives reflect Andhra Pradesh's "Speed of Doing Business" and aim to empower the state's youth with increased employment opportunities in sustainable industries.



Minister Kollu Ravindra Presents Silk Robes to Chilakalapudi Panduranga Swamy

TPN, Machilipatnam: As part of the Kartika Suddha Ekadashi celebrations, Andhra Pradesh Minister Kollu Ravindra presented traditional silk robes to Chilakalapudi's revered Panduranga Swamy on behalf of the state. Accompanied by RTC Chairman Konakalla Narayana Rao and Janasena leader Bandi Ramakrishna, Minister Ravindra visited the temple and was warmly welcomed with temple honors by Teki Narasimha, the temple's administrator. The leaders received blessings from Vedic scholars after offering prayers.

Minister Kollu Ravindra announced that extensive preparations have been made for the Pandurangadi festival and the Kartika Purnami sea bathing ritual. He assured that all necessary arrangements are in place to ensure devotees face no inconvenience during the celebrations.

"After Pandharpur, Chilakalapudi's Panduranga Swamy Kshetra is among the most significant, attracting devotees from across the nation to witness the self-manifested deity," remarked the Minister.

As part of the festivities, a grand Rathotsavam (chariot procession) of Panduranga Swamy will be held on the 14th of this month, promising to be a visual spectacle. The next day, Kartika Poornami on the 15th, is expected to draw lakhs of devotees to Manginapudi beach for ritualistic sea bathing. Minister Ravindra urged everyone to join the celebrations and participate in the traditional festivities and sea baths, marking their devotion to Panduranga Swamy.

Sand Dunes Pile Up in Hills as Sand Brokers Thwart Government's Free Sand Policy



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The government's ambitions to provide free sand to the poor and construction workers have been undermined by illegal sand brokers. The free sand policy was introduced to help the truly deserving—those in need and the construction labor force—access sand for building purposes without cost. However, brokers have taken advantage of the policy, stockpiling sand in large quantities and profiting illegally.

In several areas, particularly around

the town's industrial center, hundreds of truckloads of sand have been illegally stored in vacant lots, far from the reach of those who genuinely need it. Despite the government's intent to restrict sand access to the needy, brokers are allegedly funneling the sand towards commercial construction projects.

The sand, which the government provides for free, fetches over Rs. 3,000 per truckload on the open market. The illegal activity is driven by profit, and

the sand intended for public use is being sold at a premium. Despite the evident breach, officials who should be addressing this misuse appear to be turning a blind eye, raising concerns about the enforcement of the policy and the oversight in place.

Residents are hopeful that the authorities will take action against these brokers, restore the integrity of the free sand policy, and ensure that resources reach those who truly deserve them.

Will Pawan Kalyan’s Influence Shine in Maharashtra’s Elections?

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: National parties often bring in their high-profile campaigners and popular figures to bolster their campaigns across India, and the NDA alliance has followed suit by inviting Andhra Pradesh Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan to campaign in Maharashtra.

According to recent reports, Pawan Kalyan will be on the campaign trail in Maharashtra on the 16th and 17th of this month, rallying support for NDA candidates in select constituencies. Known for his pivotal role in the NDA alliance’s success in AP and an impressive 100% strike rate in the recent elections, Pawan is now stepping onto Maharashtra’s political stage. While his influence on the broader Marathi electorate may be limited, Pawan’s appeal among Telugu and South Indian voters in Maharashtra could prove advantageous.

The final itinerary and constituencies for his Maharashtra tour are still under wraps, though the dates are set. This move comes shortly after AP Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu introduced Pawan to Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde at a high-profile event earlier this year, a connection now seeming to pay political dividends.

From a challenging campaign in AP in 2019 to



emerging as one of the notable faces of the NDA in 2024, Pawan Kalyan’s journey has been one of persistence and growing influence, and his supporters are eagerly watching to see how he performs on this national platform.

YS Sharmila: “I am a Victim of YCP Social Media”

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Pradesh Congress Committee President YS Sharmila recently addressed the arrests of YSR Congress Party’s social media leaders and activists, implicitly supporting the move. She referred to YCP’s social media wing as a “Satan’s army.”

Speaking at a press conference at the Pradesh Congress Committee office, Sharmila described herself as a victim of YCP’s social media attacks. She alleged that YS Jagan has, in some way, encouraged inappropriate discussions about her, her mother, her younger brother, and his daughter on social media.

Sharmila said this situation could have been prevented if Jagan had intervened to curb misinformation spread by YCP’s social media. She accused Jagan of failing to address those engaging in unfair and harmful behavior online. Sharmila expressed her distress over the lies YCP allegedly spread about her, including accusations of illicit relationships,



insults, and curses. She emphasized that this form of propaganda is harmful and must be curbed. Sharmila concluded that YCP has created a “Satan’s army” through its social media, a statement she could make with conviction as a victim herself. She expressed her anger over YCP’s attacks on dissenters, calling it intolerable.

Sharmila also criticized the YSR Congress Party for boycotting the assembly budget sessions, calling it a misguided decision. She reminded that legislators are elected to attend the assembly and hold the ruling party accountable. Sharmila criticized the 11 YCP MLAs, including Jagan, stating that they were not elected to avoid the assembly and speak only through personal channels. She questioned if the MLAs had informed the public in advance that they would boycott the assembly if they lost, calling such an approach irrational. Sharmila concluded that it is “foolish” for Jagan to insist on stepping into the assembly only if granted opposition status.

People Are Wondering Why They Elected Those 11 MLAs

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: TDP MLA Somireddy Chandramohan Reddy criticized YCP leader YS Jagan Mohan Reddy and the 11 YCP MLAs who won seats in the recent elections, questioning their absence from the assembly. Speaking in Amaravati, Somireddy remarked that people are beginning to regret electing these leaders who have not shown up in the legislative house.



Somireddy questioned Jagan’s commitment to legislative responsibilities, stating, “Do you conduct legislative meetings at home? Earlier,

even the Tirupati decisions were

made privately. Jagan served as a Chief Minister who avoided the media for five years. Does he not know that only 10 percent representation is needed to be granted opposition status?” He further pointed out that the 11 YCP members had willingly accepted their roles but are now avoiding assembly duties.

The TDP leader noted that people are now left questioning why they chose to elect these representatives. Somireddy’s comments reflect growing concerns about representation and accountability within the YCP.

Salaries Paid to YCP Social Media Workers from Public Funds?

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: A new controversy from the previous YCP government in Andhra Pradesh has emerged, shedding light on alleged misuse of government funds. The recent arrests of YCP social media activists across the state have revealed how those posting pro-YCP content were reportedly paid by AP Digital Corporation, a government body established to promote public welfare schemes and initiatives.

The AP Digital Corporation was formed during the YCP regime with the aim of promoting government schemes. However, police investigations have suggested that the corporation also paid salaries to individuals posting defamatory content against opposition leaders, their families, and even High Court and Supreme Court judges across social media platforms.

The investigation gained momentum following the arrest of YCP social media activist Varra Ravinder Reddy. Kurnool Range DIG Koya Praveen disclosed that Ravinder Reddy received government payments through AP Digital Corporation for his pro-YCP posts. Further findings



suggest that numerous individuals were compensated by Digital Corporation funds to promote YCP while disparaging the opposition.

With these details coming to light, the current government is examining all payments made to YCP-aligned social media personnel by AP Digital Corporation. If corroborated, officials predict this could be a substantial misuse of public funds.

“Don’t Focus on the Cases,” Says Ambati Rambabu

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Senior YCP leader and former minister Ambati Rambabu has once again taken to social media platform ‘X’ (Twitter) to criticize the coalition government, urging them to prioritize pressing issues. Referring to a tragic incident in Penuganchiprolu Taluk, where a one-year-old boy was fatally attacked by stray dogs, Rambabu highlighted the need for the government to focus on such safety concerns rather than on cases and arrests of YCP social media workers.



Rambabu shared a newspaper clipping of the incident, expressing his dismay at the government’s current priorities. In his tweet, he wrote, “Let’s file a case against him... let’s thrash them... let’s crush everything. Focus on such atrocities. My heart is melting just reading this news.”

His comments come amid heightened tensions regarding the handling of social issues in the state, emphasizing that the gov-

ernment should direct its attention to public safety and welfare.

Jagan’s Directive Stirs Unrest Among YCP MLAs

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: YS Jagan Mohan Reddy has often governed with a firm, unilateral approach, a style that worked well when he commanded 151 MLAs. However, recent developments within the YSR Congress Party indicate this approach may be backfiring, creating discontent among the remaining YCP legislators.

Sources suggest that 8 of the 11 YCP MLAs are growing frustrated with Jagan’s order to skip the assembly session. While Jagan’s directive serves his political interests, most MLAs reportedly disapprove, worried about its impact on their constituencies.

The crux of the issue lies in the MLAs’ need to address constituency concerns in the assembly to secure funding. By voicing these issues in session, they can prompt the government to allocate necessary resources, a process now hindered by

their mandated absence. The MLAs fear that continued absence could alienate their voters, who expect representation in the assembly.

One YCP MLA voiced frustration to associates, questioning the purpose of being elected if they cannot participate in assembly sessions. As discontent simmers, there’s speculation of a possible factional split within the party: one side could continue following Jagan’s directive, while the other may choose to attend the assembly, advocating for their constituencies’ interests.

If this division materializes, it could weaken YCP’s influence, marking a significant shift in the party’s standing. Jagan’s stringent hold over the party might ultimately jeopardize YCP’s relevance, as dissenting voices seek to balance political loyalty with their responsibilities to the people.

AP Assembly Hosts Budget Awareness Conference for MLAs

TPN, Amaravati: An awareness conference on the budget process was organized today for newly elected and returning MLAs in Andhra Pradesh. Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and Speaker Ayyannapatra were among the key attendees, with the event drawing significant participation from 84 first-time MLAs and 39 re-elected members. The conference, held in the Assembly Committee Hall, aimed to equip legislators with a thorough understanding of assembly procedures, from budget introduction to approval, while also offering guidance on effective political leadership.

Addressing the legislators, CM Chandrababu Naidu shared insights from his extensive political experience, emphasizing the importance of meaningful participation in the assembly. He encouraged MLAs to actively engage in budget discussions and contribute their own perspectives and suggestions in the House. Naidu emphasized the need for every MLA to diligently study government bills and policies, as a means of serving their constituencies with informed oversight.

“We must strive to deliver on the high expectations and trust placed in us by the people. Their issues should be

at the forefront of our assembly discussions,” Naidu stated, highlighting the assembly’s role as a platform for addressing public concerns.

Reflecting on his own political journey—beginning as an MLA in 1978, achieving ministerial roles by 1980, and ultimately serving as Chief Minister four times—Naidu noted that a lasting political career requires consistent performance and a strong party foundation. He also spoke on technological advancements, mentioning how assembly sessions were once limited to traditional media like All India Radio but are now streamed live, accessible to a larger audience.

Naidu’s address also touched on the state’s Vision-2047 goals, encouraging MLAs to share innovative ideas that would drive development for the people. “The assembly is a forum for us to tell people what we are doing on their behalf,” he noted, underlining the importance of transparency and accountability.

The conference, held under the auspices of Parliamentary Research Studies, will continue with further discussions and training sessions, concluding with an NDA parliamentary party meeting chaired by Naidu later today.



Education with Values is Essential: CM Chandrababu

- National Education Day celebrated at Vijayawada's A Convention Center
- CM Chandrababu honors 166 top teachers and lecturers with awards
- Vision for AP to become a knowledge hub within five years



TPN, Vijayawada: Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu emphasized the importance of value-based education during National Education Day celebrations, where he served as chief guest at the "Best Teacher Awards" ceremony held at A Convention Center in Vijayawada. During the event, he presented awards to 166 distinguished teachers and lecturers from across Andhra Pradesh.

CM Chandrababu highlighted his vision to transform Andhra Pradesh into a global knowledge hub over the next five years, emphasizing that this goal relies heavily on teachers'

support. "We want Andhra Pradesh to produce skilled human resources that will contribute worldwide," he stated, pledging that the current coalition government will uphold the dignity of teachers. He noted that, unlike the previous administration, teachers will not be burdened with non-teaching duties.

Chandrababu also discussed the opening of the Ratan Tata Innovation Hub in Amaravati, with regional centers planned for Tirupati, Visakhapatnam, Rajamahendravaram, Vijayawada, and Anantapur, positioning Andhra Pradesh at

the forefront of the knowledge economy. He urged students to aspire to become global standards-bearers rather than merely job seekers and expressed concern about the erosion of values within society. Addressing the impact of social media, he advised teachers to remain focused on their primary role of educating youth. He also announced plans for a mega DSC recruitment drive to ensure one teacher per class. Reflecting on language preservation, he warned that while English is important, neglecting Telugu could endanger the cultural legacy of the Telugu-speaking people.

Dy CM Encourages Youth to Benefit from "Unnati" Skill Training Program

TPN, Vijayawada: Deputy Chief Minister and Panchayat Raj and Rural Development Minister, Konidala Pawan Kalyan, has urged young men and women from labor families participating in the Mahatma Gandhi National Rural Employment Guarantee Scheme (MGNREGS) to utilize the "Unnati" program. The initiative aims to provide advanced skill training to enhance their livelihoods and improve living standards.



Minister Pawan Kalyan emphasized that officials and staff of the Rural Development Department should actively educate wage-earning families about this program and support them in gaining the necessary skills through free advanced training. Under this program, eligible adults will receive Rs. 300 per day for 90 days, totaling Rs. 27,000, as per the guidelines from the Central Rural Development Department.

Eligible participants include adults aged 18-45 from families that completed 100 days of work under MGNREGS in previous financial years. Training details are collected by FAs and TAS using the Unnati Sarve mobile app. Selected individuals will be trained at Seedap-Deen Dayal Upadhyay Gramin Kaushalya Yojana centers in various courses. The 90-120-day training in-

cludes essential materials, uniforms, separate hostel accommodations for men and women, access to a personal tablet, high-speed internet, and IT lab facilities. Upon successful completion and certification, candidates will be placed in reputable private companies.

The "Unnati" program offers 215 courses across 31 sectors, including Marketing, Electrical Assembly, PCB Operations, Aerospace & Aviation, Agriculture, Garment Manufacturing, Automotive, Banking, Financial & Insurance Services, and Beautician Training, all provided free of charge. Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan encouraged labor families and MGNREGS staff to embrace skill development to enable a transition from dependency on employment schemes towards skilled professions across various fields.

Arunodhaya Kala Samithi Hosts Maha Kalotsav Dance Festival in Vijayawada



TPN, Vijayawada: Vijayawada witnessed a splendid celebration of classical dance forms at the Maha Kalotsav, hosted by Arunodhaya Kala Samithi at Hanumantharaya Grandhalayam on Tuesday. The festival brought together talented performers, enthusiastic audiences, and passionate supporters of traditional arts in a vibrant showcase of Telugu culture.

Chief Guest Karanam Ramaa Gayatri, a noted Telugu faculty member, praised the event, acknowledging the strong influence of cinematic dance in the Telugu states while highlighting the ongoing commitment to classical forms like

Bharatanatyam and Kuchipudi. She commended the performers and audiences for their dedication to preserving these traditional art forms and applauded the children and their parents for embracing classical dance.

The festival opened with a traditional Ganesh Vandanam and featured a variety of performances, including Jathiswaram, Swagatha Nrutyam, Ayigiri Nandini, Jayamu Jayamu, Lalitha Kala Vahini, Ashtalakshmi Stotram, and concluded with the Annamacharya Keerthana, "Brahmam Okate Parabrahmam Okate." Performers from Vijayawada and Hyder-

abad, including Chitrada Chakrika, Perini Jasmitha, Chinthalachervu Venkata Niveditha Sree, Vemulapalli Tanvitha, and Pebbili Teja Sree, captivated the audience and received resounding applause.

The event was graced by Arunodhaya Kala Samithi's Secretary, Madhuri, and Treasurer, Parvathi, who expressed their appreciation for the performers and their commitment to showcasing classical dance. The Maha Kalotsav served as a testament to the dedication of these young artists and the enduring appeal of India's rich classical heritage.

Commissioner Dhyanchandra Emphasizes Smooth Operations in Vijayawada's Anna Canteens

TPN, Vijayawada: During a teleconference on Tuesday, Vijayawada Municipal Corporation Commissioner Dhyanchandra instructed Anna Canteen nodal officers to ensure that people experience no inconvenience at the Anna canteens across the city.

Commissioner Dhyanchandra explained that 11 nodal officers have been appointed to oversee the 11 Anna canteens managed by the Vijayawada Municipal Corporation. Each canteen will be supervised by Ward Welfare and Amenities Secretaries in two shifts—11 staff from 7 am to 3 pm, and another 11 from 3 pm to 9 pm. The Commissioner held a review meeting with the officers via teleconference to discuss their responsibilities.

The Commissioner emphasized that nodal officers must ensure efficient and comfortable service in each canteen, monitoring daily token distribution for three meals, kitchen cleanliness, food quality, availability of drinking water, waste water management, and toilet maintenance. Officers were directed to regularly oversee these areas to maintain a high standard of service and cleanliness for the public.



Case Filed Against Posani Krishna Murali in Vijayawada

- Case filed against Posani Krishna Murali for remarks on Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan.
- Complaint alleges harm to Pawan's reputation, videos circulating online.
- Police registered case, 41A notices to be issued to Posani.



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: A case has been registered against actor Posani Krishna Murali following a complaint by Janasena Vijayawada Central Andhra Zone Convenor, Badita Shankar. The complaint relates to statements made by Posani during a press conference at the Hyderabad Press Club on September 28, 2021, where he allegedly made derogatory remarks about Janasena Party President and Deputy Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Konidala Pawan Kalyan.

Shankar's complaint accuses Posani of us-



ing language that defamed Pawan Kalyan and brought disrepute to the Janasena Party, allegedly disturbing public peace

and security by circulating defamatory comments on social media. According to Shankar, Posani insulted Pawan Kalyan with inappropriate comments, which include accusations of mistreatment towards women and disparaging personal attacks.

The complaint also alleges that on April 22, 2024, during a YCP event, Posani made further derogatory remarks, claiming Pawan Kalyan had engaged in a fourth marriage and made disparaging statements about his personal life, which were widely circulated by YCP supporters on social media.

Shankar stated that although he previously reported these incidents to the police, no action was taken. In response to the complaint, Bhavanipuram Police Station Inspector Umamaheswara Rao has registered a case and initiated an investigation. CI Umamaheswara Rao has announced that Posani Krishna Murali will be issued 41A notices as part of the ongoing legal proceedings.

TATA’s Ambitious Investment Plans for Andhra Pradesh

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: With Chandrababu Naidu’s NDA government back in power, Andhra Pradesh is regaining momentum in development and welfare initiatives, seeing a renewed interest from top investors. The Tata Group, one of India’s leading conglomerates, has announced significant plans to expand its footprint across the state, suggesting Andhra Pradesh may soon become a central hub for Tata’s diverse ventures. In a recent meeting in Amaravati, Tata Group Chairman N. Chandrasekaran and Chief Minister Naidu explored avenues of collaboration between Tata Group and the Andhra Pradesh government.



Chief Minister Naidu expressed optimism about Tata’s engagement in Andhra Pradesh, stating on X, “Tata Group remains a key partner in Andhra Pradesh’s growth journey.” During their meeting, Naidu and Chandrasekaran discussed projects where the state and Tata could jointly drive progress. Among the exciting developments is the announcement of a new TCS IT Development Center in Visakhapatnam, which is expected to generate around 10,000 jobs, injecting substantial employment opportunities into the region.

To elevate tourism and boost the local economy, Tata plans to open 20 hotels across Andhra Pradesh, featuring prominent brands like Taj, Vivanta, Gateway, SeleQtions, and Ginger Hotels, along with a state-of-the-art convention center. Tata Power will also drive major green energy

initiatives, investing around Rs. 40,000 crore in solar and wind energy projects across the state.

In addition to these ventures, Naidu and Chandrasekaran discussed collaborating on deep tech and AI innovations to enhance primary healthcare solutions. Naidu also announced plans to establish the Ratan Tata Innovation Hub, which will support and mentor local entrepreneurs, advancing the “One Entrepreneur per Family” vision.

These substantial investments underscore Tata’s confidence in Andhra Pradesh’s potential as a thriving business hub, signaling a transformative phase for the state’s economic landscape.

Where Are the Rushikonda Palace Files? Mystery Deepens

TPN, Vizag: The luxurious Rushikonda Palace, a high-profile project initiated by former CM YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, is now at the center of intrigue following his election defeat. This opulent structure, built at a staggering cost of Rs 500 crore from public funds, drew widespread criticism and public outrage for its extravagant expenditure.



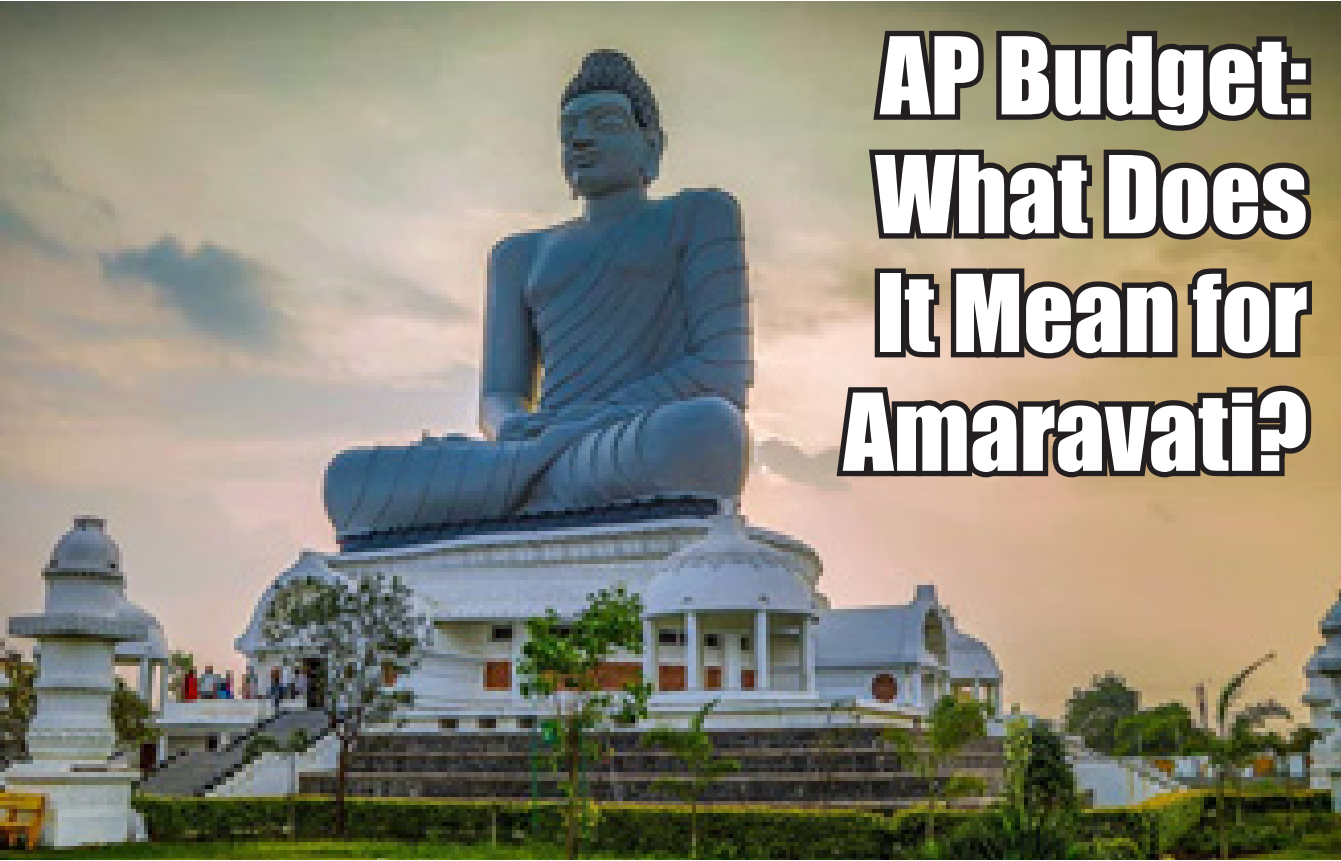
Now, new revelations suggest that essential documents linked to the Rushikonda Palace project have gone missing. Among the vanished files are those detailing construction permissions and records for clearing previous structures on the site.

Originally, this location hosted a function hall equipped with 80 rooms, a bar, and a restaurant. Reports indicate that valuable assets, including ACs, seating, fridges, and other furnishings valued at nearly Rs 50 crore, have also disappeared.

These records were supposedly under the

care of the Andhra Pradesh Tourism Development Corporation, yet they appear to have inexplicably vanished. Compounding the mystery, several key officials involved in the construction of Rushikonda Palace have reportedly been transferred and are now difficult to contact.

In summary, critical files associated with the Rushikonda Palace project have inexplicably disappeared, along with records of transactions, raising suspicions as this development comes right after the election results were announced.



AP Budget: What Does It Mean for Amaravati?

TPN, Amaravati: The NDA-led government in Andhra Pradesh presented its latest budget in the assembly, highlighting a renewed focus on the development of Amaravati. For the first time in years, Amaravati received a substantial allocation, with Rs. 3,445 crore earmarked for the capital region.

Of this allocation, Rs. 3,000 crore will be directed towards essential infrastructure development in Amaravati. An additional Rs. 400 crore is set aside to remit interest payments to farmers who contrib-

uted land for capital development, Rs. 32 crore is allocated for the Amaravati Smart City project, and Rs. 13 crore is designated for the AP High Court building.

This budget allocation complements the ongoing Rs. 15,000 crore support from the World Bank and another Rs. 12,000 crore from HUDCO, with recent meetings in Delhi signaling smooth progress in securing this funding.

The next phase of Amaravati’s development is projected to require

Rs. 50,000 crore, as estimated by the Capital Region Development Authority (CRDA). With Rs. 27,000 crore from HUDCO and World Bank, the state government will need to raise additional funds, including the Rs. 3,445 crore allocated in this budget, alongside support from the central government, loans, and bonds.

After facing delays from 2019 to 2024, Amaravati is now seeing accelerated progress, with the NDA government actively driving forward the capital’s development.

Key Progress on Six Greenfield Airports in Andhra Pradesh

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: In a significant step towards establishing six greenfield airports in Andhra Pradesh, the state government has released Rs. 2.27 crore for feasibility studies. These funds will support initial assessments by the Airports Authority of India (AAI), following in-principle approval from the Central government. The proposed sites for these airports are located in Kuppam, Srikakulam, Nagarjunasagar, Tuni, Annavaram, Tadepalligudem, and Ongole.



Roads and Buildings Minister BC Janarthan Reddy announced the fund release, detailing that the feasibility studies will cover nine critical factors, such as topography, weather patterns, and operational requirements, under AAI’s guidance. This evaluation will focus on assessing air connectivity potential and the viability of expanding cargo services to better serve the state’s transportation needs.

The government has already identified large tracts of land for these projects, with available acreage as follows: 1501 acres in Kuppam, 1670 acres in Nagarjunasagar, 1123 acres in Tadepalligudem, 1383 acres in

Srikakulam, 787 acres in Tuni-Annavaram, and 657 acres in Ongole. Each site will undergo analysis on aspects like land surveys, critical aircraft suitability, and air traffic requirements, with Rs. 37.87 lakh allocated per study.

In addition, a seventh greenfield airport is being planned in Nellore district’s Dagadarthi, where land suitability studies have already been completed. The findings from these comprehensive assessments will guide the state government in making informed decisions about the development of these airport projects, enhancing connectivity and boosting economic growth in Andhra Pradesh.

Key Update on Metro Trains in AP: Govt Allocates Funds

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: After the TDP coalition government assumed power in Andhra Pradesh, the Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam metro projects have received renewed attention. Following the TDP’s victory in 2014, the then Andhra Pradesh government planned to establish metro systems in Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam, leading to the creation of the Amaravati Metro Rail Corporation. However, these projects stalled after the Telugu Desam Party lost the 2019 elections, and the YCP government subsequently rebranded the Amaravati Metro Rail Corporation as the AP Metro Rail Corporation, relocating its office to Visakhapatnam.



Now, with the TDP alliance returning to power after the 2024 elections, CM Nara Chandrababu Naidu has prioritized the Vijayawada and Visakhapatnam metro projects. In line with this, State Municipal Administration Minister Narayana recently submitted proposals to the

central government for the Vijayawada Metro. The AP government has allocated funds for the Amaravati Metro Rail Corporation in the recently presented 2024-25 state budget, dedicating Rs. 50 crore specifically for land acquisition needed for the metro projects.

Furthermore, CM Chandrababu Naidu

has urged the central government to cover the bulk of the metro rail project costs in Andhra Pradesh, requesting phased funding. He has written to Prime Minister Narendra Modi to this effect, emphasizing the state’s commitment to bearing the cost of land acquisition, with the allocated Rs. 50 crore intended for this purpose.

Work Was Less, Publicity Was More Under Previous Government

- Nara Lokesh accuses the previous government of hasty decision-making
- Alleges non-reimbursement of fees, with outstanding dues reaching Rs. 6,500 crores
- Commits to making Andhra Pradesh the top state in education within five years

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: AP Education, IT, and Electronics Minister Nara Lokesh criticized the previous government for taking “hasty decisions.” He alleged that under the YCP government, actual work was minimal, while publicity was excessive.

Lokesh claimed that fee reimbursement dues amounting to Rs. 6,500 crores were left pending, which he argues contributed

to a decrease in student enrollment in government schools due to misguided policies.

He assured that the coalition government will revamp the education system, pledging to make Andhra Pradesh a leader in education through the KG to PG initiative. Lokesh stated that within five years, AP’s education system will be elevated to the number one position in the country.

Why India Stands Firm Against Patent Evergreening in Pharmaceuticals

How India's Patent Laws Are Shaping Access to Affordable Medicines

India's patent laws have come into focus once again as the Indian Patent Office prepares to hear objections raised by the Sankalp Rehabilitation Trust against US-based pharmaceutical company Gilead Sciences' patent claims on their HIV drug, lenacapavir. This move is part of India's ongoing struggle to curb "patent evergreening," a practice where companies extend the duration of their patents by making minor modifications to existing products, often with minimal or no therapeutic improvements.

What is Patent Evergreening?

Patent evergreening is a strategy employed by pharmaceutical companies to extend their monopoly on a drug beyond the initial 20-year patent period. By making small modifications to the original product—such as a new dosage, a different formulation, or a minor change in the drug's delivery method—companies can apply for new patents. This enables them to maintain market exclusivity and charge high prices even after the original patent has expired, limiting access to affordable generic versions.

Countries like India, Brazil, Thailand, and South Africa have laws preventing evergreening practices, prioritizing public health over prolonged monopolies in the pharmaceutical industry. India's approach, shaped by the Patents (Amendment) Act 2005, focuses on balancing incentives for innovation while ensuring the accessibility of essential medications.

Section 3(d) and Other Key Provisions of the Indian Patent Act

Section 3(d) of the Indian Patent Act plays a crucial role in preventing pat-



ent evergreening in India. It states that drugs cannot be patented if they result merely from discovering a new form of an already known substance, unless there is a significant enhancement in the efficacy of the new form. In other words, slight changes in a drug that do not substantially improve its effectiveness are not eligible for patent protection. Section 3(e) of the Act limits patenting combinations of known substances unless they demonstrate a synergistic effect, while Section 3(i) prevents patents on medical treatment methods.

Important Legal Precedents

Two landmark cases highlight India's strict stance on patent evergreening:

Novartis AG v. Union of India (2013) and Roche v. Cipla (2012).

In Novartis AG v. Union of India (2013), the Swiss pharmaceutical giant Novartis sought to patent a new crystalline form of its anti-cancer drug, Gleevec (imatinib mesylate). Novartis argued that this crystalline form was more bioavailable, implying it had a higher efficacy. However, the Indian Supreme Court rejected the patent application, upholding the Indian Patent Office's decision. The court ruled that improved bioavailability did not amount to a substantial enhancement in efficacy as required by Section 3(d). This landmark ruling underscored India's commitment to preventing minor changes in drugs

from leading to extended patents, ensuring that life-saving medications remain accessible to the public at reasonable prices.

In Roche v. Cipla (2012), Swiss-based Roche attempted to block Indian generic manufacturer Cipla from producing a lower-cost version of its cancer drug, Tarceva (erlotinib hydrochloride). Roche alleged that Cipla's version infringed on its patent. However, Cipla argued that its generic drug used a different polymorphic form of the compound, distinguishing it from Roche's patented version. The Delhi High Court ruled in favor of Cipla, holding that Cipla's generic version did not infringe Roche's patent. The court emphasized that distinct polymorphs have unique properties, setting a precedent for distinguishing generic forms from patented drugs.

A Continuing Battle: Johnson & Johnson's Bedaquiline Case

Last year, India's patent office rejected Johnson & Johnson's attempt to secure a secondary patent for its TB drug bedaquiline, widely used in treating drug-resistant tuberculosis. This decision was celebrated by health advocates, who argued that extending the patent would delay access to affordable generics, vital in fighting India's TB crisis. The case highlighted India's stance against secondary patents that offer little innovation beyond the original drug formulation.

Current Developments: Gilead Sciences' Lenacapavir Patent Challenge

Sankalp Rehabilitation Trust, an advocacy group focused on affordable access to HIV treatment, has raised

objections to Gilead Sciences' patent application on lenacapavir, an HIV treatment drug. The trust argues that Gilead's claims represent another attempt at patent evergreening, a practice that could limit affordable access for patients in need. The Indian Patent Office's decision on this case could set yet another significant precedent, further reinforcing India's efforts to curb evergreening practices.

The Need for Vigilant Scrutiny

While India's legal framework under the Patents Act of 1970 and subsequent amendments aims to curb patent evergreening, there are still challenges. Studies have shown that approximately 72% of pharmaceutical patents granted in India are minor or secondary, indicating that companies may still be finding ways to extend their monopolies without offering significant innovation. Experts argue that stronger scrutiny is needed, both from the patent office and public-interest groups, to prevent companies from misusing patents at the cost of public health.

India's patent law, especially Section 3(d), represents a bold approach in prioritizing public health over corporate monopolies in the pharmaceutical industry. By rejecting patent applications for minor modifications that do not improve drug efficacy, India has set an example for other developing nations in balancing innovation with accessibility. As cases like Novartis, Roche, Johnson & Johnson, and Gilead Sciences continue to unfold, India remains at the forefront of the global fight against patent evergreening, aiming to ensure that life-saving drugs remain accessible and affordable for all.

Overcoming the Intermittency Challenge: Innovative Energy Storage Solutions for Solar Power



One of the most widely discussed energy storage solutions is the lithium-ion battery. These batteries have already revolutionized consumer electronics and electric vehicles, and they hold significant potential for large-scale energy storage. Their high energy density, fast charging times, and declining costs have made them a popular choice for grid-scale solar storage. However, they are not without limitations, including concerns over raw material availability, environmental impact, and the finite lifespan of batteries.

As the global community confronts the escalating climate crisis, the urgency to transition to renewable energy sources has never been greater. Among the most promising alternatives to fossil fuels is solar energy—abundant, clean, and increasingly cost-effective. However, solar power faces a significant challenge: intermittency. Unlike fossil fuels or nuclear energy, solar power generation is dependent on sunlight, which varies by time of day, season, and weather conditions. This makes it difficult to rely on solar energy as a consistent, round-the-clock power source.

To address this issue, the development of advanced energy storage technologies has become a focal point in the renewable energy sector. Energy storage systems enable the capture and storage of excess solar energy during peak sunlight hours, so it can be used when sunlight is unavailable—at night or on cloudy days. These innovations are critical in ensuring that solar power can meet the ever-growing demand for clean energy while reducing reliance on fossil fuels.

In response to these challenges, researchers and companies are exploring a range of alternative storage technologies. One promising innovation is **solid-state batteries**, which offer greater energy density, improved safety, and longer lifespans compared to traditional lithium-ion batteries. Another approach is **flow batteries**, which use liquid electrolytes to store energy, making them potentially more scalable and less prone to degradation over time.

In addition to battery-based systems, other storage methods include **pumped hydro storage**, which uses excess solar energy to pump water uphill to a reservoir, and **compressed air energy storage**, which stores energy by compressing air and releasing it to generate electricity when needed. **Thermal energy storage** is another intriguing option, where excess solar energy is converted into heat and stored in materials such as molten salt, then released to generate power when the sun is not shining.

The Perils of Silence Bangladesh's Hindu Minority Under Siege

Since the ousting of Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina on August 5, 2024, Bangladesh's Hindu minority, which now comprises just 8% of the population, has found itself increasingly vulnerable to violence and persecution. The political vacuum left in the wake of Hasina's removal has allowed radical Islamist groups to grow in influence, while the interim government, led by Muhammad Yunus, has failed to protect the minority community.

Hindus in Bangladesh have long faced systemic discrimination and violence, but recent events have escalated the situation to alarming levels. A significant demographic shift over the decades, driven in part by forced migrations, has left the Hindu community in a precarious position, particularly as Islamic fundamentalism rises in the country. The violent mobs targeting Hindus since August 5, 2024, have sparked widespread concern and international condemnation. However, the interim government has downplayed the scale of these attacks, even labeling reports of violence as "exaggerated."

Between August 4 and 20, more than 2,000 attacks against Hindus were reported across the country, many of which occurred in the context of political unrest. These attacks have been perceived as politically motivated rather than purely communal, with the interim government taking a dismissive stance. This narrative was reinforced by the government's reluctance to intervene or provide adequate security during major Hindu events, such as the Durga Puja celebrations in October. Instead of offering protection, the government advised Hindus to limit their celebrations during Islamic prayer times, while Islamist factions openly called for an end to Durga Puja festivities.

During the festival, 35 incidents of violence were recorded, including idol vandalism, bomb attacks on pandals, and disruptions during idol immersion. Hindus were also subjected to economic pressure, with over 49 teachers reportedly forced to resign due to their perceived association with the ousted Awami League.

Can India Create an 'AI City'? A Vision for Safe Innovation in the Age of AI

As artificial intelligence (AI) continues to evolve at a rapid pace, the potential benefits and risks are becoming increasingly clear. Recently, while watching an animated film called *The Wild Robot*, my teenage daughter made an insightful analogy. The movie depicted a robot raised by wild animals, adapting to the jungle in a way that reminded her of *The Jungle Book*, except this time, instead of Mowgli, it was a robot. This got me thinking: AI, like that robot, is being "released into the wild" without sufficient understanding of how it will adapt or affect our world. We are in a gold rush of AI innovation, but without a safety net, it feels like we're careening toward a cliff.

AI, especially in its more dangerous forms like deepfakes, poses real threats to society. Just a few days ago, a group of educated individuals in Bengaluru fell victim to deepfake scams, tricked into investing their life savings in fraudulent schemes promoted by manipulated video clips of famous entrepreneurs. Such incidents highlight how AI's ability to clone voices and faces could further undermine trust in public figures, manipulate elections, and cause personal harm. As AI becomes more sophisticated, these risks will grow, with consequences for everything from education to governance. The deepfakes surrounding the US elections, for

instance, may have already influenced public opinion, and we might not fully understand the ramifications for years to come.

Currently, the world is taking two very different approaches to AI. The US has largely allowed AI to evolve without regulation, creating a kind of "Wild Wild West" where anything goes. Meanwhile, the EU has adopted a more cautious stance, attempting to regulate AI heavily but, as a result, stifling innovation. Neither approach is ideal. While India, as a rapidly developing nation, cannot afford to miss the AI revolution, it also cannot ignore the societal risks that come with it.

“Most Unstable Vehicle”: PM Modi’s Jibe At Maha Vikas Aghadi In Maharashtra

Prime Minister Narendra Modi took a sharp jibe at the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) during a poll rally in Solapur, accusing the alliance of being unstable and embroiled in internal conflict. He compared the MVA to a vehicle with no wheels or brakes, suggesting that its members were fighting among themselves for control, thereby hindering governance. Modi emphasized that Maharashtra needed a stable government, which only the BJP-led MahaYuti could provide.



“The vehicle the MVA is traveling in has neither wheels nor brakes. There’s a constant fight among them over who will drive it,” Modi said, adding that the MahaYuti coalition, on the other hand, would deliver long-term policies and stability to Maharashtra. He criticized the MVA for wasting time in internal power struggles and pointed out that the alliance had failed to provide coherent leadership.

The Prime Minister also attacked the Congress for its historical governance failures. He accused the Congress of leaving unresolved issues, particularly in areas such as irrigation and farmers’ welfare. “Congress ruled the country for decades but failed to solve the issues faced by the people, especially the farmers,” Modi said. In contrast, he claimed the BJP government had focused on solving these problems, citing improvements in Solapur’s water table due to their efforts.

Modi also turned his attention to Congress’s stance

on reservation, claiming that the party had long been against affirmative action policies. “Congress has always tried to undermine reservation for the poor and marginalized,” he stated, urging the people to remain united to thwart Congress’s alleged conspiracies.

Highlighting the achievements of the MahaYuti government, Modi spoke about the waiving of electricity bills for farmers and the increase in ethanol blending in petrol, which he said benefited farmers. He also emphasized the government’s focus on empowering women through schemes like the PM Awas Yojana and the Mudra Scheme.

Concluding his speech, Modi reiterated his message of unity and progress, asserting that Maharashtra’s development would lead to India’s overall progress. “Maharashtra’s development is India’s development,” he said, urging the people to vote for the BJP and MahaYuti for a prosperous future.

“When His House Burned...”: Yogi Adityanath’s History Reminder To M Kharage

As the Maharashtra Assembly election campaign enters its final stretch, political tensions between Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath and Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge have reached a boiling point. The two leaders have engaged in a heated exchange of barbs, with Kharge accusing Adityanath of spreading communal hatred and Adityanath hitting back by accusing Kharge of appeasing minority vote banks.



At a rally in Amravati on Tuesday, Yogi Adityanath responded sharply to Kharge’s comments, which had been aimed at him during a recent speech. Kharge had criticized certain political leaders, including Adityanath, for using “sadhush” as a political cover. In his remarks, Kharge implied that some leaders, donning saffron robes and claiming to be spiritual figures, were using religion to further their political careers.

Adityanath, known for his staunch Hindutva ideology, did not hold back in his rebuttal. He targeted Kharge personally, referencing a childhood tragedy in which Kharge’s family members were killed in a fire set by an Islamic militia in the then Hyderabad state. Adityanath claimed that Kharge had buried the painful memory of this tragedy to avoid alienating Muslim voters, accusing him of prioritizing Congress’ vote bank over the memory of his family’s sacrifice.

“I am saying that for a yogi, the country comes first. But for you, appeasing the Congress is paramount,” Adityanath said, making a direct attack on Kharge’s political priorities.

This back-and-forth comes in the wake of Kharge’s criticism of Yogi Adityanath’s controversial election slogan “Batenge Toh Katenge” (“If we speak, we will be cut”). Kharge had described such political leaders as “living in the guise of sadhus” and urged them to either quit politics or dress in more neutral attire if they truly adhered to spiritual values.

As the election nears, these heated exchanges underscore the ongoing tensions between the two political camps, with each accusing the other of exploiting communal sentiments for political gain.

Delhi HC Seeks ED Response on Kejriwal’s Plea Against Summons

The Delhi High Court on Tuesday sought the Enforcement Directorate’s (ED) response to a plea filed by Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal, challenging the summons issued to him in connection with the money laundering investigation linked to the alleged excise policy scam. The court issued notice to the ED, asking for a response to Kejriwal’s petition, which contests the legal validity of the summons issued to him.



different officer.

Kejriwal has contested the September 17 ruling of a sessions court that had dismissed his plea against the summons issued by a magisterial court. The summons stem from complaints filed by the ED, accusing Kejriwal of avoiding

previous summonses related to the excise policy case. The Delhi CM had moved the sessions court after a magisterial court ordered him to appear before it, following the ED’s complaints about his repeated non-compliance with earlier summonses.

The ED’s counsel raised preliminary objections to the maintainability of Kejriwal’s petition, but the high court chose to proceed with issuing notice to the agency. The case pertains to the now-scrapped Delhi excise policy, which is at the center of an ongoing investigation into alleged financial irregularities and money laundering.

Odisha Chief Minister Warns Employees Against Influencing Transfers and Postings

The Odisha government has issued a stern warning to its employees, cautioning them against attempting to influence their transfers or postings. In a directive released on Monday, Chief Secretary Manoj Ahuja reminded all secretaries and collectors that exerting any form of “extraneous influence” to affect such decisions would constitute a violation of the state’s conduct rules.



procedures and avoid any actions that could be seen as seeking personal advantage through external pressures.

“The attempt to influence postings or transfers through any form of pressure is a direct contravention of the state’s conduct rules,” Ahuja’s note stated. The move comes amid growing concerns about favoritism and manipulation within the state’s bureaucratic system. The government has emphasized that any employee found guilty of violating this rule would face strict disciplinary actions.

This warning is part of Odisha’s ongoing efforts to maintain transparency and integrity within its administrative processes. By issuing this directive, the state government aims to send a clear message that it is committed to upholding ethical standards and ensuring that transfers and postings are made based on merit and the needs of public service.

In recent years, the issue of political and unofficial influence in government postings has been a topic of discussion in several Indian states, with various administrations taking steps to curb such practices. The Odisha government’s action aligns with broader efforts across the country to create a more professional and accountable civil service.

Will hang corrupt Jharkhand leaders upside down: Amit Shah

Union Home Minister Amit Shah launched a scathing attack on the JMM-led coalition government in Jharkhand, accusing it of widespread corruption and involvement in illegal coal smuggling. Speaking at a BJP rally in Jharia, the heart of the coal belt, Shah vowed that the BJP would eradicate coal smuggling and crack down on corrupt leaders if voted into power.



Shah also criticized Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren for allegedly welcoming “infiltrators” into the state, a claim he tied to the loss of land and rights for local tribal communities. “Hemant babu welcomes infiltrators by rolling out the red carpet for them. We will identify and drive them out if the BJP is voted to power in Jharkhand,” Shah claimed. He alleged that these infiltrators were marrying tribal women and taking their land.

“Coal smuggling will be stopped in Jharkhand if the BJP comes to power... traders need not fear now,” Shah declared, reiterating the party’s commitment to addressing the issue. He further promised stringent action against corrupt officials, asserting that they would not be spared and even threatened that “corrupt leaders will be hanged upside down to straighten them.”

The Home Minister emphasized that the upcoming election would be a pivotal moment for the state, calling on voters to choose between a future of corruption and a prosperous one under Prime Minister Modi’s leadership. “Your one vote will decide Jharkhand’s destiny,” he said, adding that under BJP rule, women’s property registration would cost only one rupee.

India Urges Reform of UN Security Council, Criticizes Stagnation Since 1965

India’s Permanent Representative to the United Nations (UN), Parvathaneni Harish, called for urgent reform of the UN Security Council (UNSC) during a speech at the General Assembly on Monday. He expressed disappointment over the lack of meaningful progress on the issue, despite decades of discussion. Harish highlighted that the last expansion of the UNSC occurred in 1965, when only non-permanent seats were added, leaving the structure largely unchanged since then.



Addressing the Plenary Meeting in New York, Harish stated, “As we begin this year’s deliberations, the reform of the UNSC has once again been identified as a critical and immediate priority at the summit of the future discussions by our leaders. However, despite several decades of reiterating this sentiment, it is disheartening that there have been no results to show since 1965.”

He pointed to three main challenges preventing reform: the ineffective intergovernmental negotiation process, resistance from some countries advocating for consensus, and the lack of adequate representation for the Global South.

Harish emphasized that the current intergovernmental negotiations (IGN), which have been ongoing for 16 years, have failed to produce any substantial out-

comes. “The IGN remains largely confined to exchanging statements, with no negotiating text, timeline, or defined end goal,” he noted. He also criticized the insistence on consensus by a few countries, which has hindered progress, stating that the approach of agreeing on everything before even starting negotiations is a flawed one.

Furthermore, Harish, speaking from India’s position as a member of the Global South, underscored the importance of fair representation within the UNSC. He argued that without proper representation of the Global South, the legitimacy and effectiveness of the Council, and by extension, the United Nations, are compromised. He also pointed out that newer multilateral frameworks have demonstrated greater flexibility and adaptability, something the UN system must learn to emulate.



Saudi Crown Prince Condemns Israel's Actions in Gaza as 'Genocide'

Saudi Crown Prince Mohammed bin Salman has strongly condemned Israel's military actions in Gaza, calling them a "genocide" in one of the harshest public critiques of Israel by the Saudi leadership. Speaking at a summit of Muslim and Arab leaders, the Crown Prince condemned Israel's ongoing offensive in Gaza, as well as its strikes on Lebanon and Iran. He issued a stern warning to Israel, urging it not to escalate its attacks on Iranian territory.

The remarks came as tensions in the region continue to escalate, with the Crown Prince joining other leaders in calling for a complete Israeli withdrawal from both the West Bank and Gaza. The Saudi leader's comments are seen as part of a broader effort by the Kingdom to position itself as a champion of Palestinian rights and a critic of Israeli military actions.

Israel, for its part, has consistently denied the accusation of genocide, insisting that its military operations are targeted at Hamas, the Palestinian militant group. Despite Israel's denials, the Saudi Crown Prince's remarks at the summit marked an intensification of rhetoric from the Kingdom against Israeli operations.



At the summit, regional leaders also condemned Israel's attacks on UN staff and facilities in Gaza, highlighting the growing humanitarian crisis in the region. Israel's recent legislation banning the UN Palestinian Refugee Agency (UNRWA) from operating in Israeli-controlled territories, accusing the agency of ties to Hamas, was also sharply criticized.

This international backlash against Israel's actions is growing, with the US and the UK expressing concern over restric-

tions on humanitarian aid to Gaza. Saudi Arabia's foreign minister, Prince Faisal bin Farhan Al-Saud, also condemned the global community's failure to end the conflict, pointing to the widespread starvation in Gaza as a result of Israel's blockade and military operations.

The condemnation of Israel's actions signals Saudi Arabia's increasing frustration with the situation in Gaza and highlights its growing influence in the Middle East as a vocal advocate for Palestinian rights.



Trump Pushes for Recess Appointments to Speed Up Administration Formation

As the Republican Party prepares for a new administration under President-elect Donald Trump, the incoming president has made a bold demand to future Senate leadership: allow him to appoint key officials without the traditional Senate confirmation hearings. Trump's push centers on the use of "recess appointments," a mechanism that permits the president to make temporary appointments while the Senate is in recess, sidestepping the usual confirmation process.

This demand highlights Trump's desire to rapidly build his administration, minimizing potential delays from a divided Congress. By using recess appointments, Trump aims to streamline the process and swiftly fill key positions without waiting for the extended and often contentious Senate confirmation process. This could be particularly important as he looks to implement his agenda quickly in the early months of his presidency.

Trump's insistence on leveraging the recess appointment power underscores his influence over the Republican Party's Senate leadership, following his election victory. The ability to appoint without confirmation hearings would allow him to solidify his team in the face of potential opposition within the Senate, especially given the contentious and polarized political environment.

Recess appointments, while constitutional, have historically been a subject of controversy, with critics arguing that they undermine the Senate's role in providing checks and balances. However, Trump appears determined to avoid the gridlock that often characterizes Senate hearings, particularly as he moves forward with key legislative priorities and the formation of his administration.

Mike Waltz Appointed National Security Adviser by President-Elect Donald Trump

In a significant appointment for U.S.-India relations, President-elect Donald Trump has named Congressman Mike Waltz as his National Security Adviser. Waltz, a retired Army colonel and co-chair of the India Caucus in the U.S. House of Representatives, will play a key role in shaping the incoming administration's foreign and national security policies.

Waltz, 50, is a Green Beret veteran who served in the U.S. Army's elite special forces. Since his election to Congress in 2019, Waltz has become known for his strong foreign policy stances, including criticism of President Joe Biden's handling of Afghanistan and his calls for stronger U.S. support for Ukraine. As a member of the House Armed Services, Foreign Affairs, and Intelligence Committees, Waltz has consistently advocated for a more assertive U.S. military presence, particularly in the Indo-Pacific region, where he has raised concerns about the military's readiness for potential conflicts, especially with China.

While Trump's foreign policy has often been characterized by a more isolationist stance, Waltz has been a vocal proponent of NATO and has supported the Trump administration's push to get NATO allies to increase their defense spending. Unlike Trump, however, Waltz has not advocated for the U.S. to withdraw from the alliance. Waltz's strong ties to India, as co-chair of the India Caucus—the largest country-specific group in the U.S. Congress—are seen as a major asset as the U.S. looks to deepen its strategic partnership with India.



Biden and Harris Honor Veterans on Veterans Day with Wreath Laying at Arlington

In their first public appearance following their electoral defeat, U.S. President Joe Biden and Vice President Kamala Harris marked Veterans Day by honoring the nation's military veterans. The pair laid wreaths at the Tomb of the Unknown Soldier at Arlington National Cemetery, a gesture of respect and gratitude for the sacrifices made by U.S. service members.

The wreath-laying ceremony, a solemn tradition on Veterans Day, was attended by veterans, service members, and other dignitaries. After the wreaths were placed at the tomb, President Biden and Vice President Harris moved to the cemetery's memorial amphitheater, where Biden delivered a heartfelt speech, reflecting on the nation's indebtedness to its military veterans. This moment also marked Biden's final public address as the commander-in-chief of the U.S. military.

During his speech, Biden paid tribute to the courage and selflessness of America's military personnel, emphasizing the sacrifices made by soldiers throughout the nation's history. "Today, we honor the service and sacrifice of all those who wore the uniform of the United States of America," he said, underscoring the nation's commitment to supporting veterans and their families. The ceremony was a poignant reminder of the deep connection between the U.S. military and the broader American society, with Biden reiterating his administration's focus on improving the lives of veterans, particularly in areas like healthcare, education, and employment.

Bangladesh Prosecutor Seeks Interpol Red Notice for Sheikh Hasina and Aides

Md Tajul Islam, the Chief Prosecutor of the Bangladesh International Crimes Tribunal (ICT), has formally requested the Inspector General of Police (IGP), Md Moinul Islam, to initiate proceedings for issuing a red notice against the country's former Prime Minister Sheikh Hasina and her close associates. This move is part of an ongoing legal and political battle in Bangladesh, related to war crimes charges and the alleged involvement of Hasina's administration in crimes committed during the 1971 Bangladesh Liberation War.



In his letter to the IGP, Prosecutor Tajul Islam has emphasized the need for international cooperation in bringing these individuals to justice. A red notice from Interpol would formally request the arrest of Sheikh Hasina and her associates in foreign countries, facilitating their extradition to Bangladesh to face trial for the alleged crimes.

The request for the red notice comes after a lengthy legal process surrounding the International Crimes Tribunal's investigation into the 1971 war. The tribunal has been tasked with prosecuting individuals accused of committing atrocities during the independence war, with a particular focus on those associated with the Pakistan-backed military and collaborators.

Sheikh Hasina, currently serving as Bangladesh's Prime Minister, has long been a controversial figure in the country's politics.

Israel Opens New Humanitarian Aid Crossing into Gaza Ahead of US Deadline



Israel's army announced the opening of a new humanitarian aid crossing into Gaza on Tuesday, in a move aimed at addressing the worsening humanitarian crisis in the region. The new "Kissufim" crossing is part of Israel's efforts to increase the volume and routes of aid entering Gaza, with a focus on delivering critical supplies such as food, water, medical resources, and shelter equipment to the central and southern parts of the territory.

The opening of the crossing follows a joint statement by the Israeli Defense Forces (IDF) and COGAT, the Israeli defense ministry agency overseeing civilian affairs in Pal-

estinian territories. The statement emphasized that the operation was conducted in compliance with international law, with coordination between the IDF, COGAT, and the defense ministry to ensure that aid reaches those in need.

This move comes on the eve of a US-imposed deadline, where Washington had warned Israel to improve the delivery of humanitarian aid to Gaza. US Secretary of State Antony Blinken and Defense Secretary Lloyd Austin had earlier made it clear that Israel had until November 13 to address the situation or risk facing consequences, including a potential reduction in military

assistance from the United States, Israel's key ally.

The United States has been pressing Israel to enhance its humanitarian efforts while also calling for increased protection of Palestinian civilians amid the ongoing conflict with Hamas. Although President Joe Biden had repeatedly called on Israel to do more for Gaza, his administration had refrained from taking more drastic actions, such as cutting military aid. In contrast, President-elect Donald Trump has indicated a more lenient stance towards Israel, promising to provide Israel with more freedom to operate in the region.

Market Volatility Continues: IT and Realty Sectors Show Marginal Gains

Domestic benchmark indices fell on Tuesday due to negative signals from international markets and weak investor sentiment. Trump's victory has led to changes in the global economy, a rise in the value of the dollar, a weakening of the rupee and the withdrawal of foreign institutional investors. With all the shares including the heavyweights falling, the index is taking time to recover. Sensex and Nifty took the last breath despite starting the morning with small gains. Momentum investors would do well to remain vigilant.



sales channels has also improved efficiency and customer reach.

Fortis Healthcare has experienced steady revenue growth due to increased patient footfall, the expansion of services, and improved hospital occupancy rates. The company has also focused on improving margins by optimizing costs. Healthcare is a resilient sector with strong growth potential, especially in emerging markets like India. Fortis is expanding through new specialty services and increasing its footprint in smaller towns, where healthcare demand is rising.



Jubilant Food Works has a strong financial track record, with consistent revenue growth and profitability. Jubilant has maintained market leadership in the QSR segment, helped by aggressive expansion and innovation in product offerings. The QSR sector in India is expected to grow significantly, driven by urbanization, increasing disposable income, and a shift toward convenience foods. Jubilant is investing in digital platforms and expanding into tier 2 and tier 3 cities, which could further boost growth.



Adani Wilmar Ltd (AWL) has shown strong revenue growth over recent years, driven by both volume increases and the addition of new product lines. The company's revenue in FY23 crossed ₹55,000 crores, reflecting a steady growth trajectory.



However, due to rising input costs, especially in commodities like edible oil, margins have seen pressure, which impacts overall profitability. While AWL has maintained solid top-line growth, its net profit margins have been under strain due to fluctuations in global prices for key raw materials like palm oil. The company has made efforts to offset some of these costs by diversifying its product mix and raising prices on select products.



Ramco Cements has demonstrated consistent growth in revenue, although profitability has been impacted by rising input costs, especially in energy and transportation. Despite inflationary pressures, the company has managed costs effectively, maintaining decent margins. Infrastructure growth in India, including government-backed housing and road projects, is likely to increase cement demand, favoring Ramco's growth. The company is also expanding its capacity, particularly in South India.

Consumer Durables indices rose.

Nifty support is at 23900 and resistance is at 24100. Investors can buy shares of Lodha, Fortus, Ram Co Sem, Jubilant Food, AWL in short term.

On the NSE, 2864 stocks were traded and 674 rose. 2117 decreased. Shares of 64 companies hit 52-week highs. Shares of 61 companies hit 52-week lows. Bosch's Q2 net profit fell by 46.4% to Rs.536 crore from Rs.999 crore. The rupee ended flat at 84.39 against the dollar. Eveready Industries' net profit rose 16.5% to Rs 29.6 crore. Morgan Stanley maintains an Equal Weight rating for Asian Paints. Sricements has been given a hold rating by CLSA. Minda Corporation's profit has reached Rs.74 crores from Rs.59 crores. Samvardhan Motherson's net

profit is Rs.880 crores. Dilip Buildcon has bagged the order for the BSENL project. BASF's net profit fell 14% to Rs 128 crore. Net profit of Natco Pharma reached Rs.677 crore with a growth rate of 83%. Revenue jumped 33%.

Macrotech Developers (Lodha) has shown improvement in debt reduction, which has been a focus due to its previous high leverage. Revenue has been strong, driven by high sales in its residential segment, particularly in Mumbai and Pune. The Indian real estate sector is currently experiencing growth due to low-interest rates, urban migration, and increased demand for housing post-pandemic. Lodha's recent shift towards digital



Oil drifts amid China stimulus concerns, oversupply worries

Oil prices remained relatively unchanged on Tuesday, with investors awaiting fresh guidance from OPEC's monthly report. A combination of investor disappointment over China's latest stimulus measures and ongoing concerns about oversupply in the market kept buying interest muted.



Brent crude futures edged up by 4 cents to \$71.87 per barrel by 0745 GMT, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures dipped by 1 cent to \$68.03 per barrel. Both contracts had dropped by more than 5% in the previous two trading sessions, reflecting the current uncertainty in the market.

The primary concerns are deflationary risks emerging from China, coupled with the lack of significant fiscal measures to stimulate demand. China's economy has shown signs of slowing, and its recent stimulus package—worth 10 trillion yuan (\$1.4 trillion)—has failed to inspire confidence in the market. While the package aims to ease local government financing strains, it has done little to directly address the weakening demand for oil, which has raised doubts about China's role in driving global economic growth.

Kelvin Wong, senior market analyst at OAN-

DA, noted that these issues were dampening market sentiment. "The lack of concrete fiscal stimulus measures in China, as well as the ongoing deflationary risks, are weighing on investors' outlook for the global oil market," Wong said.

On the supply side, there are growing concerns about U.S. shale oil production. The "Trump Trade" narrative is expected to shift focus toward the U.S. becoming a dominant supplier of shale gas, especially with North Dakota Governor Doug Burgum—a pro-oil drilling advocate—on the shortlist for Energy Secretary in a potential second Trump administration. This prospect adds to concerns that the U.S. will ramp up oil production, further contributing to oversupply in the global market.

India's retail inflation hits 14-month high at 6.21% in October

India's retail inflation surged to 6.21% in October 2024, up from 5.49% in the previous month, primarily driven by rising food prices, according to official data released on Tuesday. This marked the highest inflation rate in 14 months, surpassing the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) upper tolerance limit of 6%. In comparison, the Consumer Price Index (CPI)-based inflation stood at 4.87% in October 2023.



The significant increase in inflation was attributed to a sharp rise in food prices, which continues to put pressure on household budgets. While specific categories like vegetables, cereals, and pulses saw the most notable increases, experts are concerned that the persistently high inflation rate could further strain consumer spending and impact overall economic growth.

The surge in inflation comes at a time when the RBI has been closely monitoring price pressures, with expectations that it may take further action to curb inflationary trends. The central bank's target range for inflation is between 2% and 6%, with anything above the upper limit typically signaling potential intervention.

In another piece of data released on Tuesday, India's Index of Industrial Production (IIP) showed

signs of recovery, expanding by 3% in September 2024. This was a marked improvement from the contraction of 0.1% seen in August 2024, suggesting that industrial activity is picking up. The growth in industrial production was driven by a rebound in manufacturing and mining sectors, providing a glimmer of optimism in an otherwise challenging economic landscape.

While the IIP figures provide some positive news, the rise in inflation could pose challenges for the government and the RBI as they work to balance economic growth with price stability. As inflation remains above target, further policy measures may be needed to prevent the cost of living from spiraling out of control in the coming months.

Bank of Baroda Forecasts 6.9% GDP Growth for India in Q2 FY24

India's GDP growth is projected to rise to 6.9% in the second quarter (Q2) of 2024, up from 6.7% in Q1, driven by strong domestic demand and positive trends in high-frequency economic indicators, according to a recent report. The uptick in growth comes as the country experiences a revival in several sectors, fueled by the festive season, which started in September and extended into October.



The report noted significant improvements across multiple indicators, including a rise in air passenger traffic and a higher Services Purchasing Managers' Index (PMI), both reflecting increased activity in the services sector. Additionally, the report highlighted improvements in toll collections, vehicle registrations, and non-oil, non-gold imports, all pointing to higher mobility and stronger consumer spending.

Government spending, both at the central and state levels, has also contributed to the econom-

ic acceleration, the report said. Key consumption metrics such as auto sales and digital payments have shown marked recovery, indicating a robust consumer environment. PMI data for both manufacturing and services have improved, suggesting balanced growth across major sectors.

Consumer confidence, as reflected in the Reserve Bank of India's (RBI) report from September, remains steady, with rural demand seeing a notable boost.

Sales of two-wheelers and tractors, in particular, have rebounded strongly, signaling healthier demand in rural areas.

Despite these positive developments, inflation remains a concern, with October's price data indicating persistent inflationary pressures. As a result, the RBI is expected to maintain its current interest rates in the December policy meeting, although analysts speculate that a rate cut may be considered by February 2025.

While credit growth has shown signs of slowing down, which could impact future economic momentum, the overall outlook remains positive. The combination of festive demand, improving consumer confidence, and strengthening rural and urban indicators positions India's economy for steady growth in the latter half of the year. India's official GDP data for Q2 2024 will be released by the Ministry of Statistics on November 29.

Amazon developing smart glasses for drivers to shave seconds off deliveries

Amazon is working on developing smart eyeglasses designed to assist its delivery drivers in navigating complex delivery environments. The glasses aim to provide real-time, turn-by-turn navigation on a small embedded screen, guiding drivers not only along their routes but also at each stop, including directions within buildings. The goal is to streamline the final stretch of the delivery process, improving efficiency during the “last mile,” the most expensive and challenging part of the delivery journey.

According to sources familiar with the project, if successful, the smart glasses could help drivers save valuable time by offering directions around obstacles like gates or aggressive dogs, or even inside buildings, such as guiding them off elevators. This technology would also eliminate the need for drivers to use handheld GPS devices, allowing them to focus on delivering more packages in less time. By reducing delivery time, Amazon hopes to cut costs, particularly in the highly competitive e-commerce market where rival companies like Walmart are also stepping up their delivery capabilities.

Amazon has been working for years to build an in-house logistics network, including its own airlines, trucking fleet, and warehouses, with the goal of reducing dependency on



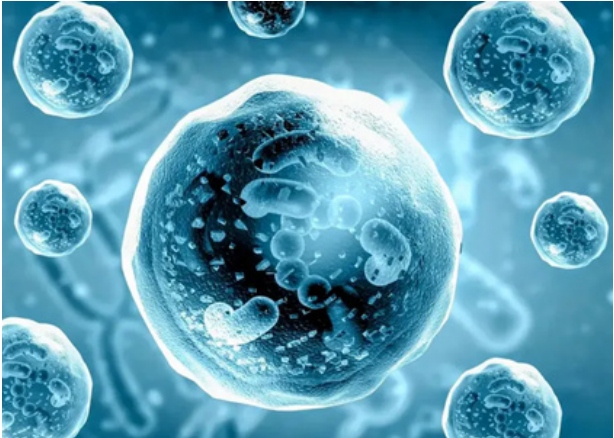
third-party couriers like UPS and FedEx. This strategy is part of Amazon’s broader effort to lower shipping costs and improve delivery speed. In the third quarter of 2024, Amazon’s shipping costs rose 8%, reaching \$23.5 billion, highlighting the growing importance of cost-saving innovations.

The smart eyeglasses, which are being developed under the internal code name “Amelia”, will likely build upon the technology used in Amazon’s Echo Frames, which feature voice commands and Alexa integration. These delivery glasses may also allow drivers to take photos of delivered packages for proof of delivery. However, the technology is still in development, with challenges around battery life, weight, and gathering accurate location data for each delivery route.

Despite the challenges, if the glasses are successful, they could revolutionize the efficiency of Amazon’s delivery fleet and further drive the company’s push for faster, more cost-effective deliveries.

Memories Are Not Limited to Brain, New Study Claims

Scientists at New York University (NYU) have made groundbreaking discoveries suggesting that memory functions may not be exclusive to brain cells. Their research, published in “Nature Communications”, reveals that non-neural cells, specifically those in kidney and nerve tissue, can exhibit memory-like qualities traditionally associated with neurons. This finding could have profound implications for understanding memory processes and developing new treatments for memory-related conditions.



The study explored the ability of non-brain cells to “remember” chemical signal patterns, a function usually attributed to brain cells. To investigate this, the researchers recreated a laboratory version of the “massed-spaced effect,” a phenomenon seen in humans where memory retention improves with intervals between learning sessions. The team exposed kidney and nerve cells to chemical signals spaced at intervals, simulating the process of spaced learning. The results were remarkable: these non-brain cells showed signs of memory activation, including the turning on of a “memory gene,” a process that was previously believed to be exclusive to neurons.

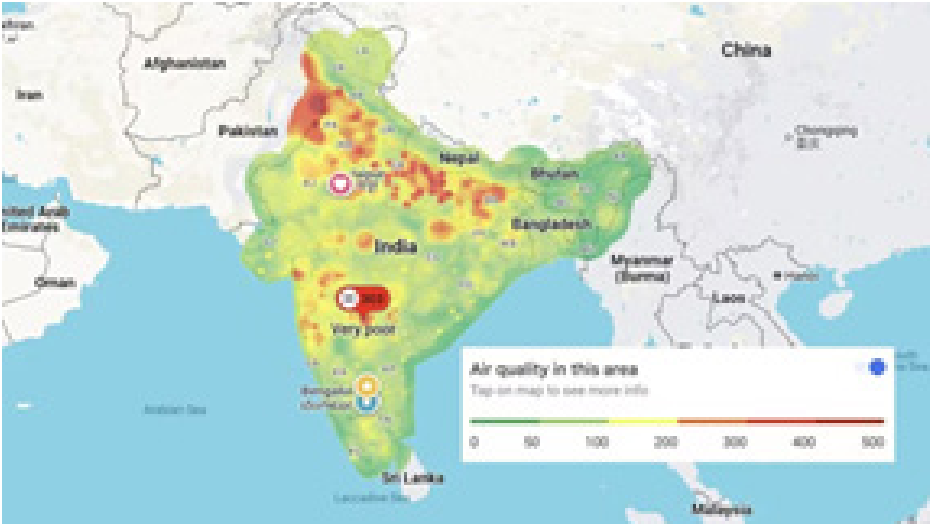
To track this gene activation, the researchers engineered the cells to produce a glowing protein whenever the memory gene was activated, providing a clear visual marker for memory processing. The results were striking:

the non-neural cells displayed a stronger and more prolonged gene response when exposed to the spaced intervals, suggesting that these cells had the ability to “remember” in a way that mimics the processes seen in neurons.

This discovery challenges long-held assumptions about the nature of memory and suggests that memory-like processes might occur outside the brain, in various other tissues of the body. These findings could open new avenues for understanding how memory works and lead to innovative approaches in treating conditions such as Alzheimer’s disease, memory loss, and other cognitive disorders, where memory formation and retention are disrupted. The study marks a significant step forward in the field of neuroscience, expanding the scope of memory beyond the brain itself.

Google Maps Now Offers Real-Time AQI Monitoring in Over 100 Countries

Google has introduced a new feature in its Maps app that allows users to monitor the real-time Air Quality Index (AQI) of locations across India and beyond. With over 2 billion active users, Google Maps continues to enhance its functionality, and this latest update provides crucial environmental data to users, helping them stay informed about air quality wherever they are.



The new AQI feature, which is updated every hour, gives users a real-time snapshot of the air quality in any given location. This is especially valuable for people in areas with fluctuating air pollution levels, such as major cities or regions prone to smog or other environmental factors. The feature not only displays the AQI but also offers helpful tips based on the severity of air quality, advising users on how to protect their health in real-time.

This update is part of Google’s ongoing effort to provide more useful, localized information to its massive user base. Air quality data will be accessible to users in India, as well as in over 100 other countries, beginning this week. This feature can be accessed directly through the Google Maps app, making it easy for users to check AQI before heading to a new location, whether for work, travel, or

outdoor activities.

With the growing concern around air pollution and its health impacts, Google’s AQI feature offers a simple yet effective way for users to make informed decisions about their environment. The company has long been focused on integrating real-time, relevant information into its products, and this addition aligns with its broader goal of improving users’ quality of life through its technologies.

As more countries adopt the feature, Google Maps is poised to become a crucial tool for users to track and navigate air quality, particularly in urban areas where pollution levels can significantly affect public health.

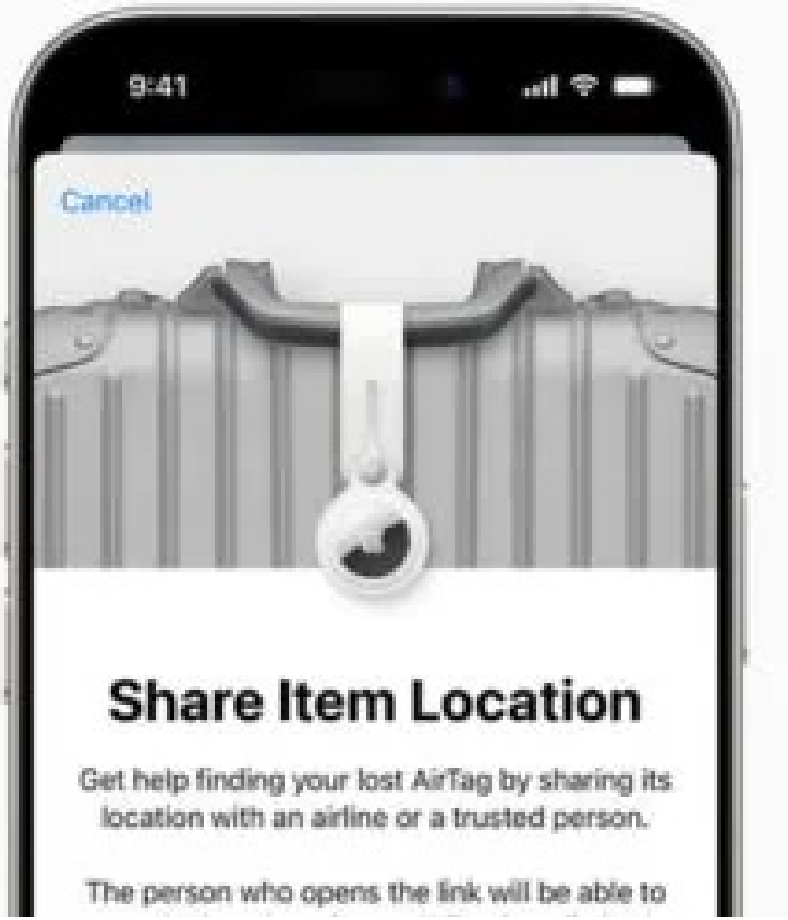
Apple Announces Share Item Location Feature on iOS

Apple has confirmed the launch of a new feature in iOS 18.2 called “Share Item Location”, designed to help users track lost or misplaced items by sharing their location with third parties, including airlines. This feature, which first appeared in the iOS 18.2 Developer beta 2, is now available to users through the iOS 18.2 Public beta update and will be accessible to all users once the full public release of iOS 18.2 arrives.

The “Share Item Location” feature leverages Apple’s “Find My” network, which uses Bluetooth to locate lost items and provide an approximate location back to the owner. It works with Apple’s own AirTags as well as other compatible “Find My” accessories. Apple announced the feature through a newsroom post, highlighting its potential to aid in recovering misplaced devices quickly and efficiently.

To use this feature, users can mark an item as lost in the “Find My” app on their iPhone, iPad, or Mac, then generate a “Share Item Location” link. This link can be shared with anyone, including a trusted person or airline employee, to assist in locating the item. The recipient can access the location via a website with an interactive map, which can be viewed on any platform, not just Apple devices. The location will update automatically whenever new information is available, and the website will display a timestamp indicating the most recent update.

This feature is particularly useful for travelers, as it enables them to quickly share the location of lost items with airline staff or others who may assist



in retrieving them. It further enhances the utility of the “Find My” network, which has become an essential tool for Apple users in keeping track of their belongings.

With the release of iOS 18.2, Apple continues to build on its commitment to improving user experience and security, providing innovative solutions to everyday problems like lost items. The “Share Item Location” feature is expected to be a helpful addition for many users around the globe.

Are Smartphones Accelerating the Aging Process?

Smartphones have become an inevitable part of our daily lives. With more than 4 billion people owning one, these devices have revolutionized communication, making it easier than ever to connect with others. However, while the benefits of smartphones are undeniable, our over-reliance on them may be taking a toll on our health in ways we don’t fully understand.

Numerous studies have highlighted the adverse effects of smartphone use, from their impact on brain function to their role in straining eyesight and affecting child development. But one of the most concerning issues that has emerged in recent years is the potential for smartphones to contribute to faster aging.

Musculoskeletal pain—such as back, neck, and shoulder discomfort—has long been associated with aging. However, a growing body of evidence suggests that prolonged smartphone use may be accelerating this process. The posture that many of us adopt when using smartphones—hunched over, neck tilted down, and shoulders rounded—puts a strain on our musculoskeletal system, leading to conditions like “tech neck” and other forms of chronic pain. Over time, this poor posture can lead to degenerative changes in the spine and joints, which are typically seen in older individuals, but are now affecting younger, tech-savvy generations.

The repetitive nature of texting, swiping, and scrolling also puts pressure on our hands and



wrists, contributing to conditions like carpal tunnel syndrome. Additionally, the blue light emitted by smartphone screens can interfere with sleep patterns, disrupting our circadian rhythm, which has long-term effects on physical and mental health.

While smartphones have undoubtedly improved our ability to stay connected, we must ask ourselves: at what cost? As we continue to rely on these devices, it’s crucial to take proactive steps to counteract their negative effects—whether it’s improving our posture, limiting screen time, or investing in ergonomic technology—to ensure we don’t inadvertently accelerate the aging process.

Rohan Bopanna and Matthew Ebden Suffer Straight-Set Defeat at ATP Finals



Ace Indian tennis player Rohan Bopanna and his Australian partner Matthew Ebden began their ATP Finals campaign with a disappointing loss, falling in straight sets to Italian duo Simone Bolelli and Andrea Vavassori. The match, held in Turin on Monday, ended with a 2-6, 3-6 defeat for Bopanna and Ebden in just 56 minutes.

Bopanna and Ebden, who had triumphed over Bolelli and Vavassori in the Australian Open final earlier this year, were unable to replicate that success in their group stage encounter. The fourth-seeded Italians came out strong, securing an early break in the second game of the first set. A double fault by the Indo-Australian pair in the eighth game handed Bolelli and Vavassori another break, further dampening their chances of a comeback.

The second set saw no let-up for Bopanna and Ebden, as their opponents continued to dominate. A crucial break in the fourth game of the second set allowed Bolelli and Vavassori to

extend their lead, and Bopanna and Ebden struggled to find any rhythm.

Bopanna, competing in his fourth ATP Finals, and Ebden had no answer to the Italian pair's superior play. The Indo-Australian team failed to earn a single break point throughout the match. Their serving was also problematic, winning only 58% of points on their first serve and 47% on their second. In contrast, the Italians were far more efficient, winning 89% of points on their first serve and 83% on their second.

The loss marked Bopanna and Ebden's third consecutive defeat to Bolelli and Vavassori this year. The duo currently sits fourth in the Bob Bryan Group. They will next face top seeds Marcelo Arevalo and Mate Pavic in their upcoming group match on Wednesday. Despite this setback, Bopanna and Ebden reached the semifinals in last year's ATP Finals, and will look to bounce back in their next match.

Mohammed Shami Is Back: Set To Play For Bengal In Ranji Trophy

Indian pacer Mohammed Shami is poised to make his long-awaited comeback to competitive cricket, as he has been named in the Bengal squad for their upcoming Ranji Trophy 2024-25 match. The 34-year-old fast bowler, who last played a competitive match on November 19, 2023, will spearhead Bengal's fast bowling attack in their Elite Group C fixture against Madhya Pradesh.



Shami's return comes as part of Bengal's fifth group-stage match of the season, which is set to be played at Holkar Stadium in Indore starting on Wednesday, November 13. The Cricket Association of Bengal (CAB) made the official announcement on Tuesday, confirming that the veteran pacer will take the field for his state team after a break from domestic cricket.

Shami's inclusion in the Bengal squad is a significant boost for the team, especially given his experience at the international level. Having been a key member of India's bowling lineup in all formats, Shami brings invaluable experience to Bengal's fast bowling attack. His return is eagerly anticipated as Bengal aims to strengthen their position in the ongoing Ranji Trophy season.

Shami's absence from competitive cricket over the past year

has been due to a combination of factors, including his commitments with the Indian national team. With the upcoming match in Indore marking his return to domestic cricket, fans and experts alike are keen to see the pace spearhead back in action.

The match against Madhya Pradesh will also serve as an important test for Shami as he looks to regain full match fitness and form ahead of future international commitments. It will be interesting to see how he integrates into Bengal's setup and contributes to their performance in the remainder of the season.

Shami's return is a significant moment for both Bengal cricket and his personal career, and it is expected to make an impact as the team aims to secure important points in the ongoing Ranji Trophy campaign.

Melie Kerr Named ICC Women's Player of the Month for October 2024

New Zealand all-rounder Melie Kerr has been named the ICC Women's Player of the Month for October 2024, following a series of standout performances that helped propel her team to victory. Kerr, who previously won the award in February 2022, was recognized for her exceptional contributions with both bat and ball, including a dominant showing at the T20 World Cup and a strong start to New Zealand's tour of India.

Kerr's October campaign reached its peak during the T20 World Cup, where she was named Player of the Match in the final after leading New Zealand to a World Cup title. Her all-round performance in the decider was pivotal, as she scored a crucial 43 runs and took three wickets, setting the tone for her team's victory. Over the course of the tournament, Kerr was named Player of the Tournament after finishing with a tournament-record 15 wickets. She also contributed with the bat, scoring 135 runs across six appearances.



Her stellar form continued on New Zealand's tour of India, where she played a

key role in the team's ODI series. In the only game she played, Kerr picked up a four-wicket haul and added an unbeaten 25 runs from 23 balls, further cementing her status as one of the most impactful all-rounders in women's cricket.

Overall, Kerr's October tally included 160 runs and 19 wickets from just seven matches, showcasing her versatility and consistency across formats. Reflecting on the award, Kerr expressed her gratitude, saying, "It's an honour to receive this award as there are so many world-class cricketers around the world who are also deserving of this." She also credited her success to her team, coaches, and family, acknowledging their support as essential to her achievements.

With her remarkable performances in both the T20 World Cup and against India, Melie Kerr has firmly established herself as one of the brightest stars in women's cricket.

Women's Asian Champions Trophy: Deepika Brace Hands India 3-2 Win vs South Korea

India secured a hard-fought 3-2 victory over South Korea in the Women's Asian Champions Trophy on Tuesday, with Deepika scoring a decisive penalty stroke three minutes from the final hooter. The win marked India's second consecutive victory in the tournament, following their 4-0 triumph over Malaysia in the opening match on Monday.

The match began with a strong performance from India, who quickly took a 2-0 lead in the first half. Sangita Kumari opened the scoring in the 3rd minute with a fine reverse hit, set up by Neha Goyal and Navneet Kaur. Deepika doubled India's advantage in the 20th minute, scoring from close range after a brilliant pass from Beauty Dung Dung. Despite creating several more chances, India was unable to add to their tally, and the first half ended with India



firmly in control.

However, South Korea came out strong after the break, launching an effective counterattack. In the 34th minute, Yuri Lee pulled one back for Korea, scoring from a rebound after a penalty corner.

The Koreans, energized by the goal, continued to pressurize India, and in the 38th minute, Korea equalized through their captain, Eunbi Cheon, who converted a penalty stroke awarded after an Indian defender's foul in the circle.

With the match tied at 2-2, both teams pushed relentlessly for a winner. India created several penalty corner opportunities, but their execution remained lacking, with most efforts easily dealt with by the Korean defense. Finally, in the 57th minute, India was awarded a penalty stroke, and Deepika stepped up to convert calmly, securing the win for her team.

The victory sees India continue their strong start in the tournament, and they will face Thailand in their next match on Thursday.

Treesa Jolly-Gayatri Gopichand Exit Kumamoto Masters in 1st Round

Indian badminton duo Treesa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand were eliminated in the opening round of the Kumamoto Masters in Japan on Tuesday. The pair, ranked No. 20 in the world, suffered a straight-game defeat to the Chinese Taipei combination of Hsu Yin-Hui and Lin Yin-Hui. The Indian pair lost 16-21, 16-21 in just 36 minutes in their women's doubles Round of 32 match at the Super 500 tournament. This defeat marks the first time that the Taiwanese duo has beaten Jolly and Gopichand, although the Indian pair still leads the head-to-head record 2-1.

The loss to Yin-Hui and Yin-Hui comes as a setback for the Indian duo, who have shown promise in the past. Despite their defeat, they will be looking to regroup and come back stronger in future tournaments.

Meanwhile, two other prominent Indian shuttlers, PV Sindhu and Lakshya Sen, will begin their campaigns at the Kumamoto Masters on Wednesday. Sindhu, a



two-time Olympic medallist and former world champion, is ranked 19th in the latest women's singles rankings. She has had a challenging year, with her most recent notable performance being a quar-

ter-final exit at the Denmark Open, where she lost to Indonesian Gregoria Mariska Tunjung after a solid second-round victory over China's Han Yue.

Sindhu, still searching for her first title on the BWF World Tour since winning the Singapore Open in July 2022, will look to bounce back and make a strong push for the Kumamoto Masters title.

On the men's side, Lakshya Sen, currently ranked No. 17 in the world, is India's sole entry in the men's singles event. After coming close to an Olympic medal at the Paris 2024 Olympics, Sen is focused on making an impact in the new Olympic cycle, though he has yet to win a match in the new season after competing in both the Arctic Open and the Denmark Open.

The Indian contingent hopes to regroup after the early exit of Jolly and Gopichand as they look to make their mark in the upcoming rounds of the tournament.



Manchu Manoj's Power-Packed Look as Gajapathi in *Bhairavam*

The first look of Manchu Manoj as Gajapathi in the upcoming action drama *Bhairavam* is sending waves across social media and is already trending. Directed by Vijay Kanakamedala, the filmmaker behind the successful *Ugram*, *Bhairavam* promises an intense and high-octane cinematic experience, with a gripping storyline and unforgettable performances. Alongside Manchu Manoj, the film features Nara Rohith and Bellamkonda Srinivas in pivotal roles, making this an exciting ensemble cast to watch out for.

The latest buzz centers around Manchu Manoj's character, Gajapathi. The actor's massy and intense look has taken social media by storm. In one of the recently revealed first-look posters, Manoj is seen in a fierce avatar, with a dramatic visual of a car speeding through heavy rain. People with umbrellas are shown beside the vehicle, adding a sense of mystery and power to the character. This visual perfectly captures Gajapathi's stormy and forceful nature, further fueling anticipation for the movie.

The film is set against the backdrop of a thrilling, action-packed narrative, with a focus on intense character arcs. Nara Rohith's character, Rohit Varada, also plays a central role in the drama, while Bellamkonda Srinivas's first look, which was revealed earlier, has already gone viral, adding to the growing excitement.



The makers have promised that more updates, including major plot details and promotional material, will be released soon to keep fans on the edge of their seats.

Bhairavam is produced by KK Radhamohan under the banner of Sri Sathya Sai Arts, and the film's music will be composed by Sricharan. With such a powerful team behind the film, *Bhairavam* is set to be one of the most anticipated Telugu films of the year. Keep an eye out for more updates as the makers gear up for a grand release.

Game Changer teaser to be attached to Matka

The countdown is on for the highly anticipated release of *Matka*, a gripping period crime drama starring Varun Tej and Meenakshi Chaudhary. Directed by Karuna Kumar, *Matka* is all set to hit theaters on November 14, 2024. The film promises a thrilling narrative set against a compelling historical backdrop, and with its talented lead cast, expectations are running high for this intense cinematic experience.

Adding to the excitement for *Matka* is an exclusive update for fans in the USA. The highly anticipated teaser of Ram Charan's *Game Changer*, directed by the legendary Shankar, will be included with the *Matka* prints, making its way to theaters alongside the film's release. This rare teaser debut is sure to create a buzz, as fans of both films eagerly await more details about the action-packed *Game Changer*, which is set to release on January 10, 2025.

The teaser of *Game Changer* has already raised the bar with its high-octane visuals and promises of a larger-than-life cinematic spectacle. Fans are already speculating about the film's plot and characters, and with the trailer expected to drop by the end of next month, the anticipation is at an all-time high. As one of the most awaited films of the coming year, *Game Changer* is generating massive excitement, especially with its star power—Ram Charan leading the way, supported by a grand vision from director Shankar.



For now, the focus is on *Matka*, with its compelling crime drama narrative set to captivate audiences. Fans can look forward to this gripping release next week, but the added teaser for *Game Changer* is sure to keep moviegoers on their toes, eagerly awaiting both films. Stay tuned for more updates as both *Matka* and *Game Changer* gear up to make major waves at the box office.

Nithiin and Venky Kudumula's *Robinhood* Teaser Release Announced

Nithiin and director Venky Kudumula are reuniting for an exciting new project titled *Robinhood*, which is already generating buzz among fans. The film stars Nithiin in the titular role, with popular actress Sreeleela playing the female lead. *Robinhood* is shaping up to be a promising action-packed entertainer, and the makers have just unveiled the teaser release details, adding to the excitement.

The teaser for *Robinhood* is set to drop on November 14, 2024, at 4:05 PM, promising a first glimpse of the film's high-energy narrative. However, there's an intriguing development surrounding the film's release schedule. While the original release date of *Robinhood* was pegged for December 20, 2024, the teaser poster has conspicuously removed this date, leaving fans speculating about a potential shift in the film's release timeline. Official clarification on the new release date is expected soon, keeping the anticipation alive among the audience.

Robinhood is produced by Naveen Yerneni and Y. Ravi Shankar under the prestigious Mythri Movie Makers banner, which has a history of delivering successful films. The movie also features an impressive supporting cast, including veteran actors Rajendra Prasad,



Vennela Kishore, and Brahmagi, among others, in key roles. With the combination of a strong cast and the direction of Venky Kudumula, known for his knack for delivering engaging narratives, expectations are high.

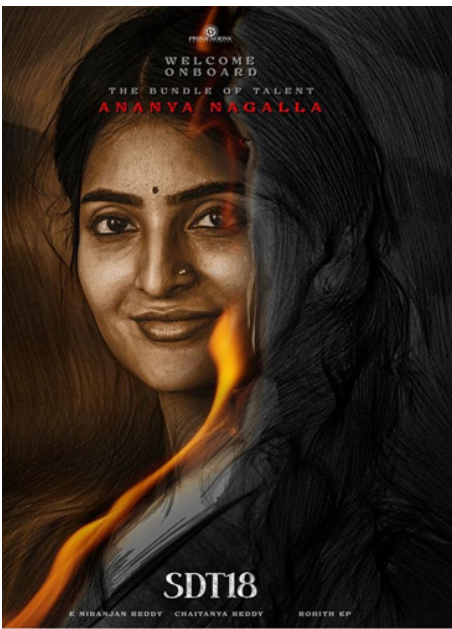
The music for *Robinhood* is being composed by GV Prakash Kumar, who has worked on several hit soundtracks in the past. His musical contributions are expected to elevate the film's storytelling, adding an extra layer of appeal for the audience.

As the teaser release date approaches, fans are eagerly awaiting their first look at *Robinhood* and hoping for clarity regarding its release. Stay tuned for more updates on this exciting film.

Ananya Nagalla Joins *Saidurgatej* in Periodical Action Drama, First Look Revealed

Primeshow Entertainment is all set to bring a gripping periodical action drama to the big screen, with Ananya Nagalla playing a pivotal role alongside lead actor Saidurgatej. Directed by Rohit KP, who is making his directorial debut, the film is shaping up to be a high-intensity action-packed story, with the backdrop of a powerful historical narrative.

Ananya Nagalla's first look from the film was unveiled earlier this week, and it has already generated significant buzz. Known for her strong performances in previous projects, Ananya's role in this action drama is crucial to the storyline. Her character adds depth and complexity to the narrative, which promises to keep the audience on the edge of their seats. The film's makers emphasized that while Saidurgatej's character is a departure from his usual roles, it will be a fresh and exciting portrayal that audiences have never seen before.



Produced by K. Niranjan Reddy and Chaitanya Reddy, the film is being planned for a pan-India release, making it a highly anticipated project for audiences across the country. The film also stars a stellar ensemble cast, including Aishwarya Lakshmi, Jagapathi Babu, Srikanth, Saikumar, and others, all of whom will contribute significantly to the story's impact. The music for the film is being composed by B. Ajanish Loknath, known for his impressive soundtracks in the past, which is expected to elevate the film's dramatic tension and action sequences.

Director Rohit KP, who is helming this ambitious project, is bringing a fresh vision to the action genre. With the first look of Ananya Nagalla already making waves, expectations are high for the film's release. The makers are gearing up for a grand release and are confident that the film will captivate audiences with its compelling mix of action, drama, and period storytelling. Stay tuned for more updates as this exciting project takes shape.

'NBK109': Title Teaser to Release on November 15 Ahead of Sankranti Release

Nandamuri Balakrishna is gearing up for his next big-screen venture, an action-packed drama tentatively titled *NBK109*. Directed by Bobby, the film is scheduled for a grand release during the Sankranti festival, one of the most anticipated periods for movie releases in the Telugu film industry.

Fans of Balakrishna have been eagerly awaiting the title teaser of *NBK109*, which was initially expected to drop earlier. However, the release of the teaser was delayed due to pending CGI work. Now, the makers have officially announced that the title teaser will be unveiled on November 15, giving fans the first glimpse of what to expect from the highly anticipated project. Along with the teaser, the official release date of the film is also expected to be revealed, heightening the excitement among fans.

The pre-look poster of *NBK109* has already generated a lot of buzz, hinting

at Balakrishna's portrayal of a powerful and intense character. The actor is known for his dynamic screen presence, and fans are curious to see how director Bobby will present him in this high-octane action drama.

NBK109 also features a stellar ensemble cast, including Bobby Deol, Pragya Jaiswal, Urvashi Rautela, and Chandini Chowdary, who will play pivotal roles alongside Balakrishna. The film is being produced by Naga Vamsi and Sai Soujanya under the banners of Sithara Entertainments and Fortune Four Cinema. Renowned music composer Thaman has been roped in to create the film's soundtrack, adding another layer of anticipation for the project.

As the release of *NBK109* draws closer, excitement continues to build, with fans eagerly awaiting a powerful combination of action, drama, and larger-than-life performances from Balakrishna and his co-stars.

