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Every Reddy Isn't My Relative!!



was a tactic to delay the process. The Chief Minister questioned KTR's integrity, pointing out the contradiction in his stance—once vowing to combat BJP corruption, KTR is now seen meeting with BJP leaders. Revanth Reddy claimed this as proof of a covert alliance between BJP and BRS, which he believes will soon be exposed.

Revanth Reddy also refuted BRS's allegations about the Amrit tenders, calling them baseless. He clarified that simply sharing the "Reddy" surname doesn't make everyone his relative, referencing that under BRS's governance, contracts worth crores were awarded to Srujan Reddy, son-in-law of former BRS MLA Upender Reddy. He mentioned that even Upender Reddy confirmed there was no corruption in the tender process.

"KTR can raise complaints anywhere he wants, but we'll proceed legally and are ready to file cases in court if necessary," Revanth Reddy added, reiterating his commitment to addressing the issues through lawful means.

TPN, Telangana: Since Revanth Reddy assumed leadership in Telangana, tensions with BRS Working President KTR have escalated, largely in the form of a heated verbal exchange. With KCR stepping back from public life, KTR has taken the forefront in defending BRS. During a recent visit to Delhi, Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy issued

pointed remarks about KTR's recent actions.

Addressing the media, Revanth Reddy alleged that KTR's trip to Delhi was an attempt to avoid charges related to the E-Race scam. He suggested that once the Governor grants approval, actions would be taken against KTR, implying that KTR's visit

Lagacharla Incident

Patnam Narendra Reddy Remanded for 14 Days

- Police produced Narendra Reddy in court
- Kodangal court ordered remand until the 27th of this month
- Narendra Reddy arrested for alleged involvement in Lagacharla incident



medical examinations before presenting him in the Kodangal court. The court ordered his remand until the 27th of this month, and Narendra Reddy is set to be transferred to Charlapally Jail.

In connection with the Lagacharla incident, 16 people were previously arrested and sent to remand. Additionally, four more individuals were apprehended today, including the main accused Suresh's brother and three others.

"My Arrest is Illegal": Patnam Narendra Reddy

TPN, Telangana: Former BRS MLA Patnam Narendra Reddy, accused of assaulting the collector and officials in Vikarabad district's Lagacharla, has been remanded by the court for 14 days. The police arrested Narendra Reddy, citing his alleged involvement in the incident.

While being moved to the court, Patnam Narendra Reddy spoke to the media, asserting that his arrest was illegal. He stated that their fight against what he termed "undemocratic rule" would continue. According to him, Revanth Reddy's reputation suffered due to the farmers' protests in Kodangal. He further alleged that the Lagacharla incident was attributed to the BRS party as part of a conspiracy.

Following his arrest, the police conducted

Collector Attacked by BRS Cadres: Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka

- CM Revanth Reddy committed to developing Kodangal
- Bhatti Vikramarka emphasizes land acquisition for industrial growth
- Deputy CM asserts that violence is not the solution



for the youth.

"We understand the pain of farmers losing their land for Pharma City," he said, adding that affected farmers have been promised both employment in the industry and a fair compensation package. He also stated that those displaced from their homes would receive an appropriate Rehabilitation and Resettlement (R&R) package. Bhatti Vikramarka accused BRS leaders of instigating innocent tribals to attack the collector, condemning such actions against officials.

"Violence is not the solution," he emphasized, noting that Telangana is a place where freedom of expression is valued. He criticized BRS for opposing industrial development in Telangana, claiming that their actions are aimed at hindering progress.

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TPN, Hyderabad: Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka alleged that the attack on the district collector by BRS cadres was a conspiracy for revenge. Speaking at a media conference held at the Secretariat, he stated that CM Revanth Reddy is focused on developing the backward region of Kodangal. Bhatti Vikramarka highlighted that Telangana can only compete on a global scale if it achieves industrial growth. He stressed the need for land acquisition to attract industries and create employment opportunities

Kodangal Farmers Are in Jail... See What Ministers Are Doing in London: KTR

- KTR said that 16 farmers are in jail
- Expressed anger over former MLA Narendra Reddy's arrest
- KTR criticized the CM for being busy with Maharashtra elections

TPN, Telangana: BRS Working President KTR tweeted on X, stating that while the farmers of Kodangal are in jail, he is observing what Mahabubnagar district Ministers, Jupalli Krishna Rao, and Congress MLAs are doing in London.

He noted that 16 farmers are currently in jail, and former MLA Patnam Narendra Reddy has been arrested for protesting the government's negligent land acquisition in the Pharma City project. However, Congress MLAs posted a video on the platform, showing them dressed as mythological characters and enjoying themselves on a bus.

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Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka

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"If they think they can deter us by attacking officials, they are mistaken," he said. Bhatti Vikramarka questioned whether innocent people should suffer due to such actions and alleged that even during the Telangana movement, innocent individuals were often manipulated and put in harm's way.

Doing in London: KTR

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KTR expressed his frustration on X, pointing out that Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is busy campaigning in Maharashtra, while Congress MLAs and ministers are in London. Meanwhile, farmers are left languishing in jail.

Six Months of Struggle

KTR highlighted that farmers in Kodangal constituency have been protesting for six months against the Pharma Village project. He emphasized that there is no hidden agenda in the people's uprising. Speaking at a media conference organized at Telangana Bhavan, he shared that farmers who had initially given up their lands were pleased when the CM announced that the Muchharla Pharma City project would be canceled. The farmers felt relief, thinking they would regain their lands. However, their concern returned when the announcement was revised, stating that Pharma City would be canceled within a month, only to be replaced with Pharma Village.

He alleged that the name change from Pharma City to Pharma Village was done to erase any association with KCR. He mentioned that 14,000 acres had been acquired for establishing an international pharma university, aimed at expanding the pharma sector, and that this had been planned without the proper knowledge of the situation. KTR noted that Telangana was envisioned as a leader in the pharma field, with officials even visiting foreign countries to make Pharma City a world-class facility. He added that they had planned for the completion of Pharma City after the assembly elections and had arranged to provide flats for the farmers who gave up their land. KTR criticized Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, accusing him of causing unnecessary trouble with his "Tughlaq-like and foolish" decisions, resulting in a loss of public support.

Prakasham Police In Hyd For RGV



TPN, Hyderabad: A team of Ongole police, led by SI Sivaramaiah, traveled to Hyderabad on Tuesday night to personally serve notices to director Ram Gopal Varma (RGV). Ongole Rural CI N. Srikanth confirmed that the police aim to notify RGV of his required presence for questioning in connection with recent social media activity. The complaint, lodged during promotions for RGV's film 'Vyuham' ahead of the AP Assembly elections, alleges that posts shared on the social media platform X (formerly Twitter) targeted TDP leader Chandrababu Naidu, his family, and Jana Sena chief Pawan Kalyan. Following the complaint, a case was filed at Maddipadu Police Station in Prakasam district. The notices are part of ongoing investigations, requiring RGV's attendance. This move underscores the seriousness of the case as the Ongole police head to Hyderabad to personally hand over the notices to the director.

Key Points in Police Remand Report on Lagacharla Incident

**Police have named 46 individuals as accused
Bhogamoni Suresh named as primary accused (A-1)
Case registered for assault and attempted murder**

TPN, Telangana: In the attack on the district collector in Lagacharla, Vikarabad district, the police remand report highlights several key details. A total of 46 people have been named as accused in the incident, with Bhogamoni Suresh identified as the primary accused (A-1). Police reported that 16 individuals have been arrested so far, with charges of assault and attempted murder filed against those involved. The investigation is ongoing.

According to the remand report, DSP Srinivas lodged a formal complaint regarding the incident, which took place on the 11th of this month, providing the basis for the ongoing investigation. It was detailed that when the district collector and other officials arrived to gather public opinions on a proposed pharma industry, they were attacked by certain individuals wielding sticks and stones. Additional Collector Lingaya Naik reported that there was an attempt to kill Kada officer Venkat Reddy.

The report disclosed that the collector, several officers, and policemen sustained injuries from the stone-pelting. On the day of the attack, Additional Collector Lingaya Naik, Tandoor in-charge Collector Umashankar, Tehsildar Kishan Naik, Vijay Kumar, and Kada Special Officer Venkat Reddy arrived at Lagacharla at 11 a.m. to gather feedback on the pharma industry project.



The report further noted that a gram sabha was initially organized on the village outskirts, after which Suresh escorted the officials, including the collector, into the village. Once inside, a crowd gathered, blocked the officials' vehicle, and raised slogans. When the collector stepped out to engage with the crowd, he and the vehicle were reportedly attacked with stones. The stones and sticks used in the assault were recovered, and the case has been filed under multiple sections related to the incident.

Kishan Reddy Accuses CM Revanth of "Lying" About Congress' 6 Guarantees

TPN, Telangana: Union Minister and Telangana BJP President G. Kishan Reddy has accused Chief Minister Revanth Reddy of misleading the public regarding Congress' commitment to its six guarantees in Telangana, alleging that the chief minister and Congress leader Rahul Gandhi are deceiving people with false promises.

In a press conference, Kishan Reddy claimed that Revanth Reddy misrepresented Congress' six guarantees during the recent election campaign in Maharashtra. "As Telangana BJP chief, I want to inform the public that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy lied during the Maharashtra election campaign about these guarantees," Reddy stated.

He further accused Revanth and Rahul Gandhi of attempting to "deceive" the peo-

ple of Telangana and repeating the same approach in Maharashtra.

Responding to Revanth's recent comments about halting work on the Musi rejuvenation project, Reddy announced that Telangana BJP leaders would be visiting the Musi catchment area on November 15 or 16 to review the project's status. Additionally, beginning December 1, BJP leaders will launch padayatras across each constituency to protest what they describe as the Congress government's failure to fulfill its promises.

The BJP's planned visits and padayatras are part of an intensified effort to hold the Congress government accountable for its commitments, with the party signaling a continued focus on the state's development concerns.



Bus Driver Fired for Attempted Theft of Gold from Passenger's Bag

TPN, Telangana: In Nizamabad district, a private bus driver hired by the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) was dismissed on Tuesday, November 12, after he was caught attempting to steal gold jewellery from a passenger's bag. A vigilant passenger captured the incident on video, leading to the driver's immediate dismissal.



The TGSRTC confirmed the driver's termination, stating, "The driver is a private hire. Already removed from duty." This swift response followed the video's circulation, which alerted the authorities to the misconduct.

Typically, TGSRTC staff are required to deposit any left-behind luggage at the bus depot and attempt to contact the passenger. However, in this instance, the driver chose to steal from a passenger traveling from Warangal to Nizamabad.

When confronted by passengers, the driver initially claimed that the gold ornament had simply fallen out of the bag. However, after further questioning, he admitted to taking the jewellery. The incident has raised awareness among passengers and TGSRTC staff alike regarding the importance of vigilance and accountability on public transport.

We Will Find Out Who Is Behind the Attack on the Collector and Take Action

- Attempts are being made to tarnish the government's reputation
- Minister stated that the accused will be presented to the media
- Some individuals committed offenses under the guise of supporting farmers



TPN, Telangana: Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy stated that the individuals behind the attack on the Vikarabad District Collector would be identified and held accountable. He commented that such incidents seem to be attempts to bring disrepute to the government. Addressing the media today, he affirmed that the accused related to the attack would soon be brought before the public.

The minister pointed out that some people wore pink masks and committed offenses under the pretense of supporting farmers. He asserted that those responsible for the incident must come forward and that the culprits behind the Vikarabad attack would be identified shortly. He emphasized that anyone genuinely interested in the welfare of the people should refrain from harming them instead.

Government's New Vehicle Scrapping Policy to Encourage Eco-Friendly Switch

- Vehicle scrapping policy effective from January 1!
- Certificate issued for scrapping obsolete vehicles
- Discount available on purchase of new vehicles with scrapping certificate
- Decision aimed at environmental protection

TPN, Telangana: The Telangana government has announced a significant initiative to combat environmental damage caused by outdated vehicles. Starting January 1, a new vehicle scrapping policy will be in effect, offering motorists a scrapping certificate upon disposing of their old vehicles. This certificate can be presented when purchasing a new vehicle to

receive a discount. The policy is designed to motivate people to transition from older, pollution-heavy vehicles to newer, eco-friendly models.

To support this initiative, scrapping plants will be established in Shamshabad, Nandigama, and Tupran, located in the city's suburbs, to

facilitate the disposal of outdated vehicles. Several companies have already expressed interest in setting up scrapping facilities, with two or three having prepared plans. Transport department officials indicate that this new policy will help reduce pollution and curb road accidents by promoting safer, cleaner vehicles on the roads.

Telangana CM Expresses Concern Over Delay in Governor's Nod to Prosecute KTR

TPN, Telangana: Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy voiced his frustration over the delay by Telangana Governor Jishnu Dev Varma in granting the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) permission to prosecute BRS Working President KT Rama Rao (KTR). The prosecution pertains to alleged misuse of funds by the BRS government to host the Formula-E race in Hyderabad. Revanth Reddy raised this issue while speaking at the "Express Adda" program hosted by The Indian Express in Delhi on Tuesday, November 12.

During the event, Revanth questioned the reasons behind the delay in granting permission to prosecute KTR under Section 17A of the Prevention of Corruption Act, 2018. He pointed out that KTR had been in Delhi over the past few days, coinciding with the Governor's expected visit to the capital.

Beyond Telangana's state affairs, Revanth Reddy discussed Congress' electoral strategy, touching on topics like the Maharashtra Assembly elections, delimitation, the caste census, and the distinct political approaches of BJP and Congress. He emphasized that Congress' state units must rally behind Rahul Gandhi to effectively counter BJP's Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who has consistently been the face of the party in elections.

Revanth remarked, "In Assembly elections, local factors often influence voter decisions. To counter the se, Congress needs a unified leader like Rahul Gandhi to inspire party workers and resonate with voters." He urged Congress to leverage Rahul Gandhi's appeal and Maratha pride in Maharashtra, framing the elections as a contest between "Modi's Sangh Parivar and Mahatma Gandhi's Parivar."

Revanth also highlighted what he called an economic rivalry between Gujarat and Maharashtra, citing the shift of 17 major investments from Maharashtra to Gujarat under Modi's leadership, which, he argued, has fueled Maratha pride and dissatisfaction in Maharashtra.

On the topic of delimitation, Revanth expressed concerns that using population as a basis for allocating parliamentary seats could disadvantage southern states, which have adhered to family planning measures. He suggested that although the total number of seats could exceed 800, southern states may see little to no increase in representation. He urged the central government to initiate a debate on delimitation terms and establish a commission to define the framework.

Revanth's comments underscored



his dissatisfaction with both state and national political dynamics, positioning Congress as a champion of regional equity and democratic integrity in the face of BJP's policies.

KTR Didn't Get Minister's Appointment In Delhi



TPN, Telangana: With Telangana's political scene abuzz, rumors are circulating that BRS Working President KT Rama Rao (KTR) may soon face legal action related to the alleged Formula E scam. Earlier this week, KTR flew to Delhi, reportedly with plans to meet Union Minister Manohar Lal Khattar to raise concerns about the alleged Amrut scam involving CM Revanth Reddy. However, recent statements from Telangana BJP leader Konda Vishweshwar Reddy

suggest that KTR may not have secured an appointment with the minister. Konda Vishweshwar Reddy claimed that KTR, who is often regarded as the political successor to his father KCR, did not meet with Khattar as he implied. Reddy stated, "The former wannabe crown prince of Telangana, KCR's son KT Rama Rao, couldn't even get an appointment with the union minister. But he claims to have met him... Pathetic."

Reddy dismissed claims of a secret meeting between BRS and BJP leaders, speculating instead that KTR may have been seeking support from Delhi Congress leaders amid Congress's intent to pursue legal action against him in Telangana.

This unexpected twist, where KTR's purported meeting is now questioned, adds to the intrigue surrounding his Delhi visit and the ongoing political tensions in Telangana. However, with no official confirmation, Reddy's comments remain open to interpretation, leaving room for speculation.

Vivek Prioritizes Mala Community Development Over Ministerial Post

- Development of Malas is more important to him than a ministerial position.
- Vivek mentioned that Revanth Reddy also promised him a ministerial post.
- Mala Sabha will soon be held at the parade ground.

TPN, Telangana: Peddapally MLA Vivek revealed that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has promised to give a ministerial post to one of his family members. During a discussion on cabinet expansion in Telangana, Vivek shared that one of his uncle's family members was assured a ministerial position. However, he emphasized that for him, the development and rights of the Mala community hold more importance than a ministerial post.

A large public gathering of the Mala community is planned to take place soon at the parade ground in Hyderabad, and everyone is invited to attend and witness the unity of the Mala people. Vivek highlighted that there are numerous sub-castes among Dalits, underlining the necessity for justice for each group. He also advocated for job reservations in the private sector.



Meanwhile, Mala Mahanadu State President Pilli Sudhakar has embarked on a padayatra promoting the unity of Scheduled Castes, reaching Manakondur today. Vivek expressed solidarity with this padayatra.

There is a Phone Recording of Former MLA's Conversation with KTR

- Minister revealed that former MLA spoke to the accused Suresh 42 times
- Asserted that no matter who is involved, the incident will not be ignored
- Warned of action against those responsible for attacking the collector



TPN, Telangana: Minister Komati Reddy Venkata Reddy made sensational statements, disclosing that former MLA Patnam Narender Reddy allegedly spoke with the accused, Suresh, 42 times during the Lagacharla incident. He revealed that there is a phone recording of Narender Reddy speaking with BRS Working President KTR. The minister emphasized that regardless of the stature of those involved, the incident will not be overlooked. Speaking to the media while on a tour of Nalgonda district, he remarked on the irony of BRS showing support for individuals involved in such attacks.

The minister questioned if similar protests had occurred in the past when lands belonging to SCs were seized, or during land acquisitions for various projects, including Mallanna Sagar, if these projects would have been completed. He warned that cases would be filed under the PD Act if individuals were incited by BRS to commit attacks.

Komati Reddy assured that legal action would be taken against those who attacked the Vikarabad District Collector. He mentioned that the opinion-gathering event in Lagacharla was conducted under orders from the Municipal Minister, and alleged that there were foreign transactions linked to a previous racing event.

He clarified that the collector was present to gather public opinion, and stated that if all farmers did not consent, the industry would not be established in the area. The minister added that call data and WhatsApp messages would be examined in connection to this incident. Speaking on grain procurement, he acknowledged a slight delay but promised that all grain would be purchased within a week.

Won't back off from 'Pharma Village', says CM's brother



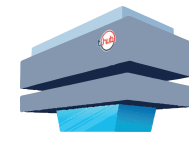
TPN, Telangana: Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's brother, Tirupathi Reddy, made a decisive announcement on Wednesday, stating that the government will proceed with the Pharma Village project in Kodangal constituency despite opposition. On Monday, villagers and farmers in Lagacharla clashed with officials, including the Vikarabad Dis-

trict Collector, over the proposed project. Addressing this issue, Kodangal Congress in-charge Tirupathi Reddy visited the collector's office today.

Speaking to the media, Tirupathi Reddy affirmed that the government remains committed to establishing the Pharma Village. He stated that the area would not only host pharmaceutical facilities but attract other industries as well, with plans to develop it into an industrial hub.

Dismissing reports of attacks on the Collector and officials, Tirupathi Reddy vowed that those responsible for any violence would be arrested, expressing frustration that innocent people were being misled and incited during what was intended as a peaceful consultation on the pharma project.

Responding to remarks by Harish Rao, who accused the government of forcefully seizing land, Tirupathi Reddy asserted that unlike the previous BRS administration's actions during the Mallanna Sagar project, there are no plans for abrupt evictions or overnight village clearances. He emphasized that there would be no attacks on farmers, underscoring the government's intent to proceed responsibly with the project.



HYDRA Launches Major Demolition Drive in Hyderabad's Rajsukh Nagar



TPN, Hyderabad: In a renewed crackdown on illegal structures, HYDRA officials commenced demolitions in Hyderabad's Rajsukh Nagar Colony near Rampally, Medchal-Malkajgiri district. Teams equipped with JCBs have begun tearing down buildings constructed on public roads, obstructing local

traffic and access.

The HYDRA task force, divided into two teams, targeted structures erected by builders who occupied road space illegally over fifteen years ago. According to officials, the encroachments had caused persistent congestion and posed safety concerns for residents.

The demolition drive comes after HYDRA issued notices to the concerned parties, emphasizing that the buildings obstruct public right-of-way. Local authorities have underscored their commitment to reclaiming road space and ensuring smooth traffic flow in the affected areas. Rajsukh Nagar residents have voiced their relief, hoping the action will restore order and accessibility in the locality.

KTR Visits Family of Patnam Narender Reddy

- Former MLA Patnam Narender Reddy arrested in connection with Lagacharla attack incident
- KTR visits Narender Reddy's residence in Jubilee Hills, Hyderabad
- Expresses support to Narender Reddy's wife, Shruti, and mother

TPN, Hyderabad: BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) visited the family of former MLA Patnam Narender Reddy, who was recently arrested in connection with the Lagacharla attack incident. BRS leaders have been rallying around Narender Reddy's family, with former minister Sabita Indra Reddy visiting earlier in the day.

KTR visited Narender Reddy's home in Jubilee Hills to show his support. He spoke with Narender Reddy's wife, Shruti, and provided comfort to his mother, who became emotional upon seeing him. KTR sat with her, offering words of encouragement. He was accompanied by former minister Jagdish Reddy and other BRS leaders during the visit.



No Demolitions in Bathukamma Kunta: Hydra Chief

- Ranganath's visit to Amberpet
- Discussion with locals on Bathukamma Kunta restoration
- Comment that the 16-acre plot has now shrunk to 5 acres

TPN, Hyderabad: Hydra Chief Ranganath announced that no further demolitions would be carried out in Bathukamma Kunta. During his visit to Amber Peta on Wednesday, he toured Bathukamma Kunta and engaged with the local residents. He reassured them, stating there is no reason for misunderstandings or concerns about Hydra. He confirmed that residential structures on occupied land would not be demolished, while only vacant areas would be acquired. Ranganath discussed the restoration of Bathukamma Kunta with locals, noting that according to 1962 records, the area originally covered

16.13 acres but has since been encroached upon, leaving only 5.15 acres today.

The Hydra Chief explained that the initiative to remove encroachments and restore Bathukamma Kunta was undertaken following requests from local residents. However, he emphasized that residential complexes in the occupied area would not be affected, reassuring residents that there is no need to panic. Additionally, Ranganath addressed the false rumors surrounding Hydra, dismissing claims that property registrations in the city had dropped due to Hydra's activities. He clar-



ified that statistics indicate registrations have actually increased.

HC Orders Probe Into Khajaguda Lake Encroachments, Calls for Immediate Action

TPN, Hyderabad: On Wednesday, November 13, the Telangana High Court directed state authorities to investigate and take prompt action regarding encroachments on Sikham land and the tank bed of Kothacheruvu, a crucial water body in Khajaguda Village. Justice C V Bhaskar Reddy emphasized the importance of preserving the lake and its surroundings, highlighting its vital role in the local ecosystem. The court's directive follows a writ petition filed by six landowners, led by R Ramakrishna, asserting ownership of land adjacent to Khajaguda Lake. The petitioners raised concerns over unauthorized construction activities allegedly conducted by entities such as M/s Sohini Builders LLP, M/s Beverly Hills Owners Welfare Society, and individuals including M Bharathender Reddy, K Ghane-shwar, and Damarla Raghav Rao. These activities reportedly violate municipal building regulations, specifically Government Order (GO) 168, dated April 7, 2012.

The petitioners contend that the unauthorized constructions obstruct natural water percolation and threaten the ecological balance of the 5.5-acre lake, which has become nearly disused due to encroachments. They argue that the lake's preservation is critical for sustaining the environment in survey No. 5 of Khajaguda.

Justice Bhaskar Reddy directed authorities to investigate the complaints submitted by the petitioners on September 6 and 10, 2024, and issue notices to all parties involved. Should encroachments on the Sikham land or lake bed be confirmed, the court instructed that swift action be taken to remove these encroachments to protect the water body. The court also referenced a Supreme Court ruling in Writ Petition (Civil) No. 295 of 2022, which established a moratorium on demolitions without prior approval from the apex court. However, the High Court clarified that this moratorium does not apply to cases involving unauthorized structures on public lands, especially near water bodies, where court-ordered demolitions take precedence.

The case has been adjourned to November 26, 2024, for further proceedings. The outcome may set a crucial precedent for enforcing land use regulations and safeguarding water bodies in Telangana and beyond.



Hyderabad Student Dies by Suicide Allegedly Due to Harassment by Neighbor

TPN, Hyderabad: A 19-year-old student, Gujari Savitri, reportedly died by suicide on Tuesday, November 13, allegedly due to persistent harassment by her neighbor in Indirammanagar, Rasoolpura. Savitri, an undergraduate student, had been enduring harassment from her neighbor, identified as Suresh.

According to police reports, Suresh continued to contact Savitri despite repeated warnings from her father. During the investigation, police found that Suresh made the last call to her before her death.

Suresh has been taken into custody for questioning, and a case of abetment to suicide has been registered. Further investigation into the incident is underway.

Hyderabad Journalist Arrested for Extorting Rs 70K Over Defamatory Facebook Post

TPN, Hyderabad: A freelance journalist, Tanveer Ahmed Khaja, was arrested on Wednesday, November 13, for allegedly posting defamatory content about a family on Facebook and subsequently demanding money to remove it. Khaja, who has a history of involvement in cyber-crimes and assault, is accused of targeting a family that owns ancestral property in Nagaram Village, Maheshwaram mandal.

According to reports, Khaja published scandalous information about the family and then con-

tacted Abdul Lateef, the complainant, demanding Rs 1 lakh to delete the posts. Lateef initially met Khaja at a lodge in Koti, where he paid Rs 70,000 as part of the extortion demand. However, he later reported the incident to the Rein Bazar police.

Following the complaint, police raided Khaja's location and recovered the payment. The accused was arrested at 1:15 am and subsequently presented in court for judicial custody. Further investigation into the case is ongoing.

Food Safety Department Raids Popular Restaurants and Bakeries in Hyderabad, Uncovers Multiple Violations



TPN, Hyderabad: A task force from Telangana's food safety department conducted raids on several prominent

restaurants and bakeries across Hyderabad, including Dolphin Bakery, LS Bakers, Tanuja Logili, and Kaveri Fam-

ily Restaurant in Suryapet, on Monday, November 11. The inspections revealed numerous health and safety violations.

Violations Found at Kaveri Family Restaurant

At Kaveri Family Restaurant, inspectors found unclean cooking areas, open drains without grills, and refrigerators lacking proper sanitation. Food handlers were not wearing hair caps or gloves, and synthetic food coloring was detected in the biryani. The restaurant also failed to provide closed dustbins and key documents, such as medical fitness certificates for staff, pest control records, and water analysis reports.

Issues at LS Bakeries

In Hyderabad's LS Bakeries, the FSSAI license was not prominently displayed, and open dustbins were located near the baking area. Staff lacked

headcaps, gloves, and aprons, while expired sprinkling sprays were reportedly used on cakes. Inspectors suspected the use of excessive synthetic coloring in baked goods. Additionally, critical documents, including pest control records, medical fitness certificates, and water analysis reports, were missing.

Conditions at Tanuja Logili Restaurant

During the raid at Tanuja Logili, food safety officials discovered improperly stored cooked and semi-cooked meat in refrigerators for extended periods. Exposed food attracted houseflies, while accumulated oil and dirt were observed on the walls and ceiling. Essential documents, such as pest control records, medical certificates, and water analysis reports, were unavailable, and insects were found in the drinking water filter.

Dolphin Bakery Violations

At Dolphin Bakery on MG Road, inspectors found rusted equipment, cobwebs on walls and ceilings, and an open kitchen area without protective mesh. The FSSAI license was not displayed, and key documents, including pest control records and water analysis reports, were missing. Open dustbins were present, and the washrooms were located within the kitchen area, with cooking oil stored nearby. The cooking area was dimly lit, with visible dirt and oil deposits on walls and electrical wires.

The food safety department emphasized the importance of maintaining hygiene standards and warned that failure to comply with regulations would result in further action. The department urged all food establishments to address health and safety concerns to ensure public well-being.



BJP MP DK Aruna's Attempt to Visit Lagacharla Sparks Tension

TPN, Telangana: The recent attack on the Vikarabad District Collector and officials in Lagacharla, Kodangal Constituency, has fueled a statewide debate in Telangana. Following the incident, BJP MP DK Aruna attempted to visit Lagacharla village in Kodangal, leading to a tense situation.

Tension escalated when police stopped DK Aruna at Manneguda, preventing her from entering the village. In response, Aruna staged a protest on the road, expressing frustration over the police's actions. BJP leaders joined the protest, condemning the police for blocking the MP's visit.

Expressing dissatisfaction over the police obstruction, DK Aruna claimed

she was insulted. She questioned why she, as an MP, should be prevented from visiting her constituency. Aruna stated she was going to meet the Collector regarding land order issues in the district of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's constituency and that she had a scheduled appointment. She criticized the Chief Minister, claiming that the district's land order issues were due to his actions and suggested that Revanth Reddy should be held accountable.

Asserting her right to freely travel within her constituency, Aruna described the police's actions as inhumane. She questioned why there would be a law and order problem only if she visited Lagacharla, while

Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, also known as Tirupathi Reddy, could enter without issue. "Where is the justice in this?" she demanded.

When police attempted to escort DK Aruna to the station, she protested, asking why she should be taken to the police station without any wrongdoing, intensifying the situation.

Later, DK Aruna met Collector Prateek Jain to discuss the Lagacharla incident. Earlier, she had been stopped by the police on her way to Lagacharla village, leading her to stage a sit-in on the road in Manneguda as a protest against the police's actions, which created significant tension in the area.



Bhatti Vikramarka Accuses KTR of Evading Formula E Scam

TPN, Telangana: Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka reiterated Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's allegations against BRS Working President KT Rama Rao (KTR), claiming that KTR's recent visit to Delhi was an attempt to avoid being implicated in the alleged Formula E expenditure scam. Speaking at the Dr. BR Ambedkar Telangana Secretariat on Wednesday, November 13, Bhatti stated that KTR had met with senior BJP leaders in the capital and later called on voters to oppose Congress in the Maharashtra assembly elections. Bhatti interpreted this appeal as a covert endorsement of the BJP.

Bhatti expressed optimism that the Governor would support the ongoing investigation into the Formula E issue, warning that Congress would take legal action if their plea for accountability was denied.

Turning to recent violence in Telangana, Bhatti condemned the attack on officials, including the Vikarabad District Collector, during a public hearing on the Pharma City project in Lagacharla. He affirmed that even if BRS leaders, including K Chandrashekhar Rao (KCR), Harish Rao, and KTR, resorted to desperate measures, the Congress government would ensure the project's progress. Drawing a parallel with the previous BRS administration's harsh tactics against protesters during the Mallanna Sagar reservoir project, Bhatti assured that Congress would adopt an open approach to addressing community grievances.

He further accused KCR, KTR, and Harish Rao of orchestrating the violence in Lagacharla, asserting that BRS has a history of using marginalized communities for political manipulation. Bhatti called on KCR

to "emerge from hibernation" and take a clear stance on the violence, questioning what message such actions send to society after nearly a decade of BRS rule in Telangana. The Formula E scandal centers around alleged financial misconduct linked to the event's hosting in Hyderabad, with suspicions that approximately Rs 55 crore was disbursed to Formula E Operations (FEO) without proper authorization from the cabinet, Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA), or the finance department. These actions allegedly took place while the model code of conduct was in effect due to upcoming elections.

The Congress government, now in power, has sought the Governor's approval to prosecute KTR, the former municipal administration minister, for his alleged role in facilitating these questionable transactions.

KTR, Harish Rao Condemn Arrest of Patnam Narender Reddy, Demand Immediate Release

- KTR calls it a conspiracy to attribute the people's uprising to BRS
- Accuses government of threatening with illegal arrests to silence opposition
- Harish Rao demands the immediate release of detained leaders and farmers



TPN, Telangana: Former ministers and prominent BRS leaders KTR and Harish Rao strongly condemned the arrest of former BRS MLA Patnam Narender Reddy in connection with the Lagacharla incident. KTR criticized the arrest, describing it as a demonstration of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's poor governance and calling it a conspiracy to associate the people's revolt with BRS.

KTR stated that the government is suppressing the voices of its constituents, arresting representatives who communicate with activists and stand by the people. He alleged that undemocratic measures were imposed in Lagacharla to stifle dissent. He accused the government of threatening BRS representatives with illegal arrests to deter them from questioning its actions. KTR warned that BRS's struggle against Revanth Reddy's undemocratic governance would continue and emphasized that BRS has endured many such detentions since the movement period, vowing to fight back harder.

Harish Rao also voiced strong condem-

nation, calling the arrest of Patnam Narender Reddy a grave injustice. He criticized the administration, expressing outrage over the regime's imposition of arrests and pre-trial detentions. He questioned the legitimacy of policies that threaten green fields in the name of industrial development and accused the government of targeting farmers. Rao challenged the administration's actions, saying, "Is this your vision of governance—arresting farmers in the dead of night and detaining them?"

Rao asserted that the BRS would not be intimidated by such threats and would continue to stand with the people. He demanded the immediate release of Patnam Narender Reddy and the farmers arrested in Lagacharla, promising to bring these grievances to the public's attention through continued protests.

On Wednesday, former MLA Patnam Narender Reddy was detained by police at his residence in Filmnagar on allegations of involvement in the attack on officers in Lagacharla. He was subsequently taken to the police station.

Villagers Forced to Use Pipe as Makeshift Bridge After Suddavagu Bridge Collapse



TPN, Nirmal: The collapse of the Suddavagu bridge along the Nirmal-Kuntala route, between Kallur and Patha Booruggalli villages, has left locals struggling to access essential routes. The bridge was damaged following heavy rains, bringing traffic to a halt and severely impacting local farmers who rely on the bridge to reach their fields.

With the bridge unusable, villagers have resorted to using a large pipeline as a makeshift bridge to cross the stream. Farmers expressed concern over the dangerous conditions, pointing out that if anything goes wrong, there is a serious risk of being swept away by the current.

The affected villagers are calling for swift government action to restore safe access, highlighting the risk and inconvenience caused by the bridge's collapse.

Goods Train Derails in Peddapally, 20 Passenger Trains Canceled

TPN, Peddapally: A goods train carrying iron ore derailed between Raghavapuram and Ramagundam in Peddapally district on Wednesday evening, leading to the cancellation of 20 passenger trains. The South Central Railway reported that the derailment, which occurred at dusk, resulted in 11 bogies overturning and causing significant track damage.

Due to the incident, 20 passenger trains were canceled, with four par-

tially canceled and ten others diverted to alternative routes. Additionally, two trains have been rescheduled. Railway authorities are currently working to repair the damaged tracks and have stated that services will resume as soon as the repairs are complete.

Passengers affected by the cancellations have been advised to check updated schedules for alternative arrangements.

Family survey underway at Nallamala forest Area

TPN, Nagarkurnool: A comprehensive household survey is currently being conducted in the remote hamlets of Nallamala forest, Nagarkurnool district, as part of a broader initiative to assess the socio-economic, educational, health, and employment conditions in Telangana. Enumerators and local Chenchu representatives are working within the forest's core area to gather data from every Chenchu household.

The survey teams, dispatched to each Chenchu Penta (hamlet), are collecting detailed information, including land ownership, access to government schemes, and socio-cultural conditions. Enumerators are using a structured questionnaire, with each answer coded for easy recording. One of the survey's final questions addresses caste discrimination, probing whether households face any restrictions on entering places of worship, an effort to document social inequality. Questions about government benefits, such as scholarships or subsidies, provide insight into which community members have accessed government support, from education through to various occupations. Many Chenchus, whose livelihoods

largely depend on forest produce, listed gathering forest resources as their primary occupation. Although many Chenchu households own land, most report limited empowerment to farm, yet they often declare cultivation to avoid losing agricultural benefits, such as Rythu Bharosa or Rythu Bima.

The questionnaire also covers housing specifics, including the size and type of structure, materials used, and the condition of the building. Traditionally, Chenchus have resided in bamboo huts, but recent government initiatives have provided them with semi-permanent houses that can be dismantled, featuring cement panel walls and metal roofs.

Survey teams have been conducting the survey respectfully, without requiring formal documentation from the Chenchus, instead only taking a photograph of each household in front of their new homes. The data gathered from this survey will offer crucial insights for policymakers aiming to improve living conditions and access to resources for the Chenchu community in the Nallamala forest region.

Man Murders Girlfriend, Dismembers Body, and Buries Remains in Field

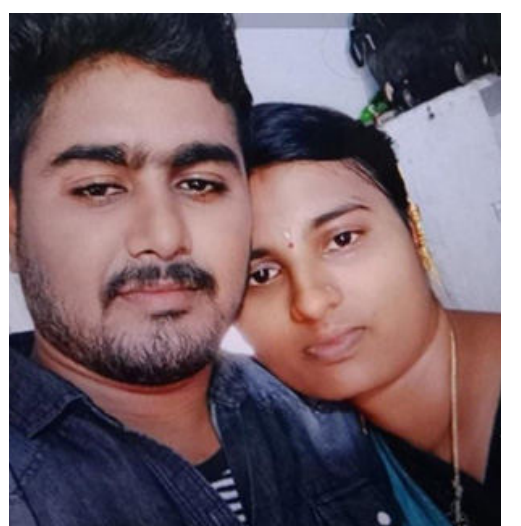
TPN, Bhadradi Kothagudem: In a shocking incident in Machinenipet village, Julurupadu Mandal, a man named Veerabhadram allegedly murdered his girlfriend, Swati, and dismembered her body into 20 pieces before burying it in a field. The crime reportedly took place three days ago.

According to local reports, the couple had previously taken Rs 16 lakh from another couple under the promise of securing them jobs in the Singareni coal mines. However, when they failed to deliver on this promise, the victims, disheartened by the unfulfilled commitment, reportedly took their own lives.

Tensions arose between Veerabhadram and Swati over the Rs 16 lakh amount, leading to escalating disputes. In an alleged attempt to eliminate what he saw as a barrier, Veerabhadram brutally

killed Swati and disposed of her body in a field.

Authorities are investigating the case, which has sparked public outrage over the gruesome nature of the crime.





The Parallels Between Ancient Rome and Modern America: Decline of Empire?



The recent election of Donald Trump as President of the United States sparked a flurry of international congratulations, underscoring the still-dominant role of America in global affairs. Even as America's influence appears to be in gradual decline, it remains the preeminent superpower, echoing the imperial stature once held by ancient Rome.

The parallels between Washington DC and ancient Rome are striking. Much like the grandeur of Rome, Washington has become a symbol of authority and power, drawing world leaders to pay homage and secure favor. In ancient Rome, emissaries traveled from far-flung corners of the empire—Britannia, Egypt, and beyond—to bask in the emperor's glory. Today, diplomats and heads of state converge in Washington, seeking to align themselves with America's power.

The city's architecture further amplifies this imperial imagery. Several federal buildings in DC, including the US Capitol and the Supreme Court, were designed with heavy influences from Roman architecture. This was no accident. Thomas Jefferson, inspired by the ideals of the Roman Republic, deliberately infused DC's design with neoclassical elements to represent democracy, liberty, and grandeur—principles that formed the foundation of the United States. These buildings not only reflect the aesthetic legacy of Rome but also the republican ideals of civic virtue, law, and justice.

Roman emperors were known for their ability

to wield power across vast territories, and their influence is mirrored in the presidencies of the United States. For instance, Augustus, Rome's first emperor, who established order and stability across the empire, has a counterpart in George Washington, whose leadership helped solidify the United States' foundation as a powerful and stable nation. Similarly, emperors like Trajan, who expanded Rome's territory and initiated monumental infrastructure projects, have echoes in American leaders like Theodore Roosevelt, who oversaw the expansion of American influence and initiated major national reforms. Perhaps the most striking comparison is between Constantine the Great and Abraham Lincoln, both of whom unified their deeply divided realms, transforming their nations' moral and cultural landscapes.

Donald Trump, the 45th President, shares intriguing similarities with two notorious Roman emperors: Nero and Caligula. Like Nero, Trump's reign was marked by controversies, self-promotion, and a fiercely loyal base. Nero's scandals and flamboyant style bear a resemblance to Trump's own approach to leadership, characterized by constant media attention and polarizing rhetoric. On the other hand, Trump shares some traits with the lesser-known Caligula, whose audacious decisions and disregard for Roman traditions were similarly disruptive. Both Trump and Caligula defied conventions, challenging the established political elite and often bypassing traditional norms for a more personal and controversial form of leadership.

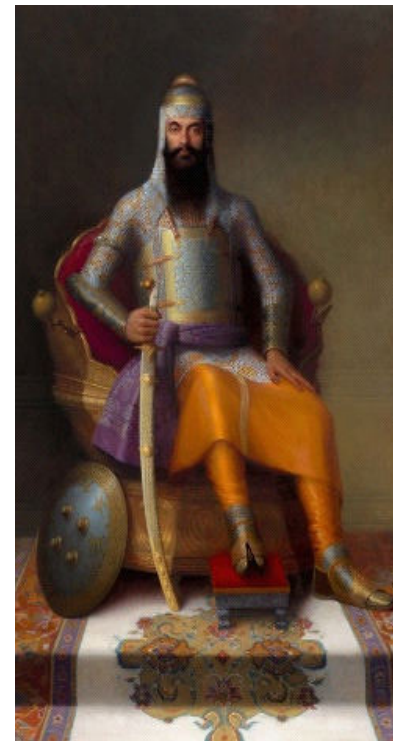
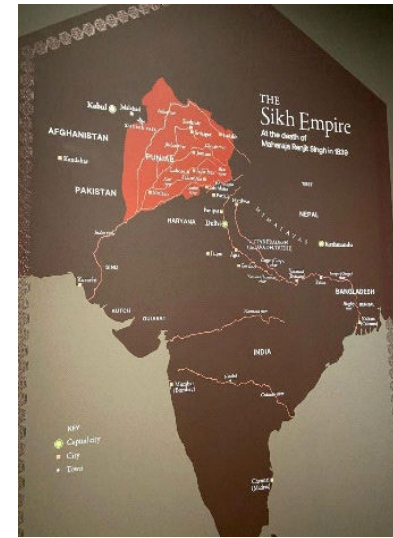
Maharaja Ranjit Singh: The Lion of Punjab Who United the Sikh Empire

In 1799, Maharaja Ranjit Singh achieved a remarkable feat, unifying the scattered territories of Punjab to form a powerful Sikh empire with Lahore as its capital. Known as the "Lion of Punjab" (Sher-e-Punjab), Ranjit Singh emerged as a strong ruler who transformed the political landscape of North India, thwarting Afghan invasions and bringing stability to a region previously divided into autonomous territories, or Misls.

Under Ranjit Singh's leadership, the Sikh Empire spread over vast regions, incorporating former Mughal provinces such as Lahore and Multan, parts of Kabul, and even the entire Peshawar region. The empire's borders extended to Ladakh in the northeast, the Khyber Pass in the northwest, and Panjnad in the south, where Punjab's five rivers converge into the Indus. During his reign, Punjab became a land not just of five, but six rivers, with the Indus now flowing through his territory.

One of Ranjit Singh's most accomplished generals, Zorawar Singh from Jammu, played a crucial role in expanding the empire's borders by conquering Ladakh in Ranjit Singh's name. This conquest highlighted the strategic foresight and ambition of the maharaja, who sought not only to consolidate but also to extend his rule.

Ranjit Singh ruled as a faithful Sikh, yet his approach to governance was highly inclusive. He was deeply respectful of the Hindu and Muslim communities within his empire, going to great lengths to protect their rights and religious practices. He actively restored and supported Sikh, Hindu, and Muslim places of worship. Most notably, he undertook the grand reconstruction of the Harmandir Sahib, also known as the



Golden Temple, at Amritsar. In 1809, he ordered its marble reconstruction and later, in 1830, donated gold to gild the structure, giving it the iconic look it retains to this day.

His generosity extended beyond Sikhism. Ranjit Singh also donated a tonne of gold to the Hindu Kashi Vishwanath temple in Varanasi, an act that demonstrated his respect for Hinduism. Additionally, he supported Muslim mosques and Sufi shrines across his territories. Out of respect for Hindu sensibilities, he even banned cow slaughter, a significant decree given Punjab's diverse population. His administration was known for reli-

gious tolerance, with forced conversions being virtually unknown and his Hindu and Muslim wives practicing their faiths freely.

Maharaja Ranjit Singh was not only a unifying force but a progressive one. Observing the rising power of the British East India Company, he recognized the need for a well-trained, modernized army to safeguard his empire's sovereignty. In a pioneering move, he hired European military experts, specifically French and Italian officers who had served under Napoleon Bonaparte. Among these were Generals Jean-Baptiste Ventura and Jean-Francois Allard, each earning a significant annual salary of around Rs. 30,000. They were later joined by other European officers, including Auguste Court and Paolo Avitabile, forming a specialized brigade known as the Fauj-i-Khas, or "special army."

These foreign officers adapted to life in India, taking Indian wives and immersing themselves in local customs and culture. They even employed Indian artists, becoming prominent figures in Lahore's court and symbolizing a rare fusion of Eastern and Western military and cultural practices.

The legacy of Maharaja Ranjit Singh endures not only in India but also in the West. In 2016, the French town of St. Tropez honored him by unveiling a bronze statue of the maharaja. The statue stands as a tribute to his unique rule, marked by strategic prowess, respect for cultural diversity, and an innovative approach to military modernization. Ranjit Singh's impact on Punjab and the larger Indian subcontinent remains celebrated, embodying a harmonious blend of power, tolerance, and vision that continues to inspire admiration worldwide.

India's Strategic Interests in West Asia

Balancing Energy, Security, and Diplomacy

India's strategic interests in West Asia are a complex balancing act shaped by the region's energy resources, geopolitical tensions, and the presence of approximately 9 million Indians. As escalating conflicts and changing alliances unfold, India finds itself deeply engaged, balancing relationships with various nations while safeguarding its diaspora and economic interests.

West Asia as an "Extended Neighborhood"

India has long considered West Asia as its "extended neighborhood," crucial for economic and security interests. India's relationship with the region has traditionally centered around energy imports, trade, and the welfare of Indian workers. Recently, this interaction has expanded to include military, security, renewable energy, and food security cooperation, reflecting India's need to engage with West Asia in areas beyond the traditional spheres.

One of India's primary concerns in West Asia is energy security. The region accounts for 80% of India's oil imports, with nations like the UAE and Saudi Arabia emerging as India's top suppliers and strategic allies. A disruption in this energy supply, due to conflict, could destabilize India's economy, as rising en-



ergy costs have the potential to impact inflation and growth. India's need to ensure stable oil prices and secure supply chains is critical, especially amid the risk of conflict spreading.

Additionally, West Asia is now India's top trade partner, with a bilateral trade volume exceeding \$150 billion. Major trade partners, including the UAE and Saudi Arabia, have also invested in India's infrastructure and industry. India's recent push for the India-Middle East-Europe Economic Corridor (IMEEC) further underscores the region's significance as a trade route, offering both strategic and commercial benefits.

Balancing Ties Between Israel and Iran

India's role in West Asia also involves balancing its relationships with Israel and Iran, two rival powers. With Israel, India shares common security concerns, particularly over terrorism. Israel has emerged as one of India's key defense partners, and India recalls Israel's support during the 1999 Kargil War, which deepened their strategic relationship. Today, Israel remains a significant supplier of defense technology, particularly in counter-terrorism and intelligence-sharing.

Conversely, Iran is a vital energy partner, and the two nations also share

concerns about terrorism from Pakistan and Afghanistan. Iran's Chabahar port, developed in partnership with India, provides New Delhi with direct access to Afghanistan and Central Asia, bypassing Pakistan—a crucial strategic advantage. Despite U.S. sanctions on Iran, India has continued to engage with Tehran, recognizing Iran's importance for regional connectivity and security.

The Israel-Palestine Conflict and Regional Peace

India's approach to the Israel-Palestine conflict is rooted in a commitment to peace and stability in West Asia. Unlike many West Asian countries, which have differing stances on groups like Hamas and Hezbollah, India supports a two-state solution. This vision aligns with that of the United States and European nations, aiming for a peaceful coexistence between Israel and Palestine. As violence flares, India remains diplomatic, promoting peace without alienating any side.

Security Threats and the Need for Stability

The security landscape of West Asia directly impacts India's strategic interests. The recent rise of militant activities, including drone strikes and missile at-

tacks between Israel and Iran, threatens India's investments in the region and the safety of its diaspora. The presence of extremist groups and regional rivalries further complicate India's engagement with West Asia, demanding a cautious approach to avoid entanglement in conflicts while securing its interests.

West Asia's volatility poses a significant challenge for India's diplomacy. Escalating conflicts could jeopardize Indian investments, endanger the large Indian diaspora, and disrupt energy supplies. India's nuanced approach—engaging with Israel, Iran, and major Arab nations while remaining neutral—aims to preserve goodwill across the board. This strategy allows India to adapt to the region's shifting dynamics, supporting stability and growth at home.

India's relationship with West Asia demonstrates its ambition to be a stabilizing force in a region vital for its economy and security. As it balances its ties with various nations, India's strategic diplomacy aims to maintain stability, protect its energy supply, and safeguard the welfare of millions of Indians. West Asia will remain a complex yet essential frontier for India, requiring deft handling to secure its position as a regional leader and economic powerhouse.

BJP won't allow anyone to play with your 'Maati, Roti, Beti': PM Modi in Jharkhand

Sarath: Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Wednesday accused the ruling JMM-Congress-RJD government in Jharkhand of enabling illegal Bangladeshi infiltration, claiming a conspiracy was underway to alter the state's demographic makeup and dilute its tribal identity. Addressing rallies in Sarath and Godda ahead of the second phase of Jharkhand Assembly elections, Modi warned that the tribal population, especially in the Santhal Parganas region, was being reduced due to "infiltrators" being given legitimacy.



Modi stressed the importance of preserving the tribal identity of Jharkhand, saying, "You love your identity as a Jharkhandi, but what will happen if that identity is lost? The statistics show that the tribal population in Santhal Parganas has halved. Your 'Jal, Jungle, Jameen' (water, forest, land) is being taken away. We need to save both the tribals and Jharkhand itself."

The Prime Minister further claimed that the state government was involved in "wrong decisions" that were allowing infiltrators to settle in Jharkhand, saying that documents

were being fabricated overnight to facilitate this. He alleged that tribal girls were being exploited under the guise of marriage, and that the government was allowing outsiders to take over land and livelihood. "I assure you, the BJP-NDA government will not allow anyone to play with your Maati (land), Roti (livelihood), and Beti (daughter)," Modi asserted.

This statement aligns with the BJP's ongoing campaign, which has made the issue of Bangladeshi infiltration and its impact on the tribal community a central focus in the elections. The party has accused the ruling government of neglecting the concerns of the local population while facilitating demographic changes.



Vote to protect rights, strengthen Constitution: Rahul to Jharkhand voters

Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha, Rahul Gandhi, on Wednesday appealed to the voters of Jharkhand to cast their ballots in favor of the I.N.D.I.A. bloc, emphasizing that their vote would not only strengthen the Constitution and democracy but also bring prosperity through a series of guarantees aimed at improving the lives of the people.

Addressing a public gathering in Ranchi, Gandhi called for a united effort to protect the values enshrined in India's Constitution, saying, "Every vote for the I.N.D.I.A. alliance will help in the protection of democracy, ensuring a government that works for the people and upholds the rule of law." He added that a vote for the opposition coalition would usher in a new era of prosperity for the people of Jharkhand and India as a whole.

Gandhi highlighted the seven key guarantees that the I.N.D.I.A. bloc promises to deliver, which include securing jobs for the youth, better healthcare for all, affordable education, protection for farmers, strengthening social welfare

schemes, providing financial support to small businesses, and ensuring women's safety and empowerment.

He also criticized the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) for what he termed as a "divisive agenda" that has only served to undermine the country's democratic institutions. "The BJP has been using power to divide the people of India, but the I.N.D.I.A. alliance believes in unity and working together for the welfare of all," Gandhi remarked.

In his speech, Gandhi reaffirmed the I.N.D.I.A. bloc's commitment to fight for the rights of marginalized communities, including tribals, Dalits, and the backward classes, and promised that Jharkhand's natural resources would be used for the benefit of the people, not for corporate interests.

The I.N.D.I.A. alliance, comprising several opposition parties, is seeking to form an alternative to the BJP-led government at the national level, and is looking to make inroads in Jharkhand ahead of the upcoming state elections.



BJP, RSS had no role in freedom movement: Mallikarjun Kharge

Latur: Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge, during his election campaign in Latur on Wednesday, sharply criticized the BJP-led Mahayuti (grand alliance), calling it a "government of thieves" and urged voters to defeat the alliance in the upcoming Maharashtra Assembly elections on November 20.

Kharge's fiery remarks came as he addressed a rally, accusing the BJP and its ideological allies of misgovernance and corruption. He claimed that the BJP's leadership has failed the people of Maharashtra, and the current government is only focused on benefiting the "rich and powerful" at the cost of ordinary citizens.

"The BJP-led Mahayuti is a government of thieves. They have looted the state's resources and turned a blind eye to the struggles of the common people," Kharge charged. He further alleged that the alliance's leaders were only interested in retaining power and wealth, rather than addressing the real issues faced by Maharashtra's farmers, workers, and youth.

Kharge's attack was aimed not only at the BJP but also at its allies in the state, including the Shiv Sena faction led by Chief Minister Eknath Shinde.

Rahul aircraft' will crash again In Maharashtra Assembly Elections: Amit Shah



Union Home Minister Amit Shah, during a public meeting in Parbhani, Maharashtra, on Wednesday, took a dig at Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, referring to a plane named 'Rahul Baba', which he claimed had "already crashed." Shah's comments were aimed at mocking Gandhi's political trajectory, especially in light of the upcoming Maharashtra Assembly elections.

Without directly naming Gandhi, Shah alluded to the Congress leader's political struggles, suggesting that his leadership and influence were dwindling, much like a plane that has already crashed. The comment was part of Shah's broader criticism of the Congress and the opposition parties in Maharashtra, whom he accused of failing to address the state's issues effectively.

Shah's remarks are seen as part of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP)'s aggressive campaigning strategy as they gear up for the elections. The BJP is attempting to strengthen its position in Maharashtra, a state that has seen significant political shifts in recent years, including the collapse of the Shiv Se-

na-led Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) government in 2022.

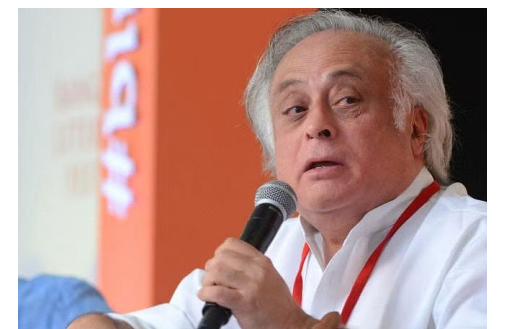
Addressing the crowd, Shah also highlighted the various welfare schemes and development projects initiated by the BJP-led government at the center, emphasizing the party's commitment to the growth and security of Maharashtra. He urged the people of Maharashtra to continue supporting the BJP, stressing the importance of strong leadership in times of national and regional challenges.

The comments were met with applause from the gathered supporters, as Shah sought to galvanize the party's base in the run-up to the crucial elections. The Maharashtra Assembly elections are expected to be a significant test for the BJP as they battle both the Congress and regional parties for political dominance in the state.

Shah's jibe at Rahul Gandhi is just one example of the increasingly combative rhetoric that is characterizing the election campaigns as political leaders from various parties seek to gain an upper hand ahead of the voting.

Does PM think caste census is divisive: Congress leader Jairam Ramesh

The Congress party on Wednesday launched a scathing attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, raising a series of questions regarding his stance on the caste census in Bihar and the 50 per cent cap on reservations. The opposition party's questions come amid growing demands for a caste-based census and a reassessment of the reservation limit in the country, particularly in Bihar where the issue has gained significant political traction.



Addressing a press conference, Congress spokesperson said that Prime Minister Modi needs to clarify whether he believes that conducting a caste census is a "divisive" move, as has been claimed by some sections of his government. The caste census has been a hot topic in Bihar, with the state government already undertaking the process to collect data on the caste composition of its population. The Congress argued that a caste-based count is essential for ensuring equitable representation and targeted welfare measures for underprivileged communities.

The Congress also questioned Modi on his position regarding the 50 per cent cap on reservations for Scheduled Castes (SC), Scheduled Tribes (ST),

and Other Backward Classes (OBCs), which has been in place for decades. The party asked whether the Prime Minister would take decisive action to remove this "arbitrary" ceiling, which they claim limits the opportunities for deserving communities. The ceiling has been a point of contention, with critics arguing that it prevents marginalized groups from accessing the benefits they are entitled to, especially as India's population continues to grow.

Congress leaders emphasized that while the ruling BJP has repeatedly promised to address the concerns of backward communities, it has failed to take concrete steps. They urged the Prime Minister to respond to these pressing issues, especially in light of the upcoming elections in Bihar, where caste and reservation policies remain key political issues.

Will PM Modi quit if proven wrong: CM Siddaramaiah on excise funds allegations

Bengaluru: Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Wednesday posed a direct challenge to Prime Minister Narendra Modi, questioning if he would resign from his position if the allegations of a Rs 700 crore corruption scandal in the state's excise department were proven false.

In a bold statement, Siddaramaiah, while addressing the media, said, "If the allegations are not proven true, I will retire from politics. But what about you, Prime Minister Modi? Will you resign if these corruption claims in the excise department turn out to be false?"

The Chief Minister's remarks come in response to

accusations of corruption linked to the state's excise department during the tenure of the previous BJP government in Karnataka. Siddaramaiah, who is currently leading the Congress party in the state, dismissed the allegations as baseless and politically motivated, aimed at tarnishing the Congress-led government's image.

Siddaramaiah further alleged that the BJP and its allies were trying to deflect attention from their own misdeeds by making false claims about corruption in the Congress government. He emphasized that no solid evidence had been presented to back the allegations, and called on the BJP to refrain from spreading "false narratives" for political gain.

The controversy stems from a report claiming that Rs 700 crore had been embezzled by officials in the excise department. The BJP, which is in the opposition, has seized on the allegations, accusing the state government of corruption and calling for an inquiry into the matter.

Siddaramaiah also stated that his government was committed to transparency and accountability, promising to cooperate with any investigations into the matter. However, he stressed that the accusations were part of a broader political strategy by the BJP to malign the state government ahead of upcoming elections.





US-India Ties Are 'Most Important' of the 21st Century, Says Congressman Mike Waltz

Congressman Mike Waltz, recently named National Security Adviser by President-elect Donald Trump, has underscored the critical importance of US-India relations, calling them the "most important" of the 21st century. As co-chair of the Congressional India Caucus, Waltz emphasized that the future of global democracy and security hinges on the growing partnership between the two nations.



In a video message to the INDUSUSX Summit at Stanford University in September, Waltz highlighted the pivotal role US-India ties will play in shaping the course of this century. "This relationship will determine whether this is a century of light or a century of darkness," he said, stressing that the collaboration between the oldest and the largest democracies in the world holds far-reaching significance.

Waltz also expressed his strong support for continued cooperation between the US and India,

particularly in maintaining a free and open Indo-Pacific region. He noted the importance of protecting Indian sovereignty, especially along the Line of Control (LoC) in Kashmir. He assured the audience that his office and team would remain open to fostering stronger bilateral relations. "Let's keep the momentum going," he urged, citing areas of growing cooperation such as defense production, quantum computing, and artificial intelligence.

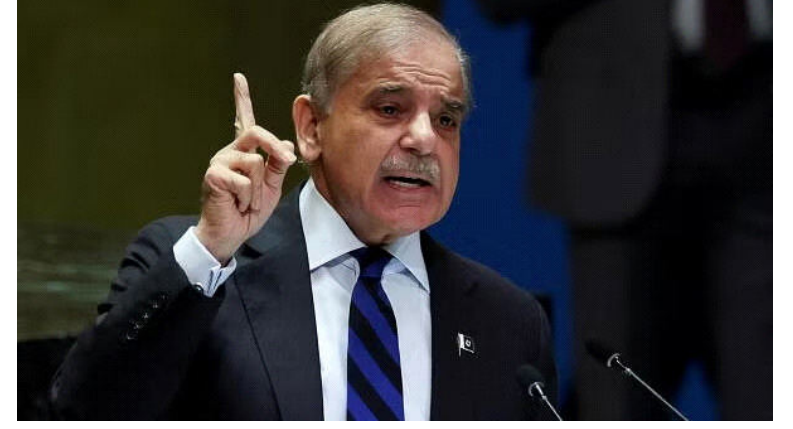
Among the key initiatives mentioned by Waltz were the joint production of Apache helicopter fuselages by Boeing and Tata, advancements in ship repair, and collaborative efforts in data management. These areas of partnership, he noted, are vital for both countries as they navigate the challenges of the 21st century.

Waltz's remarks were a reaffirmation of the significant strides the US and India have made in

strengthening their relationship, with key projects and initiatives like iCET and INDUS-X providing a solid foundation for further growth.

In August, Waltz visited India with fellow Congressman Ro Khanna, where they participated in Independence Day celebrations. He praised Prime Minister Narendra Modi's address at the Red Fort, calling it "incredible," and described the celebration as "an amazing event."

Pakistan PM calls for \$6.8 trillion in climate funding for developing nations



Pakistan's Prime Minister, Shehbaz Sharif, made a strong appeal for climate funding during a climate finance roundtable hosted by Pakistan at the 29th UN Climate Change Conference. Speaking on Tuesday, Sharif called for a substantial \$6.8 trillion in climate funding to support developing nations by 2030, emphasizing the urgent need for financial assistance to help vulnerable countries combat the impacts of climate change.

Sharif highlighted the disproportionate impact that climate change has on developing nations, which, despite contributing the least to global emissions, face the brunt of the consequences, including extreme weather events, flooding, and droughts. He called for urgent action to address the growing financial gap in climate adaptation and mitigation, urging wealthier nations to fulfill their promises made in previous climate agreements.

The \$6.8 trillion funding goal is seen as a crucial step in helping developing countries implement the necessary infrastructure and policies to cope with the escalating climate crisis. The funds would be used to support initiatives in renewable energy, disaster resilience, and climate adaptation, as well as to help countries transition towards more sustainable development pathways.

Sharif also noted that Pakistan, like many other developing nations, is already grappling with the severe consequences of climate change, including devastating floods that have displaced millions of people. He emphasized that the international community must recognize the urgent need for financial resources to help countries like Pakistan address climate change and protect their populations from further harm.

In addition to funding, Sharif stressed the importance of technical support, knowledge sharing, and capacity building to ensure that developing nations are equipped to address the climate crisis effectively. He called for stronger cooperation between developed and developing countries to ensure that climate goals are met and the impacts of climate change are mitigated.



North Korean soldiers joining Russia in combat, says US State Department

Washington: The U.S. State Department raised alarms on Tuesday after reports indicated that North Korean troops have started participating in combat operations alongside Russian forces in Ukraine. This development marks a significant escalation in military cooperation between Russia and North Korea, prompting concerns over the growing ties between the two countries amid the ongoing war in Ukraine.

According to U.S. officials, North Korean soldiers are now engaged in combat roles, adding another layer to the complex geopolitical dynamics of the war. The U.S. expressed particular concern over Russia turning to North Korea for military support, especially as the war in Ukraine enters its second year with no signs of a resolution.

The revelation underscores Russia's increasing reliance on countries like North Korea and Iran to bolster its forces in Ukraine, as Western sanctions and international isolation continue to weaken Russia's military capabilities. This development is seen as part of Moscow's broader strategy to secure manpower and military supplies to maintain its aggressive stance in Ukraine.

The U.S. State Department condemned the collaboration, calling it a violation of international sanctions and a troubling sign of deepening military ties between Russia and North Korea. The U.S. has long accused North Korea of illicit arms trading and supporting Russian military operations, and this new partnership is likely to exacerbate tensions between the U.S. and both Moscow and Pyongyang.



Trump Sets 'Existential' Battle Against China With Cabinet Picks

Donald Trump is preparing for a more confrontational approach toward China with the appointment of two hawkish Florida politicians—Senator Marco Rubio and Congressman Mike Waltz—who are expected to play key roles in his administration's foreign policy. As Trump positions himself for a potential existential battle against China, his appointments signal a shift away from the more diplomatic tone of the Biden administration.

Rubio, rumored to be tapped as secretary of state, and Waltz, who could be appointed national security advisor, are staunch advocates for a more aggressive US stance on China. Rubio, in particular, has repeatedly warned that the United States is already in a "broad global conflict" with China, which, he claims, seeks not only to become the world's most powerful nation but also to "reorient the world." His views contrast sharply with President Joe Biden's more dialogue-focused approach, which has emphasized cooperation with China on issues like climate change while ramping up competition in areas like trade.

Biden's administration has acknowledged China as the US's top long-term adversary and imposed sanctions on Beijing, but tensions have cooled recently, with Secretary of State Antony Blinken prioritizing diplomatic engagement to avoid accidental conflict. By contrast, Rubio and Waltz view China's rise as an existential threat to the US, aligning with a more hawkish faction within the Republican Party that sees China's ambitions as a direct challenge to American global leadership.

Iran's government fears its people more than Israel: Netanyahu

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu sent a direct message to the people of Iran on Tuesday, accusing the regime of Supreme Leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei of fearing its own citizens more than Israel. Netanyahu's comments were made amid rising tensions between the two nations, as Iran faces both internal unrest and external pressure over its nuclear program and regional influence.

In his message, Netanyahu emphasized the Iranian government's perceived insecurity, claiming that it spends significant time and resources on suppressing its people rather than addressing external threats, including Israel. "That's why they spend so much time and money," Netanyahu said, referring to the regime's efforts to control domestic dissent, including the use of violent crackdowns on protests and opposition movements.



The message came in the wake of a series of protests across Iran, sparked by the death of 22-year-old Mahsa Amini in September 2022 while in police custody, which led to widespread demands for greater political freedoms and women's rights. The regime's harsh response to these protests, including mass arrests and violence, has drawn international condemnation.

Netanyahu, who has been a vocal critic of Iran's nuclear ambitions, reiterated Israel's stance on Iran's nuclear program, which Israel believes is a threat to its existence. He also warned the Iranian leadership that their focus on internal repression could ultimately undermine the regime's hold on power, as the Iranian people continued to demand greater freedoms and reforms.

Germany to Hold Early Elections After Coalition Collapse

Germany will hold early elections on February 23 following the breakdown of the coalition government led by Chancellor Olaf Scholz. The decision was confirmed after an agreement between Scholz's Social Democratic Party (SPD) and the opposition Christian Democratic Union (CDU/CSU), according to DW Politics.



The crisis began last week when Scholz dismissed Finance Minister Christian Lindner, the leader of the pro-business Free Democratic Party (FDP). This dramatic move led to the FDP's immediate exit from the coalition, leaving Scholz's SPD and

the Greens without a majority in the Bundestag. The departure of the FDP left a power vacuum that ultimately led to the collapse of the governing alliance.

The collapse of the coalition sets the stage for a high-stakes election, with both the SPD and CDU/CSU gearing up for a major

political battle. Scholz, who has been in office since 2021, now faces the challenge of securing a new mandate or stepping aside in favor of a new government.

The breakdown of the government is expected to have significant implications for Germany's political landscape, with the CDU/CSU, traditionally a strong conservative force, seeking to capitalize on the division within the current ruling coalition. The FDP's exit also opens the door for potential shifts in Germany's economic and social policies, depending on the outcome of the elections.



Market Rout Continues: Indices Plunge as Investor Confidence Wanes

Domestic stock markets are falling. Experiencing a huge fall in a row. Benchmark indices crashed on Wednesday too. The reasons for this are the departure of foreign institutional investors, strengthening of the dollar, rising inflation and disappointing results of companies. Investors are not making purchases due to lack of confidence. Nifty is down 10% from lifetime high. Touched 200 sma. BSE Sensex has lost 6000 points within 2 months.

The BSE Sensex, which closed at 78,675 in the previous session, opened at 78,495 today. It touched an intraday high of 79,690. It then fell gradually and touched an intraday low of 77,533. It eventually closed at 77,690, a loss of 984 points. The NSE Nifty opened at 23,822 and touched a high of 23,873 and a low of 23,509. The total fell by 324 points to close at 23,822. Bank Nifty fell by 1069 points to settle at 50,088.

In Nifty50, 6 companies gained while 44 lost. Britannia, Grasim, Tata Motors, Asian Paints, NTPC were the top gainers. Heromoto, M&M, Hindalco, Tata Steel, Eicher Motors were the biggest losers. All the sectoral indices turned red. Bank, Auto, Media, Metal, PSU Bank, Private Bank, Realty lost more than 2%.

In NSE today, 2,394 stocks lost 2,861 stocks. 419 gained. 16 stocks hit 52-week highs. 168 shares touched a 52-week low.

The rupee settled at 84.38 against the dollar. NBCC's Q2 net profit rose 52.8% to Rs 125 crore. Shares of Patel Engineering jumped 6%. Oil marketing companies' profitability is likely to increase as crude oil prices fall. 2.64 million shares changed hands in ITC. Samvarthan Motherson has been rated Overweight by Morgan Stanley. 1.35 million shares of Trent exchanged



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hands. Century Plyboard's net profit fell by 17%. Nomura has given Hyundai Motors a Buy rating with a target price of Rs.2472. Alchem Q2 net profit rose 11% to Rs 689 crore. Swiggy shares at 8% premium to Rs. Listed on NSE at 420. Although it lost initially, it recovered by 15%.

SELECTING SECTORS WITH LONG - TERM RESILIENCE AND GROWTH

1. Healthcare and Pharmaceuticals

Aging populations and increasing healthcare demands drive growth. Companies in pharmaceuticals, biotech, and healthcare services are particularly promising

2. Information Technology (IT) and Software Services

Tech companies with diversified portfolios and those enabling digital transformation (cloud, AI, and data analytics) are likely to see sustained growth. Despite short-term volatility, many tech stocks have resilient business models.

3. Consumer Staples and FMCG (Fast-Moving Consumer Goods)

These companies typically have strong cash flows, established brands, and defensive characteristics. Look for stocks with consistent dividends and a strong domestic market presence.

4. Renewable Energy and Utilities

With a global shift towards cleaner energy sources, renewable energy companies in wind, solar, and green hydrogen are positioned for growth.

5. Financial Services (Selective)

Life insurance and asset management companies, particularly those with a focus on financial planning and investments, tend to perform well as economies recover

6. Infrastructure and Capital Goods

With ongoing urbanization, infrastructure investments (transport, housing, energy, and industrials) continue to offer growth.

7. Agriculture and Agri-Tech

With a growing population and an increasing emphasis on food security and sustainable agriculture, agribusiness, agri-tech, and farm equipment are poised for growth.

Indian stock market opens in red amid consolidation phase



The Indian stock market opened in the negative on Wednesday, with broad-based selling witnessed across most sectors, except for private banks, in early trade. The benchmark indices, Sensex and Nifty, saw substantial losses, reflecting the bearish sentiment in the market.

At 9:30 AM, the BSE Sensex was trading at 78,260, down by 414 points, while the NSE Nifty stood at 23,706, having dropped 167 points. The market trend remained firmly negative with significant declines across various indices. On the National Stock Exchange (NSE), only 335 stocks were in the green, while a massive 1,948 stocks were in the red.

The Nifty Bank index, however, was a rare outperformer, trading at 51,194.40, up by 36.60 points or 0.07%. Meanwhile, the Nifty Mid-cap 100 index was down by 1.60%, trading at 54,375.30, and the Nifty Smallcap 100 index saw a steep fall of 2.07%, hovering at 17,618.75.

Among the top losers in the Sensex pack were major stocks such as Mahindra & Mahindra (M&M), Tata Steel, Maruti Suzuki, Sun Pharma, Reliance Industries, Nes-

tle India, JSW Steel, and Power Grid. On the other hand, the top gainers included NTPC, Bharti Airtel, Hindustan Unilever, Asian Paints, Kotak Mahindra Bank, Axis Bank, and HDFC.

Market experts noted that there has been a notable disparity in market performance globally this year. The US market, led by the S&P 500, has posted a strong year-to-date (YTD) return of 26.17%, while India's Nifty has underperformed with just 9.85% YTD returns. The Euro Zone has seen modest returns with the Stoxx 50 index delivering only 5.14% YTD growth.

In the broader Asian markets, most indices were trading in the red, except for Jakarta and Bangkok. US stock markets had also closed lower on the previous trading day. Foreign institutional investors (FIIs) continued to sell equities, offloading Rs 3,024 crore on November 12, while domestic institutional investors (DIIs) bought equities worth Rs 1,854 crore.

Akshay Chinchalkar, Head of Research at Axis Securities, indicated that Nifty's immediate focus now lies on the critical support zone between 23,700 to 23,779.

Industrial production rises by 3.1% in September

India's industrial production showed a robust growth of 3.1% in September, marking a positive trend driven largely by the manufacturing sector and the production of capital goods. This growth figure, reported by the Ministry of Statistics and Programme Implementation, highlights a recovery in the country's industrial activity despite global economic challenges.



The manufacturing sector, which plays a crucial role in the country's industrial output, expanded by 3.2% in September. Key contributors to this growth included the production of capital goods, which grew by 9.3%, and consumer durables, which saw a notable increase of 5.6%. These segments are critical for long-term economic growth, as capital goods production indicates a healthy investment climate and consumer durables growth reflects rising demand.

Additionally, the mining sector registered a 2.2% growth, aided by a recovery in coal and mineral extraction. Electricity generation also performed well, growing by 0.9% in September, despite the challenges posed by the ongoing energy crisis in some parts of the world.

However, the consumer non-durable goods segment witnessed a decline of 0.7%, indi-

cating a slowdown in demand for everyday products. The overall industrial output for the month of September was bolstered by the revival in key sectors, suggesting that the Indian economy is maintaining its growth momentum, despite the global uncertainties brought on by factors like inflation and geopolitical tensions.

Experts suggest that the strong growth in industrial production may support the broader economic recovery and give a boost to the government's efforts to revive investment and consumption. Analysts also remain optimistic that the manufacturing sector's performance will continue to drive India's economic growth in the coming months.

With a steady recovery in industrial production, India is on track to achieve its economic targets for the year, though challenges in certain sectors could still pose risks to sustained growth.

Sebi proposes accountability for AI use by market infra institutions

Regulator Sebi on Wednesday proposed holding market infrastructure institutions and intermediaries accountable for any consequences arising from their use of artificial intelligence (AI) tools in operations or client services.

This includes ensuring data privacy, security, and integrity, particularly when handling sensitive investor information.

Additionally, the entity should also be accountable for any actions taken based on AI outputs, Sebi said in its consultation paper.

AI is being increasingly used in investor services and compliance operations. The usage is enabling stakeholders in making informed decisions and thus playing increasingly significant role in market analysis, stock selection, investment strategies and in building a portfolio in their invested securities.

However, while recognising the need for intermediaries to embrace such latest techniques and AI tools, it is equally important to ensure the protection of investors with the usage of such tool, Sebi said.

Recognising both the advantages of AI — like enhanced efficiency, accuracy, and risk management — and the need for investor protection, Sebi has earlier mandated reporting on AI usage



for entities like stock brokers, depositories, and mutual funds.

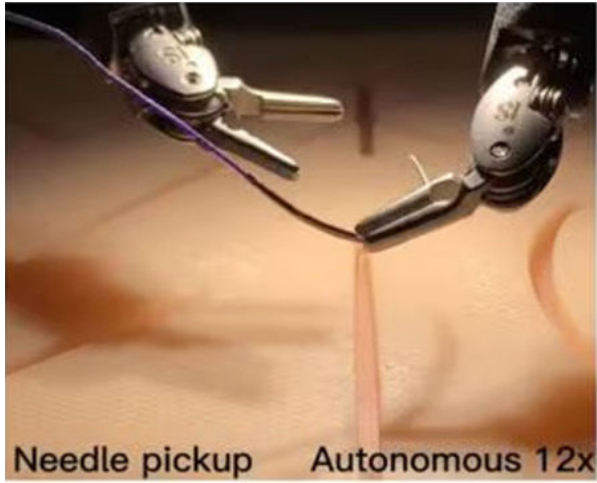
Now, the regulator, in its consultation paper, has proposed that all Sebi regulated entities that use AI in any capacity must be fully responsible for all outcomes of its AI use, regardless of the extent of their AI usage.

"Every person regulated by Sebi that uses such artificial intelligence tools and techniques while conducting its activities in the securities markets and for servicing its clients, regardless of the scope and size of adoption of such tools, shall apart from complying with all applicable laws in force be solely responsible for all the consequences of such use including ensuring the privacy, security and integrity of the investors' and stakeholders' data especially the data maintained by it in a fiduciary capacity, throughout the processes involved.

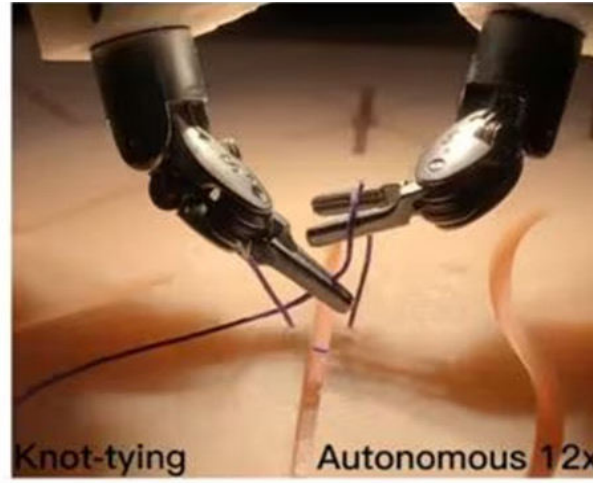
"...and shall be responsible if the output arising from the usage of such tools and techniques is relied upon or dealt with," Sebi said.



Robot performs surgery with the skill of a human doctor



Needle pickup Autonomous 12x



Knot-tying Autonomous 12x

In a groundbreaking development for the future of robot-assisted surgery, researchers at Johns Hopkins University (JHU) have successfully trained a robot to perform complex medical procedures by simply watching videos of human doctors in action. This innovative approach, called “imitation learning,” marks a significant step toward achieving true autonomy in robotic surgery.

Traditionally, programming a robot for surgical tasks has required meticulous, step-by-step instructions, with each movement of the procedure pre-programmed by human engineers. However, the JHU team has bypassed this requirement by allowing the robot to learn by observing how experienced surgeons perform tasks, essentially mimicking their actions. This method has allowed the robot to perform surgeries with precision comparable to that of human doctors, offering a glimpse into the future of surgical automation.

Imitation learning, as explained by the researchers, involves training a machine to replicate observed behavior. In this case, the robot learned how to execute intricate surgical maneuvers

simply by analyzing video footage of real-life surgeries. The process eliminates the need for detailed programming of every action, making it a more efficient and scalable approach to robotic surgery.

The breakthrough could pave the way for robots to perform complex medical procedures with minimal human oversight, opening up possibilities for fully autonomous surgeries. While the robot’s ability to carry out such tasks with a high degree of accuracy is a significant achievement, researchers acknowledge that further advancements are necessary before such systems can be trusted for use in real-world surgeries.

The JHU researchers presented their findings at the prestigious Conference on Robot Learning in Munich, Germany, where experts in robotics and machine learning gathered to discuss the latest advancements in the field. This research is expected to accelerate the development of robotic surgery systems that can reduce the need for human intervention, enhance precision, and potentially make surgeries safer and more accessible in the future.

Artinoise Launches Zefiro: Turn Your Smartphone into a Musical Instrument

An innovative new device from the Italian startup Artinoise is set to revolutionize how we interact with music on the go. Called *Zefiro*, this compact and portable gadget plugs into the USB-C port of your smartphone, transforming it into a musical instrument—specifically, a flute.



The *Zefiro* device is designed to provide a unique, interactive musical experience. Once connected to your phone, it turns the smartphone into a digital instrument, allowing users to play tunes with the same ease as a traditional wind instrument, like a flute. This innovation is perfect for music lovers, musicians, and anyone interested in experimenting with new ways to create sound, without needing a full-sized instrument.

Compatible with Android, iOS, and Windows devices, *Zefiro* expands the possibilities for mobile music creation, making it accessible to users across multiple platforms. The device takes advantage of the smartphone’s processing power to create realistic sound effects, allowing for a truly immersive experience. Whether you’re a beginner or an experienced musician, *Zefiro* promises to offer an intuitive way to create music anywhere and anytime.

Artinoise, the company behind *Zefiro*, is no

stranger to innovative musical products. The same team that developed *Zefiro* previously reimagined the classic plastic recorder into a futuristic version known as the *re.corder*, bringing a modern twist to the traditional instrument played by children in schools.

With *Zefiro*, Artinoise is once again pushing the boundaries of music technology. The device promises to provide users with a portable, versatile way to engage with music, making it a perfect tool for musicians on the go or anyone looking to explore their musical creativity.

Whether you’re using it for casual play or incorporating it into professional music production, *Zefiro* is set to make waves in the world of mobile music innovation.

LG’s new stretchable screen tech expands 6 inches in an instant

Although LG exited the smartphone market in 2021, the tech giant is still making waves in the world of electronics with groundbreaking innovations. At the LG Science Park in South Korea, the company recently showcased a working prototype of its latest stretchable screen technology, pushing the boundaries of display flexibility.



This new display, called the *Free-Form Display*, is a significant leap forward from the prototype LG revealed in 2022. The updated technology is capable of stretching up to 50% of its original size, a major improvement over its predecessor. Moreover, it can withstand up to 10,000 stretches without experiencing any degradation, making it not only more durable but also more versatile.

The *Free-Form Display* offers more than just stretchability; it can be manipulated in various ways, including folding and twisting, opening up exciting new possibilities for device design. LG envisions applications for this stretchable technology across a wide range of industries, from wearable devices to flexible electronics, where traditional rigid screens may not be

suitable.

The ability to transform a display into different shapes could pave the way for next-generation gadgets that are lighter, more portable, and capable of adapting to the user’s needs. With its combination of stretch, fold, and twist capabilities, LG’s new display could play a pivotal role in the future of consumer electronics, particularly in areas like healthcare, fashion, and entertainment.

As LG continues to push the limits of display technology, the *Free-Form Display* represents just one of the many innovations the company is working on. While LG no longer produces smartphones, its commitment to advancing electronics components signals that the company remains a significant player in the global tech landscape, ready to lead the way in flexible and stretchable screen technology.

Apple’s AI-Powered Wall-Mounted Display Set for Launch in 2024

Apple is preparing to unveil a new wall-mounted display that combines smart home control, video conferencing, and artificial intelligence in a single device. According to a Bloomberg report, the product, code-named *J490*, could be announced as early as March 2024, with a key focus on Apple’s new AI platform, *Apple Intelligence*.



The device is expected to serve as a versatile smart display, capable of managing home appliances, facilitating video calls, and using AI to navigate apps and provide personalized suggestions. In terms of design, it will resemble a square iPad—about the size of two iPhones placed side by side—featuring a 6-inch screen and available in both silver and black finishes.

While Apple has not officially confirmed details, the report suggests that the device will be priced around \$1,000 for the higher-end version, with a more affordable, display-only model expected to be sold for a lower price. The device will be a standalone unit but will still require an iPhone for certain functionalities, signaling its integration with Apple’s broader ecosystem.

This move comes as Apple seeks to compete

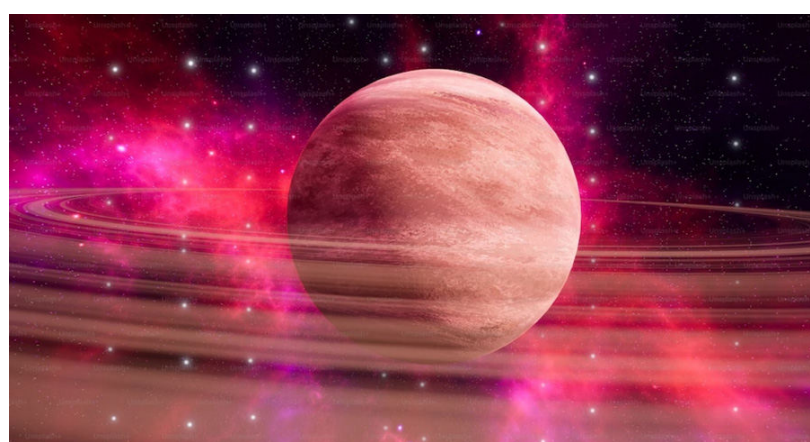
with established players in the smart home market, including Google’s Nest Hub and Amazon’s Echo Show and Echo Hub smart displays. Apple’s new offering is expected to further expand its reach in the home automation and AI space, capitalizing on the growing trend of connected home devices.

The *J490* device will mark Apple’s entry into the smart display category, providing a sleek and functional way to control smart home features, attend video conferences, and leverage AI technology. As Apple continues to push the boundaries of consumer electronics, the new product could play a key role in its efforts to stay ahead in the competitive smart home market.

SpaceX Plans To Develop ‘Marlink’ Network To Provide Internet On Mars

SpaceX has unveiled an ambitious proposal to establish a satellite network around Mars, aimed at enhancing communication for future missions to the Red Planet. The concept, known as “Marlink,” was recently presented at a NASA-led meeting of the Mars Exploration Program Analysis Group. SpaceX’s proposal envisions a network of satellites orbiting Mars to create a relay system that would enable seamless data exchange between Mars surface missions and Earth.

Marlink would be built on the foundation of SpaceX’s existing Starlink satellite network, which currently provides global internet coverage from Earth’s orbit. With thousands of Starlink satellites in place and active in over 102 countries, SpaceX aims to replicate this model for Mars, ensuring constant connectivity for surface operations on the planet. The proposed Marlink system would facilitate communication between spacecraft, landers, rovers, and future human habitats on Mars, helping NASA meet its goal of developing a sustainable infrastructure for long-term



exploration.

The Marlink network could become a critical tool for interplanetary communication, offering reliable data transfer capabilities

for everything from scientific research to everyday mission coordination. By leveraging its proven satellite technology, SpaceX hopes to provide the backbone for Mars missions, aligning with the company’s broader vision of supporting human exploration and potential habitation on the Red Planet.

In addition to SpaceX’s proposal, NASA is also considering alternative plans from other aerospace companies, including Blue Origin and Lockheed Martin. Blue Origin introduced its *Blue Ring* orbital tug concept, which aims to deliver data relay services and support in-space cloud computing. This project is expected to undergo initial testing as part of the Pentagon’s DarkSky-1 mission, though an official launch date has not yet been set.

As the race to Mars intensifies, SpaceX’s Marlink network could play a pivotal role in enabling continuous, high-speed communication, ensuring that missions to the Red Planet are equipped with the technological infrastructure necessary for success.



ACT Women's Hockey: India Look To Work On Finer Points Against Thailand

Buoyed by two consecutive wins, host nation India is eager to work on the finer points of their game as they prepare to face Thailand in their next match at the Women's Asian Champions Trophy in Rajgir on Thursday. After back-to-back victories, India will look to build on their momentum and secure a commanding win over the 29th-ranked Thailand team to improve their chances of advancing to the semifinals.

India and reigning Olympic silver medalist China are both unbeaten, having won their opening two matches. However, China leads the points table with a superior goal difference of 20, while India has a goal difference of 5. A convincing victory over Thailand is crucial for India as it would not only boost their goal difference but also give them a stronger position heading into their final two round-robin fixtures against China and Japan.

Currently, Japan sits in third place, ahead of Korea, with the top four teams from the round-robin stage progressing to the semifinals in the six-team competition.

Despite their victories, India has been somewhat wasteful in converting scoring opportunities. In their 4-0 win against Malaysia, and a narrow 3-2 victory over South Korea, India created numerous chances but failed to score as many goals as they would have liked. After Tuesday's win over South Korea, head coach Harendra Singh admitted that his team had been guilty of rushing their plays and not always making the right decisions inside the opposition's circle.

"We could have scored more goals. We rushed our choices and didn't always look for the right options," said Harendra, adding that the team would analyze match footage and work on improving their decision-making in the final third.

Another area of concern for the team has been their penalty corner conversion rate. India earned 11 penalty corners against Malaysia but converted only three, all through indirect attempts. Against South Korea, India was awarded eight penalty corners but failed to capitalize on any of them. Improving their set-piece efficiency will be a priority for the team moving forward.

Despite these areas for improvement, India has seen strong performances from forwards Sangita Kumari and Deepika, both of whom have scored three goals each. Sangita, in particular, has been a standout player with her excellent stick work and lively attacking play. However, players like Sharmila Devi, Preeti Dubey, and Beauty Dung Dung will need to take on more responsibility in the attacking third.

India's captain, Salima Tete, and vice-captain Navneet Kaur will also need to improve their midfield play to ensure better ball distribution and support for the forwards.

Virat Kohli Joins Training Session as India Preps for Test Series Against Australia

Indian cricket star Virat Kohli is already in full preparation mode for the upcoming Test series against Australia, with the former captain spotted at a training session on Wednesday. The Indian team, which is gearing up for the highly anticipated series, has set up camp in Perth, where the first Test match will take place. Players are currently honing their skills at the iconic WACA Ground, one of Australia's most renowned cricket venues.

As per reports, Rishabh Pant and Yashasvi Jaiswal were among the players who participated in an optional training session on Tuesday. Both focused on batting practice, continuing their preparations ahead of the series. However, notable players such as Kohli and fast bowler Jasprit Bumrah were not seen at the session, as they likely



took the day off from on-field activities.

Kohli's presence at the training ground on Wednesday highlights his commitment to getting into peak form before the

first Test. The seasoned batter, known for his consistent performances across all formats, will be a crucial player for India in this upcoming series. With Australia being a formidable opponent, Kohli's experience

and leadership—despite stepping down from captaincy—will be invaluable in guiding India through what promises to be a challenging Test series.

The Indian squad's focus is on fine-tuning their game, both with bat and ball, as they prepare for the high-pressure encounter against Australia. With players like Pant, Jaiswal, and Kohli continuing to refine their skills, the team is eager to hit the ground running in the first Test at the WACA Ground, scheduled to begin in the coming days.

As the series draws near, fans are excited to see how India fares against Australia, and whether the team's preparation under the guidance of their experienced players will lead to success on foreign soil.



Shaheen Afridi Reclaims No. 1 Spot in ICC ODI Bowler Rankings

Pakistan's pace spearhead Shaheen Afridi has reclaimed the No. 1 ranking in the ICC Men's ODI Bowler Rankings, just months before the 2023 ICC Champions Trophy. Afridi's rise to the top follows a stellar performance during Pakistan's historic series win over Australia, where he took eight wickets in three ODIs, averaging an impressive 12.62. His strong showing helped Pakistan secure the series, with Afridi finishing as the second-highest wicket-taker.

The left-arm pacer moved up three places to dethrone South Africa's Keshav Maharaj, who had previously held the top spot. Afghanistan's Rashid Khan remained in second place. Shaheen had briefly held the No. 1 ranking during last year's ICC Men's ODI World Cup, but his return to the summit solidifies his status as one of the best in the 50-over format.

Alongside Afridi, Pakistan's Haris Rauf also made significant strides, climbing 14 places to a career-high 13th position after taking 10 wickets in the series against Australia. His performances earned him Player of the Series honors. Meanwhile, Naseem Shah, another key bowler for Pakistan, moved up 14 places to share the 55th spot, setting a new career-best ranking.

Shaheen's resurgence ensures that Pakistan now boasts the top-ranked player in both batting and bowling in ODIs. Former captain Babar Azam extended his lead as the top-ranked ODI batter, following his solid 80-run performance against Australia. Mohammad Rizwan, Pakistan's newly appointed skipper, climbed two places to share 23rd position in the ODI batting rankings.

France, Italy, and Portugal Lead Nations League Race as England Faces Setbacks

As the UEFA Nations League group stage nears its conclusion, France, Italy, and Portugal are on the brink of securing places in the quarter-finals, with crucial matches ahead. Spain and Germany have already confirmed their spots, leaving six places still to be decided in the final two rounds of group matches.

Italy and Portugal are in strong positions, needing just one point to advance, while France is also poised for progression with a home match against Israel on Thursday. However, tensions surrounding the match are heightened by security concerns due to recent violent clashes and a rising climate of anti-Semitic and anti-Muslim rhetoric. The game in Paris is expected to be surrounded by a heavy police presence after disturbances occurred during a match between Maccabi Tel Aviv and Ajax in Amsterdam.

Despite these off-field issues, France will focus on their performance, with coach Didier Deschamps emphasizing that the absence of Kylian Mbappé from the squad is unrelated to off-field controversies. Mbappé missed the previous fixtures to recover from a minor injury and has since been the subject of an investigation in Sweden, which he has vehemently denied. Deschamps confirmed that the star player's absence was purely for recovery purposes.



India Women to Host West Indies and Ireland for White-Ball Series

The Indian Women's cricket team will host West Indies and Ireland for a series of limited-overs matches, starting December 15, 2024, the BCCI announced on Wednesday. The series will feature both One-Day Internationals (ODIs) and T20 Internationals, as part of the ICC Women's Championship, a qualification pathway for the 2026 ODI World Cup in India.

India will kick off the series with a three-match T20I series against the West Indies, to be played at Navi Mumbai's DY Patil Stadium. The T20Is will take place on December 15, 17, and 19, providing an exciting opening to the series. After the T20 series, the two teams will compete in three ODIs at the Moti Bagh Stadium in Vadodra, scheduled for December 22, 24, and 27.

Following their series against the West Indies,

India will face Ireland in three ODIs at Rajkot's Niranjan Shah Stadium in early 2025. The matches against Ireland will be held on January 10, 12, and 15, completing the white-ball series.

The matches against the West Indies and Ireland will be crucial for India as they are part of the ICC Women's Championship, which serves as a qualification platform for the 2026 Women's ODI World Cup. India, led by Harmanpreet Kaur, will aim to build momentum and strengthen their position in the championship standings ahead of future tournaments.

This series will also give India valuable match practice ahead of major international events, allowing them to fine-tune their squad in various formats.



Vicky Kaushal's *Mahavatar* First Look Revealed, Releases Christmas 2026

Vicky Kaushal continues to dominate the Hindi film industry, with another major project in the works. On Wednesday, the actor revealed the first look of his upcoming film *Mahavatar*, a grand-scale epic produced by Dinesh Vijan's Maddock Films. The movie is set to hit cinemas on Christmas 2026, and its teaser poster has already sparked significant buzz among fans and industry insiders alike.

Mahavatar will see Vicky Kaushal in a never-before-seen avatar, portraying Chiranjeevi Parashurama, the legendary "eternal warrior of dharma." Known for his intense performances, Kaushal's portrayal of Parashurama,

a pivotal figure in Hindu mythology, promises to be a game-changer for the actor and the industry. Directed by the acclaimed Amar Kaushik, the film will bring to life the epic tale of this revered warrior, who is said to have existed across multiple lifetimes, fighting for righteousness.

Sharing the first look on his Instagram, Vicky Kaushal expressed his excitement about the project, saying, "Dinesh Vijan brings to life the story of the eternal warrior of dharma! Vicky Kaushal stars as Chiranjeevi Parashurama in *Mahavatar*, directed by Amar Kaushik. Coming to cinemas - Christmas 2026!" This collaboration with Dinesh Vijan,

known for producing blockbuster films, further establishes Kaushal as one of the most sought-after stars in Bollywood. *Mahavatar* is expected to be an ambitious project, blending mythology, action, and drama, and will likely be a visual spectacle for audiences. With Kaushal at the helm, the film is poised to capture the imagination of moviegoers, especially those fascinated by Indian mythology and epic storytelling.

As the countdown begins for its 2026 release, *Mahavatar* is sure to be one of the most eagerly awaited films in the coming years, promising a thrilling cinematic experience.



Zebra Trailer: Action, Intrigue And Twists

The highly anticipated crime thriller *Zebra*, directed by Eashvar Karthic, is all set to hit the cinemas on November 22nd, and the recently released theatrical trailer has already got fans buzzing with excitement. The film stars Satya Dev and Daali Dhananjaya in contrasting roles, promising an intense and gripping cinematic experience.

Satya Dev takes on the role of a cunning bank employee, who, along with his love interest Priya Bhavani Shankar and best friend Satya, is caught up in a web of small-scale frauds. But things take a dark turn when Satya becomes the target of a ruthless villain played by Daali Dhananjaya, a character who places the highest value on respect. What ensues is a high-stakes, life-or-death struggle where Satya and his friends must outsmart their adversaries to escape the perilous situation.

In the trailer, Satya Dev impresses with his portrayal of a shrewd, quick-witted protagonist, navigating through a series of intense challenges. Priya Bhavani Shankar, portraying his love interest, brings a sense of innocence and vulnerability to her role, balancing Satya's scheming character. Meanwhile, Daali Dhananjaya shines as the formidable antagonist, showcasing a performance filled with menace and depth.

The trailer also highlights the remarkable work of cinematographer Satya Ponmar, whose visuals are nothing short of spectacular, capturing the essence of the story's high-octane action and tense atmosphere. The action sequences are meticulously crafted, keeping viewers on the edge of their seats. Adding to the film's thrilling vibe is the gripping background score by Ravi Basrur, which amplifies the suspense and drama.

With its compelling storyline, stellar performances, and top-notch technical execution, *Zebra* promises to be an adrenaline-pumping thriller, packed with unexpected twists and turns that will keep audiences hooked from start to finish.



First Look of Nagarjuna in 'Kubera' Revealed

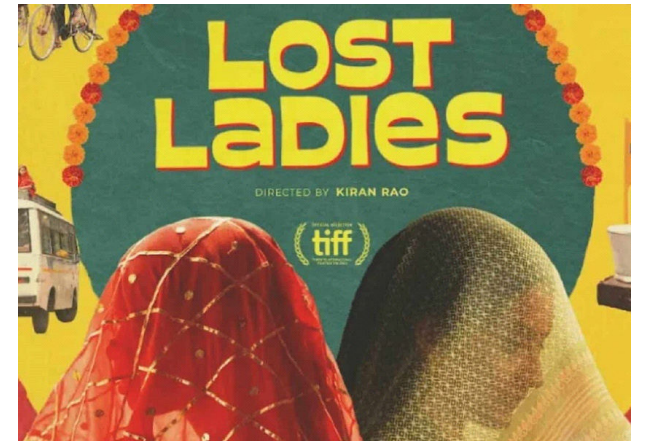
The first look of Nagarjuna in the highly anticipated action thriller *Kubera* has been unveiled, sparking significant excitement among fans. Directed by Sekhar Kammula, *Kubera* promises to be a gripping cinematic experience, featuring a stellar cast with Nagarjuna, Rashmika Mandanna, and Dhanush in pivotal roles. The film is set for release on November 15, 2024, and is expected to captivate audiences with its intense storyline and powerful performances.

In the first poster, Nagarjuna is seen in a sophisticated yet troubled light. He is pictured sitting on a plush sofa in a high-rise apartment, with a somber expression that suggests a complex emotional journey. The backdrop of city lights adds a dramatic touch, symbolizing a world of wealth, luxury, and isolation. His polished attire contrasts with the depth of sorrow in his gaze, offering a glimpse into the character's internal struggles despite his outward success. This intriguing

visual hints at the emotional layers that will unfold as the narrative progresses.

Joining Nagarjuna are Rashmika Mandanna and Dhanush, both of whom are known for their versatile acting and dynamic screen presence. Rashmika plays a character from a different background, and Dhanush portrays a contrasting persona, adding layers of complexity to the story. The film's promotional materials suggest that the characters represent distinctly different worlds, whose paths will eventually converge, further enriching the film's narrative.

Kubera is shaping up to be a unique blend of action, drama, and psychological depth, with the three lead characters driving the story forward. As the release date approaches, expectations continue to rise, with fans eager to see how the powerful trio of Nagarjuna, Rashmika Mandanna, and Dhanush bring their characters to life on screen.



Aamir Khan's *Laapata Ladies* Rebranded as *Lost Ladies* for Oscar Campaign

One of the most critically acclaimed films of the year, *Laapata Ladies*, which was recently selected as India's official entry to the 2025 Oscars, has undergone a significant change ahead of its international campaign. Directed by Kiran Rao and produced by her ex-husband Aamir Khan, the film will now be known as *Lost Ladies*, a decision made to enhance the film's appeal and recognition on a global stage.

Aamir Khan and the film's team announced the title change with a fresh poster on social media, offering a first look at the rebranded project. The official account shared, "Presenting the official poster for *Lost Ladies*—a glimpse into the wild, heartfelt journey of Phool and Jaya!" This shift in title is part of an effort to ensure the film has better recall value among international audiences, particularly as it prepares for the Oscar race.

The title change also marks a strategic move to align the film more closely with international sensibilities, as the original title *Laapata Ladies* might not resonate as strongly with non-Indian viewers. With *Lost Ladies*, the film's core themes of personal exploration, independence, and self-discovery are captured in a way that promises to connect with a broader audience.

Lost Ladies stars Nitanshi Goel, Pratibha Ranta, and Sparsh Srivastava in lead roles, delivering performances that have already earned praise for their depth and emotional nuance. The film's music, composed by Ram Sampath, adds a hauntingly beautiful dimension to the storytelling, further elevating the film's emotional impact. With the Oscars 2025 ceremony slated for March 3, the team behind *Lost Ladies* is gearing up for an aggressive promotional push, aiming to make a lasting impression at one of the world's most prestigious film awards. As the campaign heats up, anticipation for this powerful drama continues to grow.

Karthi's New Film 'Vaa Vaathiyaar' Teaser Released

Tamil actor Karthi, known for his versatility, is set to captivate audiences once again with his upcoming film *Vaa Vaathiyaar*. Although Karthi is not as widely recognized in Telugu cinema as his older brother Surya, he has carved a niche for himself in Tamil cinema with a string of hits. His recent success with the film *Satyam Sundaram* has generated a lot of anticipation for his new project, which promises to be an exciting addition to his filmography.

Directed by Nalan Kumaraswamy, *Vaa Vaathiyaar* features Karthi in a gripping new role. The film also stars Keerthy Shetty as the female lead, with veteran actors Sathyaraj, Rajkiran, and GM Sundar playing pivotal roles. Produced by KE Gnanavel Raja under the Studio Green banner, the film is already generating buzz, especially after the release of its first-look poster.

Recently, the film's team dropped the teaser,

giving fans a glimpse of what to expect. From the teaser, it is evident that Karthi is once again stepping into the shoes of a police officer, a role that he has previously explored in films like *Siruttai*, *Khaki*, and *Sardhar*. This recurring theme of Karthi playing a cop adds a layer of intrigue, and the teaser hints at a fresh concept with a gripping narrative.

In the teaser, Karthi's intense persona as a law enforcer stands out, and the audience can look forward to his powerful screen presence. With the stellar cast and Karthi's proven track record in action-packed roles, *Vaa Vaathiyaar* is shaping up to be a must-watch film.

Fans of Karthi and Tamil cinema in general are excited for the film's release, and *Vaa Vaathiyaar* looks set to add another hit to Karthi's impressive career. Stay tuned for more updates as the film prepares to hit theaters soon.

