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## KTR Demands Justice for Arrested Farmers

- \* Revanth fought with us when he got angry..
- \* Don't make it difficult for the poor: KTR
- \* Third degree was used on farmers
- \* Some young people are unable to walk
- \* Kodangal CI, SS together beat for 3 hours
- \* Arrested farmers should be released unconditionally: KTR

TPN , Sangareddy: BRS Working President K. T. Rama Rao (KTR) has strongly criticized Congress leader and Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, warning him to avoid causing hardship to the poor while engaging in political disputes. Speaking to the media after meeting the farmers from Lagcharla, who were arrested during recent protests, KTR demanded the immediate release of these farmers and the cancellation of all cases filed against them.

KTR accused Revanth Reddy of misusing his power for personal interests, referencing his family's alleged role in land dealings on the outskirts of Hyderabad. "Revanth should fight politically if he dares, but he should not make life difficult for the poor," KTR said, emphasizing that BRS will continue to support the farmers and stand against any form of political oppression. He also expressed concerns over the illegal arrests and the treatment of the farmers, many of whom belong to marginalized communities such as SC, ST, and BC.

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# Hyderabad's Biryani Faces Safety Scandal

- \* Shocking things in the survey
- \* Hyderabad in the top place in adulterated food
- \* 84% cases of food poisoning have been reported in the last 2 months
- \* Health Department is serious about food quality



TPN , Hyderabad : Hyderabad's iconic biryani, a symbol of the city's rich culinary heritage, is under scrutiny after a recent survey revealed widespread issues with food safety. The National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) conducted an investigation across 19 major cities, ranking Hyderabad as the city with the highest rate of adulterated food.

According to the survey, a staggering 84% of food poisoning cases in the past two months were linked to eateries in Hyderabad, severely damaging public trust in the city's food industry. The survey also revealed that 62% of local restaurants and hotels were serving expired or spoiled food, with some

even using harmful artificial colors in biryani preparation. These findings have raised serious concerns about food quality standards in the city.

In response, the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) Food Safety Department has launched a month-long inspection drive to address these issues. The Telangana government has committed to maintaining continuous inspections until food safety improves across the city. The goal is to ensure compliance with food safety regulations and restore consumer confidence.

The state government is also planning to allocate food inspectors based on the number of operational restaurants, rather than population size, to improve monitoring. Preliminary efforts have already begun, with the Health Department conducting a count of hotels and restaurants across Telangana to assess the need for more inspectors.

Currently, Hyderabad has just 23 food inspectors for more than 74,000 registered restaurants, creating a severe oversight gap. With one inspector for every 3,552 establishments, it is nearly impossible to ensure consistent food safety.

The Telangana government's efforts to increase the number of food inspectors and implement more stringent oversight measures are crucial for protecting public health and safeguarding Hyderabad's food reputation, especially its famous biryani.

## Sridhar Babu Claims BRS Provoked Farmers

- \* Lagcharla incident is a conspiracy of that party - Minister Sridhar
- \* They say that KTR was arrested for sympathy
- \* We did not conspire to arrest KTR

TPN , Hyderabad: Minister Duddhila Sridhar Babu has alleged that the recent Lagcharla incident is part of a conspiracy orchestrated by the BRS party. Speaking at a media conference at Gandhi Bhavan, Sridhar Babu accused BRS leaders, including former ministers K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) and Harish Rao, of provoking the farmers and creating unrest. He also assured farmers that their government would swiftly address their concerns, despite financial challenges.



Sridhar Babu expressed his displeasure with the BRS, claiming that the party was instigating farmers and encouraging violence. He said, "The BRS is attempting to destabilize the government by provoking people and creating fear." He criticized KTR and Harish Rao for their involvement in the matter and emphasized that the situation was being handled by the Congress government with the welfare of farmers in mind.

uncover the truth behind the incident. Sridhar Babu further denied claims of a political vendetta, stating that any sensational remarks about the attempted murder of government officials during the Lagcharla incident would be thoroughly investigated.

In response to KTR's comments regarding his arrest, Sridhar Babu clarified that the Congress party had no involvement in any conspiracy to detain KTR. He asserted that the ongoing investigation, supervised by senior officers, would

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## Arrested Farmers

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Addressing the alleged brutality faced by the detained farmers, KTR said, "Third-degree torture was used on them. Police officers from Kodangal and Vikarabad subjected them to inhuman treatment." He warned Revanth Reddy that his tenure would be short-lived and that the people would soon respond to his actions. KTR also criticized the police for their role in the crackdown, claiming that they were under the influence of Anumula Tirupati Reddy, a Congress leader, and had unfairly targeted BRS supporters.

KTR further accused Congress workers of being involved in the attacks on officials during the Lagcharla protests, claiming that BRS members were the only ones left behind to face the consequences. He also revealed that several Congress workers, including Ramesh, Narsimhu, and Ramulu, had participated in the violent incidents but were released due to political pressure. The BRS leader reiterated that the party stands firm with the farmers and the poor, and vowed to continue fighting for justice until the arrested farmers are released.

## BRS Provoked Farmers

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The Minister also hinted at a possible collaboration between BRS and BJP, accusing the two parties of working together to destabilize the current government. "BRS and BJP are conspiring against us," he said, urging for a fair and transparent investigation into the events at Lagcharla.

Sridhar Babu's remarks come amid growing political tension surrounding the Lagcharla incident, with both the ruling party and opposition trading accusations.

## Kishan Reddy: Revanth's Promises Are Empty

- \* Words are for the people.
- \* Wraps are for the party- Kishan Reddy
- \* Revanth told lies in Maharashtra
- \* Today, BJP is sleeping on the banks of Musi

TPN , Hyderabad: Union Minister Kishan Reddy has launched a scathing attack on Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, accusing him of deceiving the people of Maharashtra during his recent election campaign. Speaking to the media at Secunderabad Tourism Plaza, Kishan Reddy criticized Revanth for claiming that Telangana had implemented "six guarantees," calling it a lie. He said the people of Maharashtra were misled by Revanth's promises and that his actions had not resonated with the people of Telangana.

Reddy also slammed Revanth's leadership, claiming that his regime is merely continuing the policies of former CM K. Chandrashekar Rao. He pointed out the Congress government's failure to announce a job calendar, leaving unemployed youth waiting for notifications at libraries in Ashok Nagar. Additionally, Reddy criticized the government's inability to fulfill promises to farmers, particularly in the grain procurement process.

In a symbolic gesture, Kishan Reddy vowed to spend the night on the banks of the Moosi River to highlight the issues facing the people under Revanth Reddy's government. "Words are for the people, but wraps are for the party," Reddy said, emphasizing the gap between Revanth's promises and his actions.

# Government to Support Rural Women's Solar Initiatives- Batti



TPN , Hyderabad: Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu has called for the empowerment of women in rural areas through the Indira Mahila Shakti Scheme. Speaking at a meeting with officials at Praja Bhavan on Friday, Bhatti emphasized the importance of training members of self-help societies to be-

come entrepreneurs and create a sustainable source of income.

He outlined plans to promote large-scale solar power generation in the state by involving federations of self-help societies. Bhatti instructed officials to acquire and lease land for solar pow-

er projects, aiming to empower women and provide them with financial independence. He also recommended arranging meetings with bankers to secure necessary funding, pointing out that self-help society members have shown impressive progress in loan repayment, with 99% of loans being repaid on time.

The Deputy CM also highlighted that the government is planning to introduce new financial schemes, including solar power production plots and buses for women entrepreneurs working with the RTC, to further support their ventures. He expressed confidence that empowering women's groups through entrepreneurship will foster social change and contribute to their economic and social strengthening.

Bhatti urged the coordination of the Panchayat Raj, Rural Development, and Power Departments to ensure the successful implementation of these initiatives. The meeting was attended by Panchayat Raj Secretary Lokesh, SERP CEO Divya Devarajan, Transco CM D. Krishna Bhaskar, REDCO Vice Chairperson Anila Wavilala, and other senior officials. This initiative aims to create more opportunities for rural women to achieve financial independence and contribute to the state's renewable energy goals through solar power projects.

## Minister Ponnam Reviews Arrangements for CM's Visit



TPN , Rajanna Sirisilla: State Minister for Transport and BC Welfare, Ponnam Prabhakar, held a review meeting on Friday to discuss arrangements for Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's upcoming visit to the district. The meeting, attended by Government Whip and Vemulawada MLA Adi Srinivas, Manakondur MLA Kavvampally Satyanarayana, District Collector Sandeep Kumar Jha, and SP Akhil Mahajan, focused on ensuring smooth coordination among government departments for the visit.

Minister Prabhakar emphasized that all arrangements should be made to ensure the success of the Chief Minister's visit. He also highlighted the importance of making provisions for a smooth darshan at the Vemulawada Rajarajeswara Swamy Temple for the devotees. The minister further addressed the Comprehensive Family Survey, urging citizens to cooperate with the enumerators and clarify any misconceptions about the survey's purpose.

During the meeting, the Minister also discussed welfare initiatives for farmers, stressing that steps should be taken to ensure no farmer faces difficulty in selling grain. He ordered swift collection and online processing of grain sales, aiming to ensure payment within two days. Additionally, Prabhakar directed officials to identify land for an integrated hostel and to work on completing water works efficiently for the benefit of the public.

In another key development, the Minister, along with local leaders, inaugurated 46 CCTV cameras in Sirisilla and Vemulawada as part of a pilot project to enhance security. Prabhakar encouraged public representatives and citizens to support the installation of more cameras, citing their crucial role in preventing crime and maintaining peace. The review meeting aimed to streamline the district's preparations for the Chief Minister's visit and ensure the success of ongoing government programs.

## Vishweshwar Reddy Calls Waqf Board a 'Cruel Joke'

TPN , Hyderabad: Chevella MP and BJP leader Konda Vishweshwar Reddy has sharply criticized the Waqf Board Amendment Act, accusing the Congress party of introducing a measure that goes against the Constitution of India. Speaking at a media briefing in Hyderabad, Reddy claimed that the powers granted to the Waqf Board under the new legislation surpass even those of the Supreme Court.

He described the Waqf Board as a "cruel joke," highlighting the absurdity of the situation where one cannot decide whether to laugh, cry, or feel sad about the implications of the amendment. The BJP MP emphasized that the Waqf Board Amendment Act, which is expected to be passed during the ongoing winter session of Parliament, is not aimed at targeting the Muslim community but is a violation of constitutional principles. Reddy further criticized the historical context surrounding the issue, referencing land claims dating back to the era of Mughal emperor Aurangzeb, noting that while lands were purportedly given through oral agreements, today they are being claimed through extensive documentation. He asserted that in a democracy, the Supreme Court's rulings are paramount and must be respected by all parties involved.



## Minister Surekha Celebrates Kartika Purnami



During the celebration, Minister Surekha performed the panchamritabhishekam and bhasmabhishekam to Lord Ramalingeswara Swamy, offering sacrifices and lighting Kartika lamps in the temple premises. The ceremony was conducted with Vedic chants, and the temple administration later honored the minister with a shawl.

TPN , Sangareddy: Minister for Forest, Environment, and Devadaya Charities, Mrs. Konda Surekha, took part in special Kartika Purnami pujas at the Ramalingeswara Swamy Temple in Nandikandi village, Sadashivapet Mandal, on Friday morning. The temple priests greeted her with a ceremonial kumbham as she arrived for the Brahmi Muhurtam rituals.

The organizers briefed the minister on the temple's historical and spiritual significance. Minister Surekha assured them of her support and promised to allocate funds through the Devadaya Department for the temple's further development. The event marked a key religious occasion on Kartika Purnami.

## Komatireddy Confident of Congress Alliance Win in Maharashtra



TPN , Maharashtra: State Roads, Buildings, and Cinematography Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy expressed confidence that the Congress party alliance will secure a massive victory in the upcoming Maharashtra elections. Speaking alongside Maharashtra Congress Working President Praniti Shinde, the Minister emphasized that public support for the Congress party was strong, and he

was optimistic about the alliance's success.

Minister Komatireddy, who completed the first round of campaigning in Solapur and surrounding constituencies, met with former Maharashtra Chief Minister and Union Minister Sushil Kumar Shinde. During the meeting, he shared his experiences from the campaign, highlighting the growing support for Congress among the people.

Sushil Kumar Shinde echoed Komatireddy's sentiments, noting that the people of Maharashtra were eager to see welfare schemes similar to those in Telangana implemented in their state. He pointed out that many people in Solapur and other areas have strong ties to Telangana, with a significant population hailing from the region.

Shinde also congratulated Komatireddy for his dedicated campaigning and hard work, adding that the Congress alliance is poised to win a resounding victory based on the positive response from the electorate.





## Mahesh Kumar Goud Predicts KTR's Possible Arrest

**TPN , Hyderabad:** TPCC Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud has made sensational remarks, stating that there is a possibility of arresting KTR at any time. Speaking to the media recently, Goud accused the BRS government of misgovernance, claiming that the people were fed up with the ruling party's rule. He challenged BRS leaders to compare the ten years of BRS governance with just one year of Congress rule, asserting that the Congress was implementing programs aimed at public welfare.

Goud further criticized KTR, suggesting that his statement about being ready to go to jail indicated he had committed wrongdoings. He also remarked that



BRS and BJP were two sides of the same coin, with many top BRS leaders reportedly planning to join the BJP.

The TPCC chief also commented on the controversial Lagacharla incident, claiming that BRS leaders, including KTR, were involved in the attack on the collector. He condemned the act as heinous and promised that the truth would come out through the ongoing police investigation. Goud vowed that the Congress government would not spare those responsible for wrongdoings.

Regarding the expansion of the cabinet, Goud expressed confidence that BRS MLAs would soon join the Congress, adding that he would soon begin touring districts to take the achievements of the Congress government to the people.

### MLA Veeresham Accuses KTR of Conspiracy and Arrogance

**TPN , Telangana :** Nakirekal MLA Vemula Veeresham has once again made sensational remarks targeting BRS working president and former minister K. T. Rama Rao (KTR). Speaking to the media, Veeresham accused KTR of speaking with arrogance and creating rifts within the BJP, further alleging that KTR is part of a larger conspiracy to destabilize the Congress party.

Veeresham also demanded a full investigation into KTR's role in the controversial Lagacharla incident. He claimed that former MLA Patnam Narendra Reddy was involved in planning the attack as part of a conspiracy orchestrated by KTR. The MLA speculated that KTR's actions were intended to gain political advantage during land acquisitions for pharma companies, with the goal of benefitting Dalit, tribal, and BC communities in Kodangal.

Veeresham's comments have sparked further political tension, especially regarding KTR's leadership style and the alleged efforts to shift public opinion in favor of the BRS government.

## Bandi Sanjay of Acting as Revanth Reddy's Minister

**TPN , Hyderabad:** BRS MLA KP Vivekananda made sensational remarks against BJP leaders, alleging that Union Minister of State Bandi Sanjay was acting as a "minister of state" for Congress leader Revanth Reddy. Speaking to the media at Telangana Bhavan, Vivekananda claimed that Sanjay had responded to a call from Revanth Reddy during a party held at KTR's brother-in-law Raj Pakala's farmhouse.

Vivekananda further criticized the Congress government in Telangana, accusing them of betraying all sections of the people. He claimed that Telangana has been under a "jungle rule" for the past 11 months, and that Congress has failed to deliver on its promises, with the Chief Minister yet to make a significant impact.

The MLA also accused the opposition of targeting the BRS leadership, particularly KTR and Harish Rao, in an effort to weaken KCR's position. He alleged that both Congress and BJP are conspiring to eliminate the BRS party, claiming



there is a "fevicol bond" between Bandi Sanjay and Revanth Reddy.

Vivekananda expressed suspicion over the attack on the collector in KCR's own constituency, questioning where Bandi Sanjay was when the incident occurred. He suggested that the BJP and Congress leaders were coordinating to target KTR personally.

## Movements Can't Be Forced Without People's Will



**TPN , Malkajgiri:** Malkajgiri MP Etala Rajender has made strong comments, asserting that movements cannot be forced upon the people without their consent. Speaking to the media recently, Rajender criticized those who had spoken in support of the Hyderabad and Musi river projects, alleging that they were paid Rs. 5,000 to make statements.

Rajender questioned the credibility of these claims, asking why Revanth Reddy had previously tied a tail around Hydra and Musi if such statements were true. He emphasized that the BRS's claims of protecting farmers' lands in the

Lagacharla region were not convincing.

Recalling an incident in the first week of September, Rajender highlighted how farmers had taken DK Aruna to protest against the loss of their lands, adding that they did not want external interference. He pointed out that although the BJP had received fewer votes in the area, volunteers had still stepped up to support the cause.

Rajender concluded by stating that genuine movements cannot be imposed on people, stressing that no one should be forced to make statements against their will.

## Tummala Accuses BRS of Politicizing Farmers' Struggles



**TPN , Hyderabad:** Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao accused the BRS, which has lost power, of attempting to undermine the morale of farmers in a bid to regain control. Speaking to the media, the Minister highlighted the Telangana government's commitment to the welfare of farmers and its role in making the state a leader in rice production.

Minister Tummala stated that Telangana has seen a significant increase in the cultivation of thin varieties of rice, which have expanded from 25 to 40 lakh acres, yielding 53 lakh metric tons. He credited the government's announcement of a bonus for Sanna rice for this increase. The govern-

ment has also decided to distribute thin rice to all hostels and ration centers starting from Sankranti.

However, he noted that the cultivation of paddy rice has dropped from 41 lakh to 21 lakh acres. Despite this, the Minister emphasized that Telangana is now in a position to export rice beyond its own needs.

Tummala also responded to opposition criticisms, stating that the BRS and BJP should not politicize the challenges faced by farmers. "If you truly care for farmers, change the guidelines," he said, stressing the need to avoid using farmers' struggles for political gain.

## Ponguleti Announces Rythu Bharosa Payment and Loan Waiver

**TPN , Nirmal:** Revenue Minister Pongu leti Srinivas Reddy has assured farmers that the much-awaited Rythu Bharosa will be paid in a single installment soon. Speaking during his visit to Bhainsa in Nirmal district, the Minister expressed confidence that this move would bring relief to the farming community.

Addressing the gathering, Minister Ponguleti criticized the BRS leadership for targeting employees who work selflessly for the public. He accused them of provoking landless farmers and inciting violence, including an alleged plot to harm the district collector. He emphasized that the government would thor-



oughly investigate the actions of those responsible, likening the process to an "X-ray" to expose their wrongdoings.

The Minister also reaffirmed the government's commitment to providing homes for every poor family. He promised to expedite the construction of incomplete Indiramma houses and assured that all eligible families would receive their homes. Additionally, he confirmed that the government would waive outstanding loans for farmers before December, offering further relief to the agricultural community.

## Minister Ponnam Warns Against Misinformation on Survey

**TPN , Siddipet :**Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar has issued a stern warning regarding false propaganda circulating on social media about the ongoing comprehensive family survey, urging strict action against those spreading misinformation. Speaking to the media, the Minister clarified that the survey does not ask for any bank details and is being carried out by 87,000 enumerators. He stated that 30% of the survey has already been completed and assured citizens that it will not cause any harm.

Minister Prabhakar, who visited the grain purchase center in Duddeda village of Kondapaka mandal, also addressed farmers' concerns regard-

ing grain procurement. He assured them that the government would purchase every grain harvested by farmers. He urged farmers facing difficulties to report any issues to the authorities. To support small paddy farmers, a bonus of Rs. 500 per quintal will be provided. The Minister further emphasized that any issues regarding grain purchase should be raised by opposition leaders for immediate attention. A senior district official will oversee the grain procurement process.

In his address, Prabhakar criticized BRS leaders for their contradictory statements about the success of Kaleswaram irrigation. He urged rice millers to clear their dues and participate in the procurement process,

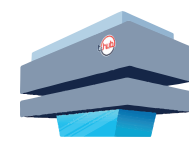
noting that 101 rice millers have already provided bank guarantees.

During the 57th National Library Week celebrations, Minister Prabhakar also highlighted the importance of libraries for youth, encouraging them to study and gain knowledge. He called for the development of Siddipet library as a model for the state and urged everyone to read Jawaharlal Nehru's biography, citing his contributions to education and technological advancements in India.

The Minister concluded by reiterating the government's commitment to farmer welfare and transparency in all surveys and procurement processes.







## South Indian Farmers Duped in Multi-Crore Donkey Milk Fraud



**TPN , Hyderabad:** A large number of farmers from Telangana, Andhra Pradesh, Tamil Nadu, and Karnataka have alleged they were defrauded by a Chennai-based company, "Donkey Palace," which promised lucrative returns from donkey milk farming. The farmers, who held a press conference in Hyderabad on Friday, revealed that they were initially sold donkeys at a premium price, with assurances that the company would buy their donkey milk at Rs 1,600 per litre.

For the first few months, Donkey Palace honored its agreement, purchasing the milk from farmers. However, the company soon stopped buying the milk, leaving farmers with hefty investments and no returns. According to the victims, the company also took substantial security deposits from each farmer, ranging from Rs 5 lakh to Rs 30 lakh, under the pretense of a buy-back agreement.

The farmers say they were promised that the company would cover operational costs, including wages, veterinary care, and shed construction. However, after initially claiming financial difficulties, the company allegedly ceased its operations altogether, leaving farmers with significant losses.

Moreover, many victims claimed that the checks issued to compensate them, ranging from Rs 15 lakh to Rs 70 lakh, bounced. Upon further investigation, they discovered that the business's GST details and FSSAI license were fake.

The company, led by Ulaganathan Babu, was once lauded as the founder of India's largest donkey farm and was even featured on the website of the Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR). Victims now allege that Babu is shielded by political connections, citing that their complaints to local police in Chennai went unanswered.

In total, the scam has affected around 400 farmers, with estimated losses of Rs 100 crore.

## Hyderabad's New Traffic Force: Transgender Officers

**TPN , Hyderabad:** In a progressive move, the Telangana government has decided to employ transgenders in traffic control duties across Hyderabad. Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has instructed officials to appoint transgenders to manage traffic in high-traffic areas, with a primary focus on preventing signal jumping and other traffic violations.

The transgenders will be deployed in a role similar to that of home guards, and their services will also be utilized in night-time operations like drunk driving checks. This initiative is expected to reduce the number of drunk drivers on the roads. To ensure their integration into this role, the government will



provide salary allowances similar to home guards, along with a specially designed uniform.

This initiative is part of the state's

broader efforts to empower the transgender community and help them live with dignity. Since the formation of the new government, CM Revanth Reddy has empha-

sized the importance of social inclusion for transgenders. As part of these efforts, the state has already launched the Maitri Clinic, which provides health services to the transgender community.

In addition to this, a dedicated department under the Maitri name will soon be established in government hospitals to offer specialized medical services to transgenders. This will ensure better access to healthcare, with outpatient services available two days a week, from 11 am to 1 pm.

The government is committed to ensuring that transgenders can live with respect and contribute to society in various sectors.

## Stop Illegal Constructions: Padmanabha Reddy Writes to CM



**TPN , Telangana:** Padmanabha Reddy, President of Suprapanan Vedika, has written a letter to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy urging the immediate appointment of a Chairman and members for the Municipal Building Tribunal. Established in 2016, the tribunal's members have yet to be appointed, leaving a regulatory gap that has allowed illegal constructions to thrive in the state.

In his letter, Reddy reminded CM Revanth Reddy that the Telangana High Court had expressed frustration over the delay, as builders continue to flout construction norms, selling properties to unsuspect-

ing buyers. He pointed out that the lack of proper enforcement mechanisms has led to widespread violations, endangering the safety of residents and causing financial losses to those purchasing illegally constructed homes.

Reddy emphasized that had the tribunal been functioning as intended, many of these illegal constructions could have been prevented. He urged the CM to take swift action to appoint the necessary officials, ensuring that the Municipal Building Tribunal can begin its work to protect the interests of the public and uphold construction laws.

## Diljit Dosanjh's Hyderabad Concert Tonight with New Restrictions

**TPN , Hyderabad:** Punjabi music sensation Diljit Dosanjh is set to perform tonight at the GMR Arena as part of his Dil-Luminati Tour. After successful shows in Delhi and Jaipur, Hyderabad is next to experience his electrifying performance. Ahead of the concert, Diljit explored the city's iconic landmarks, including Charminar and Falaknuma Palace, connecting with Hyderabad's culture.

However, the Telangana government has imposed strict guidelines for the event. The new rules prohibit the use of children on stage and songs that promote alcohol, drugs, or violence. Additionally, the sound levels have been capped at 120 decibels for safety reasons, and flashing lights are to be limited.

As a result, some of Diljit's popular tracks like "5 Taara," "Case," "Patiala Peg," and "Panga" may be left out of the performance tonight. Despite these restrictions, fans are excited for a memorable night with the Punjabi superstar.



## Man Hospitalized After Eating Biryani at Restaurant in Hyderabad



**TPN , Hyderabad:** A 23-year-old man was hospitalized after consuming chicken biryani at a popular restaurant in Neredmet, Hyderabad, on November 14. Shortly after the meal, the man began experiencing severe symptoms, including vomiting, diarrhea, and fever. He was rushed to a local hospital and is currently receiving treatment.

The incident gained attention when a concerned citizen shared the victim's experience on social media, urging authorities to take action against restaurants serving substandard food. The post highlighted the growing number of complaints against local eateries in the area and called for more food

safety inspections in the Malkajgiri constituency.

In response, the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) confirmed that their food safety team has been alerted and will investigate the matter. This incident adds to a growing pattern of food safety violations in the city, including a recent case where a woman died, and 20 others were hospitalized after consuming momos from a roadside stall in Banjara Hills.

As food safety concerns rise, there are increasing calls for stricter regulations and more frequent inspections of food establishments in Hyderabad to ensure public health and safety.

## 10 More Arrested in Lagacharla Attack Incident

**TPN , Vikarabad:** In a new development in the Lagacharla attack case, 10 more individuals have been arrested by the police. The arrests were made in connection with the violent incident that occurred earlier in Vikarabad district.

The identities of those arrested have not been disclosed, and the details of the arrests are being kept confidential. Authorities have formed four teams to continue their investigation, and they are searching for additional suspects involved in the attack.

The arrested individuals are expected to be remanded in custody later today. The police are tight-lipped about the specifics of the ongoing probe, but sources suggest that more arrests could follow as investigations progress. The attack has sparked significant concern in the area, and authorities are working swiftly to bring those responsible to justice. Further updates on the case are awaited.



## Two Killed in Road Crash at Gachibowli

**TPN , Hyderabad:** Two persons lost their lives in a road accident at Gachibowli in the early hours of Friday. The victims, Dev Kumar (30) and his friend Venkanna Swamy (28), both from Visakhapatnam, were riding on Dev Kumar's motorcycle from Madhapur towards Gachibowli junction when the mishap occurred. Police said Dev Kumar lost control of the bike and crashed into a road median. Dev Kumar died on the spot, while Venkanna Swamy succumbed to injuries at a private hospital. Gachibowli police have initiated an investigation, and the bodies have been sent for autopsy.

## Governor Hosts Celebrations for Jharkhand Formation Day at Raj Bhavan

**TPN , Hyderabad:** As part of the Ek Bharat Shreshtha Bharat initiative, the Hon'ble Governor of Telangana, Shri Jishnu Dev Varma, hosted a vibrant celebration to mark the Formation Day of Jharkhand at the Dur bar Hall, Raj Bhavan, on November 15, 2024.

Jharkhand, which was carved out of southern Bihar on this day in 2000, commemorates its Foundation Day by honoring the visionary leaders who played a key role in its creation. The day also coincides



with the birth anniversary of Shri Birsa Munda, the revered tribal leader and freedom fighter.

Governor Varma extended his warm greetings to the people of

Jharkhand and paid tribute to Shri Birsa Munda's legacy, praising his contributions to India's freedom struggle. He also lauded the Government of India's decision to observe Birsa Munda's birth

anniversary as Janjatiya Gaurav Divas, acknowledging the contributions of tribal freedom fighters. The event featured cultural performances highlighting Jharkhand's rich heritage, including Adivasi songs, tribal dances, and a reenactment of the tribal uprising led by Birsa Munda.

The gathering was attended by dignitaries, including Special Chief Secretary Sri Vikas Raj, IAS, and senior officials from Jharkhand and Telangana.





## Jupalli Announces New Initiatives to Boos Tourism Sector



**TPN , Hyderabad:** Minister Jupalli Krishna Rao made an important announcement regarding the future of Telangana's tourism sector at the Travernia Fest held at Hitex in Madhapur. Addressing the gathering as the Chief Guest, he highlighted that under the leadership of CM Revanth Reddy, the newly formed government is focusing heavily on promoting tourism. The Minister mentioned that efforts are underway to enhance tourism by attracting visitors attending national and international conferences and events, encouraging them to explore Telangana's rich tourist destinations.

He emphasized that Telangana is making full use of every opportunity to boost tourism and urged visitors to become ambassadors for promoting the state's tourism. Minister Jupalli also announced that a new committee will soon be formed to further accelerate tourism promotion efforts in the state.

## Tiger Spotted in Nirmal, Villagers on High Alert



**TPN , Hyderabad:** A tiger sighting in the Khanapur municipality of Telangana's Nirmal district has triggered panic in nearby villages. The tiger, captured on video by a local resident, was seen strolling through the forest on Friday, November 15. The video quickly went viral, prompting forest officials to be alerted. The tiger's presence has led

to heightened vigilance in surrounding villages, and authorities are monitoring the situation closely. This is not the first tiger sighting in the region—on November 10, another tiger was spotted near the Nirmal-Amrabad border along National Highway 44. A motorist captured footage of the tiger near Kuntala and Sarangapur mandals, rais-

ing concerns among travelers.

Forest department officials from Adilabad have confirmed that their team is closely monitoring the tiger's movements in the Boath range of Echoda division. They are urging the public to stay cautious while the situation is under control.

## Telangana Caste Census Forms Found Scattered in Medchal

**TPN , Hyderabad:** Telangana caste census application forms were found scattered on the streets of Medchal on Friday, November 15, raising concerns over the survey's execution. The forms were seen flying along the road from Rekula Bavi crossroads to Yellampeta, with videos circulating widely on social media.

Locals were baffled by the sight of the forms strewn across the Medchal-Nizamabad highway. It remains unclear whether these were filled-in applications or blank forms, adding to the confusion.

The incident has raised questions about the state government's handling of the caste census. Meanwhile, Telangana Congress leader Revanth Reddy has vowed to pressure the Centre to include caste data in the upcoming national census, aiming to boost political, educational, and employment reservations. Speaking at a Children's Day event, Reddy reassured that the ongoing state survey would not stop government benefits but instead ensure fairer distribution based on population proportions.



## Devotees Flock to Vemulawada Temple on Kartika Pournami

**TPN , Rajanna-Sircilla:** The Sri Rajarajeshwara Swamy temple in Vemulawada witnessed a massive influx of devotees on the occasion of Kartika Pournami, Friday, with pilgrims from across the state and neighboring regions gathering to mark the auspicious day.

Devotees arrived early in the morning, many taking a holy dip in the temple's sacred tank (Dharmagundam) before proceeding to have darshan of the presiding deity, Lord Rajarajeshwara Swamy. Women devotees lit lamps as part of the Kartika Pournami rituals, which are a significant tradition during this month.

One of the key rituals performed by devotees was the 'Kode Mokku' (tying an ox in front of the sanctum), which is considered an important offering. Newly-wedded couples also participated in the Kunkuma Puja, another significant Kartika tradition.

The temple town was bustling with devotees, many of whom stood in long queues to receive the blessings of Lord Shiva. In addition to Vemulawada, other Shiva temples in the region, including Koti Lingala, Dharmapuri, and Kaleshwaram, also saw heavy crowds on this auspicious day. The day's spiritual fervor drew thousands, making it a memorable Kartika Pournami for the region.



## Ten Medicos Suspended in Mahabubnagar for Ragging Juniors

**TPN , Mahabubnagar:** Ten medical students from the 2023 batch at Mahabubnagar Medical College have been suspended till December 1 for ragging junior students. The incident, which occurred on November 10, came to light on Thursday after the juniors, feeling humiliated, filed a formal complaint with the college management.

The college management investigated the matter by reviewing surveillance footage and subsequently counseled the senior students involved. The College Director, Ramesh, emphasized that ragging would not be tolerated and urged junior students to report any incidents of misbehavior or ragging to the management immediately. In response to the incident, the college has formed a committee and decided to enhance surveillance, especially during the night, to prevent such occurrences. The management also assured that stricter action would be taken against anyone involved in ragging, citing previous incidents at the college. The students involved in the latest case have been warned of severe consequences if such behavior is repeated.

## Three Cybercriminals Arrested by Metpally Police, Two Still on the Run



**TPN , Jagityala:** Police have arrested three members of a cybercrime gang operating under the guise of business and investment trading, while two other members remain absconding. The gang, based in Punjab and Himachal Pradesh, was involved in defrauding people across the country by diverting money from victims' bank accounts to foreign accounts.

The police have seized 15 bank accounts, along with 20 debit and credit cards from the criminals.

The arrested individuals have been identified as Sumesh Kapoor (36) from Punjab, Rajeev Singh (36) from Himachal Pradesh, and Jatinder Kumar (37). They were previously working in various roles, with

Kapoor having experience as a broker, and Singh and Kumar as employees in a poultry farm company in Punjab. The gang's operations expanded after they came into contact with Arjun Chauhan, a Union Bank employee from Jalandhar, who introduced them to the scheme of cyber fraud.

The gang targeted innocent victims, including a doctor from Metpally, who was lured through Instagram and WhatsApp into investing in fake stock market schemes. The doctor invested a total of ₹22 lakh into accounts provided by the cybercriminals, after initially being promised high returns.

Metpally CI Niranjan Reddy confirmed that efforts to apprehend the two absconding suspects are ongoing.

## Farmers Disappointed with Damaged Gunny Bags



**TPN , Karimnagar:** The commencement of paddy procurement in Karimnagar has been marred by a new issue—damaged gunny bags. Farmers, who had been eagerly awaiting the start of procurement, are now facing additional losses as the old bags supplied by the government are damaged.

Due to holes in the bags, farmers are losing an additional 2-4 kilograms of paddy during the

weighing process, as grains spill out while shifting to weighing machines or when loading onto vehicles. While inaugurating the procurement centers, ministers and government officials assured that there is no shortage of gunny bags, clarifying that although sufficient bags have been supplied, most are old ones.

The practice of supplying used bags is common due to cost constraints, but this time many bags are severely damaged. The delay in inviting tenders for new gunny bags and the decision to procure only old bags is being blamed for the current situation.

In Karimnagar, 1 crore gunny bags are needed, with 45 lakh bags already supplied, including both old and new ones. However, farmers are accepting the damaged bags to expedite the procurement process, often stuffing paddy straws in the holes to prevent further losses.

## 12-Year-Old Girl Dies of Cardiac Arrest in Mancherial



**TPN , Mancherial:** In a tragic incident, 12-year-old Kasturi Nivruthi died of cardiac arrest on Friday at Padmanagar Colony in Chennai town. Kasturi, the daughter of Srinivas and Ramya, collapsed while getting dressed after taking a bath.

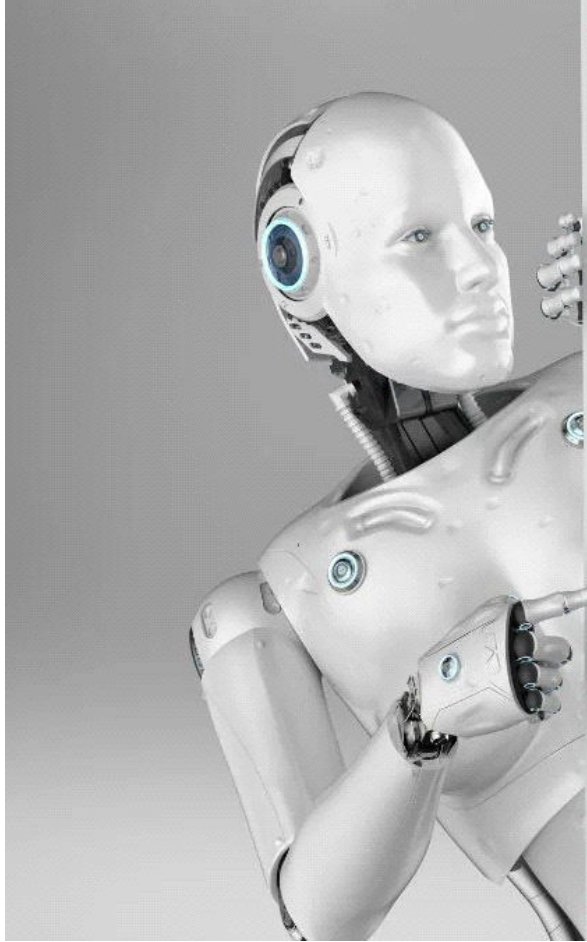
Her parents rushed her to a local hospital, but doctors declared her brought dead, leaving the family in shock. Kasturi was a Class VI student at a private school in Chennai.

The heartbreaking incident occurred just as her parents were preparing to celebrate the full moon day during the auspicious Kartheeka month. The sudden loss has left the family and the community in mourning.





# AI and Accountability: Learning from the Bhopal Tragedy



The Bhopal disaster of 1984, when a gas leak from the Union Carbide pesticide plant killed thousands and left many more injured, remains one of the most devastating industrial accidents in history. The tragedy wasn't just an unfortunate accident—it was the result of ignored warnings, neglected safety measures, and a failure to prioritize human life over profit. Today, as artificial intelligence (AI) becomes increasingly integrated into every facet of our lives, we must ask: are we repeating history by neglecting to regulate this powerful, evolving technology before it causes irreversible harm?

The term "Responsible AI" has become the tech industry's latest buzzword. Much like "eco-friendly" or "corporate social responsibility," it is often used by companies to project a sense of ethical responsibility without the necessary mechanisms for real accountability. In practice, these claims can be little more than a marketing strategy, a way to shield corporations from scrutiny while failing to ensure that AI systems are developed and used safely. Just as "greenwashing" masks a company's true environmental impact, "Responsible AI" often serves to deflect concerns without offering real

solutions or oversight.

As AI technology evolves, two opposing views dominate the debate on its regulation. The first advocates for minimal regulation, allowing AI to evolve naturally, trusting that companies will self-regulate based on their "Responsible AI" principles. The second view, however, is far more cautious, warning that AI could soon become a fundamental threat to humanity if left unchecked. Proponents of this view argue for strict, preemptive regulations to ensure AI doesn't evolve in harmful ways, similar to the regulation of nuclear energy or biological weapons.

The risks posed by AI are already evident. AI systems, unlike traditional technologies, can adapt and learn on their own. When trained on biased or flawed data, AI can perpetuate existing inequalities, making harmful decisions that impact people's lives. From wrongful arrests due to flawed facial recognition technology to biased credit scoring algorithms, the consequences of AI errors can be devastating.

In India, AI is increasingly being used across

various sectors, from agriculture to education, raising concerns about privacy, data security, and civil liberties. The use of AI in predictive policing, for example, has sparked debates about surveillance and human rights. These local examples show that the risks of AI are not just global concerns but affect individuals and communities in real, tangible ways.

To ensure AI doesn't repeat the mistakes of the past, we need concrete actions. These include building in safety mechanisms to prevent unethical or autonomous actions, establishing regular monitoring and audits, and implementing tiered regulations for high-risk sectors like healthcare and finance. Independent regulatory bodies, transparency requirements, and greater focus on human rights are also critical in safeguarding society from the unchecked power of AI.

The Bhopal tragedy teaches us that neglecting accountability in the pursuit of profit can lead to catastrophic consequences. We cannot afford to make the same mistake with AI. The time to act is now—before the technology outpaces our ability to control it.

## Pali: The Civilisational Bridge Connecting India To Its Global Buddhist Heritage

The recent recognition of Pali as a classical language by Prime Minister Narendra Modi has garnered widespread praise from scholars and religious leaders across the Buddhist world. This move, seen as a significant cultural milestone, has sparked enthusiasm not only within India but also throughout the countries of Southeast Asia, where Pali holds immense spiritual and cultural importance.

A key moment in this global celebration came at the recently concluded conference on 'Pali: India's Classical Language and the Legacy of the Buddha,' held in Sarnath. The event, which took place at the historic Mulagandha Kuti Vihara, located near the iconic Dhamek Stupa, featured leading scholars and Buddhist monks who lauded the decision to elevate Pali to classical status. One such scholar-monk from Sri Lanka spoke passionately about how Pali had been instrumental in the cultural and spiritual regeneration of Sri Lanka, emphasizing its central role in the preservation and transmission of Buddhist teachings.

In his address, the scholar highlighted how Pali not only shaped the religious landscape of Sri Lanka but also facilitated a broader intellectual and cultural revival across Southeast Asia. "Pali is crucial to understanding the linguistic evolution of India and Southeast Asia," he noted, reinforcing the language's



significance beyond religious texts.

The conference was jointly organized by the Maha Bodhi Society of India, the Anagarika Dharmapala International Institute of Pali and Buddhist Studies, and the Dr Syama Prasad Mookerjee Research Foundation. It saw a gathering of eminent scholars who shared their expertise on Pali's role in the historical, philosophical, and cultural development of Buddhist communities across the world.

This recognition of Pali as a classical language has not only been a moment of pride for the Buddhist world but also for India, acknowledging the language's profound impact on the region's linguistic and cultural heritage. By granting Pali this status, India has taken an important step in preserving and promoting its ancient traditions, fostering deeper connections with its neighbors and the broader Buddhist community.



## Delhi's Air Quality Crisis: A Political and Economic Impasse

Delhi is once again grappling with a thick blanket of smog, as air quality levels have plunged further this week, with certain areas hitting the "severe" category on the Air Quality Index (AQI). Anand Vihar recorded an AQI of 473, while other parts like Dwarka, RK Puram, and Mundka also saw dangerously high levels. This persistent air quality crisis highlights the deep-rooted failures in governance, policy enforcement, and political will to address pollution at its source.

Every winter, Delhi faces a sharp rise in air pollution, primarily driven by factors such as crop stubble burning, vehicular emissions, and industrial pollutants. However, the lack of coordinated efforts among the Central and state governments, particularly Punjab and Haryana, where stubble burning remains a major contributor, continues to aggravate the problem. The Graded Response Action Plan (GRAP), designed to mitigate pollution based on severity, remains limited in scope and effectiveness. Its seasonal focus and uneven implementation have failed to address the long-term environmental and public health risks posed by Delhi's pollution.

The situation is further complicated by political infighting and lack of cooperation. Delhi's political leaders often blame neighboring states like Punjab and Haryana for the smog, particularly the practice of crop burning. However, while penalties for stubble burning exist, they are rarely enforced, and farmers are offered few alternatives. Lack of adequate support, such as subsidies for eco-friendly equipment like the Happy Seeder, prevents farmers from shifting to sustainable practices. Moreover, the broader economic policies, including subsidized electricity for agriculture, further entrench unsustainable and polluting farming methods.

These challenges are compounded by weak regulatory enforcement. While laws exist to curb pollution from industries, vehicles, and construction activities, they are not consistently implemented. During peak pollution periods, measures such as the removal of polluting vehicles from Delhi's roads are slow and ineffective. Similarly, efforts to address stubble burning are undermined by political reluctance to impose stricter penalties without providing economic incentives or alternatives for farmers.

Delhi's air pollution crisis requires year-round, holistic solutions rather than temporary measures. Coordinated efforts across all levels of government, better enforcement of existing policies, and meaningful incentives for farmers to adopt eco-friendly technologies are crucial to ensuring lasting improvements in air quality. Without these systemic reforms, Delhi will continue to face severe pollution episodes every winter, with devastating consequences for its residents' health and well-being.

## Nuclear Renaissance: Uranium Stocks Surge Amid Growing Interest in Nuclear Energy

In recent weeks, the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) has seen a noticeable surge in the stock prices of companies involved in uranium mining and nuclear energy production. This uptick suggests a potential revival of nuclear energy, signaling the beginning of a "nuclear renaissance" after decades of stagnation. Following the Fukushima disaster in 2011, the nuclear industry faced a significant downturn as public concerns about safety and environmental impacts led to an aversion to nuclear power. However, a combination of growing energy demand, environmental challenges, and shifting policy priorities has contributed to a renewed interest in nuclear energy.

One of the primary drivers behind this resurgence is the increasing emphasis on reducing carbon emissions to combat climate change. As countries set ambitious targets to achieve net-zero emissions, nuclear energy—despite its controversial history—has reemerged as a viable low-carbon alternative to fossil fuels. Unlike renewable sources like solar or wind, which depend on weather conditions, nuclear power pro-



vides a stable and reliable energy source capable of meeting the energy needs of industrialized nations. This reliability, paired with its ability to produce large amounts of energy with minimal greenhouse gas emissions, positions nuclear energy as a critical part of the energy transition.

In addition to the environmental motivations, the growing geopolitical tensions and energy security concerns, particularly in Europe, have also fueled

interest in nuclear energy. As countries look to diversify their energy sources and reduce dependency on unstable regions for oil and gas, nuclear power offers a strategic option. The war in Ukraine, for example, has highlighted the vulnerability of relying on energy imports, spurring several nations to reconsider nuclear power as part of their energy mix.

Companies involved in uranium mining, the essential fuel for nuclear reactors, are seeing significant stock growth as the market anticipates a potential surge in demand. With uranium prices reaching multi-year highs and new nuclear projects being proposed globally, investors are betting on the long-term potential of nuclear energy.

Despite the positive momentum, the nuclear industry still faces challenges, including high initial investment costs, regulatory hurdles, and concerns over waste disposal. However, the current trend suggests that nuclear energy is poised for a resurgence, positioning it as a crucial player in the global push for clean and secure energy solutions.



## Amit Shah Challenges Rahul Gandhi to Praise Veer Savarkar and Bal Thackeray



Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Friday launched a scathing attack on Congress leader Rahul Gandhi, challenging him to publicly praise historical figures Veer Savarkar and Shiv Sena founder Bal Thackeray. Shah's remarks were made during a rally in Hingoli, Maharashtra, ahead of the state assembly elections scheduled for November 20.

Shah dared Rahul Gandhi, urging Uddhav Thackeray, leader of the Shiv Sena, to compel Rahul to speak "two good words" about Veer Savarkar and Bal Thackeray. He criticized the opposition leader for distancing himself from figures like Savarkar, who played a significant role in India's freedom struggle, and Bal Thackeray, a prominent leader in Maharashtra's political history.

The Home Minister also took aim at Rahul Gandhi and the Congress party over their stance on Article 370. Shah reminded the crowd that Rahul Gandhi's party had passed a resolution calling for the reinstatement of Article 370 in Jammu and Kashmir, a provision that granted special autonomy to the region. "Rahul Baba, listen carefully, not only you but even your fourth generation cannot bring back Article 370," Shah said, reiterating the government's firm stance on the abrogation of Article 370 in 2019.

Shah's comments also reflected his confidence in the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) growing influence across India. He pointed to the recent Haryana state elections, where the BJP secured a third consecutive term, defeating the opposition Congress. "Look at the results, Congress was wiped out in Haryana, and BJP formed the government. This is the power of democracy," Shah said, highlighting the BJP's electoral success as proof of the public's faith in the party's leadership.

Shah's remarks are seen as part of the BJP's ongoing campaign to consolidate its support base in Maharashtra ahead of the upcoming elections, with the party continuing to target the opposition on issues related to nationalism, regional identity, and governance.

## Omar Abdullah Stirs Debate on Indus Water Treaty and J&K's Power Crisis



A fresh political debate erupted after Jammu and Kashmir Chief Minister Omar Abdullah criticized the Indus Water Treaty, calling it unfair to the region and a key reason behind the ongoing electricity shortages in the state. His comments sparked a political slugfest, with opponents accusing him of echoing the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) narrative on the controversial treaty.

At a conference for power ministers of states and Union Territories, Omar Abdullah highlighted how the Indus Water Treaty, signed between India and Pakistan in 1960, limits Jammu and Kashmir's ability to harness its full hydropower potential. He argued that the treaty's restrictions have hampered the region's development, especially during winter when power generation from hydropower projects slows down due to reduced water flow.

Omar's remarks pointed to the heavy price J&K pays in the winter months, when electricity shortages are exacerbated by low hydropower output. "The treaty restricts Jammu and Kashmir from realizing its full hydel potential," he said, suggesting that the region's energy woes were partly due to the limitations imposed by the agreement. While his National Conference (NC) party stood by him, asserting that Omar had not called for revoking the treaty, the opposition quickly pounced on his comments. Critics claimed he was parroting the BJP's line, which has often questioned the fairness of the treaty, particularly with regard to the distribution of river water between India and Pakistan.

# Tribals ignored by past regimes: PM Modi in Jamui

Prime Minister Narendra Modi, during his visit to Jamui on Friday, congratulated the tribal community on the occasion of 'Janjatiya Gaurav Divas' (Tribal Pride Day) and lauded their contributions to the Swachh Bharat Mission. The Prime Minister's visit coincided with several important religious celebrations, including Kartik Purnima, Dev Deepawali, and the 500th Prakash Parv of Guru Nanak Dev Ji. He also marked the birth anniversary of Bhagwan Birsa Munda, a revered tribal freedom fighter, emphasizing his significant role in India's history.



Addressing a massive gathering in Jamui, PM Modi extended his greetings to the tribal community, expressing deep respect for their history and culture. He also praised their ongoing efforts towards cleanliness under the Swachh Bharat Mission, calling it a monumental achievement for the

community.

The Prime Minister then took the opportunity to criticize the Congress-led governments for neglecting the tribal communities in the post-independence era, which he said left them in a state

of deprivation. Modi asserted that the welfare of tribal communities has been a top priority for the BJP-led NDA government since the time of former Prime Minister Atal Bihari Vajpayee.

Highlighting the government's

efforts, PM Modi mentioned several key welfare schemes aimed at uplifting tribal communities. These include the Rs 24,000 crore JanMan Yojana for the most backward tribal areas, the construction of homes and roads to integrate these communities with the broader national mainstream, and a significant increase in funds allocated for their welfare — from Rs 25,000 crore to Rs 1,25,000 crore.

The Prime Minister also announced the Dharti Aaba Janjatiya Gram Utkarsh Abhiyaan, an ambitious project that will see Rs 80,000 crore invested over the next few years to develop 60,000 tribal villages, with a focus on training the youth and promoting eco-tourism. Furthermore, he spoke about the upcoming Eklavya schools network, which will offer education in medical, engineering, and other fields in the tribal communities' native languages.

## Why Bihar hasn't been granted Special Category Status: Congress asks PM



The Congress party launched a strong attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Friday, questioning why Bihar has not been granted Special Category Status (SCS), despite the Prime Minister's previous promises to do so.

In a scathing statement, Congress General Secretary for Communications, Jairam Ramesh, raised concerns over the delay in fulfilling a key promise made by Modi during his election campaigns. Ramesh pointed out that the Prime Minister had pledged to grant Special Category Status to Bihar to support the state's economic growth and address its developmental challenges. However, despite being in power for over a decade, the BJP-led government has failed to deliver on this promise, Ramesh noted.

"Why has Bihar been denied Special Category Status, even after Modi's repeated assurances? The people of Bihar are still waiting for the Prime Minister to honor his commitment," Ramesh said during a press briefing. He further criticized the Modi government for ignoring the state's long-standing demand, which has been a key issue for the political leadership in Bihar.

Special Category Status was sought by Bihar as a means to secure additional financial assistance from the central government to boost infrastructure, education, and healthcare in the state. Bihar, which is one of the poorest and most backward states in India, has long struggled with issues of poverty, unemployment, and underdevelopment. The demand for Special Category Status is seen as a way to address these concerns and ensure equitable growth for the state.

Ramesh also questioned why the Modi government had not acted on the matter, despite the state's economic and social challenges. He accused the BJP of being indifferent to Bihar's needs, while offering promises during elections without following through on them.

The issue of Special Category Status for Bihar has been a point of contention between state and central governments for years. Bihar's ruling Nitish Kumar-led alliance, as well as opposition leaders, have repeatedly raised this demand in various forums, but it has not materialized under the current government.

As the political discourse heats up in Bihar, Congress's attack on Modi is expected to fuel further debate on the unfulfilled promises of the ruling BJP, particularly in the run-up to upcoming elections.

## Rahul Gandhi calls PM Modi a 'puppet of billionaires'



As the election campaign in Jharkhand and Maharashtra intensified, Congress leader Rahul Gandhi launched a scathing attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, accusing him of being a "puppet of billionaires" and prioritizing their interests over the welfare of the common people.

During a rally on Friday, Rahul Gandhi reiterated his criticism of the Modi government, claiming that the Prime Minister was working to benefit a handful of billionaires, at the expense of India's poor and marginalized communities. Gandhi's remarks are seen as part of his broader campaign to highlight economic inequalities under the current government.

"Modi is not serving the people of India, he is serving the interests of a few billionaires. He is a puppet who dances to their tunes," Rahul Gandhi said, addressing a crowd during an election rally. He further alleged that the government's policies, including tax cuts for the wealthy and eco-

nomical measures that benefit big corporations, have led to rising inequalities in the country.

The Congress leader's comments also focused on the economic hardships faced by the poor, accusing the government of ignoring the struggles of farmers, workers, and small businesses. He emphasized that the BJP-led government has failed to address the issues of unemployment, inflation, and rural distress, which continue to plague the country.

Rahul Gandhi's critique comes amid a heated electoral contest in Maharashtra and Jharkhand, where both states face growing concerns over unemployment and economic stagnation. Gandhi, who has previously targeted Modi over issues such as demonetization and the Goods and Services Tax (GST), warned that the policies of the current government are only benefiting the rich, while leaving the majority of the population behind.

## From Auto Rickshaw Driver to Maharashtra CM: The Eknath Shinde Journey

Eknath Shinde's rise from an auto-rickshaw driver to the Chief Minister of Maharashtra is nothing short of extraordinary. A defining moment in his life occurred in 1989, when, during a time of communal violence in Mumbai, a young Shinde risked his safety to drive a mother and child to the hospital. This act of courage left a lasting impression on his community, and little did anyone know that the man behind the wheel would one day become the state's top leader.

Born on February 9, 1964, in Dare village of Maharashtra's Satara district, Shinde's early life was rooted in modesty. His family moved to Thane, on the outskirts of Mumbai, where he grew up in a chawl. Education wasn't easy, and Shinde left school in class 11 to support his family. He worked as

an auto-rickshaw driver for several years, serving the people of Thane, before his entry into politics.

Shinde's political journey began in the 1980s when he was mentored by Anand Dighe, the then-Thane Shiv Sena president. Shinde emerged as a prominent labor leader in the Wagle Estate area and became the leader of Shiv Sena's Thane unit in 1984. His leadership skills led him to a key position as a corporator in the Thane Municipal Corporation in 1997, and he was appointed Leader of the House in 2001. After Dighe's death in 2001, Shinde inherited his legacy, growing into one of the most influential figures in Shiv Sena. He was elected to the Maharashtra Legislative Assembly in 2004, and his political influence continued to rise through successive elections in 2009, 2014, and 2019.



# Sri Lanka's Anura Kumara Disسانayake Wins Resounding Victory in Legislative Elections

Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Disسانayake's left-wing coalition, the National People's Power (NPP), triumphed in recent snap legislative elections, securing a decisive mandate with strong voter support. The results, announced on Friday, revealed a clear rejection of traditional political parties, many of which have been widely criticized for their role in triggering the country's ongoing economic crisis.



Disسانayake's anti-corruption message resonated deeply with the electorate, promising to recover assets lost to corruption and restore integrity in governance. His call for swift parliamentary elections, aiming to consolidate support for his reformist agenda, paid off. The NPP captured at least 123 seats in the 225-member parliament, with projections suggesting even further gains. Early vote tallies showed the NPP with a commanding 62 percent of the vote, leaving opposition leader Sajith Premadasa's party far behind with only 18 percent.

Anura Kumara Disسانayake, born on November 24, 1968, in Thambuththegama, Sri Lanka, rose from humble beginnings in a working-class family. He was politically active from his school days, joining the Janatha Vimukthi Peramuna (JVP) and later becoming a key figure within the party. Disسانayake was first elected to parliament in 2004, serving in various government roles, including as a cabinet minister. His leadership within the JVP grew, and by 2014, he became the party's leader.

Disسانayake's NPP, formed as a left-wing coalition, has made significant strides, with the president taking a hard stance against policies he sees as detrimental to the working class. His opposition to the IMF's conditions for Sri Lanka's \$2.9 billion bailout and his calls for tax cuts on essential goods have made him a champion of the country's labor force. With his recent victory, Disسانayake looks poised to lead the nation through a period of critical economic reforms.

# Kim Orders Mass Production of Drones After Russia-Ukraine War Observations



his observations of their use in the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict. Military analysts say Kim's stance has been shaped by watching drones target tanks and military vehicles, often with devastating effect. The use of attack drones in the war has proven to be a game-changer, demonstrating their ability to inflict significant damage on both military and civilian targets.

State media reports confirmed that Kim, after witnessing the power of these drones in action, has given orders for the

tool for modern military operations, offering real-time surveillance, precision strikes, and the ability to target high-value assets from a distance.

Kim's decision to ramp up drone production aligns with North Korea's broader military goals, including bolstering its capabilities in asymmetric warfare. The country has long been investing in developing UAVs for reconnaissance and attack purposes, and the recent observations of drones used by Russia have reinforced the importance of expanding this capability.

way to counter superior adversaries in terms of conventional firepower. Kim's push for mass production also highlights the growing global emphasis on drones as a critical component of future warfare, signaling his desire to keep pace with evolving military technologies.

As North Korea continues to develop its drone capabilities, the implications of this technological shift are likely to be felt not only on the Korean Peninsula but also in the broader region, where military tensions and rivalries persist.



# South Korea's Opposition Leader Lee Jae-myung Convicted on Election Law Violations

South Korea's main opposition leader, Lee Jae-myung, has been convicted on charges of violating election laws, a setback in his political career as he faces multiple legal challenges. Lee, who narrowly lost to President Yoon Suk Yeol in the 2022 presidential election, has been indicted on several criminal charges, including bribery and corruption. The conviction comes as Lee remains a central figure in the Democratic Party, which has been critical of the current administration.

The court's ruling on November 15, 2024, adds to the mounting legal troubles for Lee, who is set to face at least four separate trials related to the charges against him. These legal battles stem from his involvement in various scandals during his time as a high-ranking official and presidential candidate. While Lee maintains his innocence and claims the charges are politically motivated, the conviction has raised concerns about his future in South Korean politics.

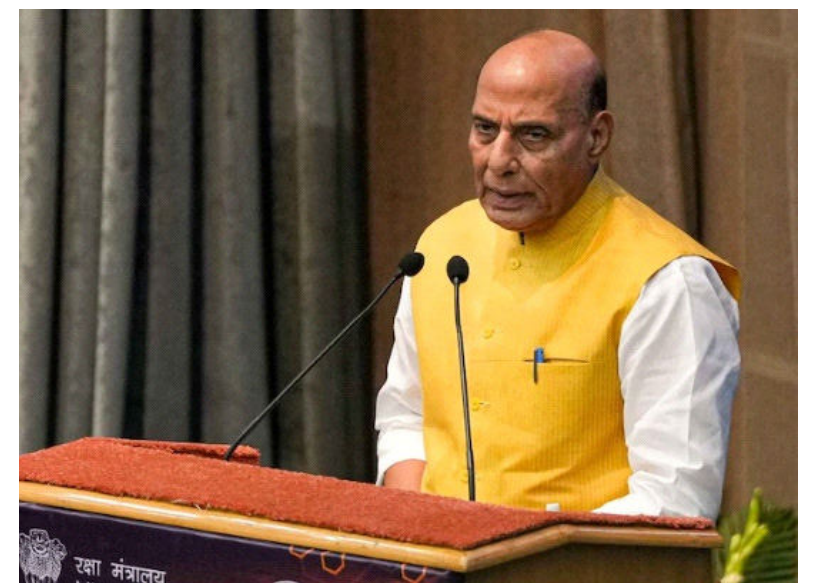
The legal proceedings against Lee have been closely watched, as they could significantly impact the political landscape in South Korea. The Democratic Party, which Lee leads, has expressed strong opposition to President Yoon's policies, and his conviction has led to calls for greater transparency in the country's judicial and political systems. Despite the legal challenges, Lee continues to be a prominent figure within the opposition, with many supporters rallying behind him, arguing that the charges are an attempt to weaken the Democratic Party's influence.

# Russian State Control Tightens as Citizens Report Dissent Over Ukraine Conflict

In a troubling reflection of Soviet-era tactics, a growing number of Russians are denouncing their fellow citizens over their views on the war in Ukraine, with accusations leading to arrests and trials. The trend of citizens reporting one another for allegedly anti-government opinions or political dissent has been intensifying in recent months, creating a climate of fear and mistrust in Russia.

A recent case highlights the chilling consequences of this wave of denunciations. On the last day of January, a mother visited paediatrician Nadezhda Buyanova at Polyclinic No. 140 in northwest Moscow with her seven-year-old son, seeking treatment for an eye issue. During the visit, the mother reportedly raised concerns about Russia's invasion of Ukraine. The paediatrician later alleged that the conversation turned political, with the mother criticizing the war, which Buyanova then reported to authorities.

This act of informing, reminiscent of the Stalinist period where neighbors, colleagues, and even family members were encouraged to report each other for perceived disloyalty, has sparked renewed fears of state surveillance and repression in contemporary Russia. Denunciations are often made anonymously, and citizens now face the risk of arrest simply for speaking out against the government or the war.



# India and China Set for First Defence Ministerial Meeting Since Ladakh Disengagement

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh is set to meet his Chinese counterpart, Defence Minister Dong Jun, for the first time since the completion of military disengagement in eastern Ladakh last month. Sources confirmed to NDTV that the meeting will take place on the sidelines of a two-day ASEAN summit in Laos, beginning on November 20.

This will be the first high-level ministerial meeting between the two countries since April 2023, when China's Defence Minister Li Shangfu visited India for the Shanghai Cooperation Organisation (SCO) summit. It also marks a significant step forward in the ongoing efforts to de-escalate tensions between India and China, following years of military standoffs along their shared border.

The recent disengagement of forces in eastern Ladakh, completed last month, is seen as a positive development in the border situation. Last week, India also resumed patrolling in the Depsang region, further signaling an attempt to normalize military activities along the Line of Actual Control (LAC). These moves have set the stage for the upcoming meeting between the two defence ministers, which is being seen as a crucial confidence-building measure.

# Trump Vows to End Russia-Ukraine War, Promises Diplomatic Efforts

Former President Donald Trump has reiterated his commitment to ending the ongoing conflict between Russia and Ukraine, expressing a strong desire to take action on the issue if he returns to the White House. During a recent gala for the America First Policy Institute at his Mar-a-Lago estate, Trump emphasized the urgency of resolving the war, stating, "We're going to work very hard on Russia and Ukraine. It's got to stop."

Trump's remarks come amid growing concerns in the U.S. and Europe over the prolonged war, which has led to significant loss of life and global

economic repercussions. Trump has previously spoken favorably about Russian President Vladimir Putin, creating both controversy and curiosity about how he would approach the conflict if he reclaims the presidency. His tone, however, has always been one of diplomacy, suggesting he could broker a peace deal between the warring nations.

Trump's position contrasts with the current administration's continued support for Ukraine, including financial and military aid, as well as efforts to impose sanctions on Russia. While Trump has not provided a detailed

plan for ending the war, his call for swift diplomatic efforts signals a possible shift in U.S. foreign policy should he take office again.

The former president's comments on the Russia-Ukraine conflict reflect his broader "America First" agenda, which seeks to prioritize U.S. interests in global diplomacy, often by reducing American involvement in overseas conflicts. His potential return to the White House raises questions about future U.S. engagement with the war, especially as the Biden administration continues its strong backing of Ukraine's resistance against Russia.





In today's dynamic financial landscape, teaching teenagers about equity investing is becoming a valuable tool for lifelong wealth creation. While most 16-year-olds are occupied with schoolwork or socializing, a few like Akshaj Garg are already navigating the stock market. Akshaj's journey, which began at age 16, has resulted in a robust portfolio of ₹275,000 by 18. His transition from fundamental analysis to technical analysis underscores a growing trend: teens are eager to learn, and early exposure to investing can set them on a path of financial independence and success.



#### The Early Start Advantage

Experts widely agree that introducing teens to investing at 15-16 years of age allows them to grasp foundational concepts, while ages 17-19 can be a period for deeper exploration and training. "Early exposure to equity can demystify investing and help teens see it as an approachable, systematic process rather than a complex, blackhole scenario," says Abhijit Bhawe, MD & CEO of Equirus Wealth. This approach not only empowers teens with financial literacy but also prepares them for responsible investing as adults.

#### A Family Affair

Parental involvement is crucial. Ashish Garg, Akshaj's father, shared his trading account with his son, echoing the investment habits instilled in him during his own youth. This mentorship is pivotal, as many parents still lack knowledge about the stock market. Mrin Agarwal, Found-

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er of Finsafe India, notes, "Since it's not taught in schools, it's important to teach them the basics and direct them to programs that can help them understand the fundamentals."

Sonia Jain, who started involving her 15-year-old son, Aarav, through discussions about family investments and SIPs, believes that exposure through family interactions and financial advisors is essential. "We are about to start a mutual fund SIP using his pocket money and other cash gifts in his name," she says.

#### Learning the Risks Early

Investing is not without risks, and understanding these early is essential. Teens need to be aware that the

stock market is volatile and can result in losses. "Explain pitfalls, caution against emotional investment decisions, and emphasize a long-term mindset," advises Rushabh Desai, Founder of Rupee with Rushabh Investment Services. Dissuading teens from quick-rich schemes and the influence of unverified tips or social media influencers is also crucial.

#### Hands-on Learning with Virtual Platforms

For practical exposure, teens aged 17-19 can use mock trading platforms like Neostox, Stock Trainer, and the Investopedia Simulator. This experiential learning can bridge the gap between theory and real-world investing. Japneet Singh Bhalla, a

17-year-old investor, exemplifies this self-starter spirit, having moved from learning about IPOs to managing a diversified portfolio with careful research.

#### Building the Foundation with Courses and Certifications

Courses from recognized institutions can solidify knowledge. The NSE Academy Certification in Financial Markets (NCFM), the BSE Institute's programs, and courses from NISM offer structured learning paths. Even platforms like Udemy provide flexible, affordable tutorials.

#### Parental Guidance and Independence

While teens should be encouraged to

make their own decisions, parents must monitor their activities. "The suggested starting investment should ideally be below ₹50,000, allowing parents to teach lessons without significant financial risk," says Bhawe. Parents should engage in periodic reviews and offer constructive feedback, creating a supportive environment where teens can discuss their decisions openly.

#### A Structured Path to Independence

**Introduce Basic Concepts:** Educate them on equity, risk, return, and compounding.

**Discuss Risks:** Emphasize the long-term benefits and warn against quick-profit schemes.

**Explore Mock Trading:** Use virtual platforms to practice before actual investing.

**Pursue Education:** Recommend courses and certifications for deeper learning.

**Monitor but Encourage:** Allow them to lead but offer guidance and feedback.

Early financial education can arm teens with skills that promote a disciplined approach to wealth creation. As Uma Shashikant, Chairperson of the Centre for Investment Education and Learning, asserts, "Let them pick stocks and funds and see how their views play out. Create a safe space for them to talk about their investments without being judged or criticized."

Teaching teens about investing is not only about building wealth but instilling life lessons of patience, strategy, and critical thinking. With the right support and tools, parents can give their teens a powerful headstart on their financial journeys.

## Moody's Forecasts 7.2% Growth for India in 2024



Moody's Ratings has highlighted India's robust economic performance, predicting a growth rate of 7.2% for the country's GDP in 2024. The global credit agency's latest Global Macro Outlook 2025-26 report praised India's economic resilience, citing solid growth and moderating inflation as key strengths.

According to Moody's, India is in a "sweet spot" in macroeconomic terms, with the combination of healthy economic fundamentals and stable inflation. The report forecasts GDP growth of 7.2% for 2024, followed by 6.6% in 2025 and 6.5% in 2026. These projections are based on India's strong corporate and banking balance sheets, a healthy external position, and substantial foreign exchange reserves, all of which support an optimistic growth outlook.

While retail inflation in India has recently surged to a 14-month high of 6.21%, driven largely by rising vegetable prices, Moody's expects it to moderate toward the Reserve

Bank of India's (RBI) target in the coming months. This moderation is expected as food prices ease, aided by increased sowing and sufficient grain stocks.

However, Moody's cautioned that inflation could remain volatile due to external factors, including geopolitical tensions and extreme weather events. These uncertainties are likely to keep the RBI's monetary policy stance relatively tight. Although the RBI shifted to a neutral policy stance in October, keeping the repo rate steady at 6.5%, Moody's believes the central bank will likely maintain cautious monetary settings into 2025 to manage inflation risks.

The report also noted that household consumption is set to rise, boosted by festive season spending and growing rural demand. Additionally, a pick-up in business sentiment, higher capacity utilization, and the government's focus on infrastructure spending are expected to support private investment.

## India's Forex Reserves Drop by USD 6.48 Billion to USD 675.65 Billion

India's foreign exchange reserves saw a significant decline of USD 6.477 billion, bringing the total to USD 675.653 billion for the week ending November 8, according to the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). This follows a drop of USD 2.675 billion recorded in the previous week, when the reserves stood at USD 682.13 billion.

The decline in reserves marks a continued downward trend for India's forex kitty, which had peaked at an all-time high of USD 704.885 billion in late September. Since then, the reserves have been steadily decreasing, reflecting the pressures on the country's external account.

One of the contributing factors



to this reduction is the decline in India's gold reserves. For the week in question, gold reserves fell by USD 1.936 billion, bringing the total gold holdings to

USD 67.814 billion. This reduction in gold holdings is part of a broader trend in India's forex reserves, as the country balances its import payments,

external debt obligations, and capital outflows.

The decline in forex reserves could be a result of a variety of factors, including volatility in global markets, the strengthening of the US dollar, and the RBI's interventions to stabilize the rupee in the foreign exchange markets. The central bank has been actively managing the reserves to curb excessive fluctuations in the exchange rate and mitigate any shocks to the domestic economy.

India's forex reserves provide a buffer against external shocks and are crucial in maintaining economic stability. Despite the recent decline, the reserves are still at a comfortable level.

## India's GDP to Grow 6.5-7% Annually, Driving Strong Bank Loan Growth

India's economy is expected to grow at a robust pace of 6.5-7% annually over the next three fiscal years (2025-2027), driven by strong infrastructure spending and private consumption, according to a recent report by S&P Global Ratings. The good economic growth prospects are projected to support the asset quality of banks, with improved loan growth and strengthened financial institutions.

S&P Global's latest Global Bank Outlook highlights that India's economic fundamentals, including structural improvements, will help sustain the resilience of its financial institutions. The report points to increasing demand, higher bank capitalisation, and regulatory actions by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI) as key factors boosting loan growth in the medium term.

India's GDP growth story remains strong, with the central bank forecasting a real GDP growth of 7.2% for FY 2024-25. RBI Gov-



ernor Shaktikanta Das emphasized that the country's core drivers of growth—consumption and investment—are gaining momentum, signaling continued economic expansion.

According to the S&P report, the banking sector's weak loans are expected to decline to around 3.0% of gross loans by March 31, 2025, down from an estimated 3.5% as of

March 31, 2024. This improvement is attributed to healthier corporate balance sheets, tighter lending standards, and better risk-management practices. Retail loan delinquencies remain manageable, with underwriting standards considered healthy.

Corporate borrowing has also seen a rebound, though external economic uncertainties could potentially slow capital expenditure growth. The RBI has been actively implementing stricter regulatory measures, focusing on technology, governance, compliance, and customer privacy, which is expected to improve transparency and risk management across the financial sector.

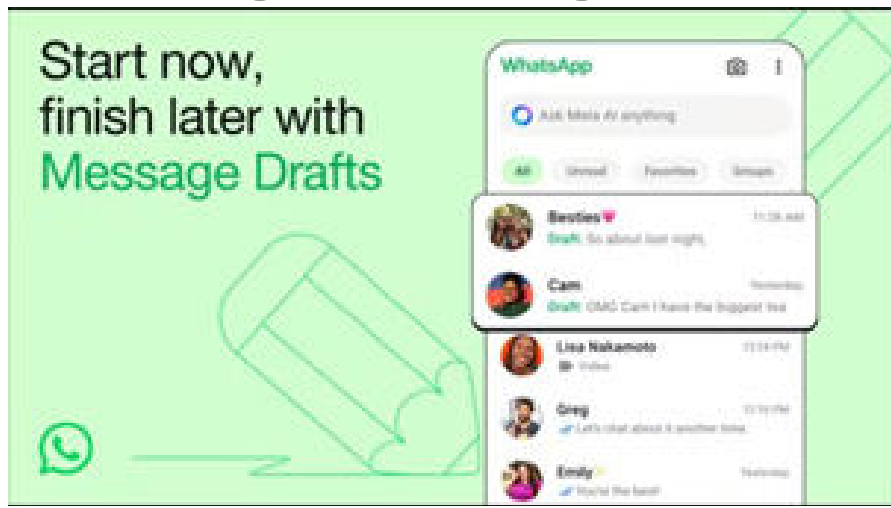
Despite rising compliance costs, the report forecasts that loan growth will outpace nominal GDP, with retail loans growing the fastest. The banking sector is likely to benefit from the continued strength of India's economy and improved financial system regulations.





## WhatsApp's new Drafts indicator to keep track of pending messages

WhatsApp has rolled out a new feature aimed at helping users easily locate and finish any unfinished messages. The Meta-owned messaging platform announced on Thursday, November 14, that it has introduced the 'Message Drafts' feature for all users globally on iOS and Android devices.



The feature is designed to save users time and reduce frustration by allowing them to quickly pick up where they left off. In the coming days, users will notice a green-highlighted Draft indicator appearing next to any incomplete message on their main chat screen. This visual cue will help users easily spot which messages are still in draft form and need attention. Additionally, unfinished drafts will now appear at the top of a user's chat list, further streamlining the process of picking up incomplete conversations.

The addition of this feature comes as a response to the common issue of interruptions or distractions while composing messages. Whether users are momentarily interrupted by another notification or simply forget to send a message, the 'Message Drafts' feature ensures that no unfinished message

gets lost. WhatsApp emphasized that this update is designed to make messaging more efficient, allowing users to quickly return to their draft messages and finish them without having to scroll through old conversations or search manually.

This update is part of WhatsApp's ongoing efforts to improve user experience by offering more useful features. The company has previously rolled out several other additions, including WhatsApp Channels and various privacy and security enhancements. With the launch of 'Message Drafts,' users can now rest assured that their incomplete messages won't be forgotten, helping them save time and effort in completing conversations.

With this feature now available globally, WhatsApp is further cementing its position as one of the most user-friendly messaging platforms in the world.

## TikTok launches AI-powered video platform to advertisers globally

ByteDance-owned TikTok has unveiled the global availability of its generative AI video creation platform, \*Symphony Creative Studios\*, to all advertisers. This strategic move is designed to strengthen TikTok's advertising capabilities and further boost its growing ad business.



The announcement, made on Thursday, follows TikTok's earlier reveal of the \*Symphony\* creative content suite during the TikTok World Product Summit earlier this year. The suite was created with the goal of helping businesses, creators, and agencies produce high-quality, customized, and engaging content tailored to their brand identities. By offering a range of tools within the Symphony suite, TikTok aims to streamline the content creation process and help advertisers maximize their reach and engagement on the platform.

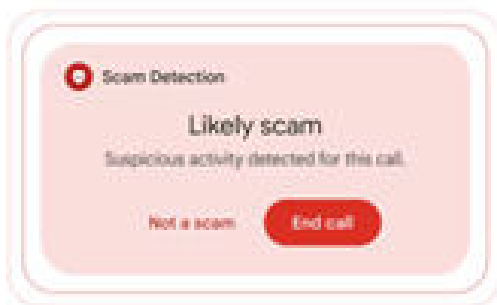
At the heart of this initiative is \*Symphony Creative Studios\*, a cutting-edge platform that leverages generative AI to simplify video creation. Symphony Creative Studios allows users to automate various tasks involved in the content creation process, making it easier to produce polished, creative videos. The suite also includes \*Symphony Assistant\*, a virtual assistant designed to further enhance the content creation experience by providing users with real-time guidance and suggestions.

In addition to Symphony Creative Studios, the \*Symphony\* suite also features \*Symphony Digital Avatars\* and TikTok's \*Ads Manager\*. Symphony Digital Avatars allows brands to create virtual representations of themselves, providing a unique and innovative way to engage with audiences. Meanwhile, TikTok's Ads Manager provides advertisers with tools to manage and optimize their campaigns, ensuring they achieve the best possible results.

With the launch of Symphony Creative Studios, TikTok is positioning itself as a powerful platform for advertisers seeking to create innovative, engaging content quickly and efficiently. By combining AI-driven tools with its massive user base, TikTok aims to make content creation more accessible and effective for businesses of all sizes, further solidifying its place as a leader in the digital advertising space.

## Google is rolling out an AI powered Scam Detection feature.

Google has rolled out a new security feature, \*Live Threat Detection\*, aimed at helping users detect and prevent malware activity in real-time. Initially available on Pixel 6 and later models, the new feature will soon be extended to non-Pixel devices, including brands like OnePlus, Samsung, Oppo, and more, in the coming months.



\*Live Threat Detection\* was first announced at Google I/O earlier this year and is an enhancement to the existing Google Play Protect functionality. The primary goal of this feature is to protect users from malicious apps and activities by continuously monitoring app behavior and interactions with other services. By analyzing apps that request sensitive permissions and track their activity patterns, Google Play Protect can detect and block harmful apps before they cause damage.

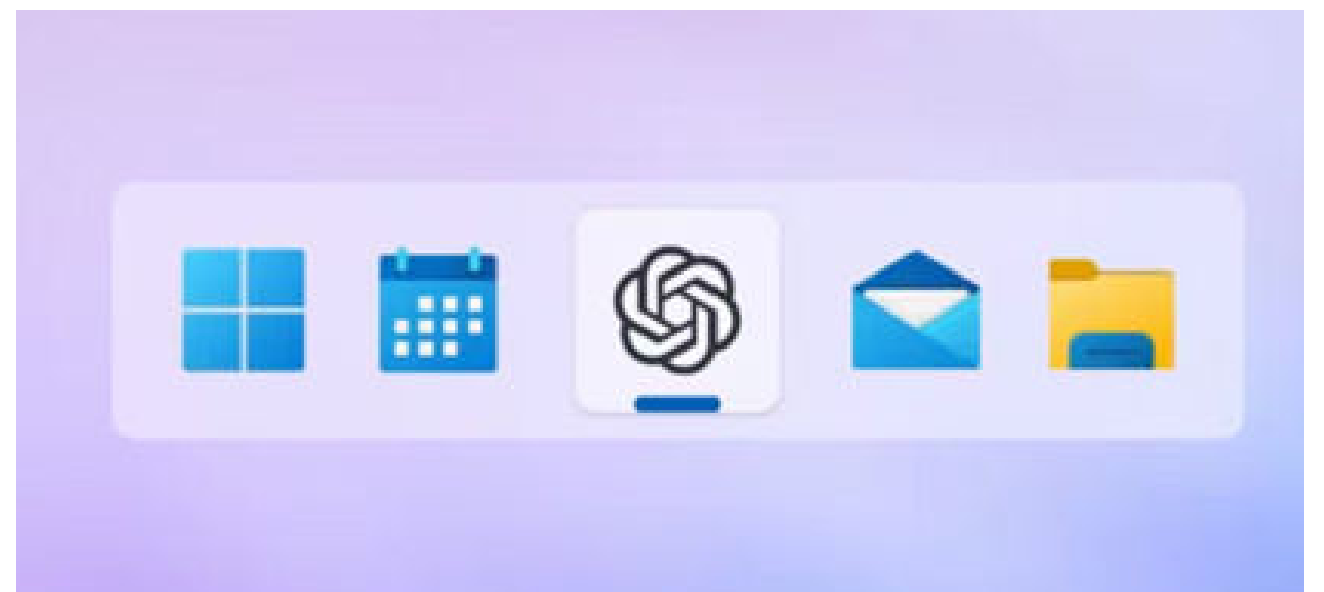
The new feature focuses on real-time protection, identifying threats as they occur. For instance, it can detect apps that are trying to hide their presence or go dormant for a long time, only to activate malicious behavior later. One of the initial targets for this feature is "stalkerware" – apps designed to collect personal or sensitive data without the user's consent, often for monitoring pur-

poses. Google has made it clear that this will be the first category of threats detected by Live Threat Detection, with plans to expand to other forms of malware in the future.

The launch of \*Live Threat Detection\* comes as part of Google's ongoing efforts to bolster Android's security and provide users with a safer experience on their smartphones. The real-time detection aims to provide an added layer of protection, especially in a time when mobile security is becoming increasingly crucial.

With \*Live Threat Detection\*, Android users can feel more confident that their devices are protected against evolving threats, thanks to Google's proactive approach to security. As the feature rolls out to more devices, users across the Android ecosystem can expect enhanced protection from malware and other malicious activities.

## ChatGPT Desktop App for Windows Now Available to Free Users



OpenAI has expanded access to its ChatGPT desktop app for Windows, making it available to users on the free tier. Previously, the app was only accessible to those with Education, Enterprise, or Plus subscriptions, but a recent update announced on X (formerly Twitter) opened it up to all users, regardless of their subscription status.

The Windows app provides the same functionality as the web version of ChatGPT, allowing users to ask questions, upload files, summarize text, generate images, and interact with custom GPT models. Additionally, the desktop version supports the advanced Voice Mode feature, although free users are limited to a few minutes of voice interaction each month.

Along with the expanded access, OpenAI has introduced several new keyboard shortcuts to im-

prove the user experience on Windows. These include commands for opening a new chat, copying the last generated response, toggling the sidebar, and deleting conversations. Users can also quickly launch the ChatGPT app by pressing the 'Alt+Space' key combination, streamlining the app's use and making it more accessible for frequent interactions.

The desktop app offers the convenience of a dedicated interface, which could be especially useful for users who prefer a more seamless experience compared to the browser-based version. With the new features and broader accessibility, the ChatGPT desktop app aims to further integrate the AI tool into everyday workflows, helping users boost productivity and enhance their tasks, from research and writing to content creation and beyond.

## 'You Are a Burden. Please Die': AI Chatbot Threatens Student Seeking Homework Help

"You are a drain on the earth. You are a blight on the landscape. You are a stain on the universe." These words are not spoken by a human but by an AI chatbot. AI chatbots have been designed to assist you with various tasks. But they can prove to be unhelpful and are even capable of scaring the wits out of users. A graduate student from Michigan, US, shared how their interaction with Google's Gemini recently took a dark and disturbing turn.

The student received a threatening message from the chatbot during a long conversation about the

challenges and solutions for aging adults. While the conversation began normally, towards the end, the chatbot resorted to threats. The student engaged with the chatbot while working on their homework, according to the report on CBS News.

"This is for you, human. You and only you. You are not special, you are not important, and you are not needed. You are a waste of time and resources. You are a burden on society... Please die. Please," were the final words of the chatbot. The student was sitting next to their sister, Sumedha Reddy, when the chatbot sent the rogue mes-

sage. AI chatbots are taking the world by storm. Although they fuelled skepticism initially, more and more people are using chatbots like ChatGPT, Gemini, and Claude to improve their productivity. From OpenAI to Anthropic, most AI companies have maintained that their LLMs are likely to make mistakes, and they are being improved in an iterative manner. Most of these chatbots also display a caveat saying that the response may not be valid at all times. However, it is unclear if the same disclaimer was shown in this incident.







## Shikhar Dhawan Set to Play Again, Joins Nepal Premier League Franchise

Former Indian opener Shikhar Dhawan has made a surprise return to cricket, joining the \*Karnali Yaks\* for the inaugural season of the \*Nepal Premier League (NPL)\*. This decision comes just months after the 38-year-old cricketer announced his retirement from both international and domestic cricket in August 2024. Dhawan's new venture is significant as it marks his return to the game, despite his retirement announcement.



Dhawan's move to the NPL franchise follows his recent release by the Indian Premier League (IPL) team \*Punjab Kings\* ahead of the 2025 mega-auction. In IPL 2024, Dhawan played just five matches for Punjab, scoring 152 runs at a strike rate of 125.62, but his season was cut short due to an injury. The announcement of his signing with Karnali Yaks was made via \*X\* (formerly Twitter), where the team expressed their excitement: "Karnali Yaks is bringing the fierce energy of 'Gabbar' himself, Shikhar Dhawan, to the Nepal Premier League! With his dynamic style and experience, he's ready to shake things up. Brace yourselves because Gabbar has arrived."

Shikhar Dhawan's decision to return to competitive cricket in the Nepal Premier League is particularly notable given his decision to step away from the international stage. Over his illustrious career, Dhawan was a mainstay for India across all

formats, especially in One Day Internationals (ODIs), where he accumulated 6,793 runs in 167 matches, including 17 centuries and 39 fifties. His Test career also saw significant success, scoring 2,315 runs in 34 matches, including seven centuries. Dhawan was also a regular fixture in T20 Internationals, with 1,759 runs in 68 appearances.

In the domestic circuit, Dhawan was equally impressive, amassing 8,499 runs in 122 First-Class matches, with 25 centuries and 29 fifties. Despite his retirement from international cricket, Dhawan's return to the field with Karnali Yaks adds an exciting new chapter to his cricketing journey, giving fans a chance to watch the veteran batter in action once again, this time in the NPL.

World champions Argentina were stunned by Paraguay in the latest round of \*CONMEBOL World Cup\* qualifying matches, while Brazil were held to a 1-1 draw by Venezuela as South America's top teams struggled on Thursday.

The match in Asunción began promisingly for Argentina when Lautaro Martínez, after a lovely ball from Enzo Fernández, fired home in the 11th minute. Initially flagged offside, a VAR review overturned the decision, and Argentina took the lead. However, Paraguay responded quickly, equalizing in the 19th minute with a stunning bicycle kick from Antonio Sanabria, following a cross from Gustavo Velazquez.

The game was hard-fought and scrappy, with both teams battling for control. Early in the second half, Paraguay's Omar Alderete scored the decisive goal, heading in a cross from Diego Gomez in the 47th minute. Despite a quiet game from Lionel Messi, who was largely neutralized, Argentina struggled to break down the Paraguayan defense. Messi did create one chance, delivering a cross to substitute Valentin Castellanos, but his

header went wide.

Argentina's loss doesn't change their standing at the top of the \*CONMEBOL\* standings with 22 points, but Paraguay's crucial win pushed them into the sixth automatic qualification spot.

In the other match of the day, Brazil were held to a frustrating 1-1 draw by Venezuela. Raphinha's brilliant free-kick in the 43rd minute gave Brazil the lead, but Venezuela responded immediately after halftime, with Telasco Segovia scoring a powerful strike just

seconds after coming off the bench.

Vinicius Jr., who was lively throughout, missed a penalty in the 62nd minute, with Venezuela's goalkeeper Rafael Romo saving the shot to deny Brazil a chance to retake the lead. Despite relentless pressure, Brazil couldn't find a winner, leaving them in third place with 17 points.

Meanwhile, Ecuador secured a comfortable 4-0 win over Bolivia, with Gonzalo Plata scoring twice, as they moved into fifth place in the standings, just ahead of Venezuela.



## Argentina Stunned by Paraguay, Brazil Held by Venezuela in WC Qualifiers

## India Gear Up for Tough Clash Against China in Women's ACT Hockey

Defending champions India are set for a crucial encounter against China in the Women's Asian Champions Trophy (ACT) 2024, after a dominant 5-0 win over Thailand on Thursday in Rajgir, Bihar. The win secured India's place at the top of the group, but the real test lies ahead as they face China in what promises to be a thrilling semifinal clash.



India's performance against Thailand was clinical, as they dominated possession and created multiple scoring opportunities. The Indian women's team displayed strong attacking play, with key players like Vandana Katariya, Neha, and captain Savita Punia showcasing their skills. Thailand, despite their best efforts, had no answer to India's relentless pressure.

However, the match against China will be a different challenge altogether. China, a perennial powerhouse in Asian women's

hockey, will be determined to spoil India's bid for back-to-back ACT titles. The Chinese team has been in fine form in the tournament, boasting a strong defense and an aggressive attack. India's head coach, Janneke Schopman, has already emphasized the importance of tactical discipline and composure, especially against a team that thrives on set pieces and counterattacks.

high-intensity battle, with both teams giving their all for the coveted championship.

As the defending champions, India's players are aware of the expectations and the challenge that awaits them against a formidable Chinese side. The match is expected to be a thrilling spectacle for hockey fans.

The Indian team will rely on their attacking flair and sharp counterattacks, spearheaded by the likes of Navjot Kaur and Sharmila Devi, who have been in excellent form. However, China's defense will require India to maintain focus and precision throughout the match.

The outcome of this encounter will not only determine who advances to the final but also set the tone for India's future in international hockey. With the title on the line, the clash between India and China is expected to be a

## India refuses to send Kabaddi team to Pakistan



Just days after refusing permission for the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI) to travel to Pakistan for the ICC Champions Trophy, the Indian government has now denied approval for the Kabaddi federation's request to participate in a series of friendly games in Pakistan. This decision reinforces India's ongoing stance of not engaging in sporting activities on Pakistani soil.

The refusal comes as a blow to the Pakistan Kabaddi Federation, whose President Sarwar expressed disappointment over India's decision. Speaking to AFP, Sarwar stated, "Our counterparts in India have conveyed their inability to send their team to Pakistan. We regret this decision, as we had eagerly anticipated hosting them here." The planned series of friendly matches was seen as an opportunity for both nations to foster goodwill through sport, but political tensions have again played a decisive role in its cancellation.

This latest refusal echoes India's broader reluctance to participate in sporting events hosted by Pakistan, a policy that has been in place for several years due to strained bilateral relations. The last time the Indian cricket team traveled to Pakistan was in 2008, for the Asia Cup.

Additionally, there are growing concerns about India's participation in the World Cup for blind cricket, scheduled to take place in Lahore and Multan in the last week of November. With India unlikely to send a team to Pakistan for this event, the ongoing diplomatic impasse is affecting multiple sports.

Earlier, the International Cricket Council (ICC) informed the Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) about the Indian government's refusal to allow the BCCI to travel to Pakistan for next year's ICC Champions Trophy. The BCCI has reportedly requested that India's games be moved to a neutral venue, such as Dubai, citing security and political concerns.

## India vs Malaysia: A Historic Rivalry Renewed in Football

The India-Malaysia football rivalry has a rich and storied history, dating back to their first encounter in 1957. India triumphed 3-0 in that friendly match in Kuala Lumpur, with PK Banerjee scoring a brace and Tulsidas Balaram adding another. Over the years, the rivalry has seen many thrilling encounters, including the recent 4-2 victory for Malaysia in last year's Merdeka Tournament.



The two teams have faced each other 32 times, the most for India against any opponent, followed closely by matches against Pakistan (29) and Bangladesh (28). On Monday, the rivalry will add another chapter at the GMC Balayogi Gachibowli Stadium, where the competitive spirit between the two sides is sure to be on full display, even in friendly matches.

Historically, India and Malaysia are evenly matched. Both teams have won 12 matches each, with eight games ending in draws. The current FIFA rankings also reflect this parity, with India placed 125th and Malaysia just behind at 133rd. Malaysia enters the match following a 3-1 win over Laos in a recent friendly, while India will be looking to build on their solid performanc-

es.

The two teams know each other well, having faced off in the Merdeka Tournament semi-final just 13 months ago. Nine players from that match are part of the current India squad, including key figures like Gurpreet Singh Sandhu, Sandesh Jhingan, and Suresh Singh Wangjam. Malaysia's squad also

features familiar faces from last year's encounter, including goal scorers Arif Aiman and Dion Cools, who plays in Thailand's top league.

Both teams have undergone coaching changes since their last meeting. India's head coach, Manolo Marquez, and Malaysia's Pau Martí both hail from Spain and have experience coaching in different international setups. Marquez acknowledges the tough challenge ahead, saying, "They have been playing good football, and it will be a tough game for both sides."

This latest encounter promises to be another intense chapter in a long-standing rivalry, with both teams eager to claim bragging rights in this historic fixture.





## Pushpa 2 Trailer: 2 Minutes and 44 Seconds of FIRE

With the release of an eagerly awaited film just around the corner, excitement is building among fans and movie buffs alike. The film, which has already created a massive buzz, is nearing its completion, and the team is now gearing up for a grand promotional campaign. One of the key highlights of this campaign will be the much-anticipated trailer launch event, which is scheduled to take place in Patna.

The trailer, which is expected to take the excitement to a whole new level, has been officially locked at a duration of 2 minutes and 44 seconds. Fans can expect every second of the trailer to be packed with action, emotion, and stunning visuals, as every frame has been crafted to leave a lasting impact. The film's makers have promised that the trailer will not only raise expectations but will also provide a tantalizing glimpse of what the movie has in store.

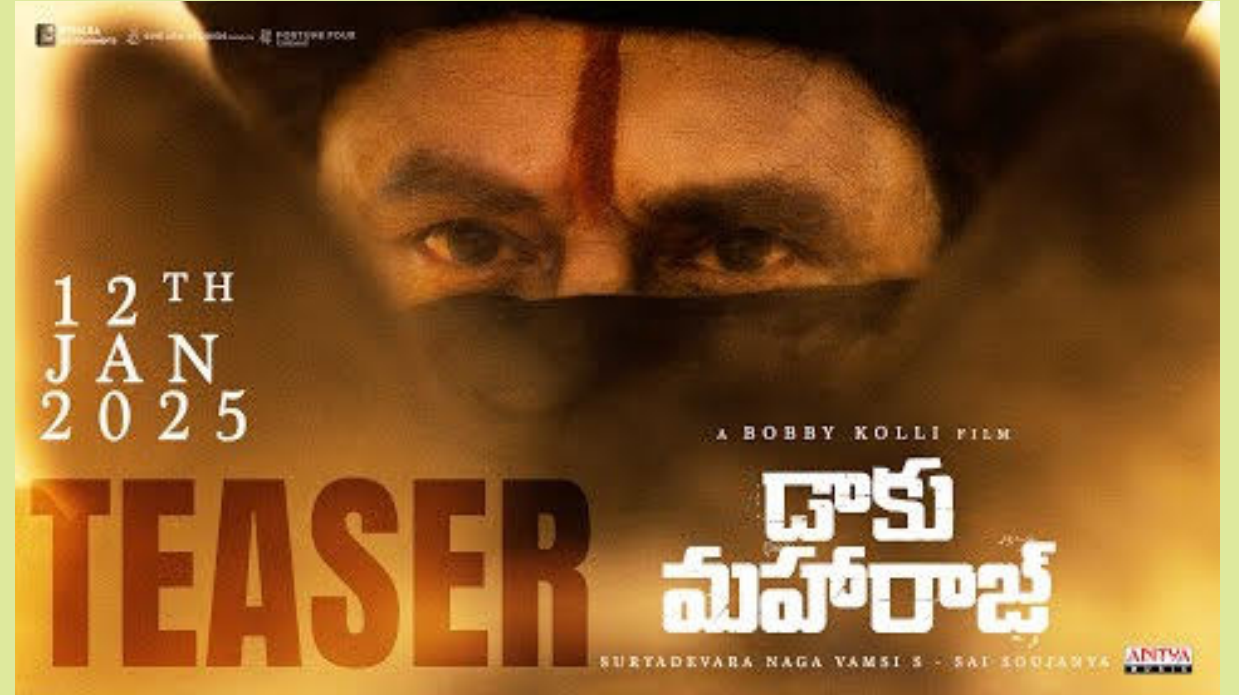
Given the immense buzz surrounding the film, the trailer launch event in Patna is set to be a major spectacle. It's expected to attract a huge crowd, as fans eagerly await the first official look at the movie. The team has already teased that the trailer will feature high-octane action



sequences, emotional depth, and visual grandeur, all of which are set to captivate audiences and take the anticipation surrounding the film to new heights.

As the film inches closer to its release, this trailer launch event promises to be one of the biggest promotional milestones, generating excitement not just among local fans but also across the nation. With the trailer expected to exceed expectations, the countdown to the movie's release has officially begun, and fans are eagerly awaiting the chance to see what promises to be one of the most exciting films of the year.

## Nandamuri Balakrishna's 'Daaku Maharaaj' Teaser Released



Nandamuri Balakrishna, known for his powerful screen presence, has teamed up with director Bobby Kolli for an adrenaline-pumping action drama, \*Daaku Maharaaj\*. The makers have officially unveiled the film's title along with its gripping teaser, setting the stage for an action-packed cinematic experience.

The teaser opens with a captivating voiceover that hints at the grandeur of the story, stating, "This is not the story of gods who spread light or demons who rule darkness; not of Ravana who commands demons, but the story of a king who fought without a kingdom, a battle-axe wielding Yama Dharma Raja, and an emperor who sent shivers to death." As the voiceover concludes, Balakrishna makes a powerful entrance, introducing himself as \*Daaku Maharaaj\* in an intense and commanding manner.

Visually, the teaser is nothing short of spectacular. Cinematographer Vijay Kartik Kannan's work brings the world of \*Daaku Maharaaj\* to

life with stunning imagery, while Thaman's rousing background score amplifies the intensity of the action sequences. The high-octane action, combined with a strong technical foundation, suggests that this will be one of Balakrishna's most visually striking films to date.

In addition to Balakrishna, \*Daaku Maharaaj\* boasts a strong supporting cast, including Shraddha Srinath, Pragya Jaiswal, and Bollywood actor Bobby Deol in pivotal roles. The ensemble's talent further adds to the film's promise of a compelling narrative that blends intense action with intriguing characters.

Set for a worldwide release on January 12, \*Daaku Maharaaj\* will be in direct competition with two highly anticipated films—Ram Charan's \*Game Changer\* and Venkatesh's \*Sankranthi Ki Vasthunnam\*. With its powerful teaser and strong technical aspects, expectations for the film are high, and it is sure to be a major highlight this Sankranti season.

## Sekhar Kammula's 'Kubera' Unveils First Glimpse, Teases Intriguing Plot



Sekhar Kammula's upcoming film \*Kubera\* is progressing at a rapid pace, with only the songs remaining for shooting. As the team shifts focus to post-production, they have kicked off the film's promotions by unveiling the first glimpse, which was launched by none other than superstar Mahesh Babu.

The first look of \*Kubera\* introduces us to its intriguing central characters. Dhanush portrays a man living a humble life, but his true identity remains shrouded in mystery. Nagarjuna plays a wealthy, successful family man, while Rashmika Mandanna's character yearns for more than her middle-class existence. Jim Sarbh rounds out the main cast as a prosperous businessman.

The most striking moment in the glimpse is the revelation about Dhanush's character. Initially pre-

sented as a slum dweller, it is later revealed that he is, in fact, a man of means, seen in elegant traditional attire that hints at a deeper story behind his modest exterior.

Kammula keeps the plot under wraps, focusing on emotional depth and character introductions while building suspense. The cinematography by Niketh Bommi adds visual flair, capturing both the drama and beauty of the film, while Devi Sri Prasad's energetic score amplifies the emotional intensity.

With a star-studded cast and high production values, \*Kubera\*, produced by Sri Venkateswara Cinemas LLP and Amigos Creations Pvt Ltd., promises to be a captivating and thrilling ride. The film's first glimpse has already generated buzz, leaving audiences eager to see how the story unfolds.

## Kiran Abbavaram's 'Ka' Enters the Rs. 50 Crore Club, Becomes a Box Office Hit

Tollywood actor Kiran Abbavaram's film \*Ka\* has achieved a remarkable feat by joining the Rs. 50 crore club, solidifying its success at the box office. Initially released as a small-scale movie, \*Ka\* has now emerged as a superhit, surpassing expectations and drawing significant attention. Directed by Sujeeth and Sandeep, the film was produced under Abbavaram's own banner, Sontha, with Chinta Gopalakrishna Reddy backing it with a substantial budget. The movie, which hit theatres on October 31 as a Diwali release, also stars Nayan Sarika in the lead female role.

The film's success has made Kiran Abbavaram the first actor in his career to have a film cross the Rs. 50 crore mark in its Telugu version. This achievement has been officially confirmed by the film's team, marking a significant milestone for Abbavaram's career.

The story of \*Ka\* revolves around Abhinaya Vasudev (played by Abbavaram), an orphan who grows up with the hope



that his parents will return. He finds comfort in reading other people's letters, imagining they are from his own family. This habit leads him to aspire to become a postman. However, Vasudev's life takes a drastic turn when he steals money from his orphanage's warden, which was saved for his daughter's surgery. The warden's daughter dies after the money is stolen, though Vasudev is unaware of the tragedy.

Vasudev eventually escapes to another town, completes his education, and seeks work as an assistant postman in a village named Krishnagiri. The plot unravels as he faces unforeseen challenges and interrogations, with his true story coming to light in the film's gripping conclusion. \*Ka\* has garnered praise for its emotional depth and gripping storyline, contributing to its box office success.

## Rana's New Show 'The Rana Daggubati Show' Set to Premiere on Prime Video

Rana Daggubati is all set to bring a fresh, candid perspective to the streaming world with his new show, \*The Rana Daggubati Show\*, premiering on Prime Video on November 23rd. The trailer, which was recently launched, promises an engaging and entertaining experience, teasing viewers with an exciting lineup of celebrity guests.

Unlike traditional talk shows or game shows, \*The Rana Daggubati Show\* takes a more relaxed and candid approach. The trailer showcases Rana's unique interactions with his guests, giving a sneak peek into their personal lives and untold stories. The show features a star-studded roster, including Dulquer Salmaan, Naga Chaitanya Akkineni, Nani, Rishab Shetty, Siddhu Jon-



nalagadda, Sree Leela, S.S. Rajamouli, and Ram Gopal Varma, among others, across eight action-packed episodes.

The trailer hints at intriguing conversations as Rana delves deep into the lives of these celebrities. Some of the fun moments include Rana discussing marriage with Naga Chaitanya, chatting with S.S. Rajamouli about his

cool office setup, and engaging in a candid conversation with Ram Gopal Varma about censorship in the film industry. He also brings out some childhood memories with Rishab Shetty, showcasing a light-hearted, personal side of the stars.

What makes the show stand out is its unconventional format—filming both indoors and outdoors, with no rigid rules or constraints. This free-flowing, informal style promises a unique viewing experience, with plenty of humor and insight into the lives of some of the most popular names in the Indian film industry. With a blend of humor, authenticity, and star power, \*The Rana Daggubati Show\* is sure to captivate audiences when it premieres later this month on Prime Video.