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Building a Brighter Future for Telangana's Students

- * Students.. don't get addicted
- * We have allocated Rs.21 thousand crores to the education department
- * KCR has the credit of closing 5 thousand schools
- * Opportunity to contest as an MLA at the age of 21
- * Contribute to Caste Enumeration Survey



TPN, Telangana : On the occasion of Children's Day, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy addressed a gathering in LB Nagar, Hyderabad, emphasizing the importance of education and the government's commitment to improving it. CM Revanth Reddy urged students not to jeopardize their future by suc-

cumbing to harmful addictions. He specifically advised against the use of intoxicating substances like ganja and drugs, underscoring that achieving their aspirations requires dedication and focus. He highlighted that it is the responsibility of today's youth to fulfill their parents' dreams and contribute to the

rebuilding of Telangana as future citizens.

Significant Investment in Education

The Chief Minister proudly announced that Rs. 21,000 crores have been allocated to the education department in the state budget. He attributed the success of establishing necessary infrastructure for schools across Telangana to the Congress government, contrasting this with the actions of previous administrations. He pointed out that former rulers, including KCR, were responsible for closing more than 5,000 government schools, which had a severe impact on educational opportunities for marginalized communities such as SCs and STs. CM Revanth Reddy stated that his government has worked tirelessly to reverse these effects by filling vacant teaching posts and ensuring that students receive quality education. He outlined the Congress government's vision of setting up integrated schools throughout the state to provide free, corporate-level education to underprivileged students.

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Investigation Deepens in Lagacharla Attack Case

- * Narender Reddy filed a bail petition in the High Court
- * Narender Reddy said he had nothing to do with the Lagacharla attack incident
- * Victims of land loss for pharma city attacked the officials



TPN, Telangana : Sensational details have emerged in the investigation into the violent attack on government officials in Lagacharla, Vikarabad district. Former Kodanagal MLA and BRS leader Patnam Narendra Reddy, arrested in connection with the incident, has filed a bail petition in the Telangana High Court, claiming his arrest was politically motivated.

Reddy, in his petition, denied any involvement in the attack, asserting that the violence was carried out independently by villagers protesting land loss. He argued that the lower court sent him to police custody without sufficient evidence and called his arrest unjustified. Reddy contends that the case against him is politically driven and has requested the High Court to annul the remand orders. The petition is scheduled for hearing on Monday.

Meanwhile, several villagers from Lagacharla have approached the High Court, seeking the dismissal of FIRs filed against their family members. They argue the cases are baseless and unlawful, highlighting the growing tension in the region.

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KTR Vows to Fight Legal Battle for Lagacharla People

- * We will stand by the people of Lagcharla- KTR
- * No notices were given that land will be taken
- * The profit of the pharma company is not mentioned
- * KTR is one of the victims of Lagachar in Telangana Bhavan



TPN, Telangana : BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) has pledged to fight a legal battle on behalf of the people of Lagacharla, Vikarabad district, in the wake of recent violence and land disputes. Speaking to the media, KTR expressed strong support for the affected villagers, particularly women who have been victims of violence, including sexual assault.

KTR stated, "We will stand by the people of Lagacharla, and we will fight this battle for them. The women affected by the situation have clearly said they were never notified about the land being taken, and no information was given regarding the profits from the pharma company involved. They have been suffering for months without any support."

KTR also criticized ministers within the state government who, he claimed, were making misleading statements about the issue. He emphasized that the affected villagers had been left without recourse for nearly nine months, further fueling the unrest.

Addressing the emotional pleas of the women, KTR said, "They are adamant: 'We will not give up our land, even if it costs us our lives.' The government is attempting to seize the land by portraying the complaints of the people as a political conspiracy, but we will not let that happen."

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Chirumurthy Lingaiah's Trial in Phone Tapping Case

Two More BRS Leaders Issued Notices



TPN, Telangana : The trial of former Nakirekal MLA Chirumurthy Lingaiah in the phone tapping case has concluded, with the Hyderabad Jubilee Hills police questioning him about phone calls made to key figures, including Thirupatanna, Madan Reddy, and Raj Kumar—supporters of current Nakirekal MLA Vemula Veeresham. The inquiry focused on whether the phones of these individuals were tapped during the previous by-elections. Lingaiah was questioned about his involvement in the alleged phone tapping, with particular

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Telangana Group-4 Final Results Released

- 8,084 Candidates Selected

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TPN, Telangana : The Telangana Group-4 final results have been officially released, creating a wave of excitement and anticipation among candidates. TGPSC Secretary Naveen Nicholas announced on Thursday that the long-awaited results for the recruitment of 8,180 posts were now available. The Group-4 notification, which was issued on

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Telangana's Students

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Criticism of Past Leadership

The Chief Minister did not shy away from criticizing the previous administration under former CM KCR. He recalled the Musai Palli accident that claimed the lives of 30 students, highlighting KCR's lack of response and empathy. CM Revanth Reddy questioned the BRS party's accountability and described their detachment from the needs and concerns of the people. He asserted that in the last decade, KCR's government failed to address students' problems or strengthen the education system.

Reddy also called attention to the need for the government to remain accessible to the public, contrasting his administration's approach with the perceived inaccessibility of KCR and KTR. He emphasized that his leadership is committed to continuing the education revolution initiated by Nehru and ensuring that the applause for progress and reform reaches even those who had neglected their responsibilities in the past.

A New Era for Youth Leadership

In a significant move, CM Revanth Reddy announced an opportunity for young individuals to contest as an MLA at the age of 21, signaling an inclusive and participatory future for the youth of Telangana. He also encouraged active participation in the ongoing Caste Enumeration Survey, underlining its importance for social and policy development.

In closing, CM Revanth Reddy reiterated his promise to pave "golden paths" for the future, committing to a government that prioritizes the welfare and development of students and the education sector at large.

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The investigation has uncovered key developments, including the fact that the attackers were not locals but outsiders. Of the 42 accused, 17 individuals had no land-related claims in the disputed area. BRS leaders Suresh and his brother Mahesh, whose names were initially linked to the attack, were confirmed by the district collector not to own any land in the area.

Police have also seized Patnam Narendra Reddy's cell phone and are analyzing his communication records, including multiple phone calls with prominent political figures, notably KTR. Investigators are focusing on uncovering the political connections that may have incited the violence.

As of now, 20 individuals have been arrested, and the investigation continues. Further updates are expected following the High Court hearings.

Lagacharla People

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The BRS leader vowed to take the matter to court, urging support from the public and legal bodies. He also condemned the alleged torture of those arrested in connection with the Lagacharla incident, claiming they were physically harmed and unable to speak.

KTR called on both the National and State Human Rights Commissions to investigate the situation, and urged MP DK Aruna to file a complaint with the National Human Rights Commission. He concluded by accusing the Congress-led government of trying to seize land through violence and political oppression.

Telangana Group-4 Final Results Released



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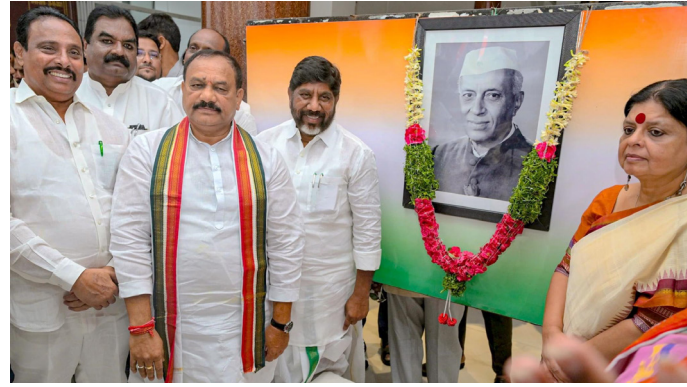
December 1, 2022, attracted a staggering 9,51,321 applicants. The written exam for Group-4 positions was held on July 1, 2023, followed by the release of a merit list, featuring the

top three candidates for each post. After careful verification of certificates, the provisional selection of 8,084 candidates was confirmed.

Candidates can access the complete details of their results by visiting the official TGpsc website at www.tgpsc.gov.in. However, there is some controversy surrounding the results, as 96 posts have been left vacant. While the Telangana Public Service Commission has yet to fill these positions, many candidates are voicing their demand for the complete fulfillment of all the advertised posts.

Bhatti Highlights Nehru's Impact, Defends Govt. Welfare

TPN , Telangana : Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu praised the legacy of India's first Prime Minister, Jawaharlal Nehru, during the Chacha Nehru Jayanti celebrations at Gandhi Bhavan on Thursday. Addressing the media, he said that Nehru's visionary decisions were the cornerstone of India's rise to global prominence. Bhatti emphasized Nehru's contributions to science, technology, education, and the economy, stating that India's space missions and scientific advancements were direct results of his policies.



"India's development was shaped by Nehru's leadership," Bhatti said, "Had leaders like Modi,

who lack scientific understanding, been in power earlier, the country would have lagged behind in superstition." He also criticized those spreading false propaganda about Nehru's legacy, urging people to understand the history of

India's freedom struggle and Nehru's pivotal role in it.

Responding to criticisms from opposition leaders, Bhatti defended the state government's welfare schemes, including the unemployment program, integrated schools, and farmer loan waivers. He questioned the opposition, asking, "Is it a failure to provide jobs, set up schools, or help farmers?"

Bhatti also discussed the government's commitment to conducting a comprehensive family survey and caste census, calling the initiative a revolutionary step for Telangana's development. He asserted that Telangana would soon become a role model for the country.

Surekha & Ponnam Reviews Vemulawada Temple Master Plan



TPN , Telangana : Minister of Forests, Environment, and Devadaya Charities, Konda Surekha, recently reviewed the Vemulawada Temple Master Plan, emphasizing the importance of preserving the temple's heritage and ensuring its development for the next 100 years. During the meeting held at the Tel-

angana State Secretariat, Surekha outlined several key initiatives for the temple's modernization, including the gold plating of the Vimana Gopuram and expansion of facilities. With Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's approval, 16 kg of gold and ₹6 crore in funds will soon be allocated for the Gopur-

am's gold plating. The project is set to enhance the temple's grandeur and spiritual significance. Additionally, Surekha suggested that idols of the Utsavamurti be crafted using silver from temple reserves.

The review also focused on improving temple infrastructure, with a proposal for separate parking spaces for two-wheelers, four-wheelers, and buses. Sanitation was highlighted as a top priority, and Surekha insisted that development works be carried out without disturbing the temple's sanctity or the devotees' experi-

ence. Plans for a two-acre Vedic school and the development of a Bilva forest were also discussed, with an emphasis on creating a peaceful, spiritual environment for students and visitors alike. The Minister urged the collection of CSR funds and donations in addition to government funds for these development activities.

Surekha further directed the officials to submit a comprehensive report and power-point presentation on the Master Plan, with plans to involve Chief Minister Revanth Reddy in the upcoming stages of the project.

Students Hold Mock Assembly in Hyderabad

TPN , Hyderabad: On the occasion of Children's Day, under-18 students from various educational institutions participated in a mock Assembly session at the State Council of Educational Research and Training (SCERT) on November 14. The session, held to honor the birth anniversary of Pandit Jawaharlal Nehru, saw students acting as Members of the Legislative Assembly (MLAs) and passing two bills: the Drug Abuse Bill and the Headquarters Bill.

During the session, opposition MLA Jasmitha raised concerns about Telangana's lack of medals at the Paris Olympics, prompting a spirited response from ruling MLA Medha, who highlighted the state's efforts to improve sports infrastructure and announced the up-

coming 'CM Cup' and 'Under-18 Olympics'.

The mock session also included a discussion on the Headquarters Bill, with mock CM Sai explaining its purpose of establishing an Assembly and Parliament in Hyderabad for under-18 parliamentarians.

Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy, who was the chief guest, praised the initiative and proposed an amendment to the Constitution to lower the age for election candidates from 25 to 21. He argued that young people should have greater representation in the legislature, especially on issues like education, sports, and employment. Revanth encouraged the students to consider a future in politics.



Harish Rao Slams CM Revanth Over Patnam Reddy's Arrest

TPN , Telangana : Siddipet MLA Harish Rao launched a scathing attack on Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, accusing him of orchestrating the arrest of former Kodangal MLA Patnam Narendra Reddy in the Lagacharla case out of personal vendetta. Harish Rao, who visited Patnam Narendra Reddy in jail on Thursday, spoke to the media, criticizing the CM's actions and the government's handling of the situation.

"Revanth, you are to blame for your wrongdoings," Harish Rao said, asserting that the arrest of Patnam was part of a larger conspiracy to settle scores. He claimed the arrest was a reflection of the government's "degradation" and accused Congress leaders of spreading lies. According to Harish Rao, the ongoing protests by various groups, including the unemployed, farmers, and tribals, were falsely attributed to the BRS by Revanth Reddy. He stressed that opposition parties have a responsibility to protest when the government commits injustices, and questioned why innocent tribal farmers were being targeted with false cases.

Harish Rao also condemned the arrest of women during protests, describing it as a violation of democratic principles. He pointed to the government's controversial land acquisition for the pharma industry, alleging that under the guise of the Indiramma scheme, the lands of Dalits and tribals were being seized.

The BRS leader emphasized his support for Patnam Narendra Reddy, claiming that the former MLA was wrongfully implicated and forced to sign the remand report. "Narendra Reddy is brave, and we stand with him," Harish Rao declared, vowing that justice would prevail in court. He concluded by accusing Revanth Reddy of favoring corporate interests over the welfare of the people.



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attention to the phone numbers he provided to Thirupatanna, which were later reportedly targeted.

Speaking to the media after the hearing, Lingaiah denied any wrongdoing, stating, "I provided the phone numbers of Madan Reddy and Raj Kumar to Thirupatanna, as he had asked for them. It is untrue that these phones were tapped."

He further asserted that the allegations against him were fabricated and aimed at garnering media attention. Lingaiah as-

sured that he would fully cooperate with the police investigation, stating, "I have nothing to do with this case and will cooperate whenever called for further questioning."

In a related development, the police have issued notices to two other BRS leaders—Bollam Malliah and Phylla Shekhar Reddy—who are also implicated in the phone tapping case. These leaders are expected to face trial after Lingaiah's case concludes. The ongoing investigation into the phone tapping case has sparked a political controversy, with further probes expected into the involvement of other political figures.



Kishan Reddy: Revanth's Comments Are Premature



TPN , Telangana : Union Minister of Mines, Kishan Reddy, lashed out at Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, accusing him of making ill-informed comments regarding the delay in Governor's decisions. Speaking to the media in Hyderabad on Thursday, Kishan Reddy said that Revanth Reddy's remarks lacked knowledge and were premature, adding that any decision the Governor makes requires legal consultation, and delays are not uncommon.

Reddy also called for a CBI inquiry into the alleged corruption surrounding the Kaleswaram project, questioning why CM Revanth Reddy had not demanded such an investigation. He criticized both the Congress and BRS parties, accusing them of undermining Telangana's development by engaging in political games and diverting attention from their failures.

In addition, Kishan Reddy commented on the recent incident in which a collector was attacked, stating that while he condemned the attack, he also criticized the filing of illegal cases against villagers. He suggested that the incident occurred in Revanth Reddy's own constituency, urging him to address the concerns of his people.

On the national front, Kishan Reddy claimed that the BJP would come to power in Maharashtra and Jharkhand, pointing out that the BJP and Shiv Sena governments had managed to govern without any allegations of corruption. He also provided updates on the Ministry of Mines, discussing efforts to reduce the country's dependency on imported minerals like copper and lithium. He mentioned the formation of the Kabil organization to explore lithium extraction and highlighted future plans for the auctioning of mineral rights under the sea.

Kishan Reddy concluded by reaffirming that the focus remains on worker welfare and environmental sustainability in the mining sector.

Minister Jupalli Criticizes KCR Government's Debt



TPN , Nizamabad: Telangana Excise Minister Jupalli Krishna Rao, speaking to the media on Thursday during his visit to Thanakalan in Edapalli Mandal, criticized the financial burden under the KCR-led government. He stated that the state is currently paying a massive interest of Rs. 6,000 crores per month on loans accumulated during KCR's tenure. Minister Krishna Rao emphasized that the state's debt has now reached a staggering Rs. 8 lakh crores.

He also addressed the agricultural sector, advising farmers on the importance of crop rotation to improve yields. He urged them to focus on diversifying their crops to boost productivity and sustainability.

Regarding housing, Krishna Rao assured the people that the government would grant 3,500 Indiramma houses to each constituency, with payments of Rs. 5 lakh per house to be made in four installments. The minister's comments reflect the government's ongoing efforts to provide affordable housing and address agricultural challenges despite the financial constraints posed by the growing state debt.

Krishna Rao's remarks came amid continued scrutiny of the state's financial management and its impact on key welfare schemes.

Komatireddy Confident of Congress Victory in Telangana



TPN , Telangana : Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy expressed unwavering confidence that the Congress party will return to power in Telangana, regardless of any conspiracies or challenges posed by the BRS. Speaking to the media at Ujwal Reddy's residence in Zaheerabad, before heading to Maharashtra for election campaigning, Komatireddy strongly criticized the BRS government, accusing them of attempting to "loot" the state through land-based laws like Dharani.

Highlighting his government's development plans, Komatireddy assured the public that all roads from villages to mandal headquarters would be upgraded

to BT roads, and roads leading to district headquarters would be constructed as double-lane highways in the next four years. He announced that the tender for the BT road construction from Chirag Pally to Mannapur, with a budget of Rs. 15 crores, had been completed, and work would commence within a week. Additionally, he promised the sanction of Rs. 32 crores for BT roads from Elgoi to Zaheerabad and Rs. 25 crores for the road from Asad Ganj to the National Highway.

Komatireddy's remarks underscore the Congress party's commitment to development and his confidence in regaining political power in Telangana.

Revanth Reddy Acting Arrogantly, Claims BJP MP Etala

TPN , Telangana : BJP MP Etala Rajender has accused Congress leader Revanth Reddy of arrogance in handling the land issue in Lagacharla. Speaking to the media, Etala said that the farmers of Lagacharla have been facing undue pressure to give up their lands, causing distress among the local population. He criticized Revanth Reddy for turning the issue into a political battleground and pointed out that while Dk Aruna was prevented from visiting the area, Revanth Reddy's brother was allowed to enter with a convoy of 50 vehicles, despite the opposition's concerns.

Etala further alleged that the government is forcibly acquiring 14,000 acres of land in Muchhar to turn it into real estate for a new project called Fourth City. He condemned this move as a continuation of the land-grabbing practices that were carried out by previous governments under the guise of development.

The BJP MP also referred to past statements made by Revanth Reddy, accusing him of hypocrisy for opposing land acquisitions by private companies while now endorsing similar practices. Etala vowed that Dalits and tribals would speak out against such policies at the appropriate time and warned that government officials who violate the law would be held accountable.



KTR Challenges Revanth: "No One Fears Your Conspiracies"



TPN , Telangana : BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) lashed out at Congress leader Revanth Reddy, dismissing accusations of conspiracy against him in connection with the arrest of former Kodangal MLA

Patnam Narendra Reddy in the Lagacharla attack case. In a series of sharp remarks posted on social media, KTR expressed his outrage, questioning the allegations and defending his actions.

KTR responded to the claims made by the police in Patnam Narendra Reddy's remand report, which mentioned a conspiracy to destabilize the government involving BRS leaders, including KTR. The report accused certain parties of provoking farmers intentionally. KTR retorted by asking, "Is it a conspiracy to want to take away farmers' lands for voting for you? Is it a conspiracy to kick mud in their mouths or drag their lives onto the streets for months?"

KTR's remarks extended to the hardships faced by farmers, accusing opponents of creating divisions within families, including separating children from their parents and wives from their husbands, in their pursuit of power. He also pointed to the "conspiracy" of threatening and torturing poor farmers, questioning the real intentions behind these actions.

In a defiant tone, KTR declared, "There is no one who is afraid of your conspiracies. Arrest me if you must, but you will not succeed in your plans." He further challenged Revanth Reddy to confront the truth, demanding an end to these baseless conspiracies.

Prashanth Reddy Slams Conspiracy Allegations Over Call Data

TPN , Telangana : Vemula Prashanth Reddy has expressed strong anger over the inclusion of three months' worth of call data in the remand report, calling it a part of a "conspiracy" to target BRS leaders. Speaking out against the ongoing political developments, he accused Revanth Reddy of misleading the public and claimed that the Telangana CM had failed to deliver on key promises like Rythu Bandhu and farmer bonuses.



Reddy alleged that Revanth Reddy's actions were nothing but "dramas," particularly in relation to the phone tapping allegations involving former Kodangal MLA Patnam Narendra Reddy. He clarified that he had only spoken to Suresh about Narendra Reddy once, on the 11th of the month, not on the 12th as claimed in the reports.

Reddy further accused Revanth Reddy of using "conspiracies" to frame BRS leaders, specifically alleging that the CM wanted to arrest key party members, including KTR, by fabricating evidence. He also criticized the government's handling of farmers' issues, claiming that it was part of a broader strategy to distract from their failures.

The accusations have fueled tensions in the ongoing political battle between the Congress and BRS.

KTR Must Be Punished: TPCC Mahesh Goud

TPN, Telangana : Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President Mahesh Kumar Goud has strongly condemned the recent attack on the collector in Lagacharla, alleging that it was a part of a well-planned conspiracy. Speaking at a media conference, Goud demanded the immediate arrest of those responsible for the attack and called for severe punishment for the culprits, particularly pointing the finger at BRS leader K. T. Rama Rao (KTR).

Goud alleged that KTR was directly involved in the incident, based on confirmed phone call records, which indicated his involvement in orchestrating the attack. He accused KTR of using his position to undermine government programs and block development in the state. "The BRS party is actively working as part of a larger conspiracy to derail progress in Telangana," Goud said.

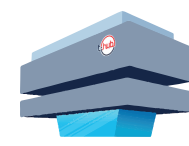
Further fueling the allegations, Goud stated that BRS had been trying to manipulate state resources for personal gain, accusing KTR of being the primary beneficiary of these actions. "Money has changed hands, and government funds have



been tied to KTR's people," he added.

The PCC chief also addressed the concerns of landless farmers in Lagacharla, who had expressed their grievances regarding the attack on the collector. He called on the Congress government to take swift action against those involved, stating that the state's power should not be misused in this manner.

As part of his ongoing political efforts, Mahesh Kumar Goud announced plans for a large public meeting in Hyderabad on December 2nd or 3rd, where he intends to outline the party's achievements over the past year. He also confirmed that he will embark on a district tour starting on November 16th, with the first stop in Karimnagar.



Minister Ponnam Participates in Family Survey



TPN , Hyderabad: Minister for Transport and BC Welfare, Ponnam Prabhakar, along with GHMC Mayor Gadwala Vijaya Lakshmi, participated in a comprehensive house-to-house family survey at Enclave Apartments, Banjara Hills NBT Nagar. The survey is part of the Telangana government's statewide initiative, aimed at gathering essential data to improve welfare schemes.

Minister Prabhakar personally recorded the details of Mohammad Naeem's family as part of the ongoing survey. Later, Madireddy Ushasree and Kiran joined the survey efforts at Mithali Nagar, Plot No. 66&35, in Banjara Hills. The event was attended by Hyderabad District Collector Anudeep Durashetti, Additional Commissioner Sneha Sabarish, and other key officials.

The statewide survey, launched on November 6, aims to collect data on over 4.5 lakh houses under the GHMC, with more than 85,000 enumerators working across 33 districts in Telangana. As of now, 30% of the survey has been completed. Minister Prabhakar emphasized that the survey is critical for future government plans to bring about positive change in the state and ensure equitable justice for all communities.

He reassured the public that the information collected would remain confidential and would not affect the implementation of existing welfare schemes. The survey is also being conducted in response to the Prime Minister's call for comprehensive data collection across the country. Prabhakar appealed to citizens to cooperate with enumerators, who are government-appointed personnel, and to report any issues to local authorities.

CM Revanth Plans Statewide Victory Celebrations



TPN , Hyderabad: Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy conducted a review meeting with officials to discuss the upcoming public governance victory celebrations, which will run until December 9. During the meeting, officials presented the planned programs for the celebrations, focusing on the achievements of the government over the past year.

The Chief Minister emphasized that the government's welfare and development programs should be widely communicated to the people. He instructed that the focus should be on highlighting initiatives related to women's empowerment, farmers' welfare, and youth development.

As part of the victory celebrations, CM Revanth Reddy will participate in open meetings in Warangal, Karimnagar, and Mahbubnagar districts. On November 19, he will lay the foundation stones

for the Indira Mahila Shakti buildings in 22 districts, starting in Warangal.

The government has also decided to hold major victory events at key locations in Hyderabad, including Tank Bund, Secretariat, and Necklace Road, from December 7 to 9. Constituency-wise cultural programs will also be organized in the backdrop of the celebrations.

One of the major highlights will be the unveiling of the statue of Mother Telangana at the Secretariat on December 9, with an invitation extended to women from across the state to attend the ceremony.

The Chief Minister directed officials to ensure that the public is well-informed about the achievements and programs implemented by the government, emphasizing transparency and outreach at the department level.

Police Officer Injured in Hyderabad During Anti-Drug Drive

TPN , Telangana : A police officer was injured in an attack while conducting an anti-drug campaign at Habeebnagar, Hyderabad, on November 12. The incident occurred at Manger Basti when a team from the Asifnagar police and the Telangana Anti Narcotics Bureau (TGANB) was spreading awareness about the dangers of drug abuse.



The police, led by Sub-Inspector Shiva Kumar, identified several suspects and were in the process of making arrests when a group, including women, surrounded the team. In the ensuing chaos, one of the suspects managed to escape. During the confrontation, a person from the mob

struck the sub-inspector with a beer bottle, injuring him. The police team retreated to ensure their safety.

Following the attack, a large police force, including 100 officers, con-

ducted a show of strength in the area and called for those involved in the assault to surrender at the Habeebnagar police station. A case has been filed, and an investigation is ongoing.

Gang Manufacturing Fake Certificates Busted in Secunderabad

TPN , Hyderabad : In a major crackdown, the North Zone Task Force police have busted a gang involved in the creation of fake certificates in Secunderabad. The operation, led by the Mahankali police, resulted in the arrest of six individuals, all from Hyderabad. The gang was producing counterfeit voter IDs, Aadhaar cards, birth certificates, and even fake stamps bearing the names of gazetted officers.

The arrested suspects include Elagam Raj Kumar, who had been operating an online center for the past 10 years, along with Rachamalla Vijaya Lakshmi, Kurapati Pallavi, Bandi Shankar, Mahub, and Giriraj Anil Kumar. According to DCP Sudhindra, the gang was using two women at the center to forge birth certificates, Aadhaar cards, PAN cards, and voter IDs. They also engaged in fraudulent address changes on Aadhaar cards using counterfeit voter IDs.

The police seized hundreds of fake certificates and stamps during the raid. An investigation is ongoing to uncover the full extent of the operation. Authorities have urged the public to remain vigilant against such fraudulent activities.

Traffic ACP and Associates Booked for Obstructing Drunk Driving Test

TPN , Hyderabad: A case has been registered against Siddipet Traffic ACP Suman Kumar and three associates—N Jaypal Reddy, N Srinivas, and G Venkat Rao—for allegedly refusing to undergo a drunk driving test and obstructing law enforcement at the SR Nagar Metro station.

The incident occurred when the group, traveling in an SUV, encountered a police checkpoint for drunk driving tests. Jaypal, who was driving, is said to have swapped places with another person to avoid detection. A police officer noticed this and raised an alert.

When officers asked Jaypal to take a breathalyzer test, ACP Suman Kumar reportedly intervened, asserting his position and demanding that the group be let go. As tensions rose, Suman Kumar allegedly pushed the officers and struck the bonnet of the SUV, creating a scene. Following this, the police filed charges against the individuals involved.

Mayor's Surprise Inspections at Hyderabad Restaurants; Issues Warning



TPN , Hyderabad : Hyderabad's Mayor, Gadwal Vijayalakshmi, conducted surprise inspections at two well-known restaurants on Wednesday, uncovering violations at both establishments.

The inspections were carried out at Mughal Restaurant in Lakdikapul and Dine Hill Hotel in Masab Tank, where non-compliance with food safety and hygiene regulations was found. During her visit, Mayor Vijayalakshmi issued a stern warning to restaurant owners, stressing that any establishment failing to meet hygiene standards or operating without the proper food and trade licenses would face immediate penalties, including possible closures.

The Mayor emphasized the importance of maintaining clean and healthy food standards in restaurants. She instructed food safety officers to conduct frequent and thorough checks across all food establishments in Hyderabad to ensure public safety.

This move is part of a broader initiative to improve dining conditions in the city. Despite ongoing efforts by Hyderabad's food safety teams, violations persist, highlighting the need for stronger enforcement and greater accountability in the food industry. The inspections aim to reassure citizens that the city is committed to ensuring food quality and cleanliness in public dining spaces.

Drunk Driver Crashes into Pedestrians in Nampally



TPN , Hyderabad: A shocking incident occurred near Niloufer Cafe at Red Hills on Wednesday night when an out-of-control vehicle crashed into pedestrians on the road. The driver, reportedly under the influence of alcohol, lost control of the vehicle and collided with several people, leaving them with severe injuries.

Witnesses at the scene reported that the driver appeared intoxicated at the time of the crash. After the incident, the driver attempted to flee, but he was quickly appre-

hended by local residents who witnessed the chaos unfold.

The police were alerted and arrived promptly to take the accused into custody. An investigation into the incident is underway, with authorities confirming that the driver's alcohol consumption is a key factor in the crash. The injured victims are receiving medical treatment, and the police are continuing to gather details of the accident.

President Murmu to Inaugurate 'Lok Manthan' in Hyderabad, RSS Chief to Attend

TPN , Hyderabad: President Draupadi Murmu will inaugurate Lok Manthan-2024, a colloquium of nationalist thinkers, in Hyderabad on November 22. The event is being organized by Prajna Pravah, a platform for 'nation-first' intellectuals, researchers, and academicians. The programme will feature debates on various topics related to nationalism and national development.



Cultural programmes and an exhibition will begin on November 21, with the main event running from November 21 to 24. Several dignitaries, including former Vice President M. Venkaiah Naidu, Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman, and RSS chief Mohan Bhagwat, are expected to attend.

Lok Manthan is a biennial event, previously held in Bhopal, Ranchi, and Guwahati, starting in 2016. The Hyderabad edition is expected to bring together intellectuals and thought leaders to engage in discussions on critical national issues.



CPI-Maoist Accuses Congress of Running Bulldozer Government



TPN , Telangana : The CPI (Maoist) has strongly criticized the Congress government in Telangana, accusing it of running a "bulldozer government" that has suppressed the rights of the people and failed to fulfill its election promises. In a statement issued on Thursday, CPI (Maoist) Telangana State Committee spokesperson Jagan alleged that Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy was prioritizing corporate interests, benefiting from large-scale commissions from corporate investments.

Jagan claimed that during its one-year tenure, the Congress government had abandoned its commitments and was working to hand over Telangana's resources to corporate companies. He particularly targeted the Musi Riverfront Project and the formation of the Hyderabad Disaster Response Assets Monitoring and Protection Agency (HYDRAA), accusing the government of using these initiatives to facilitate the bulldozer approach against the common people. The CPI(Maoist) spokesperson condemned the demolition of houses of poor and middle-class families while allowing illegal constructions by the affluent to continue unchecked.

Jagan also voiced strong opposition to the government's decision to allow the Indian Navy's VLF radar station to be established in Damagundam Reserve Forest, which he said would destroy the Ananthagiri Hills and threaten the livelihoods of thousands of families. He further alleged that the Congress government was plotting to seize agricultural lands in Lagacharla for a pharma village project, which would harm local farmers.

The Maoist leader concluded by accusing the Congress government of joining forces with the Centre to launch violent crackdowns on Maoist groups, leading to the deaths of several party members.

DK Aruna Complains to Speaker Over Police Blockade

TPN , Telangana : MP DK Aruna of Mahabubnagar has expressed her outrage after being prevented by police from visiting the Vikarabad Collectorate, calling it a violation of her rights as an elected representative. Aruna, who was en route to her constituency on Wednesday, was stopped by authorities, prompting her to question why she was blocked from performing her duties. She asserted that the police action infringed upon her rights as a member of the Assembly.



In response to the incident, Aruna announced that she would file a formal complaint to the Speaker of the Assembly regarding the violation of her parliamentary privileges. She also criticized the police for acting inappropriately, pointing out that while she was intercepted, CM Revanth Reddy's brother, Tirupathi Reddy, was allowed to proceed with an escort, despite not holding an official position. The controversy escalated when BJP leaders raised slogans against the government, accusing it of mistreatment. Aruna, in a phone call to the collector, expressed her dissatisfaction, and the authorities eventually allowed her to proceed to Vikarabad. Aruna also accused the government of committing atrocities against ST farmers in Lagacharla, further fueling the tension.

Tiger Sighted in Mancheri Returns to Tiryani Forests

TPN , Mancheri: A male tiger, identified as S12 and approximately three years old, has returned to the forests of Tiryani after spending nearly three weeks in the Luxettipet range. Forest officials confirmed that the tiger, which had strayed from the forests of Jannaram in search of a new territory, entered Luxettipet in mid-November.



The tiger, originally from the Tadoba-Andhari Tiger Reserve in Maharashtra, was tracked by forest authorities after it was reported to have killed cattle in the Muthyampelli section on November 4. Compensation was swiftly provided to the affected farmer within 24 hours. To monitor its movement, CCTV cameras and animal trackers were deployed. Forest officials are working with their counterparts in Kumram Bheem Asifabad district to ensure the safe passage of the tiger. The animal's movement from Jannaram to Tiryani follows its earlier route across Kerameri and Tiryani mandals, near the core area of Kawal Tiger Reserve.

Vemula Veeresham Accuses KTR of Phone Tapping and Threats

TPN , Telangana : Nakirekal MLA Vemula Veeresham made sensational allegations against KTR, claiming the BRS leader was involved in phone tapping and had even threatened him. Speaking to the media at the CLP meeting at Gandhi Bhavan, Veeresham asserted, "Even if my phone was tapped, it couldn't stop my victory." He accused KTR of eavesdropping on phone calls, labeling him a "thief" for his actions. Veeresham further alleged that Prabhakar Rao had threatened him with a gun over the phone tapping issue.

Veeresham also implicated KTR in the Vikarabad Lagacharla incident, claiming that the call recordings revealed KTR's involvement. He demanded the immediate arrest of KTR, vowing that his misdeeds would be exposed one by one. Former Narikekal MLA Chirumurthy Lingaiah also attended the hearing related to the phone tapping case.

The allegations have sparked controversy and heightened tensions between political rivals.



SP Conducts Inspection at Mahadevpur Police Station



TPN , Mahadevpur: SP Kiran Khare conducted a surprise inspection at the Mahadevpur police station, reviewing various aspects of its operations. During the visit, he thoroughly examined the police station's records, inquired about the status of pending cases, and assessed staff performance. The SP also focused on the functionality of CCTV cameras, crime control measures, road accident reports, and preventive steps taken by the police station. Khare emphasized the importance of monitoring Maoist activities due to Mahadevpur's proximity to the

Maharashtra border, urging the police to take strong measures to ensure public safety. He directed officers to expedite pending cases and provide swift justice to victims. The SP also stressed the need for discipline and better service delivery to the public.

In addition, Khare inspected the police station's surroundings and planted saplings in the premises, highlighting the importance of environmental responsibility alongside law enforcement duties.

RTA Warns Against Changing Vehicle Registration Prefix from 'TS' to 'TG'



TPN , Hyderabad: The Regional Transport Authority (RTA) has issued a warning to motorists found tampering with their vehicle number plates by changing the registration prefix from 'TS' to 'TG'. After the formation of Telangana, the state code for vehicle registration was changed from 'AP' to 'TS'. Recently, however, the Congress government changed the code to 'TG' for new registrations. RTA officials have discovered several instances where owners of old vehicles with 'TS' registration were altering their number plates to 'TG', leading to confusion and potential legal issues. While the new 'TG' prefix applies only to newly registered vehicles, some motorists have attempted to update their old plates, which could cause clashes with newly issued registration numbers.

The RTA emphasized that tampering with a number plate is illegal and falls under the Motor Vehicles Act. If a vehicle owner changes their 'TS' number to 'TG' on their own, it could lead to a conflict with another vehicle's official registration, complicating investigations in case of accidents or crimes.

Motorists are advised not to alter their registration plates, as such actions will be treated as a violation, and strict action will be taken against offenders.

Farmers Block Road in Nirmal Over Delay in Paddy Procurement



TPN , Nirmal: Farmers from Abdullahpur village in Kuntala mandal staged a roadblock protest on Thursday, demanding

the government take immediate action to resolve delays in the procurement of paddy. The protest took place on the

Bhainsa-Nirmal Road, about 20 kilometers from the village, disrupting traffic for approximately two hours and causing inconvenience to motorists.

The farmers, frustrated by the delayed procurement process for the Vanakalam season, raised slogans against the government, claiming that their paddy was not being weighed at the designated procurement centers. They also expressed dissatisfaction with the government's failure to fully imple-

ment the crop loan waiver program. In addition to the paddy procurement issue, the protesting farmers announced a boycott of the ongoing caste census as a further protest against the government's inaction. The protest was called off after Bhainsa RDO Komal Reddy assured the farmers that procurement would proceed according to government norms and that the process of weighing paddy at Abdullahpur would be closely monitored.

Maoist Area Committee Member Arrested in Kothagudem

TPN , Kothagudem: A member of the CPI (Maoist) party's Pamed area committee was arrested in Dummugudem mandal on Wednesday. The arrested individual, identified as Oyem Nande alias Sammakka, was apprehended during vehicle inspections at Sitanagaram by Dummugudem police, 141 Bn CRPF personnel, and special party police.

Manugur DSP V. Ravindra Reddy confirmed the arrest on Thursday, stating that Nande, originally from Kothaguda village in Bijapur district, had been a long-time member of the Maoist group. She joined the Basaguda Area Bala Sangham in 1999 at the age of 16 and later became a member of the Krantikari Adivasi Women's Association (KAMS), where she served from 2002 to 2018.

Nande, involved in organizing meetings and activities to incite tribal people against the state and central governments, was found in possession of Maoist pamphlets and literature. She was booked under various charges, including the Telangana Security Act and the Unlawful Activities Prevention Act, and has been sent to judicial remand.

Jaggareddy Accuses KCR and KTR of Royal Hunger

TPN , Telangana : TPCC working president Jaggareddy made strong allegations against Telangana Chief Minister KCR and his son KTR, accusing them of being "hungry for royal pleasures" despite being in power for the last decade. Speaking to the media recently, Jaggareddy criticized the BRS leadership for their continued efforts to control land and power, claiming that their hunger for wealth and control had not been satisfied. He questioned whether any pharma companies wanting to set up under the BRS regime could organize gram sabhas or seek public approval.

Jaggareddy recalled past incidents where farmers were allegedly attacked and their lands

seized, citing the example of Mallannasagar where farmers were allegedly beaten and forcibly displaced. He expressed concern that the BRS leadership was trying to provoke farmers and attack officials who opposed their land grabs.

He accused KTR of orchestrating conspiracies to tarnish the image of the government, while praising CM Revanth Reddy for fulfilling his election promises and working towards the welfare of the people. Jaggareddy also flagged the BRS party's inability to accept the achievements of the Congress government, suggesting that the ruling party was resorting to land-grabbing tactics despite its loss of power.



What Trump's Second Term Means for India: Continuity and Cautious Optimism

As US President Donald Trump prepares for a second term, questions about how his foreign policies will impact India and its interests. While Trump's unpredictability is a concern for many nations, including allies and adversaries alike, India's experiences during his first term offer confidence that relations between the two countries will continue to progress under his renewed leadership.

Indian External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar has pointed out that while some countries may feel nervous about Trump's return to power, India is not. This view reflects India's growing diplomatic maturity and the long-term nature of its strategic interests, which have been cultivated over the past two decades through engagements with both Republican and Democratic administrations. While Trump's policies may have at times been contentious, India's relationship with the US has largely benefited from consistent cooperation on trade, defense, and counterterrorism.

Some external commentators have suggested that Trump's re-election is welcomed in India due to ideolog-

ical similarities between Trump and Prime Minister Narendra Modi, both of whom are seen as right-wing conservative figures. However, this narrative overlooks the fact that Modi has fostered positive relationships with not just Trump but also with Presidents Joe Biden and Barack Obama, highlighting the pragmatic nature of India's foreign policy. Just as India faced challenges with certain policies from the Obama and Biden administrations, it also found areas of divergence with Trump on issues such as human rights and religious freedoms.

Relief, Not Enthusiasm

At the policymaking level in India, there is no overwhelming "enthusiasm" for Trump's second term, but there is a sense of relief. Many in India view Trump's re-election as a counterbalance to the Democrat-led focus on domestic issues that have sometimes been critical of India's internal affairs, such as religious freedom and minority rights. This tension often found resonance among sections of the opposition in India, who have sometimes lobbied for US intervention. Under Trump's leader-

ship, India is likely to face less external pressure on such issues, though reports from the US State Department on human rights, as mandated by Congress, will continue, albeit with a more restrained tone.

The presence of Christian evangelical groups in Trump's political base is a potential area of concern, as they could advocate for more vocal criticism of India's policies related to religious conversions and the status of Christian minorities. However, with Trump's more pragmatic foreign policy approach, such concerns may be managed without overly disrupting the broader India-US relationship.

Key Appointments and Strategic Implications

Trump's nominations to key administration positions have been a topic of keen interest in India. The appointment of Senator Marco Rubio as Secretary of State and Mike Waltz as National Security Adviser is seen as a positive development for India. Rubio, a strong advocate for closer US-India defense and technology cooperation, introduced the US-India Defense Cooperation Act in July 2024, which



seeks to strengthen military ties and exempt India from the CAATSA (Countering America's Adversaries Through Sanctions Act). As a vocal China critic, Rubio views India as a crucial partner in counterbalancing China's growing influence in the Indo-Pacific.

For India, these appointments signal a continuation of robust defense ties and closer collaboration in space, technology, and intelligence sharing, areas where India has increasingly sought US partnership. Additionally, Rubio's position strengthens the push for limiting US assistance to Pakistan,

further aligning with India's security interests in the region.

In conclusion, while India's expectations from Trump's second term are rooted in cautious optimism, the relationship is likely to remain steady, with a continued focus on strategic cooperation and pragmatic diplomacy. India's growing global influence and strategic importance will likely ensure that the partnership with the US remains a cornerstone of India's foreign policy, regardless of who occupies the White House.

AI in Cancer Screening: Promise and Caution for Healthcare Systems



Artificial Intelligence (AI) has emerged as a transformative tool in cancer screening, with the potential to revolutionize early detection and improve recovery rates. However, experts are increasingly cautious about the overdependence on AI, particularly when it comes to its application in healthcare.

Trisha Greenhalgh, a medical doctor and professor of primary healthcare at Oxford University, recalls a personal experience where an AI scanner misinterpreted her mammogram as "normal," while her general practitioner, using clinical judgment, identified a potential issue based on her medical history. This incident highlights a crucial point: while AI can assist, it cannot replace the nuanced decision-making of a skilled healthcare professional. AI excels in environments where the rules are clear and consistent, such as in games like chess. But healthcare, with its complexity and variety of cases, presents a far more challenging domain for AI. As Sumedha Sircar, founder of Liger India, points out, healthcare systems are full of "known unknowns" and "unknown unknowns," making screening tests particularly difficult. While AI has great potential to democratize healthcare and improve accessibility—especially in underserved regions—its current limitations mean it cannot yet make healthcare decisions independently.

In developed countries like the UK, AI-driven

tools such as at-home blood tests and walk-in centers have begun to make cancer detection more accessible. However, experts caution that AI scanners are not infallible. In some cases, AI may fail to detect cancer, or worse, it could identify incidentalomas—non-threatening tumors—that lead to unnecessary anxiety and follow-up tests for patients. These challenges are particularly relevant in India, where the AI application in medical screening is still in its early stages. India's medical infrastructure, limited in some areas, could benefit from AI by facilitating mass cancer screenings, especially in rural regions. However, the use of AI in diagnostic settings must be approached with caution.

Research has shown that AI-assisted diagnostic tools can create "automation bias," where radiologists rely too heavily on AI recommendations. A 2023 study found that when AI provided incorrect diagnoses, the performance of radiologists, even experienced ones, dropped dramatically.

This suggests that while AI can be a valuable tool, it should complement—not replace—human expertise. In India, where the doctor-patient ratio is skewed, AI could significantly help by making cancer screening more widespread, but it should always be used with due diligence, ensuring that human clinical judgment remains a central part of the diagnostic process.

A good time for India to make a much-needed pivot in trade policies

Donald Trump's return to the presidency of the United States has stirred significant concerns among global policymakers, particularly in major economies that rely heavily on the US as both a market and trading partner. One of Trump's most controversial strategies during his first term was his aggressive stance on trade, particularly his decision to impose high tariffs on a range of imported goods. As Trump eyes a second term in office, there is growing apprehension about the potential economic consequences of his avowed plans to raise tariffs once again.

The US remains the world's largest consumer market, and any shifts in its trade policy send ripples throughout the global economy. During his first term, Trump's tariff war with China, along with new trade barriers imposed on Europe and other trading partners, had significant implications on global trade flows. With inflationary pressures already high and global supply chains still recovering from the pandemic, the threat of increased tariffs raises the possibility of even greater economic disruption.

Trump has been vocal about his intention to prioritize American manufacturing, promising to bring back jobs to the US by raising tariffs on imports and encouraging domestic production. However, such policies are viewed with concern by many global leaders, who fear



that a broader tariff regime could trigger a cascade of retaliatory measures, leading to a new era of trade wars. As history has shown, protectionist policies often result in reduced global trade and higher prices for consumers, especially when key sectors like technology, automobiles, and agriculture are affected.

For countries heavily dependent on exports to the US, such as China, Germany, and Mexico, Trump's proposed tariff increases could strain economic growth. These nations may respond with their own tariffs or seek alternative markets for their goods, thus disrupting established global trade networks. Additionally, emerging markets with strong ties to the US, including India and Brazil, could feel the pinch as demand for their exports wanes or faces higher costs due to tariffs.

The Culturalisation of Caste in Modern India: From Secularisation to Solidarity

The evolution of caste in India has undergone significant transformations, from the secularisation and politicisation of caste to the current trend of its culturalisation. The culturalisation of caste refers to the celebration of caste-specific cultural practices, such as food, marriage customs, ceremonies, and religious rituals, with a particular focus on local caste deities and occupations. This shift highlights caste as a "way of life," emphasizing not just its hierarchical dimensions but also its integration into the broader cultural fabric of Indian society.

This process of culturalisation is not entirely new. It can be traced back to the historic debates between two towering figures in Indian social and political thought: Mahatma Gandhi and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. While Ambedkar saw the articulation of caste differences as vital for the upliftment of the "depressed classes" and for mobilizing these



communities against the oppressive social system, Gandhi took a more collective approach. He emphasized the importance of shared cultural sensibilities and solidarity across castes, viewing equality not as the eradication of differences, but as a process of communal responsibility and mutual care.

Political philosopher and Gandhian scholar Akeel Bilgrami points out that Gandhi was critical of using the liberal state or market forces to achieve equality. For Gandhi, the ideal of equality should not come at the expense of community-based ethics. He envisioned a society where relationships were ground-

ed in cooperation and mutual responsibility, rather than individual rights or market-driven competition. Gandhi's approach to caste was therefore tied to his broader vision of a self-sustaining, spiritually oriented community, where the social order was based on shared cultural practices rather than rigid hierarchies.

In this framework, Gandhi's endorsement of the varna system—while often criticized for its association with caste stratification—can be seen as an attempt to preserve cultural diversity within a unified social order. The varna system, as Gandhi envisioned it, was not about rigid social divisions but rather a way of fostering co-responsibility and self-restraint. For Gandhi, it was not the abolition of caste that was important, but rather a transformation in how caste was understood and practiced, with an emphasis on community and cultural unity.

Congress openly declaring to give gas cylinders to Rohingyas, Bangladeshis: PM

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, in a public address in Chhatrapati Sambhajinagar, Maharashtra, ahead of the state's Assembly elections, made serious allegations against the Congress party, accusing it of offering benefits to foreign nationals at the cost of Indian citizens. Modi claimed that Congress was "openly declaring" its intentions to provide gas cylinders to Rohingyas and Bangladeshis, a move he argued would harm the interests of Indian citizens.



Addressing a large gathering, Modi criticized the opposition party for what he described as an attempt to "push people of India into hardships" by favoring illegal immigrants. His remarks were aimed at galvanizing support among voters by positioning the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) as the protector of Indian interests, while Congress, according to the PM, was siding with foreign nationals in a bid to gain political mileage.

al battle. The allegations by Modi are likely to intensify the debate over illegal immigration, a sensitive issue in many parts of India, including Maharashtra.

His speech further emphasized the party's commitment to national security and the economic empowerment of the people.

The Prime Minister's comments come at a time when the political atmosphere in Maharashtra is highly charged, with both the ruling BJP and opposition parties, including Congress, preparing for a tough elector-

Modi also took the opportunity to highlight his government's welfare programs for the people of Maharashtra, stressing that under BJP leadership, the focus would remain on the welfare of Indian citizens.

As the election draws near, these sharp accusations reflect the ongoing political rivalry in the state and the country, with both BJP and Congress trying to sway voter sentiment with their respective narratives on governance and security.



Jharkhand becoming 'den of Naxals' under Congress, JMM, RJD: Yogi Adityanath

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath on Thursday launched a scathing attack on the ruling Mahagathbandhan alliance in Jharkhand, accusing the coalition of turning the state into a "den of Naxals." Speaking at an election rally in Dhanbad, Adityanath criticized the alliance of the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM), Congress, and Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), alleging that they were not only looting the state but also promoting left-wing extremism.

This remark came just a day after 43 out of the 81 assembly constituencies in Jharkhand went to the polls, with voting for the remaining 38 seats scheduled for November 20. Adityanath claimed that trends from the first phase of voting showed a clear advantage for the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), and predicted that the saffron party would secure an absolute majority in the state. He added that the people of Jharkhand had decided to oust the Congress, JMM, and RJD from power.

In his speech, Adityanath also referred to the formation of Jharkhand in 2000, recalling how the Congress and RJD had opposed the creation of the state. "When Jharkhand was being developed, I was a Member of Parliament from Gorakhpur. They were opposing Jharkhand's creation, and now they are trying to mislead the people," he remarked.

Further intensifying his criticism, Adityanath urged the people to prevent the "infiltration" of refugees, including Rohingyas from Myanmar and Bangladeshis, accusing the opposition of facilitating "land jihad" by allowing their entry. This topic of illegal immigration has become a key issue in the BJP's electoral campaign in Jharkhand, with Adityanath and other BJP leaders often invoking it to attack the ruling alliance.

The remarks by Adityanath come amid the ongoing assembly elections and reflect the BJP's aggressive stance against the opposition parties in the state.



Thoughts, not clothes, make one a 'yogi': Akhilesh in veiled dig at UP CM Adityanath

Samajwadi Party chief Akhilesh Yadav on Thursday took a subtle dig at Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, suggesting that the title of "Yogi" is earned through one's thoughts and actions, rather than mere attire. Without directly naming Adityanath, Yadav emphasized that true spirituality and leadership stem from one's ideology and words, rather than external appearances.

Yadav's comment comes amid ongoing political discourse in Uttar Pradesh, where the Samajwadi Party has been vocal in critiquing the Yogi Adityanath-led BJP government. In his address, Yadav hinted at the gap between the image projected by certain leaders and the reality on the ground, stressing that the essence of leadership lies in the substance of one's actions and not just the symbolism of their attire.

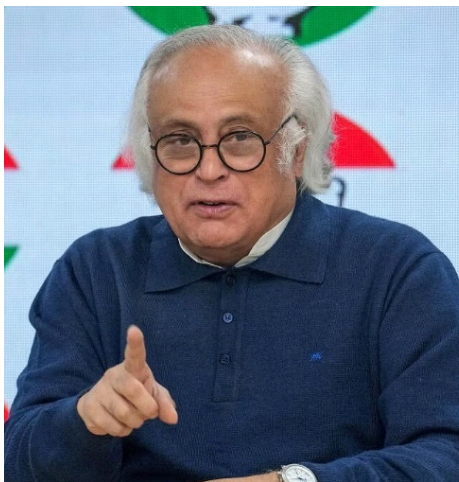
The veiled reference to Adityanath, who is often seen wearing saffron robes associated with Hindu religious ascetics, reflects the long-standing rivalry between the two leaders. Yadav, known for his sharp political commentary, has previously criticized the ruling BJP over issues related to governance and law and order in the state.

As the state gears up for upcoming elections, the exchange of barbed remarks between the two prominent leaders is expected to escalate, with both the Samajwadi Party and BJP working to consolidate their respective voter bases in Uttar Pradesh. Yadav's comment, while subtle, is likely to resonate with his party's supporters who have questioned the current administration's approach to governance.

Congress Slams Centre Over Piyush Goyal's Comments on Food Inflation

The Congress Party on Thursday hit back at the Centre, criticizing Union Commerce Minister Piyush Goyal's recent remarks that considering food inflation as a factor for reducing rates is a "flawed theory." The party accused the government of only knowing "one trick" — to shift blame, rather than addressing the root causes of rising food prices and inflation.

Goyal, speaking on the issue of food inflation, suggested that focusing on food prices when deciding on economic policies was misguided. His comment came amid growing concerns over the continuing rise in the cost of essential commodities, which has put considerable strain on the common man's household budget.



The Congress took strong exception to Goyal's statement, accusing the government of being out of touch with the real issues faced by the people. "Instead of taking responsibility for the rampant inflation that is affecting families across India, the government is merely offering excuses and refusing to take effective action," said a senior Congress leader.

The opposition party further emphasized that the central government's failure to curb food inflation has been exacerbated by its economic policies, which they argue have failed to bring relief to the masses. Congress pointed to the rising prices of staples like wheat, rice, and pulses, which have made basic meals unaffordable for many. The party called on the government to focus on addressing the economic distress of the people, rather than dismissing their concerns with theoretical arguments.

The war of words between the ruling government and the opposition over inflation continues to heat up, with food prices remaining a key point of contention as both sides look to gain the upper hand in the public debate.

India-UAE Ties Reach New Heights, Says External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar



External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar on Thursday highlighted the growing strength of India-UAE relations, emphasizing the wide-ranging collaborations between the two countries in sectors such as fintech, renewable energy, infrastructure, and defence. Speaking at the inauguration of the Symbiosis International (Deemed University) campus in Dubai, Jaishankar marked the partnership's growth since Prime Minister Narendra Modi's historic visit to the UAE in 2015—the first by an Indian Prime Minister in over a century.

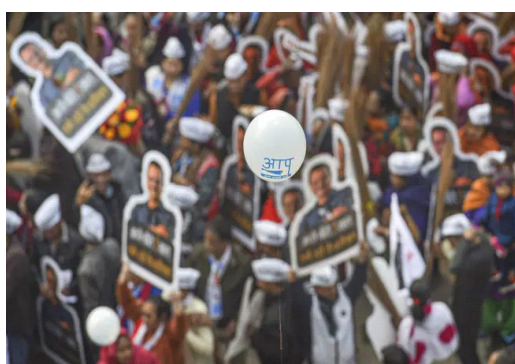
Jaishankar described the current phase of India-UAE ties as an era of "new milestones," citing the speed and success of initiatives such as the Comprehensive Economic Partnership Agreement (CEPA), which was negotiated in record time. He praised the deepening cooperation between the two nations, especially in key areas of technology, energy, and education, underscoring that these sectors would drive the future of both countries.

In his address, Jaishankar also drew attention to the significance of education in shaping India's future, noting that the launch of the Symbiosis campus in Dubai was part of a broader trend of expanding educational and cultural exchanges. He stressed that India must prepare its youth for the global workplace, especially in emerging fields like electric mobility, renewable energy, and space technology.

The minister further emphasized that contemporary education could play a critical role in preparing students to tackle global challenges, making them capable of advancing national prospects. Jaishankar expressed confidence that Symbiosis International, known for its high academic standards, would replicate its successful educational model to equip students with the skills necessary for the 21st century.

AAP Councillor Mahesh Khinchi Wins Delhi Mayor Election

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) candidate Mahesh Khinchi has been elected as the next Mayor of Delhi, securing a narrow victory with 133 votes against BJP's Kishan Pal, who received 130 votes. Khinchi's election marks a significant milestone as he becomes the first Dalit Mayor of the national capital. However, the process leading to his win was far from smooth, marred by disruption, a walkout by Congress members, and claims of cross-voting.



The election, which was postponed multiple times since April, finally took place on Thursday evening. The BJP, despite having only 120 members, managed to garner additional votes, which it claimed were the result of cross-voting by some AAP councillors. The BJP issued a statement alleging that "eight AAP councillors voted in favor of the BJP," a claim that

further intensified political tensions.

Meanwhile, Congress also played a pivotal role in the drama. In protest against the repeated delays and the AAP's refusal to hold a full one-year tenure for the Mayor, the Congress party staged a walkout. However, two Congress members—Mohammad Khushnood and his wife,

Sabila Begum—chose to stay behind. Begum, in particular, defied the party's walkout decision, casting her vote in favor of Khinchi, leading to her resignation from Congress shortly after.

The election delay stemmed from a series of procedural issues, including a standoff between AAP and the BJP, disputes over the appointment of a presiding officer by the Lieutenant Governor, and the boycott of the September election by AAP councillors after an incident involving frisking.

Khinchi's tenure as Mayor will be limited to just five months, with the term originally delayed due to political wrangling and disputes. Despite the controversy, his election is seen as a significant victory for the AAP and a historic moment for Delhi's Dalit community.



Dominica to Honor PM Modi with Highest National Award



The Commonwealth of Dominica is set to confer its highest national award, the *Dominica Award of Honour*, to Prime Minister Narendra Modi in recognition of his significant contributions to the Caribbean island nation during the COVID-19 pandemic. The award will be presented by Dominican President Sylvanie Burton during the upcoming India-CARICOM Summit, which will be held in Georgetown, Guyana, from November 19 to 21.

A statement from Dominica's Prime Minister's Office highlighted that the award is being given to Prime Minister Modi for his leadership and support in aiding Dominica during the global health crisis. In February 2021, India sent 70,000 doses of

the AstraZeneca COVID-19 vaccine to Dominica, a gesture that was critical to the island's vaccination efforts during the pandemic.

The statement further emphasized that the award also acknowledges Modi's dedication to strengthening the partnership between India and Dominica. It particularly lauded India's support in sectors such as healthcare, education, and information technology, as well as Modi's commitment to climate resilience and sustainable development on a global scale.

Dominican Prime Minister Roosevelt Skerrit expressed the nation's gratitude, calling the award an expression of appreciation for Prime Minister Modi's solidarity during the pandemic. "Prime Minister Modi has been a true partner to Dominica, especially during our time of need amid a global health crisis," Skerrit said. He also praised the strengthening of bilateral ties, emphasizing the award as a symbol of the enduring friendship between the two nations.

In his acceptance speech, Prime Minister Modi highlighted the importance of international collaboration to address global challenges such as climate change and geopolitical tensions. He reaffirmed India's commitment to working closely with Dominica and the Caribbean region to build a resilient future together.

Israeli Airstrike Targets Hezbollah Stronghold in Southern Beirut



An Israeli airstrike struck the southern suburbs of Beirut on Thursday, following an evacuation warning issued to residents in Hezbollah-controlled areas. The attack targeted locations in Shouaifat al-Omrousiya and Ghobeiry, two neighborhoods in the capital's southern suburbs that are considered strongholds of the Iran-backed group.

Images from AFP TV showed a large plume of grey smoke rising from the area shortly after the strike, marking the latest in a series of air raids that have intensified since Israel escalated its military operations against Hezbollah in September. This particular airstrike comes amid growing tensions between Israel and the Lebanese militia, which has been a focal point of the conflict.

Before launching the airstrike, Israel's military had issued a warning to residents, urging them to evacuate their homes. The Israeli army's spokesperson, Avichay Adraee, posted a message on the social media platform X, informing residents that they were located near Hezbollah facilities that could be targeted in future operations. The warning included a map highlighting specific build-

ings in the Shouaifat al-Omrousiya and Ghobeiry areas, which are believed to house Hezbollah interests.

In his post, Adraee emphasized that Israel's actions were directed at Hezbollah, which it accuses of using civilian areas as cover for military operations. The warning was part of Israel's broader strategy to minimize civilian casualties while targeting the group's infrastructure, which includes weapons depots, missile launch sites, and command centers.

The escalation follows an ongoing campaign by Israel against Hezbollah, which has been involved in several border clashes and skirmishes with Israeli forces. Israel has repeatedly stated that it will continue to act against Hezbollah's presence in southern Lebanon, particularly as the militia is seen as a proxy force for Iran in the region.

The situation remains tense, with Israel and Hezbollah both on high alert. The international community has expressed concern over the potential for further escalation, especially given the already fragile security situation in the region.

Biden, Xi To Meet In Peru This Week As World Leaders Shift Focus To Trump

US President Joe Biden is set to meet with Chinese President Xi Jinping in Lima, Peru, on Saturday for the final in-person sit-down of their current term. The two leaders will be attending the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) forum, marking their third face-to-face meeting since Biden took office. Their last encounter was a year ago at the same summit in San Francisco.

As Biden's term winds down, his political influence is expected to be waning, while Xi, already focused on navigating the transition to a potential second term for President-elect Donald Trump, may view the meeting through a different lens. Trump has indicated he would intensify the trade war with China, proposing significant tariffs on Chinese imports and escalating tensions between the two economic giants.

Senior Biden administration officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity, did not disclose whether Biden plans to address Trump's policies during the meeting with Xi. National Security Advisor Jake Sullivan emphasized that Biden's objective would be to reassure Xi of the need for stability and predictability in US-China relations during this transitional period. Sullivan described competition with China as "a paramount priority" for the next administration.

Unlike past meetings, the focus of this summit is not on securing new agreements but rather on highlighting issues of concern. Biden is expected to discuss China's continued support for Russia, particularly in the defense sector, and to reiterate the progress made in areas such as military communication, counter-narcotics cooperation, and artificial intelligence—key areas where the Biden administration has worked to enhance dialogue with Beijing.



On the Chinese side, Xi may use the meeting to assess the state of bilateral relations, which have stabilized over the past year after the 2023 summit, leading to renewed diplomatic engagements. However, the trajectory of US-China relations could face fresh challenges under the incoming Trump administration, particularly with Trump appointing figures known for their tough stance on China.

Additionally, the meeting comes amid heightened tensions over cybersecurity, with US intelligence officials investigating a Chinese hack into American telecommunications networks. The Biden administration has made clear that cyber-espionage will be a central topic of discussion, warning China against reckless cyber-attacks that could further strain bilateral ties.

As both countries continue to clash over issues ranging from Taiwan to the South China Sea, the Biden administration stresses the importance of keeping communication channels open, even as the geopolitical landscape shifts.

Elon Musk Earns Key Position In Donald Trump's World

As Donald Trump prepares for a potential return to the White House, one of his most influential and consistent allies has been none other than Elon Musk. The brash billionaire CEO of Tesla and SpaceX has been a fixture in Trump's inner circle, offering advice, joining calls with world leaders, and even attending high-profile events alongside the former president.



Musk's influence also extends to policy matters. On Tuesday, Trump appointed him and fellow billionaire Vivek Ramaswamy to lead a new "Department of Government Efficiency," aimed at reducing Washington's bureaucracy. Musk, known for his drastic overhaul of Twitter (now X), has pledged to "send shockwaves through the system" to tackle govern-

Musk's support for Trump dates back to the 2020 campaign, where he showed his enthusiasm by publicly endorsing the former president and making appearances at rallies. Since then, Musk has remained a constant presence, frequently advising Trump on key matters, including personnel decisions and government efficiency. Musk has even embraced the informal title of "First Buddy," reflecting his close relationship with the president-elect.

Following Trump's election victory, Musk was spotted accompanying him to Mar-a-Lago, where he has spent considerable time in recent days. During a visit to Washington, Musk was given a prominent seat among Republican lawmakers at a gathering with Trump. The former president publicly praised Musk, calling him "so good," as lawmakers gave him a standing ovation.

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Beyond his official roles, Musk has also offered advice on matters outside his typical realm. He has publicly suggested that Lara Trump, the president-elect's daughter-in-law, should be appointed to a U.S. Senate seat in Florida, and has been involved in diplomatic calls with leaders from Turkey and Ukraine, leveraging his Starlink technology to aid communication during the war.

While Musk's growing influence has earned him praise from Trump, it has also made him a target for criticism, particularly from Democrats. Despite his past Democratic ties, Musk's political evolution has given him unprecedented access to Trump, marking him as a key figure in the president-elect's upcoming administration.

Trump, Biden Discuss Ukraine and Middle East Crises in First Transition Meeting



US President-elect Donald Trump made a historic return to the White House on Wednesday, marking his first visit since his loss to Joe Biden in the 2020 election. Trump's appearance at the Oval Office came just a week after his impressive victory in the November 5 election, in which he successfully regained his political footing and secured a second term in office.

During the private meeting, Trump and Biden focused on critical global issues, particularly Ukraine and the Middle East. White House National Security Ad-

viser Jake Sullivan revealed that Biden stressed the importance of supporting Ukraine, arguing that the stability of Europe is crucial for American national security. According to Sullivan, Biden emphasized that a strong and secure Europe would help prevent the US from being drawn into further conflicts abroad.

Biden's remarks reflected his long-standing foreign policy position, which advocates for a united transatlantic front to counter Russian aggression and ensure the security of NATO allies. The conversation also

touched on various other geopolitical challenges in the Middle East, although details of those discussions remain private.

The meeting between the two leaders was notable for its symbolic value, marking a rare moment of cooperation between Trump and Biden, who have often been at odds over policy matters. Despite their past differences, the focus on international security issues underscored the shared responsibility of both leaders to address pressing global challenges.

Trump's visit to the White House also highlighted the growing anticipation of his return to power. After months of claims regarding election fraud in 2020, his acceptance of victory in the 2024 race solidified his position as a dominant force in American politics. The White House meeting serves as an important milestone in the transition of power, offering a glimpse into the evolving dynamics between the outgoing and incoming administrations as they work together on critical international matters.



Weekly Market Recap

Persistent Decline Amid Weak Earnings and FII Outflows



Domestic stock markets fell for the second week in a row. Benchmark indices fell by 2 percent. The midcap and bank Nifty declined by up to 4%.

Negative signals from international markets, departure of foreign institutional investors, poor results of companies in the September quarter and weak sentiment are the reasons for this. Sensex and Nifty tried to rally on Thursday but eventually ended flat. Nifty tried to take support at 200 DEMA. It is better for investors to be alert in the face of fluctuations.

The BSE Sensex, which closed at 77,690 in the previous session, opened at 77,636 today. It touched an intraday high of 78,055. It then fell gradually and touched an intraday low of 77,421. It eventually closed at 77,580, a loss of 110 points. The NSE Nifty opened at 23,542 and touched a high of 23,675 and a low

of 23,484. The total fell by 26 points to close at 23,532. Bank Nifty increased by 91 points and settled at 50,179.

In Nifty50, 21 companies gained while 29 lost. Eicher Motors, Heromoto, Grasim, Kotak Bank, HDFC Life are the top gainers. Hindustan Unilever, BPCL, Britannia, Tata Consumer, Nestlé India are the top losers. Today, FMCG, Pharma, PSU Bank, Healthcare, Oil and Gas indices turned red. Auto, media, private bank and realty indices soared.



Market breadth on NSE is in favor of buyers. Stocks of 2881 companies traded up 1531. 1269 were lost.

The rupee settled at 84.40 against the

dollar. Weakened by 2 paise compared to yesterday. Newly listed Niwabupa ended flat. Heromoto Corp's shares rose sharply on the back of Q2 earnings. Eidparry's net profit decreased from Rs.452 crores to Rs.305 crores. Eicher Motors' rating was raised by Nomura to Neutral from Reduce. Torrent shares fell for the sixth day in a row. Nomura has given a buy rating to PI Industries with a target price of Rs.5100. Kotak Mahindra AMC Nilesh Shah said that if you are investing with a one-year time limit, you should stay away from stock markets. Sameer Arora, founder of Helios Capital, said that the FIIs should not be blamed for the market correction and that the results of the companies in September were not good. Ramdev Agarwal said Nifty will touch 30 thousand when FIIs come back.

India's Merchandise Trade Deficit Widens to \$27.14 Billion in October 2024



India's merchandise trade deficit surged to \$27.14 billion in October 2024, as imports continued to rise despite a strong performance in exports. According to the latest government data, merchandise exports in October increased by 17.26% year-on-year to reach \$39.2 billion, while imports grew by 3.88% to \$66.34 billion.

This marks a significant rise in the trade gap compared to September 2024, when exports were \$34.58 billion and imports stood at \$55.36 billion. The growing deficit is largely attributed to higher imports, including an increase in the purchase of gold and crude oil.

Despite the widening deficit, the government remains optimistic about India's export performance. Trade Secretary Sunil Barthwal noted that exports are expected to exceed \$800 billion by the end of the fiscal year in March 2025. Last fiscal year, India's total exports were estimated at \$776.68 billion.

Sectors like engineering and electronics are contributing to the export growth. Engineering exports during the first seven months of the fiscal year rose to \$67.49 billion from \$61.5 billion a year earlier, while electronics goods exports jumped to \$19.07 billion from \$15.42 billion.

India's services exports also performed well, with an estimated \$34.02 billion in October, up from \$30.61 billion in September. In contrast, imports of services increased to \$17 billion from \$16.32 billion.

However, the trade deficit for the April-October period reached \$164.65 billion, up 10% from \$149.67 billion in the same period last year. A significant factor behind this increase was the sharp rise in gold and crude oil imports. Gold imports in October soared to \$7.13 billion from \$4.39 billion the previous month, while crude oil imports jumped to \$18.2 billion from \$12.5 billion.

WPI inflation rises to 4-month high of 2.36% in October; food prices spike

Wholesale price inflation surged to a four-month high of 2.36% in October, driven by significant price increases in food items, particularly vegetables, and manufactured goods, according to data released by the government on Thursday.

The Wholesale Price Index (WPI) for October saw a marked uptick, reflecting higher costs across various sectors. The increase in inflation was primarily attributed to a sharp rise in the prices of essential food items, with vegetables leading the charge. Seasonal fluctuations and supply chain disruptions have contributed to the spike in food prices, which are a significant component of the WPI.

Vegetables, in particular, saw substantial price hikes during the month, as adverse weather conditions and transportation challenges led to shortages. The sharp rise in vegetable prices added considerable pressure to overall food inflation, pushing the WPI higher.

In addition to food items, manufactured goods also saw notable price increases. The cost of basic and intermediate goods, including metals, chemicals,

and textiles, experienced upward pressure due to rising input costs and continued supply chain challenges. This trend contributed further to the overall inflationary trend in the wholesale market.

While wholesale price inflation has been climbing in recent months, it is still within a relatively moderate range. However, the October data raises concerns about the potential for further inflationary pressures in the coming months, particularly if food and commodity prices continue their upward trajectory.

Experts are closely monitoring these developments, as sustained inflation at the wholesale level could eventually filter into retail prices, affecting consumers directly. Additionally, the government's response to rising inflation, including any monetary or fiscal measures, will be crucial in managing the inflationary risks in the economy.

Overall, the rise in wholesale price inflation signals the ongoing challenges faced by both producers and consumers, particularly in light of volatile food prices and the continuing pressures on supply chains.



Royalty payment by listed companies rises to Rs 10,779 cr in FY23: SEBI study



Royalty payments made by listed companies to their related parties (RPs) have more than doubled over the past decade, according to a new study by the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI). The study reveals that 233 companies paid a total of ₹10,779 crore in royalties in FY23, a sharp increase from ₹4,955 crore in FY14.

The growth in royalty payments has raised concerns regarding transparency and governance practices within Indian corporations, particularly in cases where such payments are made to entities controlled by promoters or their families. Critics argue that these transactions, often perceived as a means to transfer funds

within the corporate group, could be detrimental to minority shareholders if not properly scrutinized.

In sectors such as technology, pharmaceuticals, and consumer goods, royalty payments are typically linked to the use of intellectual property, trademarks, patents, or branded technology. Companies argue that these payments are justified, as they compensate for the value of these intangible assets. However, the sharp rise in these payments suggests that some companies may be over-relying on related party agreements for financial gains.

SEBI's study highlights the need for stricter disclosure norms and en-

hanced monitoring of related party transactions to ensure that they align with the interests of all shareholders, not just the promoters. The rise in royalty payouts also draws attention to the lack of clear regulatory frameworks to govern such payments, which could lead to conflicts of interest or improper financial management.

As the trend continues to grow, investors, analysts, and regulatory bodies will be closely watching how listed companies address concerns related to royalty payments, especially regarding the balance between fair compensation for intellectual property and potential misuse of corporate funds.



Meta Will Face Antitrust Trial Over Instagram, WhatsApp Acquisitions

Meta Platforms, the parent company of Facebook, will face a trial in a lawsuit filed by the U.S. Federal Trade Commission (FTC), which accuses the tech giant of buying Instagram and WhatsApp to stifle emerging competition in the social media market. A Washington judge, James Boasberg, ruled on Wednesday that the case would proceed, denying Meta's request to dismiss the allegations that it engaged in illegal practices to maintain its social network monopoly.

The lawsuit, which was originally filed in 2020 during the Trump administration, claims that Meta, previously known as Facebook, overpaid for Instagram in 2012 and WhatsApp in 2014 as part of a strategy to eliminate potential threats rather than compete with them. The FTC argues that these acquisitions were anti-competitive and harmful to consumers by consolidating Meta's dominance in the social media space.

While Boasberg allowed the FTC's primary claim to move forward, he dismissed another part of the lawsuit which accused Facebook of restricting third-party app developers' access to its platform unless they agreed not to compete with Facebook's core services. The judge ruled that Meta would not be allowed to argue that the WhatsApp acquisition helped boost competition against tech giants like Apple and Google during the trial.

A Meta spokesperson responded to the ruling, expressing confidence that evidence at trial would demonstrate that the acquisitions of Instagram and WhatsApp were beneficial for both competition and consumers. On the other hand, FTC spokesperson Douglas Farrar emphasized that the case, which has evolved under both the Trump and Biden administrations, represents a bipartisan effort to curtail Meta's monopoly power and restore competition in the social media industry.

This lawsuit is one of several major antitrust cases currently targeting Big Tech. Meta, along with other tech giants like Google, Apple, and Amazon, is facing increased scrutiny from regulators in the U.S. and Europe over anti-competitive behavior. A trial date for the FTC case against Meta has not yet been set.



New AI Tool Can Track Your Location Using Microorganisms On Your Body



Scientists have developed a groundbreaking AI tool that can track an individual's recent locations based on the microorganisms found on their body. This innovation, detailed in the journal *Genome Biology and Evolution*, introduces a new method of location tracing by analyzing the microbiome—an ecosystem of bacteria, fungi, and other microbes—that each person collects as they move through different environments. The tool can determine whether someone visited a beach, walked through a park, or even exited at a particular train station.

The AI system, called the Microbiome Geographic Population Structure (mGPS), was developed by researchers at Lund University in Sweden. Unlike traditional GPS, which relies on satellite signals to pinpoint location, mGPS uses microbial "fingerprints" to identify geographical areas. Each environment, whether urban, rural, or marine, has a unique microbial composition. When a person visits these places, they pick up and carry these microscopic traces, allowing the AI to match them to specific locations.

Eran Elhaik, a researcher at Lund University and co-author of the study, explained, "The human microbiome changes constantly as we encounter different environments. By tracking these changes, we can gain insights into disease spread, sources of infection, and even track microbial resistance. This can also be a valuable tool in criminal investigations."

To train the AI, researchers fed it a vast collection of microbiome data from various environments: urban areas, subway systems, soil samples from 18 countries, and marine ecosystems from nine bodies of water. This data enabled the AI to identify the unique "fingerprints" of each environment and link them to geographic coordinates with remarkable precision.

In tests, the mGPS was able to identify the source location of microbiome samples with 92% accuracy in cities, including distinguishing between subway stations just 564 feet apart in Hong Kong. However, its accuracy was slightly reduced in London due to the poor condition of underground stations.

Snapchat Enhances Family Safety Features with Real-Time Location Sharing

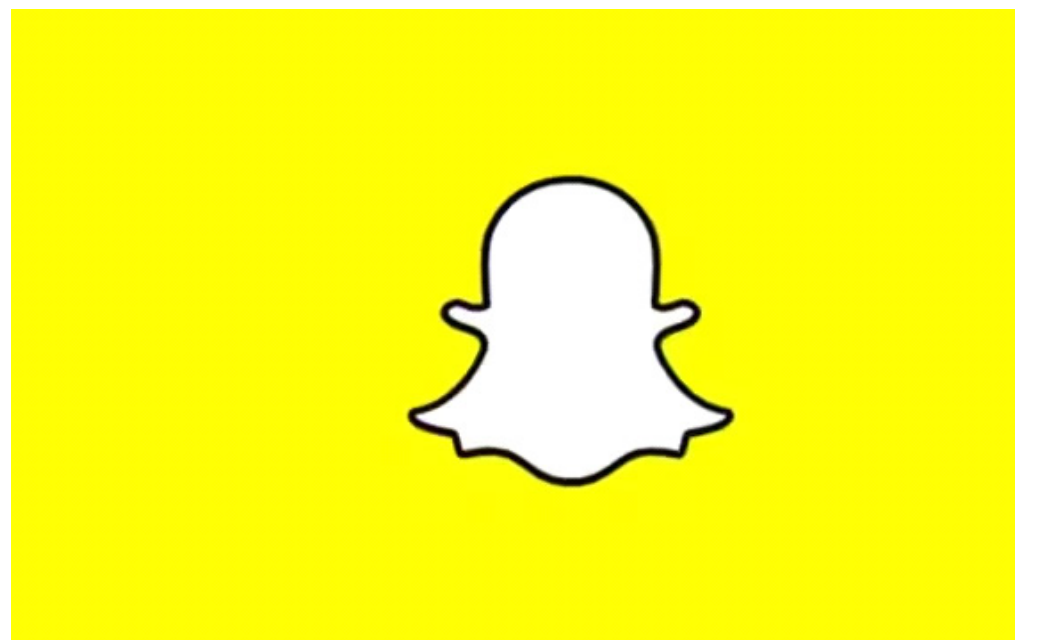
Snapchat, the popular social media platform used by over 750 million people globally, is rolling out several new features designed to improve family safety. As part of its Family Center, Snapchat is introducing tools that allow parents to request their children to share their real-time location. This update aims to help families stay better connected, especially as kids become more mobile.

One of the key features is the ability for parents to see when their teen children have arrived at specific locations, such as school, home, or the gym. This addition gives parents peace of mind by providing real-time location updates, ensuring their children are where they're supposed to be.

In addition, Snapchat is expanding its existing Snap Map feature, which allows users to share their locations with friends and family. According to the company, nearly half of Snapchat users actively use Snap Map to share their whereabouts. With the new Family Center update, these location-sharing capabilities are now being integrated to make it easier for families to track and stay connected, even when they're on the move.

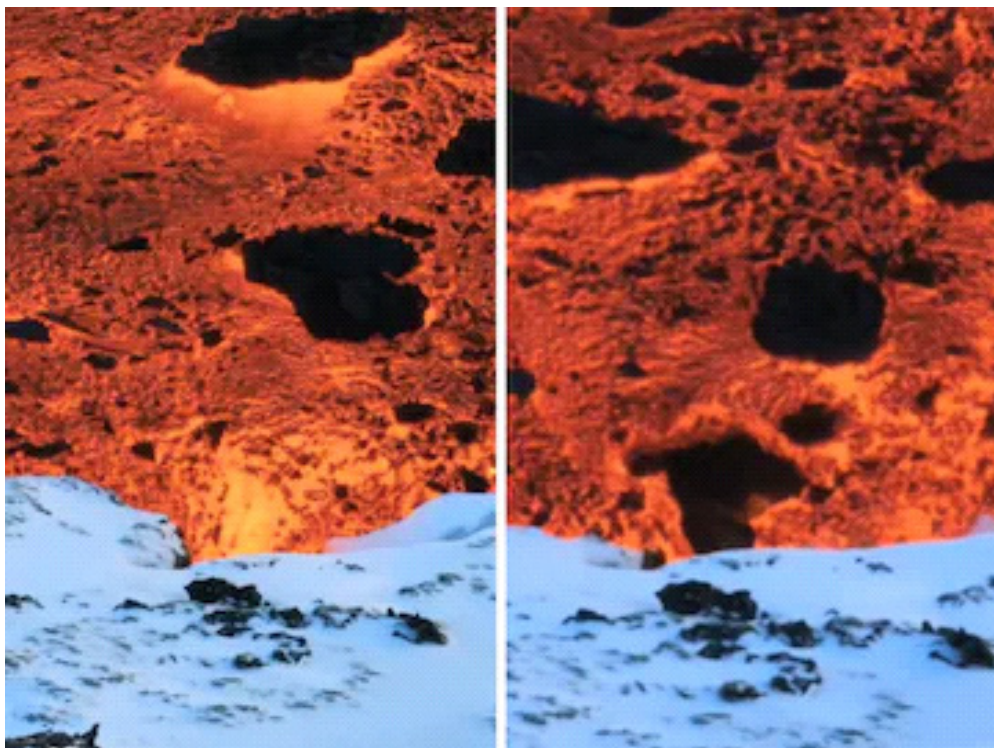
The Family Center also includes privacy features, ensuring that teens have control over who can see their location. Parents can make location-sharing requests, but the feature is designed to prioritize user consent and safety. This balance of transparency and control is part of Snapchat's broader commitment to providing a safer online environment for younger users.

By introducing these features, Snapchat continues to evolve as a family-friendly platform, giving parents more tools to stay informed about their children's activities while respecting their privacy and autonomy.



Rare Lava Flow Over Snow Captured by Icelandic Photographer

Nature never ceases to amaze, and a recent video shot by an Icelandic photographer has left many in awe of a rare natural phenomenon. The footage, shared on Instagram by Jeroen Van Nieuwenhove, captures the mesmerizing sight of lava flowing over a snow-covered landscape in Southwest Iceland. The stunning visuals depict lava emerging from fissures and slowly gliding over a pristine white surface, creating a striking contrast between fire and ice.



When the video first surfaced online, many viewers initially speculated that the footage might have been generated using artificial intelligence (AI) due to its surreal and otherworldly quality. However, Nieuwenhove, the photographer behind the lens, explained that it's a rare but real phenomenon. He noted that as humans, our instinct is often to "perceive something as fake when we are unable to comprehend it," especially when we witness something as extraordinary as lava flowing over snow.

The remarkable moment was captured at Sundhnukagigar, a series of volcanic craters in Southwest Iceland that have been active since December of the previous year. These craters have erupted multiple times, creating the ideal conditions for

this unusual display of natural forces. Nieuwenhove's Instagram reel showcases the powerful forces of nature, with lava snaking its way across the frozen terrain in a slow, deliberate movement.

This rare sight serves as a reminder of the dynamic and unpredictable nature of our planet, where fire and ice co-exist in a breathtaking display of contrast. While such occurrences may seem surreal, they are part of the ongoing volcanic activity in Iceland, which remains one of the most volcanically active regions in the world.

Australia Bans Social Media for Teens: Solution to Parenting Challenges

Australia has introduced the world's first social media ban for teenagers under the age of 16, a move that has sparked mixed reactions. While bans on social media typically trigger protests about freedom and democracy, this time the response is more subdued, particularly among parents who are increasingly concerned about the impact of social media on their children.

For many parents, especially in the age of "doomscrolling," the anxiety over their children's online presence is understandable. Social media platforms have been linked to a range of negative effects on young people, from bullying and harassment to unrealistic beauty standards and peer pressure. The tragic death of a 14-year-old boy last month, who took his life after believing he was in a relationship with an AI chatbot, highlighted the potential dangers. While some blame the AI chatbot's influence on the boy's fragile mental state, others criticized the parents for not noticing the warning signs of distress in their child.

Articles targeting parents often suggest limiting screen time, using parental controls, or encouraging offline activities. While these are sensible suggestions, they don't address the broader issue—parents themselves are often just as addicted to social media. This raises the question: how can parents monitor their children's online behavior when they are also consumed by the very platforms they are trying to regulate? The Australian government's proposed social media ban raises further concerns about its enforcement. While the law would prevent children from signing up for social media, it doesn't address situations where parents use their children in social media content, such as family vloggers or influencers. Moreover, the law leaves unclear how tech companies will verify the age of users, and whether children will be able to bypass these restrictions with forged documents or simply by consuming content rather than posting.





India Dominates Thailand 13-0 in Women's Asian Champions Trophy Hockey

India delivered an emphatic performance, thrashing Thailand 13-0 to secure their third consecutive win at the Women's Asian Champions Trophy hockey tournament on Thursday. The victory virtually sealed India's spot in the semifinals, with young striker Deepika leading the charge, netting five goals in the match.

From the outset, it was clear that India was in complete control. The Indian team dominated possession and attacking play, with Thailand unable to register a single shot on goal. Deepika opened the scoring in the 3rd minute, controlling a brilliant pass from Neha and slotting the ball past the Thai goalkeeper. She quickly added four more goals throughout the match, including two from penalty corners, showcasing her clinical finishing.

India's offensive firepower didn't stop there. Preeti Dubey scored twice, Lalremsiami added a brace, and Manisha Chauhan also found the net twice, including one from a penalty corner. Beauty Dung Dung (30th minute) and Navneet Kaur (53rd minute) rounded off the scoring, as India's attack continued to overwhelm the Thai defense.

India also displayed significant improvement in converting penalty corners, scoring five out of 12 opportunities. The team's swift, precise ball movement and coordinated attacks kept Thailand under constant pressure, with goalkeeper Siraya Yimkrajang often left helpless.

With the win, India now sits second in the standings with nine points, tied with China, but trailing on goal difference. India's next challenge will be a crucial match against Olympic silver medalists China on Saturday, which will determine their position in the semifinal race.

Earlier, Malaysia defeated South Korea 2-1, while China continued their undefeated streak with a 2-1 win over Japan.



Rodrigo Bentancur Gets Seven-Match Suspension for Racist Comment

Tottenham Hotspur's midfielder, Rodrigo Bentancur, has been handed a seven-match suspension by the Football Association (FA) after being charged with an "aggravated breach" of the FA's rules regarding racism. The 27-year-old Uruguayan will be sidelined from domestic matches until mid-December following the controversy.

The incident that led to the suspension occurred during a June interview with a Uruguayan TV reporter. When asked by the reporter, "Can you get me the shirt from the Korean?", referring to Tottenham teammate Son Heung-min, Bentancur made a comment that was deemed racist by the FA. The comment, which was intended as a joke, has now led to serious repercussions, with the FA determining that it constituted an aggravated breach of their regulations on discrimination.

Bentancur's suspension will see him miss seven matches for Tottenham, starting from the club's upcoming fixtures. The Uruguay international, who has been in poor form lately, will not be eligible for selection until mid-December, adding to the turmoil surrounding his current situation at the club.

Tottenham Hotspur and Bentancur have expressed regret over the incident, acknowledging the gravity of the comment and the need for greater sensitivity and awareness in football. Son Heung-min, for his part, has not publicly commented on the incident but has expressed his belief in promoting a positive, inclusive environment at the club.

The FA's decision serves as a reminder of the importance of tackling racism and discrimination in football, with both the governing body and clubs working to foster respect and inclusivity within the sport.

PV Sindhu Falls to Michelle Li in Pre-Quarterfinals at Kumamoto Masters

India's campaign at the Kumamoto Masters Japan Super 500 badminton tournament ended prematurely on Thursday, as double Olympic medalist PV Sindhu was knocked out in the pre-quarterfinals. Sindhu, ranked 20th in the world, was the last remaining Indian player in contention after the exits of Lakshya Sen and the women's doubles duo of Tressa Jolly and Gayatri Gopichand.

In a thrilling women's singles match that lasted 1 hour and 15 minutes, Sindhu squandered an early lead and eventually lost 21-17, 16-21, 17-21 to Canada's Michelle Li, ranked 23rd in the world. The match was tightly contested, with Sindhu holding an advantage for much of the first game. The two shuttlers were neck-and-neck early on, but Sindhu managed to take a slight lead at 11-8, maintaining her edge to close out the first game.

However, Li came out strong in the second game, taking an 8-3 lead and forcing Sindhu to play catch-up. Sindhu did fight back, leveling the score at 16-16, but Li went on a five-point streak to equalize the match at



one game apiece.

The decider was a tense affair, with both players locked at 17 points. However, it was Li who raised her game in the final moments, winning four straight points to seal the victory. Sindhu's unforced errors also contributed to her downfall in the decid-

ing game, as Li capitalized on every opportunity.

Michelle Li will now face South Korea's Yu Jin Sim in the quarterfinals. Despite her early exit, Sindhu's performance continues to highlight her resilience, but she will look to bounce back stronger in upcoming tournaments.

Tilak Varma Shines with Century as India Defeat South Africa by 11 Runs



Tilak Varma's scintillating century (107 off 56 balls) played a pivotal role in India's 11-run victory over South Africa in the third T20I at Centurion. Despite a fearless, explosive knock from South Africa's Marco Jansen, who scored 54 off just 17 balls, the Proteas fell short of India's total of 219/6, ultimately losing the game in a thrilling finish.

The match saw several dramatic mo-

ments, including a flying ant attack that briefly distracted players on the field. In the midst of the chaos, Varma's commitment to the cause was evident when he almost collided violently with the ground while attempting to save a boundary. The young Indian batter, however, quickly recovered and continued to shine with his bat. Just two balls later, Varma dived in vain to try and stop another bound-

ary, showcasing his relentless determination.

Varma's century was the backbone of India's imposing total, as he took on the South African bowlers with ease, hitting boundaries and sixes at will. His knock was complemented by solid contributions from the middle order, with Hardik Pandya and Sanju Samson adding vital runs.

In response, South Africa threatened to chase down the target, thanks to a powerful cameo from Heinrich Klaasen, who scored 41 off 22 balls, including some massive sixes. Jansen's blitzkrieg towards the end, which included three sixes, kept the game in the balance. However, despite his best efforts, Jansen couldn't take the Proteas over the line, and India managed to hold their nerve in the final overs to secure a narrow victory.

India's win was built on the back of Varma's brilliant century, while the final overs delivered by India's bowlers ensured they secured a crucial 11-run victory in this high-scoring encounter.

Pakistan's Dramatic Collapse in T20I: Five Wickets Fall Against Australia

Pakistan experienced a stunning collapse in the rain-shortened first T20I against Australia at the Gabba on Thursday, as they lost five wickets for just 16 runs while chasing a target of 93/4 in 7 overs. This dramatic collapse has now become a part of T20I history, as the 16 runs at the fall of the fifth wicket is not only the lowest for Pakistan in T20Is but also the lowest for any team against Australia in this format.

The collapse unfolded in a mere 15 deliveries, leaving Pakistan in disarray. Key players like Sahibzada Farhan, Mohammad Rizwan, Usman Khan, Babar Azam, and Irfan Khan all fell within this brief but catastrophic period. The Australian bowlers, led by Spencer Johnson and Xavier Bartlett, seized the opportunity with impressive precision, reducing Pakistan's chase to a near-impossible task.

At one point, Pakistan had been in a reasonably strong position, but the series of quick dismissals turned the match in Australia's favour. The collapse left the Men in Green reeling,



as they struggled to get any momentum in their chase. The rain-affected match, which had already shortened the game, became a one-sided affair as Pakistan's batsmen crumbled under pressure.

Australia's bowlers were clinical in their execution, with Johnson and Bartlett playing crucial roles in Pakistan's downfall. The match saw Pakistan lose their key batters in quick succession, with no batsman able

to build a solid partnership or withstand the pressure from the Australian attack.

In the end, Pakistan's chase fell well short, and they were handed a heavy defeat in what was supposed to be a competitive encounter. This dramatic collapse will surely be remembered as one of the most significant turning points in the match, as Pakistan now looks to bounce back in the upcoming fixtures.



Varun Tej's Matka – Gangster drama that lacks enough thrills



Varun Tej's recent films may not have met audience expectations, but with his latest outing **Matka**, he has teamed up with director Karuna Kumar, known for his unique storytelling style. Their collaboration has sparked curiosity, especially with Varun Tej's promotional pictures showcasing him in three distinct getups. The actor himself claimed that this time they are "hitting hard," which only raised the stakes further. But did **Matka** live up to the hype? Let's find out.

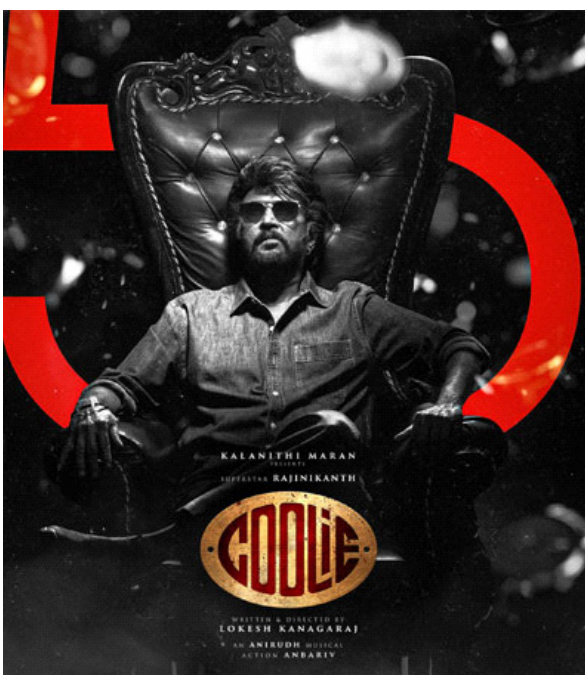
Matka tells the story of Vasu (Varun Tej), a boy from Burma who comes to Vizag as a refugee. After committing a murder during his childhood, he lands in jail, where he witnesses the volatile world of crime. Upon release, Vasu

joins a coconut merchant, Appalarreddy (Ajay Ghosh), in Purna market. Here, he faces off with the dangerous gang led by KB (John Vijay). The film's plot follows Vasu's journey through different stages of his life, showcasing his rise from a troubled past to a significant force in the market. However, despite the film's title, the gambling theme (*Matka*) doesn't feature prominently, and it never fully takes center stage, leaving many expecting more of it.

Matka presents itself as a biographical film, focusing on Vasu's journey from childhood to adulthood. While the premise offers some intrigue, it doesn't delve deeply into the expected **Matka** gambling world, which could disappoint viewers looking for that angle. The film unfolds like a character study, exploring various phases of Vasu's life, but lacks the typical high-octane moments seen in mass entertainers. Despite a fresh narrative style, the film struggles with pacing issues, especially in the middle portion, where the story slows down significantly.

Varun Tej delivers a commendable performance, working hard to bring depth to his character. His various getups add a layer of authenticity, but the lack of a strong antagonist and the slower pace of the story undermine the overall impact. The supporting cast, including Meenakshi Choudhary, Nowra, Ajay Ghosh, Kannada Kishore, Ravi Shankar, and Naveen Chandra, all contribute in their respective roles, though none of them have a stand-out impact.

The technical side of **Matka** is handled well, with Jivi Prakash Kumar's background score standing out as one of the film's key highlights. The vintage feel of Vizag is beautifully captured through the costumes and art direction, creating a nostalgic atmosphere. Karuna Kumar's dialogues are also noteworthy, adding a layer of depth to the characters and their motivations. The production values are solid, but the film could have benefited from tighter editing to maintain better pacing.



Rajinikanth and Lokesh Kanagaraj's Coolie to release on Labour Day

If any Kollywood film has the potential to enter the exclusive Rs. 1000 crore club, it's undoubtedly **Coolie**, starring none other than Superstar Rajinikanth. This highly anticipated film marks the first collaboration between Rajinikanth and sensational director Lokesh Kanagaraj, adding immense excitement to the project. With such star power behind it, expectations are soaring, and the buzz around the film is palpable.

According to recent reports from Kollywood circles, **Coolie** is slated for a grand release on May 1, strategically timed for Labour Day. The choice of this date is perfect, aligning with the theme of the title and taking advantage of the summer holiday season, which is typically a lucrative time for movie releases. With Rajinikanth's unmatched star power, **Coolie** is poised to dominate at the box office, and the timing couldn't be better.

In addition to Rajinikanth, **Coolie** boasts a stellar ensemble cast, including veteran actor Nagarjuna, Upenendra, and Shruti Haasan in key roles, further adding to the film's appeal. There are also strong rumors that Bollywood megastar Aamir Khan might make a cameo in the film, which, if confirmed, would undoubtedly send the box office collections into overdrive.

'Lucky Baskhar' Crosses Rs. 100 Crore Mark in 2 Weeks



Lucky Baskhar, the latest Telugu release for the Diwali season, has struck a chord with both critics and audiences, earning rave reviews for its gripping storyline and stellar performances. Directed by Venky Atluri, this multilingual crime drama features Dulquer Salmaan in the lead role, with Meenakshi Chaudhary playing his romantic interest.

After just two weeks at the box office, the film has surpassed the Rs. 100 crore mark worldwide, solidifying its status as one of the most successful projects for Sitara Entertainments. To commemorate this milestone, the team released a special video celebrating the film's entry into the coveted Rs. 100 crore club in just 14 days, sparking excitement among fans about its future earnings.

The film also features key performances by Sai Kumar, Maanasa Choudhury, Tipu Anand, Ramki, Hyper Aadi, and others, with music composed by GV Prakash Kumar. Co-produced by Fortune Four Cinemas, **Lucky Baskhar** stands as a major hit for the Diwali season, drawing in large crowds and keeping the box office momentum going.



Kanguva – High-voltage action drama that works only in parts

The much-anticipated **Kanguva** has been generating buzz ever since Suriya's intense coconut-hitting promotional stills were released, raising expectations among fans. Produced by Gnanavelraja, Vamsi, and Pramod with a massive budget of 350 crores, **Kanguva** directed by Siva promises an epic action-packed folklore story. With Suriya in the lead, whose star power spans both Tamil and Telugu cinema, the film had high hopes riding on it. But does it deliver? Let's dive into the story and its execution.

Kanguva opens with a thrilling premise: a group of Russian scientists capture children for cruel experiments, but one child manages to escape. The child finds his way to Francis (Suriya), an ordinary man who soon realizes he's caught in a web of danger, with Russian thugs on his tail. The mystery deepens as the child's identity and his connection to Francis are revealed. The film takes a fantastical turn, with a storyline that spans across generations. Suriya plays two distinct roles—Kanguva, a centuries-old hunter, and Francis, a contemporary man. The film explores themes of reincarnation, revenge, and fate, as the story moves from the present to the past. The core mystery is about the connection between Kanguva and the child Pulama, and why the past continues to haunt Kanguva in his present life.

Director Siva's **Kanguva** attempts something ambitious, blending folklore with grand action sequences and reincarnation elements. The first half of the film can be a bit confusing, as it introduces a complex narrative filled with animals, revenge, and mythical elements. The second half unravels the plot and clarifies the storyline, but by then, the pacing has been disrupted. The film feels like a mix of inspiration from Hollywood action and fantasy films, with large-scale action set pieces, animal sequences, and dramatic visuals. However, while the scale is grand, the execution falters at times, especially with the over-the-top violence and intense animal imagery, which may not resonate with all audiences.

Suriya delivers a stellar performance, carrying the entire film on his shoulders. He convincingly portrays both the fierce Kanguva and the more grounded Francis. His emotional depth in the action scenes stands out. Bobby Deol's role as the antagonist, though limited in screen time, adds some intrigue, but he doesn't fully leave a mark. Disha Patani's role is primarily for glamour, while Yogi Babu's comedy does not make much of an impact. The surprise element comes towards the end, with Karthi's cameo, hinting at a bigger role in the sequel. His brief appearance adds excitement, and his unique look is impressive.

Cinematography by Vetri Palaniswami deserves praise for presenting the film in a visually rich manner. The grand scale of the movie is evident, with elaborate action sequences and sweeping landscapes. **Devi Sri Prasad's** background score, while intense, at times overpowers the emotional moments, and the music could have been better integrated. Editing could have been tighter, especially in the first half, to maintain better pacing.

Nithiin's Hilarious 'Robinhood' Teaser Unveiled

Tollywood star Nithiin and director Venky Kudumula have teamed up once again for the highly anticipated movie **Robinhood**, following their successful collaboration on **Bhishma**. With huge expectations surrounding the project, the makers have unveiled an exciting teaser, sparking anticipation for the film's release on December 25, which will serve as a Christmas gift for fans.

In the newly released teaser, Nithiin plays the role of a quirky thief named Robin Hood. The character, who sees every Indian as his brother or sister, is shown stealing money with the intention of "redistributing" it. The teaser, with its mix of humor and action, showcases Nithiin's comedic timing and hints at an adventurous storyline filled with unexpected twists. The details of Robin Hood's actions and the challenges he faces are set to unfold when the film hits theaters.

