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## Revanth Reddy Warns About Pradhani and Adani's Plans to Exploit Maharashtra

**TPN, Maharashtra:** Addressing a public meeting at Rajura constituency in Maharashtra on Saturday, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy alleged that both Pradhani (Prime Minister) and Adani had grand plans to exploit Mumbai, referencing the Dharavi slum development project.

After extending a red carpet to the Adani Group and welcoming their investments in Telangana, Revanth Reddy warned that if the BJP came to power in Maharashtra, all major projects would be shifted to Gujarat by Gautam Adani and Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Despite facing protests over the non-implementation of the six guarantees promised before elections, Revanth Reddy claimed that his government had fulfilled all six guarantees made to the Telangana people.

# Jai Bhawani, Jai Shivaji, Jai Maharashtra...

**Assembly Elections in Maharashtra on November 20**

**Pawan Kalyan Campaigns on Behalf of NDA Candidates**

**For the person who asks for 15min "We can make you understand in the language you understand"**



**TPN, Deglur:** Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan and Health Minister Satyakumar participated in the election campaign on behalf of NDA candidates in Maharashtra today. Pawan Kalyan surprised everyone by delivering a speech in Marathi during an election meeting in Deglur, Maharashtra. Videos of his speech are now buzzing on social media.

He began his speech with "Jai Bhawani, Jai Shivaji, Jai Maharashtra" and announced that he would continue in Marathi, asking the audience to excuse any mistakes. "This is the land that Chhatrapati Shivaji ruled, the soil he walked on, the land of such valor—Maharashtra. My heartfelt salutations to all the Maratha people," he said.

Pawan clarified that he had not come to Deglur merely to ask for votes but to pay tribute to the Maratha heroes. He emphasized that he was there to remember the struggles of Maratha warriors, the exemplary adminis-

tration of Shivaji Maharaj, and the spirit of the freedom fighters. He expressed his respect for the land that gave meaning to Swaraj and the birthplace of Ambedkar.

"I have been with the NDA for the last ten years. I was the one who paid tribute to Balasaheb Thackeray when he passed away. From him, I learned nationalism without neglecting regionalism. Unfortunately, I could not meet him while he was alive," Pawan said.

As for the NDA government, Pawan highlighted the development initiatives taking place in Deglur under its regime. "Drinking water facilities for every household, development of police stations, and restoration of the Hemadpanti temple are underway. If development is to continue, people's cooperation is needed to form the NDA government. Electing the NDA candidate as the MLA for Deglur is essential," he stated.

## Revanth Says He Will Finish KCR: KTR

- KCR is not just a person but a movement
- Revanth is like many who made bold claims
- Comments that those who tried to finish KCR ended up finishing themselves



**TPN, Telangana:** BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) responded sharply to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's comments about finishing KCR and the BRS party. KTR stated, "KCR is not just a person. He represents a movement." He added, "Over the last 24 years, many have boasted and made absurd claims. Those who claimed they would finish KCR have ended up finishing themselves." KTR advised Revanth to study history before making such statements.

KTR's comments came during an event in the Rajendranagar constituency, where several Congress leaders joined the BRS.

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## Future City in 30,000 Acres??

**TPN, Hyderabad:** In a bold move to drive development, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has announced plans to establish a "Future City" on the outskirts of Hyderabad, spanning a massive 30,000 acres. The state government has already earmarked approximately 13,973 acres of land for the project and is set to acquire an additional 16,000 acres through land pooling.

The proposed Future City is envisioned as a hub for cutting-edge infrastructure, business innovation, and sustainable living.

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## I Don't Know About Tapping of Those Phone Numbers

- Police interrogated Jaipal Yadav for two hours
- Jaipal stated that he met the then Additional SP Tirupatanna to resolve a dispute
- Two numbers were given due to differences between two families
- Assures full cooperation with the police investigation

**TPN, Telangana:** Former Kalvakurthy MLA and senior BRS leader Jaipal Yadav has clarified that he had provided two phone numbers to the then Additional SP Tirupatanna regarding a dispute but was unaware that those numbers were tapped. Jaipal appeared before the Jubilee Hills police in connection with the phone tapping case and was interrogated for nearly two hours.

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## There is Fear of Which House Will Be Demolished by Which Bulldozer

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## Jai Maharashtra...



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Pawan also emphasized the importance of standing up for Sanatana Dharma. He remarked, "It is very easy to fight in movies, but righteous battles in real life are difficult. We must fight and stand for Sanatana Dharma. Even though we are divided into religions, we are a secular country. Let us work for Sanatana Dharma. If we are brave, whoever comes with a talwar can't harm us. "Don't think Sanatana Dharma is weak. From Hyderabad, if you say that you will come and wipe us out, we don't need to fight back with swords or weapons. You think we will fold hands and stand. Let's see who dares to touch us.", "Don't underestimate Sanatan Dharma. We are not weak. We can make you understand in the language you understand".

Earlier, former Maharashtra Chief Minister Ashok Chavan, in his speech, re-

ferred to Pawan Kalyan as "not Pawan Kalyan, but Andhi Kalyan". This nickname gained popularity after Prime Minister Modi described Pawan as a storm during a recent meeting in Delhi, following the NDA's victory in the general elections. Ashok Chavan echoed the sentiment, adding weight to the nickname.

Andhra Pradesh Health Minister Satyakumar also addressed the crowd at the Deglur Sabha. He mentioned that Prime Minister Modi praised Pawan Kalyan in Parliament, crediting Pawan's vision for achieving the goal of winning 164 out of 175 seats in Andhra Pradesh.

With Assembly elections in Maharashtra approaching, Pawan Kalyan's charismatic presence and bold statements have energized the NDA campaign, further intensifying the political battleground.

## Exploit Maharashtra

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Even as farmers staged protests over the Telangana government's delay in implementing the crop loan waiver, he asserted, "Within 25 days of the Congress government taking charge, ₹18,000 crore was spent to waive loans for 22 lakh farmers." He also highlighted the ₹500 bonus being provided to paddy farmers in addition to the Minimum Support Price (MSP). Furthermore, he stated that within 10 months, 50,000 government jobs were offered to unemployed youth in Telangana. He challenged the audience to verify whether the Telangana government was indeed offering ₹500 domestic gas cylinders to households.

Revanth Reddy urged voters to elect the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) alliance, promising that Congress would implement five guarantees in Maharashtra.

Earlier, at a public meeting in Chandrapur constituency, the Chief Minister warned that both Gautam Adani and Pradhani were attempting to dominate the people of Maharashtra. He claimed their strategy relied on leaders like Eknath Shinde and Ajit Pawar. In contrast, he argued that if the MVA came to power, the BJP's plans would be thwarted. He urged voters to reject Shinde and Pawar, accusing them of betraying their parties and becoming subservient to Gujarat.

Revant Reddy stated that a vote for the MVA would provide two sevaks to the people, saying, "If you elect Congress candidate Praveen Padvekar from Chandrapur, you will have one brother here, and I will be your brother in Hyderabad." He assured voters that he would take responsibility for fulfilling promises made to the people of Chandrapur.

## Revant Reddy Says He Will Finish KCR: KTR

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He reminded everyone that when KCR started the party in 2001, only a handful of people stood by him, but today, the BRS has lakhs of activists. "Under KCR's leadership, Telangana has witnessed a decade of remarkable governance, characterized by inclusive development, welfare as a core principle, and a commitment to all sections of society. Telangana has become a role model for the entire country in multiple fields," KTR said.

KTR emphasized that power and po-

sitions are temporary, but the place earned in people's hearts is permanent. "The permanent position belongs only to KCR," he said. He also praised the unwavering loyalty of the party's grassroots workers, stating, "While some MLAs left the party for posts, I bow my head in respect to the pink soldiers who remained loyal to the party."

KTR concluded by reiterating that KCR's leadership and the BRS party stand strong, driven by the support of the people and a commitment to the state's progress.

## Uttam Reddy Campaigns for MVA, Foresees Resounding Victory

**TPN, Hyderabad:** Telangana minister N. Uttam Kumar Reddy, during a campaign in the Mukhed assembly constituency, expressed confidence in a decisive win for the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) in the upcoming Maharashtra Assembly elections. Predicting the alliance's victory in over 200 seats, Reddy declared the election a turning point for the state's future.

Accompanied by Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, Reddy highlighted the MVA's successful performance in the recent Lok Sabha elections, where it secured 31 of Maharashtra's 48 seats. He credited the alliance—comprising Congress, the Shiv Sena (UBT faction), and the NCP (Sharad Pawar faction)—for earning the trust of the people through its commitment to progress and inclusivity.

Reddy pointed to welfare programs implemented by Congress in Telangana as a blueprint for the MVA's plans in Maharashtra. "Initiatives such as free bus travel for 1.05 crore women, LPG cylinders at Rs 500, and free electricity for 50 lakh families have proven transformative and will serve as a foundation for similar programs in Maharashtra," he said.

He assured voters that the MVA



government would prioritize unresolved issues, including expediting the Lendi interstate irrigation project, which would benefit farmers in Maharashtra and Telangana by enhancing agricultural productivity.

The senior Congress leader did not shy away from criticizing the BJP's tenure in Maharashtra, accusing it of neglecting economic development and allowing major industrial projects to shift to Gujarat, undermining Maharashtra's industrial base. He urged voters to reject divisive politics and support an alliance rooted in inclusivity and development.

Reddy outlined five core guarantees under the MVA's vision for Maharashtra:

- 1. Empowering Women:** A monthly financial aid of Rs 3,000 and free bus travel under the Mahalakshmi Yojana.
- 2. Relief for Farmers:** A farm loan

waiver of up to Rs 3 lakh, with an additional Rs 50,000 incentive for timely repayments.

**3. Caste Census:** A promise to conduct a caste census and work towards increasing the reservation cap beyond 50%.

**4. Health and Wellness:** Rs 25 lakh in health insurance per family, along with free medicines.

**5. Support for Youth:** A monthly unemployment allowance of Rs 4,000 for job seekers.

Paying homage to Maharashtra's iconic leaders such as Chhatrapati Shivaji Maharaj, Jyotiba Phule, Savitribai Phule, and Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, Reddy said the MVA would uphold their ideals of equality, justice, and unity.

Calling the election a pivotal moment, Reddy described an MVA victory as a triumph for secularism, progress, and national harmony. "This is a chance to ensure a prosperous future for Maharashtra," he stated, urging voters to support the MVA alliance.

Reddy concluded by reaffirming the alliance's commitment to fostering equality, dignity, and development for all, emphasizing that an MVA government would represent the collective aspirations of the people.

## CM Revanth Expresses Shock at the Death of Chandrababu's Brother

**TPN, Hyderabad:** The younger brother of Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, Nara Ramamurthy Naidu, passed away this afternoon. He had been undergoing treatment at AIG Hospital in Hyderabad for a serious illness and suffered a heart attack. According to a statement released by AIG Hospital, doctors' efforts to revive Ramamurthy Naidu were unsuccessful, and he breathed his last.



Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy expressed his condolences on the passing of Ramamurthy Naidu. He described the death of Chandrababu Naidu's brother and former MLA Nara Ramamurthy Naidu as shocking. Revant Reddy stated that he is praying for the departed soul to rest in peace and extended his deepest sympathies to the grieving family.

Revant Reddy also tweeted, expressing his heartfelt condolences to the family members of Ramamurthy Naidu during this difficult time.

## What is the Chief Minister doing when such injustice is happening?

**TPN, Telangana:** Patlawat Jyoti, the wife of a farmer named Praveen, has accused the local police of demanding a bribe to let her speak to her husband, who is currently in custody. Speaking to the media, Jyoti alleged that a policeman at the station demanded ₹2,000 to allow her to talk to her husband. When she expressed her inability to pay the full amount, she was told she could talk to him for ₹1,000.



Jyoti claimed that her husband is being beaten in jail without any reason and expressed her anguish over the lack of action by the authorities. She vowed to take her fight for justice to Delhi if the state government does not intervene and address her grievances. "If the government won't respond and continues to play politics with farmers, I will meet the Human Rights Commission to present my case," she declared.

The emotional appeal from Jyoti also touched upon her struggles as an expectant mother. "At this time, any woman needs courage, but without my husband, I am full of fear and worry for my unborn child," she said. "Is there no leader who will hear the cries of a woman in distress?"

She also questioned the Chief Minister's inaction. "What is the Chief Minister doing when such injustice is happening?" she asked, urging the government to take immediate action to stop the harassment of her husband and ensure justice. Jyoti's statements have drawn attention to the alleged mistreatment of farmers and the need for accountability within the system.

## Future City in 30,000 Acres??

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The government's decision to expand the land acquisition reflects the ambition to create a landmark project that will drive economic growth and attract global investments.

Land pooling will be used to facilitate the acquisition of the additional 16,000 acres, ensuring a collaborative approach with landowners and stakeholders. The government is reportedly working on policies to ensure transparency and fairness in the process.

With a total of 30,000 acres dedicated to the project, Future City is expected to be a transformative initiative for Hyderabad, further cementing its status as a leading metropolitan area in India. More details about the project, including its infrastructure and investment plans, are expected to be unveiled in the coming weeks.

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Speaking to the media afterward, Jaipal explained that he had met Tirupatanna to mediate and resolve a conflict between two families. "Since he belonged to the same social community as the disputing families, I approached him. In that context, I provided both their phone numbers to Tirupatanna," he said.

Jaipal further stated that the police had issued notices to him, alleging that Tirupatanna had tapped the numbers. However, he claimed to have had no knowledge of the tapping. "The police presented some evidence and asked for an explanation, which I provided to the best of my knowledge," he added. The former MLA assured that he would fully cooperate with the investigation and respond whenever the police call him for questioning.

## There is Fear of Which House Will Be Demolished by Which Bulldozer

- Kishan Reddy says BJP is taking responsibility for fighting on behalf of Musi victims.
- Union Minister highlights the fear and worries caused by HYDRA.
- BJP's "Musi Nidra" aims to provide assurance to affected residents.

**TPN, Hyderabad:** Union Minister Kishan Reddy expressed concern over the plight of people in the Musi basin, stating that residents are living in fear of which house might be demolished next under the pretext of HYDRA. Speaking to the media, he said the BJP has taken on the responsibility of advocating for the Musi victims and ensuring their voices are heard.



si Nagar, Amberpet, to interact with local residents.

Reddy noted that BJP leaders are staying in areas affected by the demolitions to show solidarity with the victims. "Today, we are staying overnight in slums to assure people of our support," he said. As part of the campaign, he himself stayed in Tul-

He alleged that the Congress party is engaging in real estate business under the guise of beautification efforts in the region. Kishan Reddy reached Tulsi Nagar in the evening and spent time speaking with residents to understand their problems. He assured them that his party has been fighting for the past four months to

secure justice for the Musi victims. He reminded them of the dharna organized with the victims as part of BJP's continued efforts to address the issue. Union Minister Kishan Reddy will stay in Tulsiramnagar in Amberpet, while K. Laxman will be in Salivahananagar in Old Malakpet. Etala Rajender will stay in Ganesh Nagar in LB Nagar, Konda Vishweshwar Reddy in Hydersha Kota in Rajendranagar, and Bibi Patil in the Residential Housing Basti in Afzalganj. Local leaders from the respective areas will accompany them during the stay. The Union Minister reiterated BJP's commitment to standing by the affected families and ensuring they receive justice.



# Revanth Reddy's Future City Faces Amaravati-Like Challenges

**TPN, Avinash:** Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has unveiled plans for a new "Future City" in Mucherla, located in Rangareddy district, about 50 kilometers south of Hyderabad. The proposed city aims to cater to next-generation needs and serve as a hub for Artificial Intelligence, medical tourism, sports, software, and pharmaceuticals.

The government plans to develop the city on 30,000 acres of land, with 13,973 acres already under its possession. An additional 16,350 acres will be acquired through a land-pooling

model, where farmers and landowners will receive developed plots in exchange for their land—an approach reminiscent of the Amaravati capital region project in Andhra Pradesh.

The parallels between Future City and Amaravati don't end with the land-pooling model. The scale of the project and the extensive land requirement draw striking similarities. However, questions loom over whether Future City could face a fate similar to Amaravati, which was stalled for years following a change in government. Revanth Reddy himself

had previously halted KCR's Pharma City plan, raising concerns about the political risks associated with such large-scale projects.

In Andhra Pradesh, Amaravati's development faced significant resistance when the government led by Jagan Mohan Reddy paused the project for five years. Public sentiment and legal battles, coupled with Amaravati's status as the state capital, eventually led to the plan's revival under the Chandrababu Naidu government. Future City, lacking such a capital sentiment, may not enjoy

similar protections if the BRS returns to power in Telangana. A new administration could potentially shelve the project without facing major obstacles.

Revanth Reddy's best chance of safeguarding Future City lies in expediting the land-pooling process and initiating construction within the next four years. Hyderabad's established reputation as an investment destination could bolster Future City's prospects and attract the necessary funding and partnerships.

Unlike Amaravati's financial struggles between 2014 and 2019 under Chandrababu Naidu's leadership, Revanth Reddy's government is better positioned financially to execute the project. This advantage could play a crucial role in ensuring the success of Future City and protecting the interests of farmers and stakeholders involved.

The clock is ticking for Revanth Reddy to transform his ambitious vision into reality and avoid the political and logistical hurdles that have plagued similar initiatives in the past.

## There Will Be No BRS Party by the Next Election: TPCC Chief



**TPN, Telangana:** TPCC Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud criticized the previous BRS government, accusing it of failing to deliver development in Telangana over the past ten years. Speaking at a coordination meeting of DCC presidents from the joint Warangal district in Hanumakonda, he alleged that the BRS government had engaged in rampant looting and failed to fulfill the aspirations of the state's people. The meeting was attended by Ministers Konda Surekha, Sridhar Babu, and Ponnam Prabhakar, along with CM's advisor Vem Narendra Reddy, Mayor Gundu Sudharani, MLAs, and other public representatives. Goud said the meeting also reviewed Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's upcoming visit to Warangal on November 19. He accused the BRS of making baseless statements and claimed that the party has lost credibility.

Goud further alleged that the BRS had failed entirely as an opposition party. He criticized KTR for making impatience remarks as the ruling party faces an impending loss of power. Predicting the BRS's demise by the next election, he asserted that the Congress party had provided more jobs in one year than the BRS did in ten years.

He highlighted the Congress's initiatives, stating that Telangana has become a role model for the country with its caste census and other welfare programs. Goud expressed his readiness to debate BRS leaders on welfare and development initiatives. He also clarified that the Musi River revival project, Hydra, would not be halted under any circumstances, calling it a visionary initiative aimed at restoring the river and benefiting the people.

He dismissed concerns about Hydra, saying that only those involved in land grabbing under the BRS regime should be worried. Goud emphasized that Hydra posed no threat to the poor and reiterated that the Congress was committed to serving the people. He added that this commitment is being celebrated through Vijayotsava Sabhas, with the Warangal Sabha being named Indira Mahila Shakti Sabha.

## Kishan Reddy became BJP state president on KCR's suggestion: Ponnam

- Criticizes him for justifying the attack on the collector
- Challenges BJP leaders to reveal the truth after their 'Musi Nidra'

**TPN, Telangana:** Minister Ponnam Prabhakar has made sensational allegations, claiming that Kishan Reddy secured the post of Telangana BJP state president on the instructions of BRS chief KCR. He criticized the BJP's "Musi Nidra" campaign, accusing Kishan Reddy of acting on KCR's directions and demanded that Kishan Reddy undergo a DNA test to prove his identity as a true son of Telangana.

Prabhakar questioned Kishan Reddy's eligibility for the Union Minister's post, accusing him of defending those involved in the attack on a collector. He demanded a clarification from the BJP on its stance regarding the incident and asked what actions Kishan Reddy had taken as an MP and Union Minister. He also issued a challenge to Kishan Reddy for an open discussion.

Reacting to the BJP's "Musi Nidra" campaign in the Musi basin, Prabhakar urged BJP leaders to tell the people the truth



after completing their campaign. He called on them to "wake up from their slumber" and address the real issues.

He criticized the BJP for its inability to raise funds and mocked their visit to Musi. Prabhakar added sarcastically that even after experiencing the foul

smell of the Musi canal, the BJP leaders should speak the truth and treat it as a divine witness.

Prabhakar's remarks have added fuel to the ongoing political discourse, escalating tensions between the BRS and BJP in Telangana.

## MLA Kumbam Anil Kumar Criticizes Kishan Reddy Over Musi River Project

**TPN, Telangana:** Congress MLA Kumbam Anil Kumar Reddy has criticized Union Minister G Kishan Reddy's stance on the Musi Riverfront Development Project, following his statement that BJP leaders were willing to spend three months near the river if it meant halting the project.

At a press conference at Gandhi Bhavan on Saturday, November 16, Anil Kumar Reddy suggested that Kishan Reddy should instead seek funding for the project by spending a night in front of Prime Minister Narendra Modi's residence, mocking his earlier statement.

Kishan Reddy had emphasized that while BJP leaders supported the cleaning of the Musi River, they opposed the forced evacuations and



demolitions of homes along the riverbank. He argued that the project would displace the poor and claimed that the government should reconsider its approach to avoid harming vulnerable families.

In response, Anil Kumar Reddy urged Kishan Reddy to avoid politicizing the issue and to focus on securing funds from the central government for the Musi River rejuvenation, similar to the support given to the Sabarmati River project in Gujarat. He reiterated that

the Telangana government is already providing 2BHK houses to families displaced by the river project. Kishan Reddy and other BJP leaders, including Eatala Rajender, Konda Vishweshwar Reddy, and former Zaheerabad MP BB Patil, are set to spend the night at various locations along the river to protest the project's impact on local communities.

## Delhi Congress Leaders Preventing KTR's Arrest

- Konda Vishweshwar Reddy refutes claims of KTR meeting Khattar in Delhi.
- BJP MP says no BJP leader gave KTR an appointment in Delhi.
- Claims KTR only spoke to Khattar's office PA.

**TPN, Telangana:** BRS Executive President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR), who recently visited Delhi alleging irregularities in the Amrit scheme, claimed that he had lodged a complaint with Union Urban Development Minister Manohar Lal Khattar. However, BJP MP Konda Vishweshwar Reddy dismissed these claims as untrue.



Speaking to a news channel, Konda Vishweshwar Reddy stated that KTR had not met Union Minister Khattar. He emphasized that if such a meeting had occurred, photos would have been released as evidence. While it is true that an appointment with the Union Minister was scheduled, KTR was reportedly sent away without being allowed to meet him.

Konda further stated that KTR did not meet a single BJP leader during his visit to Delhi. According to him, no BJP leader even granted KTR an appointment. He claimed that his information came from conversations with Khattar's office PA. Instead, Konda alleged that KTR met Congress leaders during his visit to Delhi.

Vishweshwar Reddy also suggested that while state-level Congress leaders in Telangana want KTR to be arrested, the national leadership of the Congress is preventing it. He pointed out this apparent contradiction, hinting at political maneuvering behind the scenes.

## Beware: Wedding Invitation Links on WhatsApp Could Empty Your Bank Account

**TPN, Telangana:** In a disturbing trend, cybercriminals are exploiting the popularity of digital wedding invitations by sending malicious links disguised as invitations. These links, shared on platforms like WhatsApp, Facebook, and Instagram, appear to be harmless invitations, videos, or location maps but hide a dangerous threat.

When users click on these links, an app in the form of an APK file may be downloaded onto their phone without their consent. This malware gains access to all permissions, including data in the phone's gallery, apps, and other sensitive areas. Once installed, the hacking app allows cybercriminals to steal personal information and take control of the device.

The consequences can be devastating. Victims have reported losing money from their bank accounts as the malware provides criminals access to financial apps. Additionally, cybercriminals often extract personal photos and other sensitive data from the phone to blackmail the victims.

Experts warn users to be cautious when downloading files or clicking links received through messaging platforms, even if they seem legitimate. Always verify the source of the invitation before engaging with such links and avoid downloading APK files from unknown or unverified sources.

Authorities advise reporting suspicious links and incidents to the local cybercrime cell to help curb these malicious activities. Stay vigilant and protect your digital security.

## What's Driving the Surge in BRS Joinings?

**TPN, Avinash:** The political landscape in Rajendranagar constituency is witnessing a notable transformation, as leaders and young cadres from various parties are gravitating toward the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS). This shift comes in the wake of recent remarks by constituency MLA Prakash Goud, who criticized the Congress party for its internal discord and the scramble for key positions among its ranks.

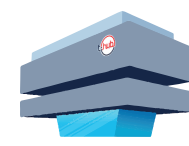
Interestingly, some leaders who had earlier

aligned with Congress, aiming for nominated roles, now seem to be reevaluating their choices. The tide is turning, with the BRS emerging as a preferred destination. The party's strong organizational unity and effective grassroots coordination are creating a compelling pull for those considering a change in allegiance.

This cohesive and dynamic approach by BRS leaders and workers has fostered a perception of strength and reliability, attracting

individuals from rival parties. The political realignment in the constituency highlights a strategic recalibration by parties and leaders, as they gear up for the upcoming electoral challenges.

For many, joining the BRS represents a promise of greater opportunity, influence, and stability. The current wave of joinings underscores the shifting alliances and strategic decisions that are shaping the political battleground in Rajendranagar.



## Hyderabad Ranks Last in National Food Quality Survey

**TPN, Hyderabad:** Once renowned for its rich culinary heritage, including iconic dishes like Hyderabadi Biryani, Haleem, and Mughlai delicacies, Hyderabad's reputation has taken a severe hit due to growing concerns over food safety and quality. A recent survey by the National Crime Records Bureau (NCRB) placed Hyderabad at the bottom among 19 major Indian cities in terms of food quality standards.



The NCRB survey revealed alarming findings regarding adulterated and substandard food practices in Hyderabad. Reports indicate that 62 percent of the city's hotels and restaurants are using expired food items. Frequent incidents of food poisoning, contaminated food, and unhygienic practices have tarnished the city's image as a food haven.

Over the last two months, 84 percent of food poisoning cases in Hyderabad have been linked to poor quality standards in restaurants and ho-

tels. Inspections have uncovered rotten chicken, spoiled food items, and even shocking cases of cockroaches found in biryani. Such incidents have made diners think twice before eating out.

The fading glory of Hyderabad's culinary identity underscores the urgent need for stricter food safety regulations and enforcement. Authorities are being urged to take swift action to restore the city's reputation and ensure public health is safeguarded.

## Hyderabad Churches to Enhance Security and Cleanliness, Police Urge Youth Counseling

**TPN, Hyderabad:** On Saturday, November 16, police in Hyderabad held an awareness meeting with over 80 representatives from various churches across the city, emphasizing the need for increased security, cleanliness, and community engagement within religious institutions.

As part of the new security measures, churches have been instructed to install CCTV cameras at strategic locations and deploy trained watchmen during peak congregation times. The move aims to ensure the safety of attendees and safeguard the sanctity of church premises.

In addition to security, the police stressed the importance of cleanliness, particularly in managing food waste, to avoid health hazards and maintain the churches' pristine environment. They also raised concerns over growing issues of drug abuse and cybercrimes, urging church representatives to counsel youth and educate them about the dangers of substance misuse and on-line threats.

With the increase in congregation sizes leading to parking challenges, the police suggested carpooling as a practical solution. Churches were encouraged to coordinate with congregants to streamline parking arrangements and reduce traffic congestion during peak times.



Addressing concerns about the presence of street dwellers and miscreants near churches, police assured enhanced patrolling and sought cooperation from the community to tackle these issues effectively.

In case of emergencies, the public was reminded to dial the helpline at 100 or contact their local police stations for immediate assistance.

This initiative follows a series of discussions on the security and community welfare of religious institutions in the city. In a related development, the Telangana High Court recently instructed the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) to proceed with partial land acquisition for a flyover project in Amberpet, despite objections from the Shalem Bible Church. The church, located in Golnaka, has contested the land acquisition in court.

## Man Threatens Young Woman with Violence and Harassment



**TPN, Hyderabad:** Hyderabad police are investigating a shocking case of sexual harassment and threats against a young woman in Hayathnagar. The accused, identified as Cherukupalli Vijay, a B.Sc nursing student, allegedly harassed the woman after befriending her on Instagram under the pretext of love.

The victim reported that Vijay repeatedly stalked her while she was commuting from college, forced her onto his bike, and took her to a deserted place, where he allegedly attempted to harm her. She further alleged that he issued life-threatening warnings, saying he would harm her parents and inject her with an AIDS-contaminated needle if she did not comply with his demands.

The young woman revealed that Vijay had threatened her family multiple times, claiming he would harm her child and other relatives. She also stated that Vijay physically assaulted her father when he confronted him about his behavior. Additionally, the victim alleged that Vijay was blackmailing several other women she knew, exploiting their vulnerabilities.

The police confirmed that Vijay has a history of harassment, with a prior case filed against him in Nagarjunasagar. Authorities have registered a case and are intensifying their efforts to ensure justice for the victim and hold the accused accountable.

## Bomb Scare on Hyderabad to Sharjah Flight Turns Out to Be a Hoax

**TPN, Hyderabad:** A bomb scare at Shamshabad Airport created a brief moment of panic on a flight bound for Sharjah. The incident occurred after a passenger boarded the plane and loudly claimed to have a bomb.

Airport authorities and staff swiftly detained the individual and conducted a thorough check

of the aircraft. Security personnel and police teams were immediately deployed to ensure the safety of passengers and crew. Following an extensive inspection, officials confirmed that there was no bomb on the flight, deeming the threat a hoax. The passenger responsible for the false alarm has been taken into custody for further investigation.

Authorities are working to determine the motive behind the individual's actions.

Normal operations resumed after the situation was declared safe, and passengers were assured of their security. The incident serves as a reminder of the importance of stringent security measures in aviation.



## Telangana CID Cop Booked for Stealing Money from Suspect's Bank Account

**TPN, Hyderabad:** A sub-inspector (SI) with the Telangana State Crime Investigation Department (CID) has been booked for allegedly siphoning approximately Rs. 5 lakh from the bank account of a Sri Lankan woman in custody under suspected human trafficking charges.



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The Telangana State Cyber Security Bureau (TSCSB) registered a case against SI Sardar Satpal Singh, who is part of the Economic Offences Wing (EOW), and two accomplices, Javeed and Sardar Paramjeeth Singh, from Hanamkonda district. They are accused of stealing Rs. 5 lakh (approximately 17,20,497 Sri Lankan Rupees) from the victim, Varuniya, who was arrested in May for suspected trafficking and possessing a fake passport.

Varuniya's phone, seized during her arrest, was allegedly accessed by the accused after her release. She discovered unauthorized transactions made from her People's Bank account in Sri Lanka, occurring on June 10, 16, and 20, while she was still in CID custody. Following her complaint, an internal investigation uncovered the involvement of the CID offi-

The investigation, based on technical evidence including phone location data, IP addresses, and call records, revealed that Varuniya's phone had been accessed at several locations in Hyderabad, including Yellareddyguda, Birla Mandir, and Hanamkonda. The suspects' phones were linked to Varuniya's email and bank account, and her phone was illegally accessed during the transactions.

"This clearly shows that Varuniya's phone, which had been seized by the CID, was taken without authorization from CID custody," said Investigating Officer Ashok Kumar. The accused have been booked for their involvement in the crime, and further investigations are ongoing.

## Hyderabad Cyber Crime Police Arrest Two for Online Job Fraud

**TPN, Hyderabad:** The city cyber crime police arrested two individuals on charges of cheating under the pretext of offering online jobs. The accused, 43-year-old Shri Krishna Babanrao Pawar and 30-year-old Ramakant Jivan Dhanawate, both natives of Maharashtra, were arrested after a Hyderabad resident filed a complaint alleging he was defrauded of Rs 1,61,378.



According to the police, the victim received an online job offer through a Telegram message. Following the instructions, the victim registered on the provided website and created an account. Initially, the victim made small investments and saw returns, which encouraged him to invest larger amounts.

Over time, the fraudsters convinced the victim to invest a total of Rs 1,61,378. Although the victim saw profits on the website, he was unable to withdraw any money. Realizing he had been cheated, the victim filed a police complaint.

A police investigation led to the arrest of Pawar and Dhanawate, who are reportedly involved in around 140 cases across India, with nine of those registered in Telangana. Authorities seized several items during their arrest, including a laptop, 10 mobile phones, 9 debit cards, 11 cheque books, and three stamps of shell companies.

The police have urged the public to remain vigilant against fraudulent phone calls and online schemes. People are advised not to invest in unauthorized websites or schemes promising high returns for small investments. To report cybercrime fraud, individuals can contact 1930 or visit cyberpolice.gov.in.



## Tamil Nadu Police Arrest Actress Kasthuri in Hyderabad

**TPN, Hyderabad:** On Saturday, Actress Kasthuri Shankar was arrested by the Egmore police at a film producer's residence in Hyderabad. The arrest stemmed from controversial comments she made regarding the Telugu community, which have since sparked widespread outrage. Kasthuri's arrest followed the rejection of her anticipatory bail by the

Madurai Bench of the Madras High Court. The court deemed her remarks "unwarranted," leading to an extensive search for her after she reportedly went missing from her home in Chennai and switched off her mobile phone.

At a public event on November 3, Kasthuri made comments suggesting that certain Telu-

gu-speaking people in Tamil Nadu were descended from courtesans who served ancient kings and later assimilated into Tamil culture. This statement provoked significant backlash, with accusations that she had disrespected the community's heritage and culture.

Kasthuri has since expressed

regret for her comments, claiming they were misinterpreted. She clarified that her remarks were directed at a specific historical subgroup and were not intended to insult the entire Telugu community. Following her arrest, the police are transporting Kasthuri to Chennai, where she will be presented before a magistrate court for further legal

proceedings. Kasthuri Shankar has had a notable career in the South Indian film industry, appearing in numerous Tamil, Telugu, Malayalam, and Kannada films. She is well-remembered for her role in the acclaimed Tamil film Indian (1996), directed by Shankar, where she starred alongside veteran actor Kamal Haasan.



## SC and ST Commission Chairman Bakki Venkataiah Condemns Forced Land Acquisition in Lagacharla



**TPN, Telangana:** SC and ST Commission Chairman Bakki Venkataiah has expressed outrage over the alleged forced acquisition of tribal lands in Lagacharla for a pharma company. Speaking strongly against the incident, he stated that grabbing tribal lands by force is unacceptable and questioned the fate of the tribal families who relied on the land for their livelihood.

“Dr. B.R. Ambedkar gave every citizen, including tribals, the right to live freely. This right must be respected and upheld,” said Bakki Venkataiah. He clarified that the Commission is not against the establishment of a pharma company but insisted that it should not come at the cost of displacing and disenfranchising tribal communities.

The SC and ST Commission will soon visit Lagacharla village to assess the situation firsthand. Chairman Venkataiah assured the affected communities that the Commission will stand firmly by them and will not tolerate any injustice. “The Commission’s duty is to protect the rights of SCs and STs, and we will take all necessary steps to ensure justice,” he emphasized.

The visit aims to provide support and solutions for the affected families while ensuring that the principles of equality and justice are upheld.

## CM Revanth Reddy to Visit Warangal on November 19

**TPN, Warangal:** Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is set to visit Warangal on November 19 as part of the Congress government’s public governance victory celebrations. During the visit, the Chief Minister will inaugurate Kaloji Kalakshetra and launch several development programs. He will also participate in an open meeting at the Arts College grounds.

As part of the celebrations, CM Revanth Reddy will tour various districts to distribute assets to women self-help groups, district union members, and village union members across different departments. Additionally, he will lay the foundation stones for Indira Mahila Shakti buildings in 22 districts from Warangal on the same day.

Farmers who have provided land for the Kakatiya Mega Textile Park will receive ₹5 lakh each for housing under the Indiramma House Scheme. In preparation for the CM’s visit, Warangal and Hanmakonda District Collectors are closely monitoring route maps, venue arrangements, parking, and other logistical aspects, with regular directions being issued to officials.

State Devadaya Forest Minister Konda Surekha, Chief Minister’s Adviser Vem Narender Reddy, and Government Chief Sec-



retary Shantikumari have also provided directives to ensure the visit’s success. Adviser Vem Narender Reddy emphasized that the Congress government’s development programs over the past year, particularly for the welfare of women and children, should be showcased to the public using visuals.

It has been stressed that widespread publicity should be carried out from village to village, utilizing print, electronic, and social media to inform people about the Chief Minister’s visit and the public governance

victory meeting in Warangal. Officials have been urged to work in coordination to make the event a resounding success.

Revanth Reddy stated that Telangana has become a role model for the country under his leadership, with development works worth thousands of crores being undertaken. He called on officials to ensure the Chief Minister’s visit highlights the achievements of the Congress government and communicates its positive impact on the people of Telangana.

## Permits of Non-Compliant Companies Will Be Cancelled: Tummala

**TPN, Telangana:** Minister Tummala Nageswara Rao expressed frustration with palm oil companies that have failed to show progress in their operations. He warned that permits of such companies would be revoked if they do not improve. The Minister reviewed the progress of palm oil companies today, emphasizing the government’s goal of making oil palm cultivation a profitable venture and positioning Telangana as the leading state in oil palm cultivation in the country.

He stated that licenses of underperforming companies would be canceled and handed over to Telangana Oil Fed. He directed



that all companies must establish processing units in their assigned zones by the end of next year. The Minister highlighted that oil palm plantations have already been established on

64,040 hectares. For the financial year 2024-25, the target is to cultivate one lakh acres, of which more than 25,000 acres have already been planted.

The Minister insisted that every company must establish nurseries and supply farmers with high-quality seedlings, including high oil-yielding cultivars, pest-resistant varieties like Ganoderma, and short-stature varieties. He noted that the current price of palm oil is over ₹6,000 per ton and could rise to ₹20,000 in the near future, providing significant economic opportunities for farmers.

Tummala Nageswara Rao reiterated that companies failing to meet these targets and expectations would face strict action, ensuring the government’s commitment to boosting the palm oil sector in Telangana.

## Gaddar’s Daughter Appointed as Chairperson of Telangana Samskruthika Saradhi



**TPN, Telangana:** On Saturday, November 16, the Telangana state government appointed Dr. Gummadi V Vennela, the daughter of the late balladeer and revolutionary singer Gaddar, as the chairperson of Telangana Samskruthika Saradhi.

Dr. Vennela, who holds a doctorate in management studies and a post-graduate diploma in school management, will now lead Telangana Samskruthika Saradhi, a cultural wing of the state government. The organization has been working since 2014 to promote Telangana’s cultural identity and disseminate information about various government programs, policies, and schemes to the public.

In addition to her academic qualifications, Dr. Vennela’s political involvement is also noteworthy. She had contested unsuccessfully from the Secunderabad Cantonment Assembly constituency in the 2023 elections on a Congress ticket.

Her appointment as chairperson of Telangana Samskruthika Saradhi is seen as a significant move in continuing the legacy of her father, Gaddar, while also contributing to the state’s cultural and political landscape.

## Massive Fire in Hyderabad’s Manikonda Triggered by LPG Cylinder Blast

**TPN, Hyderabad:** A major fire broke out at Golden Orion Apartments in Manikonda, Hyderabad, on Saturday after an LPG cylinder exploded in a flat. The fire was reportedly triggered by an electric short circuit before the explosion caused flames to spread rapidly across the building.

The incident took place at the Pupplaguda complex, where the situation escalated dramatically when the LPG cylinder burst, intensifying the fire. Fortunately, all the family members in the affected flat managed to escape unharmed.

However, the incident caused significant property damage, estimated at around Rs 50 lakh.

Hyderabad Fire Safety personnel responded promptly, but their initial efforts were hindered by restricted access to the apartment complex. Despite these challenges, three fire brigades eventually arrived and successfully brought the blaze under control after several hours.

Authorities are investigating the cause of the short circuit and the subsequent explosion.



## Group III Exams: Over 5.36 Lakh Candidates to Appear Across Telangana

**TPN, Telangana:** Over 5.36 lakh candidates are set to appear for the Group III recruitment examinations scheduled for Sunday and Monday across Telangana. The Telangana State Public Service Commission (TSPSC) will conduct the exams in 1,401 centres across the state. The exams will take place in two sessions: from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM and from 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM.

Candidates will be allowed entry into the examination centres from 8:30 AM for the morning session and from 1:30 PM for the afternoon session. Gates will close at 9:30 AM and 2:30 PM, respectively, and no candidate will be permitted entry after these times.

The recruitment process is for 1,375 Group III posts notified by TSPSC in 2022. The examination includes three papers: Paper I (General Studies and General Abilities), Paper II (History, Polity, and Society), and Paper III (Economy and Development).

Candidates are required to use the same hall ticket, downloaded from the official website [https://www.tspsc.gov.in](https://www.tspsc.gov.in), for all exam sessions. Hall tickets with a new download will not be accepted for subsequent sessions.

Candidates must bring only black or blue ballpoint pens, their hall ticket with a photo affixed, and a valid orig-

inal government-issued photo identification card. Prohibited items include jewellery (except mangalsutras and bangles), electronic devices, watches, mathematical aids, wallets, handbags, pouches, writing pads, notes, charts, and loose sheets.

TSPSC has urged candidates to adhere strictly to these guidelines to ensure a smooth and fair examination process.

TGSRTC to Operate Special Buses for TSPSC Group III Exams on November 17, 18

To facilitate smooth transportation

for candidates appearing for the Telangana Public Service Commission (TSPSC) Group III examination, the Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TGSRTC) will operate special buses to exam centers across the city on November 17 (Sunday) and November 18 (Monday).

In a statement issued on Saturday, TGSRTC assured candidates of timely transportation to their exam centers. The exams are scheduled from 10:00 AM to 2:30 PM and 3:00 PM to 5:30 PM on Sunday and from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM on Monday. Special buses will also be available to transport candidates back to their destinations after the exams.

To assist candidates, help desks have been set up at various bus stations, providing guidance on which bus routes to take. Additionally, communication centers have been established at Secunderabad’s Rathifile Bus Station and Koti Bus Stand to address any queries.

For assistance, candidates can contact:

- Koti Bus Stand: +91 9959226160  
 - Rathifile Bus Station: +91 9959226154

TGSRTC’s initiative aims to ensure candidates have a hassle-free commute during these crucial examination days.



# AFSPA Reimposed in Violence-Hit Areas of Manipur Amid Ethnic Clashes

The Armed Forces (Special Powers) Act (AFSPA) has been reimposed in the jurisdictions of six police stations in Manipur's valley areas, including violence-hit Jiribam, in the wake of ongoing ethnic clashes. The Centre's decision reinstates the controversial "Disturbed Areas" status in these regions, which grants special powers and immunity to armed forces personnel operating under the Act.

The reimposition comes as Manipur grapples with escalating violence that began earlier this year, reversing the phased rollback of the AFSPA in the state's Meitei-dominated valley areas. Between April 2022 and April 2023, the Act was removed from the jurisdictions of 19 police stations. However, the renewed ethnic tensions have led to its reinstatement in the areas under Sekmai and Lamsang police stations in Imphal West, Lamlai in Imphal East, Moirang in Bishnupur, Leimakhong in Kangpokpi, and Jiribam in Jiribam district.

## Strategic Importance of the Affected Areas

Four of the affected areas—Sekmai, Lamsang, Lamlai, and Moirang—lie on the borders of the central Imphal valley, adjacent to the Kuki-Zomi majority hill areas where the AFSPA was already in force. These locations have witnessed heightened conflict as ethnic clashes between the Meitei and Kuki-Zomi communities continue to flare.

Jiribam, on the western edge of Manipur bordering Assam's Cachar district, has also been severely impacted. This region, known for its mixed population, is strategically significant due to its proximity to the hill districts of Pherzawl and Tamenglong, which are already under the Disturbed Areas notification.

Leimakhong, another key area, houses the 57 Mountain Division of the Indian Army, also known as the Red Shield Division. The reimposition of the AFSPA here underscores the gravity of the ongoing situation.

## Historical Context of AFSPA in Manipur

Manipur has been under the shadow of the AFSPA since 1980, with the entire state declared a "Disturbed Area." The Act was partially rolled back from the Imphal region in 2004 following public outrage over the custodial killing of Thangjam Manorama, a 32-year-old woman. Protests against the AFSPA peaked at that time, with demands for its repeal gaining momentum.

In recent years, there had been a gradual withdrawal of the AFSPA in Manipur's valley areas. In April 2022, the Disturbed Areas notification was lifted from 15 police stations in six districts. This was followed by its removal from another four police stations on April 1, 2023, bringing the total to 19. However, the ethnic violence that erupted shortly after led to a reversal of this progress.

## AFSPA: Powers and Controversy

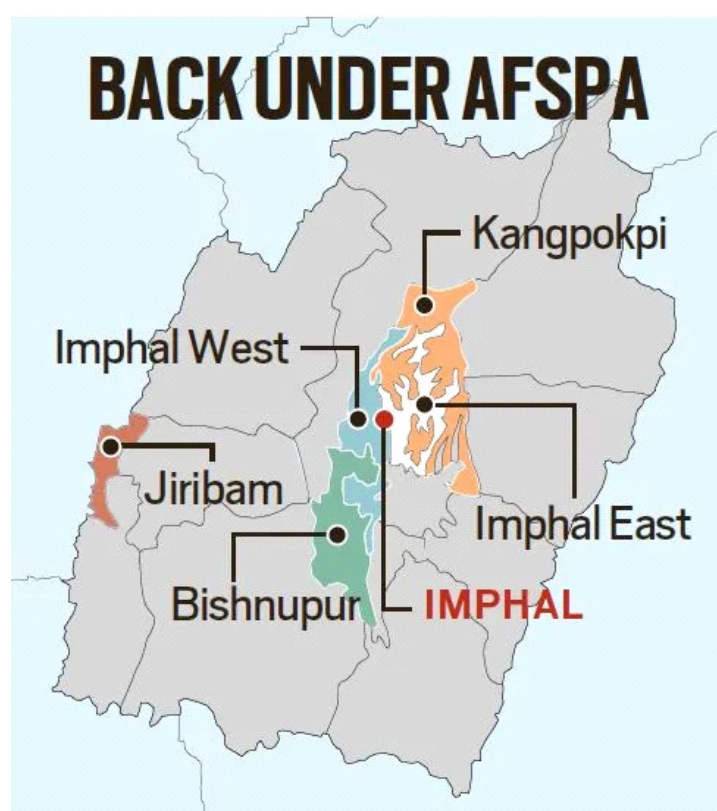
Originally promulgated by the British in 1942 during the Quit India movement, AFSPA was retained post-Independence. Enacted in 1958, it provides sweeping powers to armed forces in regions declared as "disturbed" under Section 3 of the Act.

AFSPA allows security personnel to open fire, even causing death, against individuals contravening laws or carrying arms and ammunition. It also permits arrests without warrants based on "reasonable suspicion" and searches of premises without warrants. The Act's most controversial provision is the immunity it grants to personnel operating under its ambit, barring legal proceedings without prior approval from the Centre.

While the Act is deemed necessary by many for combating militancy in volatile regions, it has been widely criticized as draconian for its alleged misuse and human rights violations.

## Extension of Disturbed Areas Notification

The reimposition of the AFSPA in Manipur comes



weeks after the Ministry of Home Affairs (MHA) extended the Disturbed Areas notification for other parts of the state on September 30. The notification is reviewed and renewed every six months based on the security situation.

The ongoing violence has forced the government to reevaluate the withdrawal of AFSPA in previously exempted areas, reflecting the deteriorating law and order situation. As Manipur continues to face ethnic strife, the reinstatement of the AFSPA underscores the challenging balance between ensuring security and addressing public grievances. While the government insists on the necessity of the Act to restore order, its reimposition has reignited concerns over potential excesses and the lack of accountability.

# India's Green Transition



India is on the cusp of a transformative green transition as its power demand is projected to nearly double by the end of this decade, with peak demand expected to reach 370 GW by 2031-32. This exponential growth in energy requirements underscores the need for sustainable solutions and robust energy systems. India's rise to the 63rd position in the 2024 Global Energy Transition Index, an improvement from 67th in 2023, reflects the country's growing commitment to energy equity, security, and sustainability.

## Renewable Energy at the Forefront

India has made remarkable strides in renewable energy, with renewables and biomass now accounting for 42% of its power generation capacity. This progress places India among global leaders in energy transition, demonstrating models that could be replicated worldwide. The focus on renewable energy is central to addressing the dual challenges of growing demand and environmental sustainability.

One of India's ambitious initiatives includes its push for rooftop solar energy, aiming to solarize 10 million households and add 30 GW of clean power. However, the high cost of rooftop solar systems remains a significant barrier for economically disadvantaged consumers. Addressing this gap will require innovative, market-driven solutions such as community solar projects and shared ownership models, which could democratize access to clean energy.

## Decentralized Energy Systems: A Paradigm Shift

A key aspect of India's energy strategy involves transitioning from centralized to decentralized energy systems. Distributed Renewable Energy (DRE) sources are poised to play a crucial role in building scalable, resilient energy systems. Decentralized systems not only enhance energy security but also empower local communities by creating jobs and reducing dependency on large, centralized grids.

India's ongoing digital revolution complements its green transition. With over 820

million active internet users—more than half from rural areas—the integration of digital technologies into energy systems can revolutionize operations, from real-time monitoring to efficient distribution. Despite the impressive growth of solar energy, the sector faces challenges related to waste management. A study by the Council on Energy, Environment, and Water (CEEW) warns that cumulative waste from India's existing and new solar installations could reach 600 kilotonnes by 2030, enough to fill 720 Olympic-size swimming pools. This highlights the urgent need for sustainable disposal and recycling mechanisms to address the environmental impact of solar waste.

## Seven Fundamental Shifts for a Green Economy

To achieve a resilient and sustainable energy future, India must embrace seven fundamental shifts in energy investment, infrastructure, and business models. These include:

1. **Prioritizing people as the core of the green economy.**
2. **Expanding decentralized energy systems.**
3. **Driving innovation in energy storage and waste management.**
4. **Promoting market-driven interventions for affordable renewable energy.**
5. **Strengthening digital integration in energy systems.**
6. **Enhancing energy equity and inclusivity.**
7. **Investing in circular economy practices for energy infrastructure.**

India stands at a pivotal moment in its green transition, with opportunities to create an energy system that is clean, robust, and resilient. By prioritizing renewable energy, fostering innovation, and addressing key challenges, the nation can not only meet its burgeoning energy demands but also lead the global effort towards a sustainable future. As India continues to build its energy economy, the emphasis on inclusivity, decentralization, and sustainability will ensure long-term benefits for its people and the planet.

# Tribal Entrepreneurship in India: A Transformative Vision for Empowerment



In a landmark move, India's tribal communities are experiencing an unprecedented boost in entrepreneurship, with over 3,900 Van Dhan Vikas Kendras (VDVKs) now empowering nearly 12 lakh tribal entrepreneurs across the country. This initiative, launched under Prime Minister Narendra Modi's government, is part of the broader vision of a "Viksit Bharat" (Developed India) that includes the integration of tribal development into the nation's economic progress.

For generations, India's tribal communities, blessed with rich natural resources, faced challenges in monetizing their potential. They were often relegated to selling raw forest produce with little to no value addition. However, under the Van Dhan Vikas Karyakram (VDVK) by TRIFED (Tribal Cooperative Marketing Development Federation of India), this is rapidly changing. The VDVKS are transforming the way tribal communities interact with their environment, promoting sustainable livelihoods and creating new opportunities for income generation.

One such story of transformation is that of Kamla Devi, a tribal woman from the forests of Jharkhand. Previously dependent on gathering sal seeds and tamarind for meager returns, Kamla's life took a turn when her village's Van Dhan Vikas Kendra began processing these raw materials into value-added products such as sal seed oil and packaged tam-

arind, which are now sold under the Tribes India brand. Today, Kamla earns three times what she did before, a reflection of how the VDVKS are changing lives. "Through collective entrepreneurship, we are empowered to process and sell our products in larger markets, far beyond our local village," Kamla says proudly. These Kendras serve as hubs of innovation and opportunity. They provide training in sustainable harvesting techniques, the processing of forest products, and business management. This enables tribal communities to move from simply collecting minor forest produce (MFP) to creating high-quality market-ready products. This shift not only increases income but also ensures that tribal communities can play a significant role in biodiversity conservation.

The impact is visible across several states like Assam, Jharkhand, Maharashtra, and Jammu & Kashmir, where tribal entrepreneurs are learning new skills and gaining better access to markets. In Jharkhand, for example, the focus on sal seeds and tamarind has transformed local economies, with these raw materials being turned into products like organic tamarind paste, bamboo goods, and other sustainable forest-based products. In the Northeastern states, indigenous herbs and forest produce are now processed and sold under the Tribes India label, offering consumers high-quality, ethically sourced goods.

# India's Most Advanced Satellite Launch From US Is Elon Musk's 'Trump' Card

SpaceX, led by entrepreneur Elon Musk, has become the first major beneficiary of a multi-million-dollar deal with India's space agency ISRO. Early next week, SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket will carry India's most advanced communications satellite, GSAT-20 (also known as GSAT N-2), into orbit from Cape Canaveral in the United States. This marks the beginning of a new era of commercial space collaboration between the two entities.

GSAT-20, weighing 4,700 kg, is too heavy for India's own rockets to launch, as the country's heaviest rocket, the GSLV Mk III, has a maximum capacity of around 4,000-4,100 kg for geostationary transfer orbit launches. As a result, ISRO has turned to SpaceX for this mission, highlighting the growing reliance on private companies for



global space operations. Previously, ISRO leaned on Arianespace for launching its heavier satellites, but with limited options available, SpaceX became the obvious

choice.

The deal also strengthens the bond between India and the United States, especially considering

the political ties between Prime Minister Narendra Modi and US President-elect Donald Trump, who both share a strong personal rapport. Although critics may point to the optics of this collaboration during the run-up to the US election, the commercial deal was finalized before the election results, preempting any accusations of crony capitalism.

Radhakrishnan Durairaj, Chairman and Managing Director of New Space India Ltd (NSIL), ISRO's commercial arm, commented on the deal, emphasizing that the terms were favorable for India. He praised the technical compatibility of the SpaceX rocket with the GSAT-20 satellite and expressed satisfaction with the pricing of the launch, describing it as a "good deal" for the country.

## Shivakumar Challenges Maharashtra Leaders to Witness Karnataka's Welfare Schemes

Karnataka Deputy Chief Minister DK Shivakumar on Saturday extended a public challenge to the leaders of the Mahayuti alliance in Maharashtra, urging them to visit Karnataka and witness firsthand the implementation of the Congress government's five welfare schemes. The Mahayuti alliance, which includes the BJP, Shiv Sena (led by Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde), and Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar's NCP, has been critical of the schemes.

"I visit Maharashtra regularly for campaigning. They are making claims that we have not implemented our guarantee schemes in Karnataka. I challenge them to come here and see for themselves how these schemes are working. If they need any assistance, I will arrange vehicles or even special flights for their leaders, including the Deputy Chief Minister and other ministers, to visit Karnataka," Shivakumar told reporters in Bengaluru.

The five welfare schemes, known as the 'five guarantees,' were a cornerstone of the Congress party's campaign in the 2023 Karnataka Assembly elections. These guarantees, which were central to the Congress's electoral success, have come under scrutiny from political rivals, with some alleging that they could strain the state's finances. However, Shivakumar has remained resolute, offering to facilitate a visit for Maharashtra's political leaders to see the impact of these schemes.

## Kejriwal Promises Development in Gidderbaha During Punjab Bypolls Campaign



Arvind Kejriwal, the national convener of the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), campaigned in Gidderbaha and Barnala on Saturday as part of the ongoing Punjab bypolls. Addressing large crowds, Kejriwal made a bold promise, assuring voters that all pending development work in Gidderbaha, which has remained stagnant for the last 28 years, would be completed within the next two and a half years if the party's candidate, Hardeep Singh Dhillon, is elected. Kejriwal's remarks were aimed at garnering support for Dhillon, who is up against Con-

gress nominee Amrita Warring and BJP candidate Manpreet Singh Badal in what is being seen as a crucial electoral contest. The AAP leader made a direct appeal to voters, urging them to vote for a party that he claimed would bring about real progress and change for the region.

"Our candidate Hardeep Singh Dhillon will ensure that all the pending development works in Gidderbaha, which have been neglected for decades, will be completed in the next two and a half years," Kejriwal promised. He em-

phasized that AAP's commitment to development was unwavering, and that the party would focus on fulfilling the long-overdue needs of the people of Gidderbaha.

In his speech, Kejriwal also pointed out that the state had seen little development under the rule of traditional political parties and that it was time for change. He contrasted AAP's vision of progress with the failed promises of other political outfits, stating that only AAP could be trusted to bring about real transformation.



## "Reserved For PM": M Kharge Claims Not Allowed Into Airport Lounge

Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge on Saturday launched a sharp attack on Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Home Minister Amit Shah, accusing them of deliberately delaying the helicopters of opposition leaders, including himself and Rahul Gandhi, during their visits to Jharkhand. The Congress leader alleged that despite holding the rank of cabinet ministers, he and Rahul Gandhi were denied access to reserved airport lounges, and their flights were hindered for political reasons.

The controversy began on Friday when Rahul Gandhi's helicopter, scheduled to take him from Mahagama in Godda district after an election rally, was grounded for nearly two hours. The Congress quickly accused the delay of being politically motivated, alleging that the delay was orchestrated to prevent Rahul Gandhi's timely departure. On the same day, Prime Minister Modi was reportedly stranded at Deoghar airport for almost two hours, with a "no-fly zone" declared over the region's airspace as the issue was being resolved.

Kharge, in a press interaction, stated, "Yesterday, our leader Rahul Gandhi's helicopter was deliberately delayed by two hours while the Prime Minister was sitting in his plane. Today, my chopper was delayed by 20 minutes because Union Home Minister Amit Shah was landing. Our flight paths were separate, yet there were delays."

## Jaishankar on India-China Disengagement: Step Forward, Not a Reset

India's External Affairs Minister, S. Jaishankar, has called the recent disengagement of troops between India and China along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) in eastern Ladakh a positive development, but he cautioned that it should not be seen as a reset in the bilateral relationship between the two nations. Speaking at the HT Leadership Summit on Saturday, Jaishankar acknowledged that the disengagement agreement, which was implemented last month, had put the issue of troop standoff to rest but refrained from speculating on the broader implications for India-China relations.

"I see disengagement as disengagement; nothing more, nothing less," Jaishankar said. He clarified that while the disen-

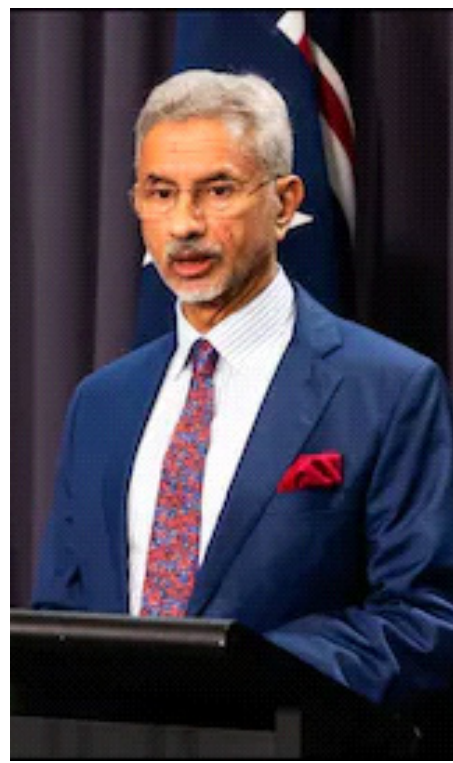
agement process was a necessary step to reduce military tensions, it was just the first phase in what should now be a focus on de-escalation. The Indian and Chinese militaries had successfully completed the disengagement exercise in sensitive areas such as Demchok and Depsang, which had been flashpoints for tensions in recent years.

Jaishankar emphasized that the implementation of disengagement, which was formalized in an agreement on October 21, had resolved the immediate problem of military confrontation at these locations. However, he stopped short of suggesting that this would automatically lead to an overall improvement or reset in the broader relationship between India and China, which remains

complex and fraught with other strategic concerns.

The minister further noted that while there could be some improvement in ties as a result of the disengagement, it was too early to predict a full normalization of relations. He explained that the situation along the LAC was still tense, with troops from both sides being "uncomfortably close" to one another.

Jaishankar also addressed questions about divergent views within the Indian government on its approach to China. He explained that while different ministries might have different perspectives, the Ministry of External Affairs integrates these viewpoints to form a balanced, cohesive policy.



## Yogi Adityanath Compares Samajwadi Party to Muslim League

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, in a sharp political address on Saturday, equated the Samajwadi Party (SP) with the Muslim League, the organization that played a key role in the partition of India in 1947 and the creation of Pakistan. Speaking at a rally in Aligarh, Adityanath drew a controversial parallel, claiming that the SP was continuing the divisive work initiated by the Muslim League during the pre-independence period.

"The Muslim League, which laid the foundation for the partition of India in 1906, was established in Aligarh itself. Though Aligarh did not let them succeed in their objective, the intentions of dividing the society on communal lines were successful. Now, the same

work is being carried out by the Samajwadi Party," Adityanath said, urging the people to not allow these intentions to succeed.

The CM's comments come amid rising political tensions ahead of the upcoming Khair Assembly bypoll in Aligarh. Adityanath went on to accuse the Samajwadi Party and Congress of discriminating against the people of Uttar Pradesh, particularly the youth and the poor. He also criticized their handling of law and order, stating that under their rule, daughters and businessmen were not safe.

In a statement laced with strong political rhetoric, Adityanath further claimed that it took 500 years to build

the Ram Mandir in Ayodhya, and it was only under the leadership of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) that the temple construction was finally achieved. "Only BJP's double-engine government could make it happen," he emphasized.

The Chief Minister also repeated his controversial "Batenge to Katenge" (If we divide, we will be cut) slogan, which has previously sparked debate. He tied the phrase to the idea of national unity, urging the people of Uttar Pradesh to remain united for the sake of security and development. "We will remain safe if we stay united," he assured the crowd, reaffirming the BJP's commitment to securing the state's future.





# PM Narendra Modi Departs For 5-Day Tour Of Nigeria, Brazil, Guyana

Ahead of his five-day visit to Nigeria, Brazil, and Guyana, Prime Minister Narendra Modi expressed his anticipation for "meaningful" discussions at the upcoming G20 summit in Brazil. Speaking in a statement on Saturday, Modi highlighted the significance of building on the achievements of India's G20 presidency from last year, which focused on amplifying the voices of the Global South.

Modi will first travel to Nigeria, before heading to Brazil for the 19th G20 Summit in Rio de Janeiro on November 18-19. As a member of the G20 troika alongside Brazil and South Africa, India will play an important role in this year's summit. "Last year, India's successful presidency elevated the G20 to 'people's G20' and mainstreamed the priorities of the Global South into its agenda," Modi remarked.

In Brazil, Modi, along with key world leaders such as Chinese President Xi Jinping and US President Joe Biden, will engage in discussions to further the G20's agenda. The prime minister expressed his eagerness for "meaningful discussions in keeping with our vision of 'One Earth, One Family, One Future,'" and emphasized his intent to deepen bilateral cooperation with other leaders at the summit.

Modi noted that India's presidency last



year was marked by significant achievements, including the induction of the African Union as a permanent member of the G20 and the adoption of a leaders' declaration, despite divisions over the Ukraine conflict. He acknowledged that Brazil has built upon India's legacy and is advancing the G20's global goals.

In Nigeria, Modi's visit from November 16-17 will serve to strengthen the strategic partnership between the two countries, founded on shared democratic values. "I look forward to meeting the Indian com-

munity in Nigeria who have sent me warm welcome messages in Hindi," he said.

From November 19-21, Modi will make his first visit to Guyana, a milestone as no Indian prime minister has visited the country in over 50 years. "We will exchange views on giving strategic direction to our unique relationship based on shared heritage, culture, and values," he stated, adding that he would also address Guyana's Parliament and honor the Indian diaspora that has been part of the nation for over 185 years.



## Iran's Message To US: No Intent To Assassinate Donald Trump

Iran has communicated to the United States that it has no intention of assassinating former President Donald Trump, following warnings from the Biden administration in September that any attempt on Trump's life would be regarded as "an act of war." This message, delivered in October through an intermediary, was aimed at reducing tensions between Washington and Tehran.

The development follows US concerns about potential Iranian retaliation for the 2020 killing of Iranian General Qasim Suleimani, a strike ordered by then-President Trump. Since that time, some Iranian officials, analysts, and media outlets have voiced calls for a more conciliatory approach toward the incoming president-elect, despite continued pressure from Trump's allies to maintain a hardline stance against Iran.

US officials have raised fears that Iran may seek revenge for Suleimani's death by targeting Trump, pointing to two separate Iranian plots against the former president. However, the message from Tehran, which was confirmed by an Iranian official and analyst, clarified that Iran would not seek violent retribution. Instead, the Iranian government has expressed its intention to pursue justice for Suleimani's killing through international legal channels, deeming the strike a "criminal act."

While the communication was not officially attributed to a specific Iranian figure, sources indicate that it was sent by Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei. Iran's mission to the United Nations declined to comment but reiterated Tehran's commitment to addressing the Suleimani case through legal avenues.

The US had previously warned of a possible Iranian plot to assassinate Trump during his presidency. Federal prosecutors confirmed that discussions among Iranian operatives had included plans to target the former president, though Iran's Foreign Ministry dismissed these allegations as baseless.



## Scholz Urges Putin to Begin Peace Talks with Ukraine

German Chancellor Olaf Scholz on Friday urged Russian President Vladimir Putin to engage in peace talks with Ukraine, marking the first call between the two leaders in almost two years. The call comes amid intensifying pressures on Ukrainian forces and shifting dynamics surrounding Western support for Ukraine, particularly with the upcoming U.S. presidential election.

In the hour-long conversation, Scholz condemned Russia's invasion of Ukraine and reiterated Germany's firm support for Kyiv. "I condemned Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine and called on President Putin to end it and withdraw Russian troops," said Scholz's spokesman, Steffen Hebestreit. Scholz also pressed Putin to demonstrate a willingness to negotiate with Ukraine in order to reach a "just and lasting peace."

The German chancellor emphasized that Germany would continue its unwavering commitment to supporting Ukraine "for as long as necessary." Scholz's remarks came as Ukrainian forces face increasing pressure from Russian troops and as fears rise about the potential impact of Donald Trump's presidency on U.S. support for Ukraine.

## Biden to Urge Xi Jinping to Halt North Korea's Support for Russia

President Joe Biden is expected to use his final meeting with Chinese President Xi Jinping to press him to take action against North Korea's growing support for Russia's ongoing war in Ukraine. The two leaders will meet on the sidelines of the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit in Peru, just months before Biden's term ends and he is succeeded by President-elect Donald Trump.

This upcoming meeting is significant as it marks what could be Biden's last conversation with Xi, a leader the U.S. president regards as his most crucial counterpart on the global stage. According to administration officials, Biden is likely to urge Xi to exert Chinese influence over North Korea and prevent further escalation of its support for Russia.

The issue of North Korea's involvement in Russia's war has become increasingly urgent. On Friday, Biden, South Korean President Yoon Seok-yul, and Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba jointly condemned North Korean leader Kim Jong Un's decision to send thousands of troops to help Russia in its military efforts to regain territory in the Kursk region of Russia, which had been seized by Ukrainian forces. This move by Kim is seen as a troubling sign of closer ties between Pyongyang and Moscow, with significant implications for global security.

In the run-up to Saturday's talks, Biden has stressed the need for increased cooperation between the U.S. and China to address critical global issues, such as the North Korean threat, while also calling on Xi to discourage Pyongyang's further involvement in the conflict. The situation has placed additional pressure on the U.S.-China relationship, with the ongoing war in Ukraine and North Korea's military activities being key areas of focus.



## "Ukraine War Would End Sooner With Trump In Office": Volodymyr Zelensky

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky expressed confidence on Friday that Russia's war against Ukraine would conclude sooner if Donald Trump returns to the White House. Speaking in an interview with Ukrainian media outlet Suspilne, Zelensky suggested that Trump's policies would expedite the end of the war.

"It is certain that the war will end sooner with the policies of the team that will now lead the White House. This is their approach, their promise to their citizens," Zelensky said. He went on to clarify that while the war would ultimately end, the exact timeline remained uncertain.

Zelensky also reflected on a recent "constructive exchange" with Trump, following the latter's victory in the US presidential election. "I didn't hear anything that goes against our position," Zelensky added, indicating that their conversation had not caused concern for Ukraine's ongoing fight against Russian aggression.

Throughout the 2024 election campaign, Trump has been outspoken in his criticism of the tens of billions of dollars in aid sent by the US to support Ukraine since the Russian invasion in February 2022. Trump has promised that, if elected, he would resolve the conflict "in 24 hours," although he has yet to provide specific details on how he would achieve that.

Speaking from his Mar-a-Lago resort in Palm Beach, Florida, Trump reiterated his stance, saying, "We're going to work very hard on Russia and Ukraine. It's got to stop." Trump's comments reflect his broader "America First" policy, which has often prioritized reducing US involvement in foreign conflicts, particularly in Ukraine.

# Onagawa Nuclear Plant Resumes Power Generation After 13 Years



A reactor at the Onagawa nuclear plant in Miyagi Prefecture, north-eastern Japan, has resumed power generation for the first time since the Fukushima disaster in March 2011, marking a significant step in the country's return to nuclear energy. The restart of Onagawa's No. 2 reactor was confirmed by Tohoku Electric Power Company on Friday evening, at 6 p.m. local time.

The restart follows a detailed inspection and testing process, with the reactor gradually increasing its output in a controlled manner.

After some initial adjustments to check for any abnormalities, the reactor will be temporarily halted again for additional equipment checks. Full commercial operations are expected to begin in December.

The Onagawa No. 2 reactor is a boiling water reactor, similar to those at the Fukushima Daiichi plant, which was severely damaged during the 2011 earthquake and tsunami disaster. The 825,000-kilowatt reactor, when operating at about 70 percent of

its capacity for one year, can generate enough electricity to power approximately 1.62 million households, according to Tohoku Electric.

The reactor was first reactivated on October 29, but operations were temporarily halted on November 4 after an issue was discovered with one of its measurement devices. Once the issue was resolved, the reactor was restarted again, and now Tohoku Electric is cautiously working through the process of ramping up its output.



## Zomato, Jio Financial Services May Enter Nifty 50 On F&O Inclusion

N<sup>DM</sup> Financial has predicted that Zomato and Jio Financial Services could soon become part of India's benchmark Nifty 50 index. The next rebalancing of the Nifty 50 is scheduled for March 2025, with the official announcement expected in February. The inclusion of these two companies is tied to their recent entry into the Futures & Options (F&O) segment, which is a mandatory requirement for a stock to be considered for the Nifty 50.

Zomato and Jio Financial Services could bring significant passive inflows into the market. Zomato, if included, is expected to attract \$607 million in passive inflows, while Jio Financial Services could bring in \$372 million. Both companies' potential inclusion reflects their growing presence in the market and their increasing investor interest.

However, this reshuffling could lead to the exit



of two established players—BPCL and Eicher Motors. BPCL, a state-owned oil and gas company, and Eicher Motors, the parent company of Royal Enfield, are likely to be removed from the index. BPCL's exclusion could result in outflows of \$223 million, while Eicher Motors might see \$239 million in outflows.

## Petrol, Diesel Fresh Prices Announced By central government

Every morning at 6 a.m., oil marketing companies (OMCs) across India update the prices of petrol and diesel. These daily adjustments provide transparency and consistency in fuel costs despite the volatile nature of global oil prices and exchange rate fluctuations. Consumers rely on these price revisions to stay informed about the latest costs at fuel stations, helping them plan their travel and budget accordingly.

The prices of petrol and diesel are largely influenced by two key factors: global crude oil prices and the value of the Indian rupee against the US dollar. Since India imports a significant portion of its crude oil, any changes in international oil markets, such as shifts in global supply and demand or geopolitical tensions, can directly impact domestic fuel rates. Similarly, when the Indian rupee weakens against the dollar, the cost of importing oil increases, which can lead to higher fuel prices.

In addition to these external factors, domestic taxes—such as excise duty, VAT, and other levies—also play a significant role in determining the final retail price of petrol and diesel. These taxes vary from state to state, which is why fuel prices can differ across different regions of India.



The regular updates provided by OMCs ensure that consumers are always aware of the latest price trends. Petrol and diesel prices are updated every day at the same time, promoting transparency in the market. While these price adjustments may sometimes lead to fluctuations, they reflect the realities of the global energy market and provide a fair reflection of the economic conditions.

To stay updated on the most accurate fuel prices in your city, it is advisable to check with local petrol stations or use apps provided by OMCs.

## Adani Total Gas Announces 13% Gas Supply Cut, Impacting Profitability



Adani Total Gas has reported a significant reduction in its gas supply from GAIL (India), with the company facing a 13% cut in allocation, effective November 16, 2024. This latest supply cut is expected to adversely impact the company's profitability. In a filing to the exchange, the company stated that this reduction affects the entire City Gas Distribution (CGD) industry and is a result of ongoing discussions with key stakeholders to address the issue.

Adani Total Gas acknowledged that the reduction in gas allocation, part of the Administered Price Mechanism (APM) for Compressed Natural Gas (CNG) and Domestic Piped Natural Gas (PNG), would hurt its financial performance. However, the company is exploring measures to mitigate the impact on consumers. This includes reviewing retail prices and ensuring uninterrupted gas supply to its customers despite the reduction.

This 13% reduction follows a similar cut of approximately 16% that occurred in October 2024, as communicated by GAIL. The CGD industry is actively engaged in talks with authorities, seeking a resolution to ensure continued supply and support for the growth of CNG vehicles across the country.

In its October filing, Adani Total Gas had expressed concern over the impact of these cuts, noting that the domestic gas allocation had been reduced by about 16% under the APM pricing mechanism. The company stressed that this reduction was affecting the entire CGD industry and was working closely with stakeholders to address the issue in the best interest of end consumers.

Despite these challenges, Adani Total Gas reported a 7.5% year-on-year increase in its net profit for the second quarter of FY25, reaching Rs 186 crore. The company also saw a 12% rise in revenue, totaling Rs 1,318 crore in Q2FY25. On November 14, the company's shares closed over 1% higher at Rs 688, as investors continue to monitor the ongoing situation.

## SEBI Study Reveals Surge in Royalty Payments to Related Parties, Raises Concerns

A recent study by SEBI has revealed a significant increase in royalty payments made by listed companies to their related parties (RPs) over the past decade. According to the report, 233 companies paid a total of Rs 10,779 crore in royalties during FY23, up from Rs 4,955 crore in FY14. This marks a more than doubling of royalty payments to RPs, raising concerns about the fairness and transparency of these transactions.

The study highlights that in one out of every four instances, listed companies paid royalty to RPs that exceeded 20% of their net profits. In some cases, companies paid more in royalty than they distributed as dividends to their non-RP shareholders. Additionally, the report noted that in many cases, companies that paid royalties did not issue any dividends or paid minimal dividends.

The research covers data from 233 listed companies across various sectors, focusing on royalty payments that amounted to less than 5% of turnover. These payments were typically made under agreements for brand usage, technology transfers, or intellectual property rights. Between FY14 and FY23, there were 1,538 instances of



such royalty payments.

Rs 228 crore in royalties.

Interestingly, the study found that many companies that made royalty payments, despite being profitable, also included loss-making firms. A total of 185 instances involved companies that reported net losses, with these companies collectively paying Rs 1,355 crore in royalties. Moreover, 10 companies that incurred losses for at least five consecutive years still paid

Sebi also flagged concerns over inadequate disclosure practices by these companies. Many firms failed to provide adequate rationale or details about the rates and purpose of royalty payments, such as whether the payments were for technology or brand usage. The regulator called for clearer and more uniform reporting on these transactions in annual reports.

## Oil Prices Fall on Weak Chinese Demand and Economic Concerns

Oil prices fell more than 2% on Friday, driven by concerns over weak Chinese demand and uncertainty surrounding the pace of U.S. Federal Reserve interest rate cuts. Brent crude futures ended the session down \$1.52, or 2.09%, settling at \$71.04 a barrel, while U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude dropped \$1.68, or 2.45%, to \$67.02.

China's weaker oil demand contributed significantly to the price drop. The country's oil refiners processed 4.6% less crude in October compared to the same month last year, primarily due to plant closures and reduced output from smaller independent refiners, according to data from the National Bureau of Statistics. This slowdown in oil processing comes amid a broader economic slowdown in China, with factory output growth slowing and ongoing demand challenges in the property sector.

Investors are concerned that China, the world's largest crude



importer, may continue to struggle economically, which could dampen oil demand further. "The headwinds out of China are persisting, and any stimulus they put forward could be undermined by a new round of tariffs by the U.S.," said John Kilduff, a partner at Again Capital in New York.

U.S. President-elect Donald Trump has pledged to significantly increase tariffs on Chinese imports, which could further weigh on the Chinese economy and global oil demand.

Oil prices were also pressured by broader economic concerns. The International Energy Agency (IEA) highlighted slowing global demand growth, citing weaker economic activity in China and the growing adoption of electric vehicles worldwide. IEA Executive Director Fatih Birol warned that global oil supply could outstrip demand by more than 1 million barrels per day in 2025, even with OPEC cuts in place.



## Google Docs Adds AI-Powered Image Generator for Easy Visuals



### Google Docs

Google Docs users can now elevate their documents with visual content using a new AI-powered image generator, rolling out as part of Google's Gemini suite. This feature, designed to assist with creating illustrations, diagrams, and other types of clipart, enables users to add instant visuals to their write-ups, making their content more engaging.

This Gemini-powered tool is similar to Microsoft's AI-generated art features available in its Office suite, offering a user-friendly solution to instantly create images based on textual prompts. Whether users are drafting reports, presentations, or creative documents, they can now generate custom visuals directly within the document without needing third-party image-editing software or stock photos.

Currently, the feature is available to those with paid Google Workspace accounts, including Gemini Enterprise, Business, Education, and Education Premium subscriptions. Additionally, personal users with Google One AI Premium add-ons can access

the tool. It is important to note that this feature is presently only accessible on desktop versions of Google Docs, and users will need to enable the Gemini for Google Workspace add-on for work or school accounts, or the Google One AI Premium add-on for personal use.

The introduction of the Gemini image generator reflects Google's ongoing efforts to integrate AI tools into its suite of productivity applications, allowing users to seamlessly generate visuals that complement their writing. The tool works by interpreting text prompts and turning them into visual representations that can be inserted directly into the document, saving time and enhancing the overall presentation.

As of now, the tool is still rolling out, and Google may expand its capabilities in future updates. The feature opens up new possibilities for users who want to integrate custom images into their documents quickly and efficiently, further streamlining the content creation process.

## New Research on Sandstone Formations Supports 'Snowball Earth' Hypothesis



Recent research into unique sandstone formations in Colorado's Rocky Mountains may provide crucial evidence for the "Snowball Earth" theory, suggesting that Earth experienced a massive, planet-wide freeze around 700 million years ago. During this period, Earth's surface was entirely covered by ice, creating an extreme climate that allowed early life to not only survive but evolve into more complex multicellular organisms.

For decades, the Snowball Earth hypothesis was mainly supported by coastal sedimentary rocks and climate models, but solid proof of ice sheets reaching the planet's equatorial regions remained elusive. However, a breakthrough study published in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences* has found new geological evidence that could help confirm this theory.

The study focuses on unusual sandstone deposits called Tava, located within the granite formations of Colorado's Pikes Peak. These sandstones are believed to have formed under the immense pressure exerted by ancient ice sheets, supporting the idea that the planet's surface was encased in ice during the Cryogenian Period. Researchers suggest that the

sandstones formed when sandy, water-saturated sediments were forced into weakened rock by the weight of overlying ice.

The Tava sandstones were discovered by a team led by researchers Christine Siddoway and Rebecca Flowers. Using advanced radiometric dating techniques, they determined that these sandstones formed between 690 and 660 million years ago, which aligns with the time frame of the Cryogenian Period, a key phase in the Snowball Earth hypothesis.

Pikes Peak, a site sacred to the Ute people and known as Tavá Kaa-vi, has long been a geological landmark. The discovery of these ancient sandstones adds a new layer of understanding to the region's history and provides a tangible link between geological formations and Earth's early climate history.

This new evidence strengthens the argument that Earth underwent a global freeze, marking a critical point in the planet's climate and evolutionary history. The findings could significantly enhance our understanding of how life adapted to extreme conditions and eventually evolved into more complex forms.

## Why You Should Avoid Rubbing Your Eyes: Expert Advice

Many of us have the common habit of rubbing our eyes when they feel itchy or tired, but experts caution against this seemingly harmless act. Dr. Aqib Jamal, a physical therapist, suggests that it's better to gently rub the areas around your eyes—under the eyes, on the sides, and under the eyebrows—rather than directly on the eyes. But why should we avoid rubbing our eyes?



According to Dr. Maneendra, a consultant and HOD of Critical Care at Gleneagles Hospitals in Hyderabad, rubbing your eyes too hard can cause significant damage. "Rubbing too aggressively can harm the delicate tissues of the eyes, leading to corneal abrasions. This can further complicate pre-existing conditions like keratoconus, a disorder where the cornea becomes thin and irregular in shape," he explains. In addition to abrasions, forceful rubbing can cause small blood vessels in the eye to break, leading to redness, irritation, and potentially more serious eye problems.

Dr. Maneendra also points out the dangers of rubbing your eyes with unclean hands. Our hands are often exposed to bacteria and dirt, which can easily transfer to the eyes when we rub them. This increases the risk of infections such as conjunctivitis, commonly known as pink eye. "The best practice is to avoid rubbing your eyes directly, especially with unwashed hands. If your eyes are itchy or ir-

ritated, a clean, cold compress is a safer alternative," he recommends.

Taking proper care of your eyes can prevent unnecessary damage and keep them healthy. If your eyes feel tired or itchy, it's essential to ensure you're not rubbing them directly. Instead, practice gentle touch around the eyes, maintain hand hygiene, and use soothing remedies like a cold compress to ease discomfort. By adopting these habits, you can help protect your eyes from irritation, infections, and more serious conditions in the long run.

## World's Largest Coral Discovered in Solomon Islands

In a groundbreaking discovery, scientists have identified a colossal coral reef in the Solomon Islands, believed to be the largest ever recorded. The immense coral structure, stretching 111 feet across and 104 feet in length, covers an area roughly equivalent to two basketball courts and is so large that it can be observed from space. This remarkable find, made by National Geographic's Pristine Seas expedition team in October, has garnered worldwide attention for its size and the environmental insights it offers.



Dr. Molly Timmers, the lead scientist on the expedition, described the coral as appearing "like a shipwreck" when viewed from the surface of the water. The reef's enormous size was confirmed by divers who explored its expansive reach across the seafloor, with vibrant waves of brown, yellow, and blue hues. Estimated to be between 300 and 500 years old, this coral surpasses the previous record-holder, a coral known as "Big Momma" in American Samoa.

Dr. Enric Sala, founder of the Pristine Seas initiative, likened the discovery to finding "the world's tallest tree," emphasizing the significance of such a remarkable find for marine biodiversity. Dr. David M. Baker, a coral reef researcher at the University of Hong Kong, who was not part of the expedition, added that large coral structures like

this one are often a symbol of resilience. Having survived centuries of environmental changes, these corals demonstrate the ability of marine ecosystems to withstand stress and adapt over time.

The discovery also draws attention to the need for greater conservation efforts to protect these vital ecosystems. Coral reefs, which are crucial for marine biodiversity, are increasingly threatened by climate change, pollution, and overfishing. This new discovery underscores the importance of protecting and studying these extraordinary marine giants to ensure the future health of our oceans.

## Google Working on "Shielded Email" Feature to Combat Spam

As spam messages and unsolicited emails continue to rise, Google is reportedly working on a new feature called "Shielded Email," designed to protect users' primary email addresses. The feature allows users to mask their real email addresses by using temporary, disposable email aliases.

The new functionality was first discovered during an APK teardown of Google Play Services 24.45.33, as reported by Android Authority. From the code strings, it appears that Shielded Email will create limited-time or single-use aliases, which will automatically forward incoming messages to a user's main email account. This feature would provide an added layer of protection, allowing users to avoid giving out their primary email address in situations where it may be at risk of being targeted by spam.

With Shielded Email, Google aims to give users more control over their inboxes, reducing the likelihood of



spam reaching their main account. The use of temporary aliases could also help prevent users from receiving unwanted emails when signing up for services or engaging in online transactions that may expose their email addresses to third parties.

Though the feature was spotted in the latest code teardown, it is still unclear when or if Google will officially roll out Shielded Email. The company has

not yet confirmed a release date, and users are left to wait for further announcements.

If implemented, Shielded Email could be a welcome addition for those seeking enhanced privacy and better protection against the ever-growing threat of spam and phishing attempts. For now, users can only speculate about when this feature will become widely available.

## Tilak Varma Shines as India Clinches 3-1 Series Win Against South Africa

Tilak Varma was the star of the show as India defeated South Africa by a massive 135 runs in the fourth T20I, clinching the series 3-1. Named both Player of the Match and Player of the Series, Tilak reflected on his stunning performance in the post-match presentation, which included scoring two centuries in the series.

Humorously recalling his previous visit to South Africa, Tilak shared, "Last year, when I played here, I got out on the first ball. This innings was very crucial for the team and the series." The young batter credited his calmness and adherence to basic techniques for his success. "I just wanted to hold my shape and follow my basics, just like I did in the last game. I remained calm throughout," he added.

Describing his feat of scoring two centuries in South Africa as "unbelievable," Tilak admitted that it was something he never expected. "I never imagined I'd score two hundreds in South Africa in such challenging conditions," he said, expressing his gratitude towards the team and captain Suryakumar Yadav for his support throughout the series.

Tilak also opened up about his recovery from injury, saying that his belief in God and his process played a significant role in his return to form. "As I said last match, I was injured in the last few games. I believe in God and my process, that's why I celebrated like that to



God," he said.

In the match itself, India, after winning the toss, posted a massive 283/1, with Sanju Samson and Tilak Varma leading the charge. Samson's blistering 109 off 51 balls and Tilak's 120\* off 47 balls formed a record-breaking partnership of 210 runs. The South African bowlers struggled, with Lutho Sipamla being the lone wicket-taker.

During the chase, South Africa's top-order failed to fire, despite solid knocks from Tristan Stubbs (43) and David Miller (36). India's bowlers, led by Arshdeep Singh and Varun Chakaravathy, restricted the Proteas to 148, securing a dominant 135-run victory.

## Ronaldo's Double Sends Portugal into Nations League Quarters

Cristiano Ronaldo netted twice as Portugal produced a dominant second-half performance to thrash Poland 5-1 on Friday, securing their place in the Nations League quarterfinals. Portugal, managed by Roberto Martinez, wrapped up top spot in Group A1 with a game to spare, joining France, Germany, and Italy in the final eight.

Poland began the match brightly but failed to capitalize on their early chances in Porto. Portugal made them pay, scoring four times in the final 20 minutes after a goalless first half. "We couldn't impose ourselves in the first half," said Portugal's Rafael Leao, who opened the scoring. "The coach's approach at halftime was key to changing the momentum."

Portugal failed to register a shot on target before the break, and Ronaldo volleyed over from close range just before halftime. However, the hosts quickly took control in the second half. In the 59th minute, after a brilliant save from goalkeeper Diogo Costa to deny Dominik Marczuk, Portugal countered swiftly, with Leao's powerful header giving them the lead.

A penalty soon followed after a handball by Poland's Jakub Kiwior, with Ronaldo stepping up to convert a cheeky 'Panenka' spot-kick, making it 2-0. Bruno Fernandes added a third, crashing in a stunning long-range effort off the crossbar, while Pedro Neto made it 4-0, firing past Poland's goalkeeper Marcin Bulka.

Ronaldo rounded off the victory with a spectacular volley in the 87th minute, moving his international tally to 135 goals. Marczuk pulled one back for Poland, but it was too little, too late, as Poland were eliminated from contention for the knockout stages.

In the same group, Scotland boosted their survival hopes with a late 1-0 win over 10-man Croatia, thanks to John McGinn's 86th-minute strike.

Meanwhile, in Group A4, Spain remained unbeaten after a 2-1 win over Denmark. Ayoze Perez impressed with a goal and an assist, while Mikel Oyarzabal and Perez's finishes secured the victory for Luis de la Fuente's side.



## Pakistan Drops PoK Cities from Champions Trophy Tour After BCCI Objection



The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has amended its schedule for the ICC Champions Trophy tour after strong objections from the Board of Control for Cricket in India (BCCI). Initially, the PCB had included cities from Pakistan-occupied Kashmir (PoK) — Skardu, Hunza, and Muzaffarabad — in the tour schedule. However, following criticism from BCCI Secretary Jay Shah, the PCB has decided to remove these cities from the itinerary.

The ICC had announced the Champions Trophy tour schedule on Saturday, which will begin in Islamabad and then make stops in Karachi, Abbottabad, and Taxila. The original plan to visit PoK regions had drawn sharp condemnation from India, with Shah calling it a provocative move. He immediately contacted the ICC to voice his concerns, urging the governing body to take action against the PCB for including PoK cities in the tour. According to reports, the PCB had not consulted the ICC or other stakeholders before releasing the schedule.

In response to the objections,

the ICC requested the PCB to cancel the PoK leg of the tour. An official close to the BCCI said Shah's stance was clear: while there was no issue with the Islamabad leg of the tour, any visit to PoK would be unacceptable. Shah's call for strong action against the PCB was echoed by other Indian officials, with reports suggesting that India may consider withdrawing from the Champions Trophy if Pakistan continues to pursue such controversial moves.

The official revised schedule now omits the PoK cities, and the Champions Trophy will proceed to Afghanistan, Bangladesh, South Africa, Australia, New Zealand, and England after concluding its tour of Pakistan on November 25. India will be the final stop before the trophy returns to Pakistan for the tournament.

ICC Chief Commercial Officer Anurag Dahiya expressed excitement about the tour, emphasizing the global fan engagement and the opportunity for supporters to see the iconic Champions Trophy up close.

## Spencer Johnson Bags Five As Australia Beat Pakistan To Seal T20I Series

Spencer Johnson starred with the ball, taking 5 wickets for 26 runs, as Australia defeated Pakistan by 13 runs in the second T20I in Sydney on Saturday, sealing the three-match series with a game to spare. Pakistan, set a target of just 148 to win, were bowled out for 134 in the final over, despite a valiant 52 from Usman Khan.

Pakistan's chase faltered early after losing key wickets. Babar Azam was dismissed cheaply for 3, caught off Xavier Bartlett in the second over. The Australian bowlers continued to dominate, with Johnson striking twice in quick succession to remove Sahibzada Farhan (5) and Mohammad Rizwan (16). Rizwan, under pressure, tried to accelerate, but his ambitious shot was brilliantly caught by Tim David in the deep off Johnson. The Pakistan innings then spiraled further with Johnson removing Salman Agha for a duck, leaving the hosts at a precarious 44-4 after 10 overs.

## India Defeats China 3-0 to Reach Women's Asian Champions Trophy Semis

Defending champions India delivered an impressive performance to defeat Olympic silver medalists China 3-0 on Saturday, booking their place in the semifinals of the Women's Asian Champions Trophy hockey tournament. The victory marked a significant milestone for the Indian team as they continue their strong campaign in the prestigious continental event.

India's clinical performance was highlighted by their solid defense and efficient counter-attacks, as they dominated the match from the start. The team was able to impose their game on China, showing resilience and teamwork. India's first goal came in the second quarter, as they capitalized on a well-executed penalty corner. The second goal followed shortly after, with a superb field goal that left China's defense scrambling.



Despite the collapse, Khan stood firm, bringing up his first T20I half-century, but Johnson was relentless, claiming the wicket of Abbas Afridi (4) to complete his maiden five-wicket haul in T20Is. Pakistan's hopes dwindled as Adam Zampa's

two-wicket over further crumbled the chase. Pakistan was eventually all out for 134, falling short by 13 runs.

Earlier, Australia posted a modest total of 147-9. They got off to a blistering start, with Jake Fraser-McGurk and Matthew Short putting on a rapid 52-run partnership off just 22 balls. However, Haris Rauf (4-22) struck back with two quick wickets, dismissing Fraser-McGurk and Josh Inglis. Pakistan capitalized on the pressure, and although Marcus Stoinis and Glenn Maxwell fought back, both were dismissed cheaply after several crucial drops from the fielding side.

Pakistan's failure to take key catches ultimately cost them the game, as they were unable to chase down the total, leaving Rizwan to acknowledge their missed opportunities. The third and final T20I will take place in Hobart on Monday.



This victory not only secured India's spot in the semifinals but also boosted their confidence as they look to defend their title. The top four teams from the six-nation round robin tournament will qualify for the semifinals, and with this win, India has one foot firmly in the next stage of the competition.

India will face Japan in their final round-robin match on Sunday, where they will look to continue their momentum and finish at the top of the table. With key players performing well and a solid team dynamic, India will be confident of making it to the final and defending their crown.

The Women's Asian Champions Trophy has proven to be a platform for India to showcase their talent on the international stage, and this dominant win over China is a testament to their growth and determination.



## Allu Arjun's 'Pushpa 2' Trailer to Be Unveiled on November 17

The excitement surrounding Allu Arjun's much-anticipated film \*Pushpa 2\* continues to build as fans and moviegoers eagerly await the latest installment of the hit franchise. Directed by Sukumar, the film is expected to take the story to new heights, with Allu Arjun's character Pushparaj ready to bring even more intensity and action to the screen.

The makers of \*Pushpa 2\* have already stirred up massive anticipation by announcing the release of the film's trailer on November 17 at 6:03 pm. The buzz surrounding the trailer's release is palpable, with the film's team promising that it will break records and leave fans speechless. A newly released poster featuring Pushparaj wielding two axes, ready to unleash havoc, has only added to the excitement. The poster gives a glimpse of the high-octane action and the ferocity that Allu Arjun's character will bring to this chapter.

In a bid to make the trailer launch an unforgettable experience, the film unit is organizing a grand event in Patna city. The trailer's premiere promises to be a spectacle, and fans are expecting nothing less than a visual treat that will set the stage for \*Pushpa 2\*'s global release on December 5.

Alongside Allu Arjun, the film stars Rashmika Mandanna as the female lead, while the talented Fahad Faasil, Sunil, and Anasuya Bharadwaj will be playing significant roles. With music composed by the legendary Devisree Prasad and produced by Mythri Movie Makers, \*Pushpa 2\* is set to deliver a powerful cinematic experience.



As the countdown to the trailer launch begins, fans are already predicting a box-office bonanza for Pushpa 2. With Sukumar at the helm, and Allu Arjun in top form, the film is poised to make waves both in India and internationally. The massive global release scheduled for December 5 will no doubt be one of the most talked-about events in Indian cinema this year.

## Prabhas's The Raja Saab to Feature Remake of Iconic Song

Prabhas fans have a reason to be excited about his upcoming film \*The Raja Saab\*. Music composer S Thaman recently revealed that the movie will feature six electrifying tracks, including a remake of a popular song. The announcement has already generated buzz, as the makers plan to release all the tracks in January 2025, building anticipation for the film's musical score.

Directed by Maruthi Dasari, \*The Raja Saab\* will be produced under the banner of People Media Factory. Thaman, known for his high-energy music, teased that the songs will perfectly align with the commercial nature of the film. He shared these insights at an event, saying, "The Raja Saab will have six songs, including a remake of a popular track. The songs will cater to the masses, delivering that commercial hit vibe. We're planning to begin releasing updates in January."

The film's first glimpse came on Prabhas's 45th birthday this year when the makers unveiled a special motion poster on X (formerly Twitter). In the intriguing poster, Prabhas, dressed in a black ethnic suit, sits on a gothic throne, exuding swag with a cigar hanging from his mouth. His salt-and-pepper hairstyle adds to his intense, regal look, which has only piqued the curiosity of fans. The poster caption teased a mix of genres, stating: "Horror is the new humour," hinting that \*The Raja Saab\* will be a unique blend of horror and comedy.



The motion poster also featured a cryptic side note: "Royal by blood... Rebel by choice... Claiming what was always his!" This has sparked speculations about Prabhas's character in the film, suggesting a mix of royal legacy and rebellious spirit. The combination of horror-comedy elements with Prabhas's charismatic persona makes \*The Raja Saab\* one of the most awaited films of the year. Fans are eagerly looking forward to more updates as the film gears up for its grand release.

## Fahadh Faasil Completes Dubbing for Pushpa 2

Malayalam actor Fahadh Faasil has officially wrapped up dubbing for his character in the highly anticipated sequel, \*Pushpa 2: The Rule\*. The actor took to social media to announce the completion of his dubbing session, much to the excitement of fans. Fahadh plays the role of SP Bhanwar Singh Shekawat, a character who was introduced in the first part of \*Pushpa\* but had limited screen time. Given the success of the first movie, expectations are high for his role to be expanded in the sequel.

Directed by Sukumar, \*Pushpa 2\* contin-

ues the gripping saga of Pushpa Raj, portrayed by Allu Arjun, with Rashmika Mandanna reprising her role as Srivalli. The movie is expected to delve deeper into the rivalry and power struggles that defined the first film, and the role of SP Bhanwar Singh Shekawat, played by Fahadh, is expected to have a significant impact on the narrative.

The post-production work for the film is reportedly progressing at a fast pace, and fans are eagerly awaiting updates on the movie's release. Composed by Devi Sri Prasad, \*Pushpa 2\* also features an en-

semble cast, including Dhanunjay, Rao Ramesh, Sunil, Anasuya Bharadwaj, and Ajay Ghosh in pivotal roles. The movie is produced by Mythri Movie Makers and Sukumar Writings under the production of Naveen Yerneni and Y. Ravi Shankar.

As fans eagerly await the release, the anticipation for Fahadh Faasil's extended role and the next chapter in the \*Pushpa\* saga is building, with many speculating that the actor's character will play a crucial part in the unfolding drama.



## Varun Tej's 'Matka' Set to Stream on Prime Video

Varun Tej's latest film, \*Matka\*, premiered in theatres on November 14, 2024, offering a gripping period gangster drama to audiences. Directed by Karuna Kumar, the film delves into the journey of Vasu, a man who rises from poverty to become a powerful gambling kingpin. Set between 1958 and 1982 in the city of Visakhapatnam, \*Matka\* explores the rise of Vasu as he builds his empire through the underground world of gambling, eventually earning the title "King of Matka."

The film has received mixed reviews from critics and audiences, with praise for its nostalgic portrayal of the era but some criticism over pacing and character development. Despite this, \*Matka\* has captured the attention of viewers with its intense storyline and vintage visuals, showcasing the dramatic evolution of its protagonist.

Amazon Prime Video secured the streaming rights for the film even before its theatrical release, ensuring that the drama reaches a wider audience following its box office run.



While an exact release date for the OTT debut is still awaited, it is expected to land on the platform by the third week of December, giving fans an opportunity to stream the film from the comfort of their homes.

The \*Matka\* trailer, which recently dropped in Hindi, teases a thrilling and retro-styled crime drama, with intense moments that highlight the stakes of the gambling world. The film's nostalgic setting, complete with period-specific visuals, costumes, and cinematography, immerses the audience in the 1960s and 70s era. Varun Tej's portrayal of Vasu has been lauded for capturing the complexity of a man whose ambition leads him down a dangerous path, navigating the highs and lows of the underworld.

Fans of period dramas and crime thrillers can look forward to \*Matka\*'s OTT release in December, as it promises to bring an engaging mix of action, drama, and a deep dive into the world of gambling in post-independence India.

## Shahid Kapoor's Ashwatthama Movie Put on Hold Due to Budget Overruns

Bollywood's rising trend of large-scale mythological films has hit a snag with the much-anticipated movie \*Ashwatthama\*, starring Shahid Kapoor. The film, backed by star producer Vasu Bhagnani and Amazon Studios, was initially designed to be a grand fantasy action drama based on the legendary warrior Ashwatthama from the \*Mahabharata\*.

The movie was set to be one of the biggest projects in Indian cinema, with a budget estimated at Rs 500 crore. However, reports suggest that the production has been temporarily halted due to logistical challenges and escalating costs. Sources indicate that the film's budget has now exceeded the initial estimates, pushing it beyond Rs 500 crore, and this has led to a pause in its progress.

\*Ashwatthama\* was envisioned as a large-scale action film, with shooting planned across multiple countries, and aimed to be one of Amazon Prime Video's most ambitious projects in India. The high expectations surrounding the film were further bolstered by Shahid Kapoor's involvement in the lead role, alongside the promise of stunning visuals and a gripping storyline.

The film's delay is a major setback for fans who were excited about the prospect of Shahid Kapoor bringing the iconic character of Ashwatthama to



life on the big screen. The character of Ashwatthama has also recently been portrayed by Amitabh Bachchan in the sci-fi film \*Kalki 2898 AD\*, which received a positive response, further raising anticipation for similar mythological adaptations in Bollywood.

As of now, there has been no official word on when the production will resume or whether the film will undergo further changes to meet the budget constraints. With Bollywood continuing to lean into larger-than-life mythological narratives, all eyes will be on how this ambitious project unfolds in the future.