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New EV Policy in Telangana Promises Clean, Green Future

We will make Hyderabad a pollution-free city- Minister Ponnam
We are conducting programs to create awareness among the people
We have brought a new EV policy in Telangana
Implementation of electric vehicle policy from December 31



TPN , Hyderabad : In a major step towards reducing pollution, Telangana's BC Welfare Minister Ponnam Prabhakar announced that electric vehicles (EVs) will be exempt from registration fees starting tomorrow. This new initiative is expected to save EV owners up to Rs. 1 lakh and is part of the state's efforts to make Hyderabad a pollution-free city.

Minister Prabhakar highlighted that the state's updated EV policy aims to transform Hyderabad into a cleaner, more sustainable city, following the example of Delhi. Under the leadership of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka, the government is

committed to tackling urban pollution.

The new EV policy, originally introduced in 2020, will remain in effect until December 31, 2026. Minister Prabhakar confirmed that there will be no cap on the number of electric vehicles in the state, and plans are in place to replace 3,000 existing buses in Hyderabad with electric ones to reduce pollution further.

With pollution intensity at 83 in Hyderabad, compared to 72 in Pathancheru, the government is also working to raise awareness about the benefits of EVs. Prabhakar urged residents to prioritize electric vehicles as part of the city's

broader efforts to tackle pollution.

Additionally, the government is focusing on improving road safety. Prabhakar expressed concern over the high number of road accidents, which claim 1.5 lakh lives annually in the country, including 20 daily fatalities in Telangana. The government plans to collaborate with organizations to raise awareness and set up road safety parks in schools.

With more EV charging stations on the horizon, the government is urging EV companies to take the lead in setting up infrastructure to support the growing number of electric vehicles.



PCC Chief Slams BJP, BRS Over Musi Project

Kishan Reddy took a nap just for the photo shoot
Mosquitoes and flies were sprayed in the area before staying.

If you stay there for three months, you will know the condition of the people.

If you have guts, you should stay for 3 months - PCC chief

TPN , Hyderabad : PCC Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud has accused both the BJP and the BRS of conspiring to halt the much-awaited Musi River project. Speaking at Gandhi Bhavan, Goud criticized Union Minister Kishan Reddy for his recent visit to the Musi River area, claiming it was nothing more than a publicity stunt. Goud alleged that during Reddy's visit, the area was sprayed with mosquito and fly repellents in preparation for his arrival, making it clear that the conditions on the ground were not truly experienced.

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KTR Questions Rahul Gandhi Over 'Forcible' Land Acquisition in Telangana



TPN , Hyderabad : Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) working president and Sircilla MLA K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) has questioned Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's stance on land acquisition in

Telangana, following Gandhi's comments supporting farmers and opposing corporate giants like Adani and Ambani.

In a post on X (formerly Twitter) on Sunday, KTR challenged Gandhi, asking, "What is the point of raising your voice against land acquisition and attacking Adani-Ambani when you have failed to stop land acquisition in Telangana?"

KTR accused the Congress of exploiting the people of Telangana for years, specifically pointing out that the Congress government had allowed the

Adani Group to set up a cement factory in Ramannapet. He also highlighted ongoing struggles faced by farmers in Kodangal, emphasizing that the Congress has not adequately supported them.

The comments come amid rising tensions in the state over land acquisition policies, with political parties engaging in a war of words over their effects on farmers and local communities. KTR's remarks further fuel the growing controversy surrounding land acquisition practices in Telangana.

Bandi Sanjay Alleges KCR-Revanth Business Ties

RK Brothers rule is running in Telangana - Bandi Sanjay
Settlement in Delhi..... KTR arrest story for Kanchi
It is a shame that the mastermind of the attack on the collector was not arrested even though KTR was found to be



TPN , Sangareddy : Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Bandi Sanjay, launched a scathing attack on the ruling BRS government in Telangana, accusing it of running a "RK brothers rule" in the state. Speaking at a rally in Sangareddy on Sunday, Sanjay criticized K.T. Rama Rao (KTR), the working president of BRS, and alleged that the government was shielding him from criminal charges, including involvement in an attack on a collector.

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4,696 Indiramma Houses for Mid Manair Oustees

TPN , Telangana : The government of Telangana has announced the allotment of 4,696 Indiramma houses to the displaced families of the Mid Manair Project, bringing much-needed relief to the affected communities. The decision, made by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's administration, comes after years of struggle and unfulfilled promises.

The Mid Manair Project, which began in 2006 and was completed in 2019, displaced approximately 11,731 families from 12 villages. While the previous BRS government offered partial compensation and house plots, many families were left to build homes with minimal support.



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Musi Project

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"If you stay there for three months, you will understand the real situation of the people living near the Musi," Goud said. He challenged the CM and Kishan Reddy to spend three months in the area to witness the harsh conditions faced by residents, many of whom suffer from various diseases.

He further accused Kishan Reddy of only emerging in public when the BRS government faces setbacks, claiming that Reddy's actions are aimed at protecting the BRS rather than addressing the concerns of the people. "What did you achieve by sleeping for one day in the area?" Goud asked, questioning the sincerity of Reddy's visit.

Goud reaffirmed the state government's commitment to the Musi River project, which will improve living conditions for those affected by the river's pollution and flooding risks. He promised that the government would provide double-bedroom homes for the residents and educational opportunities for their children.

He also took a jab at BJP's and Gujarat's political stance, saying, "Why are you treating people in Telangana like slaves in Gujarat?" Goud concluded by emphasizing that the stagnation of Telangana's development would soon end, with the state poised for significant progress. The Musi River project, which aims to clean and rejuvenate the river, remains a key focus for the state government despite ongoing political tensions.

Bandi Sanjay Alleges KCR-Revantth Business Ties

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Sanjay referred to several ongoing controversies, including phone tapping, the Kaleswaram project, and the Dharani land registration scam, calling them "rubbish" and accusing the BRS of diverting attention from crucial issues affecting farmers. He emphasized that KTR's role in the attack on the collector was a disgrace and called it shameful that KTR had not been arrested for it, blaming government negligence.

Sanjay also took aim at the alleged business connections between Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) and the family of Congress leader A. Revantth Reddy. "There are business relations be-

tween KCR and Revantth's family, and I will prove it," he said. In a bold challenge, Sanjay stated, "If it is proven that Revantth and KCR have no business ties, I will quit politics."

The Union Minister further claimed that BRS was attempting to derail the Group 1 and Constable agitations, labelling the party as "subversive" and accusing it of jeopardizing people's lives. He concluded by asserting that the attacks on officials were part of a broader strategy to distract from the government's failures in addressing farmers' issues.

Sanjay's comments have stirred controversy, as political tensions in Telangana continue to escalate.

4,696 Indiramma Houses for Mid Manair Oustees

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In 2015, an announcement of ₹5.04 lakh per family as compensation was later retracted, and subsequent promises of ₹2 lakh for eligible individuals were also delayed. Revantth Reddy's government has now fulfilled its commitment to the displaced families, allocating 4,696

Indiramma houses under the housing scheme. This move ends years of uncertainty for the oustees and provides them with the stability and justice they had long been denied. The announcement was met with joy and gratitude by the residents, many of whom had waited for over a decade for this moment of relief.

Telangana Rebrands Police Insignia and State Symbols Under Revantth Reddy

TPN , Telangana : The Telangana Home Department has announced a significant rebranding of the state's police insignia and other official symbols, marking a shift from the legacy of the previous BRS government. The change, initiated by Chief Minister A. Revantth Reddy's Congress-led administration, will replace the abbreviation "TS" (Telangana State) with "TG" (Telangana Government).

Special Chief Secretary Ravi Gupta confirmed that the Telangana Police logo will now be simplified to "Telangana Police," with updated



monograms on uniforms, including police caps and shoulder badges. The abbreviation "TS" will be replaced with "TG" across all ranks, from constables to Superintendents of Police (SPs). In addition to the police rebranding, the new abbre-

viation "TG" will also appear on vehicle registration plates, replacing "TS" for all new vehicles. The shift will be reflected in official documents, including government orders, reports, and communications from public sector agencies.

This move is part of a broader effort by Revantth Reddy's government to redefine Telangana's identity, distancing itself from the previous KCR-led BRS administration. The rebranding also includes plans to update cultural symbols, such as the Telangana Thalli statue and state emblem, aligning them with the new vision of the Congress government.

Mamunur Airport Expansion Gets Rs. 205 Crore Boost

TPN , Warangal : The construction of Mamunur Airport in Warangal district has taken a significant step forward with the release of Rs. 205 crore by the state government for the acquisition of 253 acres of land required for its expansion. The move is part of efforts to improve regional air connectivity and enhance infrastructure in the state.

The Roads and Buildings (R&B) Department has also written to the Airport Authority of India to prepare a Detailed Project Report (DPR) with designs for the airport's construction. The project aims to expand the runway, build a new terminal, and install essential Air Traffic Control (ATC) and navigational equipment on the newly acquired land.

In a significant development, the GMMR (Greater Manthan Media Resort) has withdrawn its contract for a 150 km stretch, which had previously posed a hurdle for the airport expansion.

Currently, the airport occupies 696 acres of land, and the expansion plan will involve some key infrastructure upgrades to accommodate larger aircraft and enhance passenger services.

Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy, a strong advocate



for new airports in the state, has played a pivotal role in pushing the project forward. His efforts aim to bring better connectivity to the region, supporting both economic growth and tourism.

Additionally, the government has sanctioned Rs. 26 crore for the construction of an "Integrated Divisional Level Office Complex" in Station Ghanpur constituency, which will offer modern amenities and improve public services for the local population.

The completion of these projects marks a significant milestone in Telangana's infrastructure development.

Konda Surekha Accuses KTR of Phone Tapping



TPN , Warangal : Minister Konda Surekha has made explosive allegations against the KCR-led BRS govern-

ment, accusing it of plunging Telangana into debt and engaging in unlawful activities. During a visit to Warangal on Sunday, Surekha criticized former minister K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) over the infamous Lagacherla incident, where KTR allegedly attacked a collector. She accused KTR of attacking "from behind" and said that innocent people were being sacrificed under the current regime.

Surekha, who was addressing a victory meeting marking one year of the Congress-led government's rule, claimed that Chief Minister Revantth Reddy is focused on the development of Warangal. She highlighted the ongoing efforts to make Warangal the second capital of Telangana and men-

tioned the success of Rahul Gandhi's past rally in the city.

In a stunning revelation, Surekha also brought up the issue of phone tapping, alleging that officials involved in the scandal had fled abroad. She compared the BRS government to a "Tughlaq regime" and criticized BRS leaders for their actions, suggesting they needed psychiatric help. She promised that action would be taken only after the facts regarding KTR's involvement were established.

Surekha's remarks are likely to escalate tensions between the Congress and BRS as the political climate in Telangana grows increasingly charged.

Revantth Calls Kishan Reddy 'Gujarat Ka Ghulam'



TPN , Telangana : Chief Minister Revantth Reddy has strongly reacted to Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy's criticism of the Moosi River revival project, branding him as "Gujarat Ka Ghulam" (a slave of Gujarat). Revantth accused Kishan Reddy of opposing Telangana's development while simultaneously celebrating the Sabarmati Riverfront project in Gujarat, which displaced over 50,000 people.

Revantth, who is currently in Nagpur campaigning for the Maha Vikas Aghadi alliance in Maharashtra, addressed the criticism from Kishan Reddy. Speaking to reporters, he dismissed the BJP leader's comments as hypocritical, accusing him of favoring Gujarat's development while undermining similar initiatives in Telangana. "Kishan Reddy praises the Sabarmati project, which displaced thousands, but opposes the Moosi revival in Telangana. This shows his

bias and hypocrisy," Revantth said. The Chief Minister further emphasized that Telangana's model of development is not only on par with Gujarat's but also surpasses it. He asserted that Telangana's progressive policies, implemented under his leadership, would serve as a national model, while the Gujarat model would eventually fail.

Revantth also criticized Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde and Deputy CM Ajit Pawar, accusing them of misleading the people, similar to Kishan Reddy's alleged deceit of the Telangana public for his political gain.

Despite the criticisms, Revantth reaffirmed his commitment to completing the Moosi River revival project on time, ensuring that Telangana remains a role model for the country's development.

Tribal Families Allege Police Assault in Lagacherla

TPN , Telangana : Tribal families from Lagacherla village in Telangana have traveled to New Delhi to file complaints with the National SC/ST Commission, alleging police brutality and wrongful charges filed against them after their opposition to a proposed pharma village in their area. This move follows their earlier appeal to the Telangana State Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes (SC/ST).

The families also plan to approach the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) to report alleged physical assaults by Telangana Police during late-night raids. The conflict started on November 12, when a public hearing was held by the Vikarabad district administration to discuss land acquisition for the pharma village in Chief Minister A. Revantth Reddy's Kodangal constituency. During the meeting, farmers and villagers raised slogans against the Congress government and reportedly attacked District Collector Prateek Jain and other officials. In response, 25 people were arrested.

The tribal families claim that police officers forcibly entered their homes at midnight, physically assaulting family members, including women. The grievances were presented to SC/ST Commission Chairman B. Venkataiah, who promised to visit the affected areas and take action against the responsible officials.

The incident has sparked protests and calls for justice from the tribal community in Telangana.





Pawan Kalyan's 'Jai Telangana' Slogan Resonates in Nanded.

- Jana Sena leader campaigns on behalf of BJP in Maharashtra
- Pawan Kalyan highlights the presence of Telangana people in the region
- Speech emphasizes the spirit of Telangana struggles

TPN, Bhokar: Jana Sena Party chief and AP Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan raised the slogan "Jai Telangana" while campaigning for the BJP in the ongoing Maharashtra assembly elections. During his visit, Pawan Kalyan acknowledged the significant number of Telangana natives residing in the areas he addressed.

"Many of you have roots in neighboring Telangana. Jai Telangana! Do you know what Telangana means to me? It's how my heart beats. Do you know my favorite song? It's from Telangana, where sixteen carts are tied to a single bandana cart. Even though you are in Maharashtra, your hearts are filled with the spirit of Telangana's struggle and Maratha bravery," he said.

He further criticized the Congress government in Telangana, stating, "The Congress government in Telangana has failed to keep



its promises."

When Pawan Kalyan spoke about Telangana during the campaign, the crowd erupted

in cheers, with locals and fans responding enthusiastically to his remarks. His speech struck a chord, garnering widespread appreciation and applause.

BJP Eyeing Jharkhand's Mineral Wealth, Says Bhatti Vikramarka



TPN, Jharkhand: Congress leader and Deputy Chief Minister of Telangana, Bhatti Vikramarka, accused the BJP of attempting to hand over Jharkhand's vast mineral resources to corporate giants like Adani and Ambani. Campaigning for the India Alliance in Jharkhand's Bokaro constituency, Vikramarka called on voters to support candidates

who would safeguard the state's wealth and resources, ensuring they benefit local residents, particularly marginalized communities.

Vikramarka emphasized that if the India Alliance comes to power, they would implement a "comprehensive family survey" to

distribute wealth based on the population ratio, similar to what was done in Telangana. He highlighted how the Congress government in Telangana has made strides in ensuring fair distribution of resources, including caste enumeration, family surveys, and welfare schemes like free electricity for the poor and loan waivers for farmers.

The Deputy CM urged the people of Jharkhand to elect India Alliance candidates to ensure justice for Adivasis, Dalits, and backward communities. Drawing a parallel with Telangana's long struggle for statehood, he condemned the previous rulers for looting the state's resources. Vikramarka promised that the Congress-led government would bring similar reforms to Jharkhand, ensuring equitable distribution of the state's wealth for the benefit of its people.

The rally saw strong participation from local Congress leaders, including Nizam Ansari, Mahesh Singh, and Gulab Hussain.

KTR Receives Rare Honor with Invitation to TiECon Kerala 2024

TPN, Hyderabad: K.T. Rama Rao, working president of the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) and former minister, has been honored with an invitation to TiECon Kerala 2024. The prestigious event, organized by The Indus Entrepreneurs (TiE), will be held on December 4-5, 2024, at the Grand Hyatt Hotel in Cochin.



KTR, a prominent leader and advocate for technological and industrial development in Telangana, will attend the conference as the guest of honor. TiECon Kerala is renowned for bringing together global entrepreneurs, industry leaders, and innovators to discuss key trends and advancements in business and technology. This invitation highlights KTR's growing recognition on the national stage for his contributions to governance and economic development.

The event is expected to provide a platform for KTR to showcase Telangana's growth story and engage with leading entrepreneurs from across India and beyond.

Revanth Reddy Govt Announces 22 Shakti Bhavans for Women



TPN, Hyderabad: In a major step towards empowering women, the Telangana government under Chief Minister Revanth Reddy will construct Indira Mahila Shakti Buildings in 22 districts. Administrative approvals have been granted for the project, with Rs. 5 crore allocated for the construction of each building.

The Indira Mahila Shakti Bhavans will serve as centers for strengthening Self Help Groups (SHGs) in the state. These buildings will include training centers, marketing facilities for SHG products, common work sheds, product display areas, and spaces for SARAS Melas. The centers will also focus on livelihood and financial management activities for women.

The foundation stone for the first building will be laid on November 19 at the Public Governance Victory Assembly at Hanmakonda Arts & Science College. This initiative aims to uplift women and enhance their socio-economic opportunities across Telangana.

Harish Rao Slams CM Revanth Reddy Over Student Deaths in Gurukulas

TPN, Hyderabad: BRS leader Harish Rao has launched a scathing attack on Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, accusing him of neglecting the welfare of students in the state's Gurukulas. Harish Rao expressed deep concern over the alarming number of student deaths due to food poisoning and suicides, claiming that 42 students have lost their lives in the past 11 months under Congress rule.

He criticized CM Revanth Reddy, saying his words "cross the forts, but his hands do not cross the threshold." Harish Rao pointed out that despite the CM's promises on Children's Day regarding better

food quality in Gurukulas, no tangible action has been taken to prevent such tragedies. He condemned the government's inaction, especially after a recent suicide at the BC Girls' Gurukula School in Sangareddy.

The BRS leader also highlighted the plight of a student from Vankidi Gurukulam, who has been on a ventilator for 17 days, and questioned who is responsible for these tragedies. Harish Rao demanded that the government take full responsibility, provide Rs 10 lakh as compensation to the affected families, and urgently address the poor conditions in Gurukulas.



Minister Seethakka Blasts BRS and BJP Over Attacks on Officials



TPN, Warangal: Minister Seethakka has accused the BRS and BJP of using attacks on officials for political gain. Speaking at a public meeting in Warangal, she claimed that both parties obstruct the government's good work. Seethakka criticized the BRS for its alleged involvement in false surveys, stating that while they conducted a survey for a record in the Limca Book of Records, the real purpose of a caste census was to better target government schemes.

Seethakka also made sensational allegations, calling BRS the "most looted party in the country." She took aim at BRS leaders for attacking police officers, a shift from their previous praise when they were in power. The Minister also called out YouTube channels spreading misinformation, and emphasized that the upcoming Warangal Sabha aims to expose the truth.

The Pragati Sabha, held on the occasion of Indira Gandhi's birth anniversary, will focus on women's welfare. CM Revanth Reddy will outline initiatives to empower women, including plans to ensure RTC buses are managed by women. Seethakka reaffirmed that the Congress government has already implemented several of its six guarantees, including free bus services, free electricity up to 200 units, farmer loan waivers, and an expansion of the Arogyashri scheme.

Prajapalana Sabha to Celebrate People's Rule

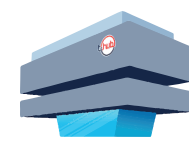
TPN, Telangana: The Congress party is set to hold its Prajapalana Vijayotsava Sabha at Hanmakonda Arts and Science College on November 19 to commemorate the anniversary of the Congress People's Government formed under Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's leadership. The event marks the end of a decade-long dictatorship and the beginning of democratic rule in Telangana.



Minister Konda Surekha urged party workers and the public to make the meeting a success, emphasizing that the Congress government is fulfilling its promises. The party has already begun implementing the Six Guarantees announced by CM Revanth Reddy, including free bus services for women, free electricity up to 200 units for the poor, subsidized LPG cylinders, and enhanced healthcare coverage through the Rajiv Arogya Shri scheme.

Minister Surekha highlighted the Congress government's commitment to women's empowerment through interest-free loans for self-help groups and large-scale welfare programs. She also stressed the government's dedication to public welfare and development, ensuring that Indiramma's legacy continues to live through its initiatives.

The event will see CM Revanth Reddy delivering a key message to the people, reiterating the Congress government's vision for a prosperous, welfare-oriented Telangana.



Seizure of 15 Tons of Adulterated Ginger Garlic Paste



TPN , Telangana : In a major crackdown, officials have seized 15 tons of adulterated ginger garlic paste in Secunderabad's Boinpally area. The paste, which was being supplied to well-known hotels across Hyderabad under the brand name "Sony Garlic," was found to contain dangerous chemicals instead of natural ginger and garlic.

The paste, allegedly produced by a gang led by one Asim, was made using rotten garlic mixed with harmful chemicals, posing serious health risks to consumers. Asim and his associates were reportedly supplying large quantities of this adulterated paste—about 15 tons daily—to several popu-

lar hotels in Hyderabad. The task force, acting on a tip-off, raided the operation and discovered the extent of the adulteration. They confiscated the entire 15 tons of contaminated paste. The authorities arrested Asim, the owner of Sony Garlic, and charged him with producing and distributing adulterated food products. He was later sent to remand.

This seizure highlights the growing issue of food adulteration in the city and serves as a warning to businesses involved in such practices. The task force has vowed to continue monitoring food safety and take strict action against those found guilty of endangering public health.

SCR Issues Eviction Notice to Sacred Heart Church in Secunderabad



TPN , Telangana : South Central Railway (SCR) has issued a one-month eviction notice to the Sacred Heart Church in Secunderabad, claiming that the church is located on railway land. The church, which has been serving the Catholic community in the area since its construction in 1927, occupies 3,534 square meters of land in South Lalaguda. SCR's notice, issued under the Public Premises (Eviction of Unauthorized Occupants) Act, 1971, demands that the church vacate the premises by December 12.

The church was built after land was allocated by the Nizam's Railway Company, which owned the area before the nationalization of the Hyderabad Railway system in 1951. The church community asserts that the church's presence is legitimate and that it has not violated any regulations. Many members feel the church is being unfairly targeted by railway authorities. The eviction notice has raised concerns within the local Catholic community.

KTR Slams BJP for Shielding Congress

TPN , Hyderabad: BRS working president KT Rama Rao launched a scathing attack on Telangana BJP leaders, including State president and Union Minister G Kishan Reddy, accusing them of shielding Congress Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy. KTR claimed that the BJP and Congress were engaging in "dirty politics" to protect their mutual interests, calling it a "drama enacted by fellow thieves."



Rama Rao questioned the BJP's sudden concern for the victims of the Musi River rejuvenation project, labeling it as a diversionary tactic to distract from the ongoing protests by farmers in Lagacherla. "You were the first to praise HYDRAA and congratulate Revanth Reddy on the Musi project, while we stood with the victims. What has changed now?" KTR asked.

He accused the BJP of abandoning the farmers in Lagacherla and claimed their focus on Musi victims was an attempt to shield Revanth Reddy and deflect public anger. "These political tricks won't fool the people of Telangana. Both BJP and Congress will face the consequences at the right time," KTR warned.

Kishan Reddy: Telangana Waging 'War on Poor'

TPN , Hyderabad: G Kishan Reddy, Telangana BJP chief and Union Minister, has sharply criticized the state government for what he called a "war on the poor" following the demolitions in the Musi river basin area. Reddy's comments came after an overnight stay in the region, where he raised concerns about the harsh conditions faced by local residents, particularly in light of several heart attack fatalities, which he attributed to the stressful circumstances.

Reddy questioned the state's approach to public administration, asking if it now meant demolishing homes. He pointed out that addressing the issue of sewage entering the Musi River would require significant funding and demanded the state government provide a Detailed Project Report (DPR) for the project. Reddy stressed the importance of developing the Musi river basin without forcibly displacing poor communities.

BJP MP Konda Vishweshwar Reddy echoed these sentiments, stating that while the



BJP supports the beautification of Musi, it cannot accept the destruction of homes under the guise of development. He proposed that if residents consent to the demolitions, they should be compensated three times the value of their properties,

rather than being simply evicted. Both leaders emphasized that the focus of the Musi beautification project should be on cleaning the river and improving water quality, not on demolishing houses.

Traffic CI Helps TGPSC Candidate Reach Revised Exam Center on Time



TPN , Hyderabad: A traffic constable (CI) in Jeedimetla came to the rescue of a Telangana Public Service Commission (TGPSC) Group 3 exam candidate who was left stressed after learning her exam center had been changed at the last moment.

On Sunday, November 17, the candidate arrived at Gautami College in Jeedimetla, only to be informed that her examination center had been moved to Geetanjali College in Balanagar. With no immediate solution and running out of time, the candidate was unable to figure out how to reach the new venue.

Seeing her distress, the traffic officer, stationed nearby, quickly

offered assistance and drove the candidate to the revised center, ensuring she reached on time.

In a separate incident in Bhadradi Kothagudem district, four TGPSC candidates were denied entry after arriving late due to confusion over similar names of exam centers. The candidates, who were supposed to report to KLR Degree College in Palvancha, mistakenly went to KLR Institutions in Kothagudem and arrived after the reporting time. Despite their efforts to reach the correct center, they were not allowed to take the exam.

Samma, one of the candidates, shared, "I arrived on time but was told I came to the wrong place."



2-Day Nature Camp at Forestrek Park, Chilkur – Register Now

TPN , Hyderabad: The Telangana Forest Development Corporation (TSFDC) is organizing a two-day nature camp at Forestrek Park in Chilkur, near the TG Police Academy, on November 23-24, 2024. The camp offers participants an opportunity to immerse themselves in nature with activities such as rock climbing, repelling, trekking, and bird watching, all while camping in tents under the stars.

TSFDC will provide meals throughout the camp, including snacks, dinner, and breakfast, ensuring participants are well-nourished. The camp is open to adults aged 13 and above at a cost of Rs 2499, while children aged 5 to 12 can join for Rs 1499.

Participants are required to arrive by 2:30 pm on November 23, with check-out at 9:30 am on November 24. For more details or to register, interested individuals can contact TSFDC at 9493549399 or 9885298980.

Konda Surekha Lashes Out at BRS Over Musi Project

TPN , Hanmakonda: Telangana Forest Minister Konda Surekha strongly criticized the BRS leadership, particularly KTR, for attempting to obstruct the Musi river revival project, a key initiative by the state government aimed at improving Hyderabad's environment and boosting tourism. She claimed that any opposition to the Musi project would "die of insects," emphasizing the project's potential to transform the city and attract investments.

Surekha also addressed the upcoming public meeting in Warangal on November 19, organized by the Congress party to celebrate the completion of one year under Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's leadership. The meeting, named "Indira Mahila Shakti Prangana", aims to empower women and showcase the government's



development initiatives. Revanth Reddy is expected to lay the foundation for Indira Mahila Bhavans in 22 districts during this event. The Minister also took a strong stance against the BRS government, alleging that Dalits and tribals suffered under its rule, accusing the party of harassment and misgovernance. She criticized KTR

for his role in the Vikarabad incident and called for greater accountability.

Surekha urged Congress workers to rally behind the CM's visit, ensuring its success, and demonstrating the strength of the party as they plan to launch various development programs during the visit.

Bahubali Main Gate Removed at Telangana Secretariat

TPN , Hyderabad: The iconic Bahubali main gate at the Telangana Secretariat has been removed, with images of the event going viral on social media. The gate, which had been closed since June 4 due to Vastu concerns, was blocked with blue tin sheets on Sunday.

The closure of the main gate prompted Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy to use the northeast gate for entry and exit. Although no official confirmation has been made, speculation suggests that the main gates may be relocated to Gate No. 3, closer to the Hussain Sagar end of the Secretariat.

In addition to the gate removal, the state government is preparing for the installation of the Telangana Talli statue within the Secretariat, with an unveiling planned for December 9. The government is also spending Rs. 4 crore to upgrade roads within the Secretariat premises. However, former Minister T Harish Rao has criticized the decision, calling it inconsistent with earlier stances on Vastu.



Ragging Incident Sparks at Nalgonda Govt Medical College



TPN, Nalgonda: A serious incident of ragging at Nalgonda Government Medical College has caused widespread concern after senior students allegedly harassed medical students from Kerala while under the influence of alcohol.

The affected students reportedly approached the college principal, lodging a formal complaint against the seniors for forcing them to comply with demeaning demands and subjecting them to ragging.

Following the complaint, swift action was taken by the college administration. According to sources within the college, three senior medical students and one junior doctor have been suspended for their involvement in the incident.

The administration has emphasized its zero-tolerance policy towards ragging and assured a thorough investigation to prevent such incidents in the future. This incident has reignited the conversation around the safety and well-being of students in educational institutions, particularly those from other states.

Professor Forces Student to Shave Head



TPN, Khammam: A disturbing incident at Khammam Medical College has raised serious concerns after an assistant professor allegedly forced a first-year medical student to shave his head as punishment. The incident came to light after the student, hailing from Mulugu, filed a complaint with the college principal.

The student, who had initially styled his hair in a "Chinese style," was advised by senior students to reconsider the hairstyle. Taking their advice, the student visited a salon to get his hair trimmed. However, the assistant professor, who also serves as a surgeon and the officer in charge of the boys' hostel's anti-ragging committee, reportedly became enraged upon learning of the change.

The professor is said to have taken the student to a salon and forced him to shave his head completely. Distressed by the ordeal, the student lodged a formal complaint with the college principal, Dr. Rajeswara Rao.

In response, the assistant professor was relieved of his hostel duties, and the matter was reported to the Director of Medical Education. A committee has been formed to investigate the incident. The principal assured that appropriate action would be taken based on the investigation's findings, reaffirming the institution's commitment to maintaining a respectful and supportive environment for all students.

MLA Kadium Challenges Rajaiah Over Corruption Allegations



TPN, Warangal: Tensions escalated between two prominent Telangana political figures, as former MLA Tantikonda Rajaiah and Station Ghanpur MLA Kadium Srihari exchanged sharp words over allegations of corruption. In a direct challenge, Kadium Srihari vowed to resign from his

MLA post if proven guilty of corruption. He also threatened to expose Rajaiah's alleged role in deceiving poor and Dalit children in the name of the Dalit Bandhu scheme, promising to present evidence before the public and media.

Srihari, who was addressing a gathering at his MLA camp office in Station Ghanpur, claimed that Rajaiah should "accept the challenge" and leave politics if he could not prove his accusations. He also leveled serious allegations against the Kalvakuntla family, accusing them of widespread corruption, particularly in relation to land encroachments in Hyderabad

and irregularities surrounding the Kaleshwaram irrigation project. Srihari dismissed claims made by KTR and KCR, stating that they were facing corruption charges, with notices issued for their appearance before the Kaleshwaram Commission. He defended his own record, asserting that in his 30 years of political career, he has never engaged in corruption, nor has he ever amassed wealth through illicit means.

The war of words has intensified political rivalry between the Congress and BRS factions, with both sides taking to media platforms to air their grievances.

Strict Action Sought in Khammam Ragging Case



Upon learning of the shooting, Rajanarsimha held a teleconference with senior officials, seeking detailed information about the case. He stressed the urgency of the matter and insisted on strict action against those responsible. The Minister emphasized that such incidents of ragging are unacceptable and must be prevented.

TPN, Khammam: Telangana's Medical and Health Minister, Damodara Rajanarsimha, has condemned the ragging incident at Khammam Government Medical College, where a first-year MBBS student was shot. The Minister expressed his anger over the incident and directed authorities to conduct a prompt investigation.

Rajanarsimha also advised students to avoid engaging in ragging, which can harm their futures, and directed colleges to raise awareness about the dangers of such behavior. He instructed the authorities to organize awareness programs in collaboration with the police to educate students on the risks associated with ragging.

108 Ambulance Driver Abandons Heart Attack Patient Midway in Bhupalpally

TPN, Hyderabad: In a shocking incident in Bhupalpally district, a 108 ambulance driver abandoned a heart attack patient en route to the hospital. The patient, Shanigaram Bapureddy, from Kannepalli village in Kaleshwaram mandal, suffered a heart attack on November 16. Initially taken to a hospital in Mahadevpura, he was referred to MGM Hospital in Waran-

gal for advanced treatment.

Due to the unavailability of an ambulance, a relative drove Bapureddy partway to Warangal. When the 108 ambulance finally arrived, Bapureddy was transferred and given oxygen. However, after traveling a short distance, the driver abruptly stopped and told the family to vacate the

vehicle, citing that the hospital was outside his jurisdiction.

The incident has sparked outrage, prompting Telangana Health Minister C. Damodar Raja Narasimha to direct officials to take strict action against the ambulance driver. The case highlights serious concerns over emergency medical services in the state.

Winter Hits Erstwhile Adilabad with Sub-15°C Temperatures

TPN, Kumram Bheem Asifabad/Adilabad: The erstwhile Adilabad district experienced a sharp dip in temperatures this weekend, with several areas reporting sub-15°C conditions, forcing residents to seek warmth indoors. On Sunday, Tiryani mandal in Kumram Bheem Asifabad recorded a chilly 12.1°C, while Wankidi and Asifabad followed with 13.1°C and 13.3°C, respectively. Other hilly regions saw similar freezing weather.

Neradigonda recorded 12.2°C, and Adilabad Rural saw 12.9°C. Areas like Bheempur, Mavala, Boath, Jainad, Indervelli, Ichoda, and Gudihathnoor experienced temperatures between 13°C and 15°C. The cold weather prompted residents, especially the elderly and children, to bundle up in woolen clothing and light bonfires to stay warm. Many people avoided venturing outdoors until after 8 am, while motorists faced disruptions due to foggy conditions along NH 44.



Mysterious Deaths Plague Jangalapalli Village in Mulugu District

TPN, Mulugu: A sense of fear and mystery has engulfed the village of Jangalapalli in Mulugu district, where at least 20 people have died within the last two months. The repeated loss of life has left villagers in a state of panic, with some even considering leaving the village, fearing they too may fall victim. The deaths, occurring at an alarming frequency—about one every four to five days—



have sparked rumors of supernatural causes, with some villagers attributing the tragedies to a ghost or a curse.

The community, once united and peaceful, is now gripped by anxiety, and there is growing confusion as both the young and old are succumbing without apparent illness. In response, the villagers are calling for immediate action from the authorities. They are urging health officials to set up camps in the village and conduct thorough investigations, including blood sample collection, to

identify any possible medical causes.

Despite the severity of the situation, some feel the government, including Minister Sitakka, has turned a blind eye to their plight. Village elders are considering traditional rituals to appease local deities in the hope of bringing an end to the fear that has taken hold of Jangalapalli.

Fine Paddy Acreage in Telangana Soars by 61%

TPN, Hyderabad: Telangana has witnessed a significant increase in fine variety paddy (sanna vadlu) cultivation, with acreage rising by 61% to 4 million acres during the kharif season, up from 2.5 million acres last year. This surge is attributed to the Rs 500 bonus per quintal announced by the Congress government as part of its election promise. Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy praised farmers for this achievement, highlighting that despite challenges with the Kaleshwaram Project's water storage capacity, paddy was harvested at a record level. The state government's bonus

on the minimum support price (MSP) for fine variety paddy has played a pivotal role in encouraging farmers to increase cultivation. Meanwhile, cultivation of non-fine variety paddy saw a significant decline, dropping from 4.1 million acres to 2.63 million acres. Overall paddy production in the state reached 15.3 million tons, up from 14.6 million tons last year. The state's Civil Supplies Department plans to procure 8 million tons of paddy through 7,411 procurement centers across the state.

The Chief Minister also refuted claims by BRS that the Kaleshwaram project in-

creased paddy cultivation, stating that the bonus scheme was a key factor in the growth of fine paddy cultivation.



Kohli & Rohit: Titans on Trial, But Never Count Them Out!

As cricket fans gear up for the much-anticipated Border-Gavaskar Trophy in Australia, the series is being billed as “the toughest rivalry.” With India facing the top-ranked Australians on their home turf, the stakes are sky-high—not just for the team, but particularly for two Indian cricketing legends, Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma. Both are entering what might be their last Test series Down Under, carrying the weight of expectation, legacy, and the unrelenting march of time.

A Rivalry Steeped in History

India versus Australia has become cricket’s most enthralling modern rivalry. Over the past few editions, the series has produced unforgettable moments, with India winning the last four editions, including two consecutive triumphs on Australian soil. This time, the script includes not just the usual fierce competition but also the poignant reality that Kohli and Sharma are likely nearing the twilight of their Test careers.

Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma, titans of Indian cricket, find themselves facing not just the formidable Australian team but also mounting questions about their form and future. Both players have experienced underwhelming performances in recent Test series. In the debacle against New Zealand at home, Kohli scored 93 runs in six innings, while Sharma managed only 91, leaving critics questioning their Test relevance.

As India takes on Australia, the performance of these two stalwarts will be under intense scrutiny. Their ability to lead with the bat will not only determine the outcome of the series but could also shape the narrative around their careers. Failure here might lead to a decline in their influence, while a roaring comeback could solidify their legacies.

Youth Breathing Down Their Necks

The timing of this high-stakes series couldn’t be more crucial, as Indian cricket is brimming with young talent eager to make their mark. Sarfaraz Khan has already impressed with a century and three fifties in just six Tests. Abhimanyu Easwaran, a do-



mestic stalwart, awaits his debut. Dhruv Jurel, the son of a Kargil war veteran, recently showcased his talent in an India A match against Australia, averaging 74 across two innings.

This emerging crop of players is not just knocking but banging on the door of opportunity, making the stakes even higher for Kohli and Sharma. The duo must deliver significant performances to remind the cricketing world—and themselves—that they still belong at the highest level.

The Litmus Test in Australia

The fiery pitches of Australia have always been a litmus test for batting skill and resilience. Kohli’s past performances Down Under offer a glimmer of hope; he boasts an impressive average of over 54 in 13 Tests, with six centuries, including a career-best 169. For Rohit, the story is less compelling. His average in Australia is a modest 31.38, and he has yet to score a Test century there.

The first Test at Perth promises to be a trial by fire. The pitch, designed for pace and bounce, will test their technique and temperament. For Kohli and Sharma, this could be the perfect stage to silence their critics and reaffirm their standing as legends of the game.

A Race Against Time

At 36 and 37 years old, respectively, Kohli and Sharma are no strangers to the toll that Test cricket takes on the body. They have likely set personal timelines for retirement, perhaps tied to the ICC World Test Championship (WTC) Final at Lord’s in June 2025—a title that has eluded India despite reaching the final twice. If India can defeat Australia and qualify for the WTC Final, it could provide a fitting swan song for both players.

However, the specter of failure looms large. The BCCI has reportedly stated that Kohli and Sharma might not make the squad for the England tour in 2025 if India fails to reach the WTC Final. For the two stalwarts, the thought of being dropped rather than choosing their exit is unthinkable, making their performances in Australia all the more critical.

Ultimately, this series could define not just the future of Virat Kohli and Rohit Sharma but also their lasting legacies in Indian cricket. If they rise to the occasion, they could extend their careers and keep their names etched in the annals of cricketing greatness. But failure could hasten the inevitable.

For now, the cricketing world watches with bated breath. The one certainty is that neither Kohli nor Sharma would want their illustrious careers to end with anything less than a roar.

Suez Canal: A Historic and Economic Lifeline for Global Trade

The Suez Canal, a 193-kilometer-long artificial waterway, stands as a cornerstone of global maritime commerce. Connecting the Red Sea to the Mediterranean through the Isthmus of Suez, this engineering marvel has significantly transformed international trade by reducing the sea route between Asia and Europe by up to 7,000 kilometers.



Historical Significance

The idea of linking the Nile River to the Red Sea dates back to ancient Egypt, with early attempts at constructing a canal occurring centuries ago. However, the modern Suez Canal was brought to life under the leadership of French engineer Ferdinand de Lesseps. Construction began in 1859, and after a decade of monumental effort involving the removal of 74 million cubic meters of sediment, the canal was officially inaugurated on February 17, 1867. Initially, the canal was just 8 meters deep and 22 meters wide at its base, but it has undergone multiple expansions and upgrades over the years to accommodate larger vessels.

Economic Importance

Today, the Suez Canal is one of the busiest waterways in the world, handling approximately 12% of global trade and facilitating 30% of daily container traffic. Its strategic location and efficient route make it an indispensable link in the global supply chain. By significantly reducing travel distances for ships, the canal plays a vital role in saving time and fuel costs, benefiting economies worldwide.

The canal is also crucial for the global energy market, with about 7% of the world’s oil supply passing through it. This underscores its role not only in trade but also in ensuring the smooth transportation of essential resources.

Modern Enhancements

Over the years, the Suez Canal has seen several expansions and modernization projects. A significant upgrade in 2015 enhanced its capacity, allowing for the transit of larger vessels and reducing waiting times

for ships. These improvements ensure the canal’s ability to meet the demands of increasing global trade and maritime traffic.

The canal remains an open-cut waterway without locks, simplifying its operation. Its design and strategic upgrades have cemented its position as a vital economic artery in the global shipping network.

Geopolitical and Strategic Challenges

The canal has been a focal point of geopolitical conflicts, highlighting its strategic importance. In 1956, the Suez Crisis erupted when Egypt nationalized the canal, prompting military intervention by Britain, France, and Israel. This event underscored the canal’s critical role in international politics and trade.

The Arab-Israeli War of 1967 further disrupted its operations, leading to an eight-year closure until 1975. Such disruptions have had significant repercussions on global shipping, emphasizing the canal’s vulnerability to regional instability.

A Lifeline for Global Commerce

Despite its challenges, the Suez Canal remains a cornerstone of international trade. Its ability to facilitate efficient maritime routes has made it indispensable for economies across the globe. The canal’s enduring relevance reflects not only its strategic location but also the ongoing efforts to maintain and enhance its capacity to meet modern demands.

For many, traveling abroad is a dream that often seems out of reach due to the perceived high costs. However, there are several countries where Indian travelers can explore beautiful landscapes, rich cultures, and unique experiences without breaking the bank. These destinations, some of which are neighboring countries, offer incredible travel opportunities at surprisingly low costs. Here’s a guide to some of the best budget-friendly international destinations and their approximate weekly expenses.

1. Nepal – Weekly Cost: ₹45,000

Nestled in the foothills of the majestic Himalayas, Nepal offers stunning landscapes and unique cultural experiences. For Indian travelers, a major advantage is that no passport is required to visit. The country is famous for its Himalayan treks, serene temples, and vibrant local culture. Popular spots include Kathmandu, Pokhara, and the iconic Mount Everest base camp region. A week-long trip to Nepal costs around ₹40,000 to ₹45,000 per person, which includes travel, accommodation, and meals. For nature lovers and adventure seekers, Nepal is a perfect getaway that blends affordability with awe-inspiring experiences.



2. Bhutan – Weekly Cost: ₹30,000

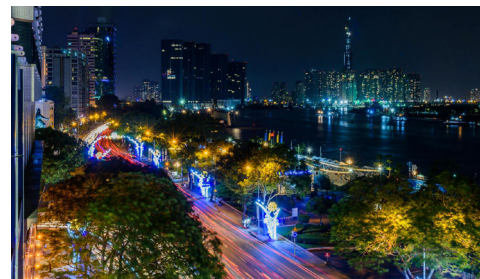
Known for its serene beauty and peaceful environment, Bhutan is an ideal destination for those seeking adventure and tranquility. The country’s rich heritage, breath-taking monasteries, and scenic landscapes make it a must-visit. Bhutan is also famous for its Gross National Happiness philosophy, which adds a unique cultural perspective for travelers. A seven-day trip to Bhutan costs approximately ₹30,000 per person. The country offers low-cost accommodation and food, making it an affordable choice for Indian tourists.



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Affordable International Destinations for Indian Travelers

3. Vietnam – Weekly Cost: Under ₹35,000



Vietnam is a treasure trove of cultural richness, historical significance, and stunning natural beauty. From the vibrant streets of Hanoi to the serene Ha Long Bay, Vietnam offers diverse attractions at budget-friendly prices. A week-long trip to Vietnam, including airfares, costs less than ₹35,000 per person. The cost of food and accommodation in Vietnam is notably low, allowing travelers to indulge in local delicacies and comfortable stays without overspending.

Important Considerations

The expenses mentioned above include general travel costs, standard accommodations, and meals. Additional expenses such as local tours, entry fees, shopping, and personal interests may vary depending on the traveler. It’s essential to budget for these extras to make the most of your trip.

4. Bali (Indonesia) – Weekly Cost: Under ₹60,000

Bali, Indonesia’s famed island paradise, is one of the most popular tourist destinations in the region. Known for its beautiful beaches, vibrant culture, and lush greenery, Bali is perfect for couples, families, and solo travelers alike. A week in Bali costs less than ₹60,000 per person, including airfare. While the air travel may take up a significant portion of the budget, local accommodations, meals, and transport are highly affordable, ensuring a memorable yet cost-effective trip.

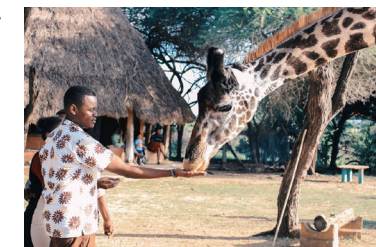


Final Thoughts

Traveling abroad doesn’t have to remain a distant dream. With careful planning and a focus on budget-friendly destinations, Indian travelers can explore some of the most beautiful countries without overspending. Whether you’re seeking adventure in Ne-

5. Kenya – Weekly Cost: ₹60,000 to ₹75,000

For wildlife enthusiasts, Kenya is a dream destination. Renowned for its iconic safaris and world-famous wildlife sanctuaries, Kenya offers an unforgettable experience in nature. The Masai Mara National Reserve and Amboseli National Park are among the top attractions. A week-long trip to Kenya, including airfare, costs between ₹60,000 and ₹75,000 per person. While airfare makes up a large part of the budget, the cost of accommodation and food is moderate. Travelers can immerse themselves in wildlife tourism without worrying about excessive expenses.



pal, serenity in Bhutan, cultural richness in Vietnam, island paradise in Bali, or thrilling wildlife safaris in Kenya, these destinations offer incredible experiences that are easy on the pocket.

Start planning your next international getaway and turn your dream of traveling abroad into reality!

Nigeria to Honor PM Modi with 'GCON' Award

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to receive Nigeria's highest civilian award, the Grand Commander of The Order of the Niger (GCON), during his visit to the country as part of a three-nation tour. Modi will become only the second foreign dignitary to be bestowed with this prestigious honor, following Queen Elizabeth II, who was awarded the GCON in 1969.

The announcement came as PM Modi arrived in Abuja, Nigeria's capital, on the first leg of his visit, which will also take him to Brazil and Guyana from November 17 to November 21. This marks his 17th international award, a testament to his significant global diplomatic presence.

Upon arrival, PM Modi was warmly welcomed by Nyesom Ezenwo Wike, the Minister for Federal Capital Territory, who presented him with the 'Key to the City' of Abuja. The gesture symbolizes the deep respect and trust Nigeria has for the Indian Prime Minister.

In a statement, PM Modi expressed his enthusiasm for strengthening India-Nigeria relations. "At the invitation of President Bola Ahmed Tinubu, this will be my first visit to Nigeria, which is our close partner in the West African region. My visit will be an opportunity to build upon



our Strategic Partnership that is based on shared belief in democracy and pluralism," he said. Modi also mentioned his eagerness to meet the Indian community in Nigeria, many of whom had sent him warm messages in Hindi.

The visit is significant, as it marks the first time in 17 years that an Indian Prime Minister has visited Nigeria. India and Nigeria have a longstanding and robust relationship, with collaboration across several sectors, including economic, energy, and defense.

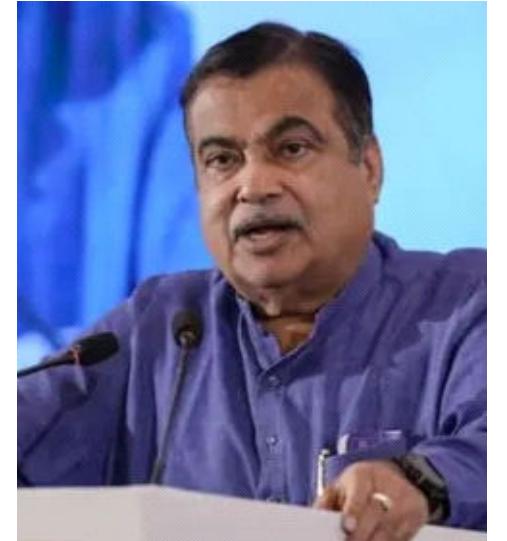
Over 200 Indian companies have invested more than \$27 billion in Nigeria, and the two nations share strong development cooperation, with India providing concessional loans and capacity-building training programs.

During his visit, PM Modi will hold bilateral talks with President Tinubu and other Nigerian leaders to review and strengthen the strategic partnership between the two countries.

Nobody should take Rahul Gandhi seriously: Nitin Gadkari

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari has responded sharply to Congress leader Rahul Gandhi's recent comments about Prime Minister Narendra Modi allegedly suffering from memory loss, likening him to US President Joe Biden. Gadkari dismissed Gandhi's remarks as "irresponsible" and said that people should not take the Congress leader seriously. Speaking to the media on Sunday, Gadkari emphasized that Rahul Gandhi's statements were a reflection of his tendency to speak recklessly.

"I don't think anybody should take Rahul Gandhi seriously," Gadkari said, adding that the Congress leader often makes unfounded allegations that lack substance. Gandhi had recently claimed that PM Modi's memory issues resembled those of President Biden, a comment that drew sharp criticism from BJP leaders, including Gadkari.



Gadkari, a senior leader of the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), also expressed confidence in the upcoming Maharashtra state assembly elections, scheduled for November 20. He asserted that the people of Maharashtra would place their trust in the BJP-led Mahayuti alliance. "The people of Maharashtra know what is at stake, and they will choose the BJP and its allies to lead the state with stability and development," he said, underscoring the alliance's track record and governance experience.

The comments from Gadkari come at a time when political tensions are high in Maharashtra, with both the BJP and Congress actively campaigning in the run-up to the elections. Rahul Gandhi's remarks about PM Modi's memory have become a focal point of political debate, with BJP leaders accusing the Congress leader of making baseless and derogatory statements.

Gadkari's dismissive response highlights the growing political divide between the Congress and BJP in Maharashtra, with both parties gearing up for a closely contested election. As the state prepares for its vote, the BJP continues to rally support for its coalition, promising growth and stability under its leadership.

Siddaramaiah Hits Back at Modi's Allegations, Challenges Him to Prove Claims

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has fiercely responded to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent allegations that the Congress government in Karnataka "looted" the people and used the money for election campaigning in Maharashtra. Addressing a press conference in Solapur on Saturday, CM Siddaramaiah dismissed Modi's remarks as "blatant lies" and challenged him to provide evidence. "If Modi can prove his allegations, I will retire from politics," Siddaramaiah declared. "Why doesn't Modi accept my challenge? What is he afraid of?"

Siddaramaiah's remarks come amid a tense political atmosphere in Maharashtra, where the state assembly elections are scheduled for November 20. During the campaign, PM Modi had claimed that Congress's governance in Karnataka was marred by corruption and extortion, which, according to him, funded the party's electoral activities in Maharashtra. Modi further stated that the Congress's welfare schemes in Karnataka were economically damaging, an assertion Siddaramaiah quickly rebutted.



"PM Modi says welfare guarantees will ruin the economy, yet the BJP is offering similar promises in Maharashtra and Madhya Pradesh," Siddaramaiah pointed out. "The Modi government waived ₹16 lakh crore in loans for the wealthy, yet failed to help farmers even once," he added, accusing the Prime Minister of prioritizing the rich while neglecting the poor.

Siddaramaiah also hit out at the Maharashtra BJP, threatening legal action over what he called "blatantly false" advertisements against Karnataka's government. He emphasized that Karnataka, which contributes ₹4.5 lakh crore annually to central taxes, receives a meager ₹60,000 crore in return, highlighting the unfair treatment of both Karnataka and Maharashtra by the Modi government.

He went on to defend the Congress's social welfare initiatives in Karnataka, such as the Shakti Scheme, which benefits women, and the Gruha Jyothi and Anna Bhagya schemes, providing free electricity and rice to millions. Siddaramaiah also reiterated that these guarantees were successfully implemented within eight months, empowering people across all communities without harming the state's finances.

Urging the people of Maharashtra to vote for the Maha Vikas Aghadi, Siddaramaiah promised that if the coalition came to power, they would deliver on their own guarantees and ensure the state's inclusive development.

India Successfully Test-Fires Long-Range Hypersonic Missile

India has successfully test-fired a long-range hypersonic missile from Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Island off the coast of Odisha, marking a significant milestone in the nation's defense capabilities. The test was conducted on Saturday, with Defence Minister Rajnath Singh announcing the achievement on Sunday.

Singh described the successful test as a historic moment, placing India among a select group of nations capable of developing critical hypersonic missile technology.

"India has achieved a major milestone by successfully conducting the flight trial of a long-range hypersonic missile from Dr. APJ Abdul Kalam Island, off the coast of Odisha," Singh stated on X (formerly Twitter). "This is a historic moment, and this significant achievement has put our country in the group of select nations with such critical and advanced military technologies," he added.

The Defence Minister congratulated the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), the armed forces, and the defense industry for the "stupendous achievement," underlining its importance for India's strategic capabilities.



Nagaland CM Rio to lead Cabinet to meet Amit Shah on Naga political dialogue

Nagaland Chief Minister Neiphiu Rio, along with his deputies T R Zeliang and Y Patton, will lead a high-level delegation of the state cabinet to New Delhi on Monday to meet Union Home Minister Amit Shah. The delegation is set to discuss the stalled Naga political dialogue, which has been a long-standing issue between the Government of India and various Naga groups, particularly the NSCN-IM (National Socialist Council of Nagalim-Isak Muivah).

The meeting comes amid growing concerns over the delay in reaching a resolution. The NSCN-IM has recently threatened to resume its insurgent activities and return to the jungles, citing frustration over the prolonged negotiations. The group has warned that the peace process, which has been ongoing for years, risks breaking down if no concrete progress is made soon. This threat has heightened tensions in the region and prompted the Nagaland government to take urgent action. According to official sources, the Nagaland cabinet has decided to meet with both the negotiating parties—the Government of India and the Naga groups—at the earliest to address the deadlock. The state government has expressed its commitment to ensuring that the Naga political issue is resolved in a manner that respects the aspirations of the Naga people while maintaining peace and stability in the region.

'BJP deliberately wants Manipur to burn': Kharge

Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge has strongly criticized the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) over the ongoing violence in Manipur, accusing the ruling party of deliberately allowing the situation in the border state to deteriorate to serve its "hateful divisive politics." Kharge's remarks came as fresh clashes erupted in Manipur, exacerbating the already tense situation in the region.

Addressing the media on Sunday, Kharge condemned the BJP's handling of the violence, which has led to widespread unrest and displacement of people. He accused the party of not taking adequate steps to restore peace and prevent further bloodshed, suggesting that the BJP's actions were intentional, driven by a desire to inflame communal tensions for political gain. "The BJP deliberately wants Manipur to burn because it serves their divisive agenda," Kharge said, adding that the state's turmoil

was a result of the BJP's failure to act in the interest of the people.

The violence in Manipur, which has been ongoing for months, has led to numerous deaths, injuries, and widespread property damage, displacing thousands of residents. Kharge's allegations come amid growing concerns over the BJP's response to the crisis, with many opposition leaders accusing the party of turning a blind eye to the suffering of the people in the region.



In the wake of the escalating violence, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, who was scheduled to hold rallies in Maharashtra ahead of the state's assembly elections, cancelled his public appearances to focus on the situation in Manipur. The cancellation of Shah's rallies underscores the gravity of the situation and the government's increased focus on managing the crisis in the northeastern state.



Ishiba: Meeting with Trump Won't Happen Due to Legal Restrictions

Japanese Prime Minister Shigeru Ishiba announced on Saturday that his planned meeting with US president-elect Donald Trump would not proceed, citing legal constraints. Speaking to reporters in Lima, Peru, Ishiba explained that Trump's transition team informed him that meetings with foreign leaders prior to the president's inauguration were prohibited under the Logan Act.

The Logan Act, a US law dating back to 1799, restricts private citizens from engaging in unauthorized negotiations with foreign governments. While the law is rarely invoked, it has been cited in situations where unofficial diplomatic discussions could potentially interfere with US foreign policy or undermine official negotiations.

Ishiba had been hoping to meet with Trump as part of his visit to Peru, where he was attending the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) summit. However, due to the legal limitations surrounding the pre-inauguration period, his request was declined.

The decision not to meet with the president-elect underscores the delicate nature of diplomatic interactions during the transition period between US ad-



ministrations. Transition teams are typically cautious about engaging in formal talks with foreign leaders before the incoming president is officially sworn in, to avoid the appearance of premature commitments or diplomatic overreach.

Despite this setback, Ishiba reaffirmed Japan's commitment to strengthening its relationship with the United States under Trump's leadership. He emphasized the importance of the US-Japan

alliance and expressed hope for continued close cooperation on a range of global issues, including security and trade. Ishiba's remarks come at a time when Japan, like many other nations, is closely monitoring the evolving political landscape in Washington. As the US prepares for a new administration, world leaders are adjusting their diplomatic strategies to navigate the uncertainties of a post-election period, where key policy positions have yet to be fully articulated.

Pope Francis and Muhammad Yunus Launch '3Zero Club' in Rome



In a groundbreaking initiative aimed at fostering a more inclusive and sustainable future, Pope Francis and Bangladesh's Chief Adviser Muhammad Yunus jointly launched the "Pope Francis Yunus 3Zero Club" in Rome on Saturday. The new initiative focuses on tackling three critical global challenges: zero poverty, zero unemployment, and zero net carbon emissions.

The "3Zero" concept was introduced to address interconnected issues that affect humanity's well-being and the planet's health. The three Zs—zero poverty, zero unemployment, and zero carbon emissions—represent core goals that aim to reshape the world economy and society toward a more equitable and sustainable model.

Muhammad Yunus, the Nobel Peace Prize-winning founder of Grameen Bank and a longtime advocate for social business, highlighted the importance of addressing these pressing global concerns through collaborative action. He emphasized that the 3Zero Club is not just a conceptual framework but a call to action for individuals, governments, and businesses to unite in the fight against inequality and environmental degradation.

Pope Francis, known for his strong advocacy for social justice and environmental stewardship, expressed his hope that the 3Zero Club would inspire a global movement of solidarity and collective responsibility. "We must build a future where no one is left behind, and our planet is safeguarded for future generations," the Pope said in his remarks.

Two Flash Bombs Fired at Netanyahu's Home, No Damage or Injuries Reported



Two flash bombs were fired into the garden of Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu's residence in Caesarea on Saturday, marking a disturbing escalation in security threats against the Israeli leader. According to a police statement, the bombs landed in the garden, but there were no injuries or damage. Neither Netanyahu nor his family members were present at the time of the attack, and the incident did not result in any immediate harm.

The attack occurred just a month after a drone strike targeted Netanyahu's residence, heightening concerns about the rising level of violence directed at prominent political figures in Israel. While the motives behind the flash bomb incident remain unclear, authorities are treating the event seriously and have launched an investigation.

Flash bombs, typically used to disorient or distract, are non-lethal devices that emit a bright flash and a loud sound, but they can cause significant shock and panic if deployed in populated areas. The fact that they were aimed at Netanyahu's private residence has raised alarm over the potential threat to his safety and the security of his family. Israeli police have cordoned off the area and are working with intelligence agencies to identify the perpetrators. They are also reviewing security footage from nearby cameras and questioning local witnesses.

Although Netanyahu's residence is heavily guarded, the attack underscores the ongoing security challenges faced by high-profile leaders, particularly in volatile regions. The Prime Minister's office has not yet issued a detailed public response to the incident, but Netanyahu's spokesperson reaffirmed the government's commitment to ensuring the safety of its leaders.

Sri Lanka's New Cabinet to Be Sworn In Following Historic Election Victory



Sri Lanka's newly elected Cabinet will be sworn in on Monday in a ceremony overseen by President Anura Kumara Disanayake, his media office confirmed on Sunday. This marks a significant political milestone after the National People's Power (NPP) party, led by Disanayake, secured a resounding victory in the parliamentary elections held on Thursday.

The NPP, which emerged with a two-thirds majority, is set to take full control of the government, positioning Disanayake as a key figure in Sri Lanka's future political landscape. This victory is seen as a major shift in the country's

political dynamics, as the NPP's strong performance consolidates its influence across the nation.

One of the standout results of the election was the NPP's dominance in the Jaffna electoral district, a traditional stronghold for the Tamil National Alliance (TNA) and a critical region for Sri Lanka's minority Tamil population. The NPP's ability to secure such a significant foothold in Jaffna has been hailed as a testament to the party's growing national appeal, especially in areas previously seen as sympathetic to other political factions.



Biden and Xi Reach Landmark Agreement on Nuclear Weapons and AI Control

US President Joe Biden and Chinese President Xi Jinping reached a significant agreement on Saturday, underscoring the critical need for human decision-making in the control of nuclear weapons, particularly in the context of advancing artificial intelligence (AI) technologies. The leaders emphasized that nuclear weapons decisions should remain under human control and highlighted the importance of developing military AI responsibly.

A statement from the White House affirmed that both leaders acknowledged the need for caution when integrating AI into military systems, stressing the potential risks and the necessity of prudent development. "The two leaders affirmed the need to maintain human control over the decision to use nuclear weapons," the statement read. "They also stressed the importance of carefully considering the risks associated with military AI technology."

This agreement marks a significant step in the ongoing discussions between the US and China on nuclear arms and artificial intelligence—two areas where diplomatic progress has been slow and fraught with challenges. The US has been pushing China to engage in nuclear arms control talks, but progress has been limited, particularly after the brief resumption of talks in November, which saw little substantive movement.

The US Defense Department estimates that China currently has approximately 500 operational nuclear warheads, with projections indicating that number could surpass 1,000 by 2030. This rapid expansion of China's nuclear capabilities, including advanced systems like hypersonic glide vehicles and nuclear-armed submarines, has raised concerns in Washington and among US allies, especially given the backdrop of global nuclear arms competition.

While China's nuclear stockpile remains far smaller than those of Russia (1,710 warheads) and the US (1,770 warheads), its modernized nuclear arsenal and military advancements have sparked fears of an arms race. Nevertheless, China maintains a policy of "no first use" and advocates for minimal deterrence.

The Biden administration had previously updated its nuclear posture earlier this year, expressing concerns about China's growing nuclear capabilities. While the Biden-Xi agreement is a positive development, it remains to be seen whether it will lead to further talks or concrete actions to address these complex and interconnected challenges.



North Korea's 'Noise Bombing' Terrorizes South Korean Village Near DMZ

Residents of Dangsang, a small village near the Demilitarized Zone (DMZ) in South Korea, are enduring a new form of psychological warfare, as North Korea has ramped up its use of loudspeakers to broadcast disturbing sounds across the border. Since July, the loudspeakers have been blaring unsettling noises for up to 24 hours a day, replacing the traditional propaganda broadcasts with eerie sounds, from gong-like crashes to ghostly screams. Villagers have described the relentless barrage as "noise bombing," a constant, maddening assault that has disrupted their lives and made daily activities unbearable.

"It is driving us crazy," said one resident, speaking to *The New York Times*. "You can't sleep at night. It's bombing without shells." The constant noise, ranging from metallic grinding to howling wolves and artillery-like blasts, has caused widespread insomnia, headaches, and stress among the villagers, many of whom are elderly. Unlike the previous propaganda broadcasts, which included music and human voices, these new sounds serve no clear message and seem designed to irritate and unsettle. "At least the old broadcasts were human sounds we could bear," said another villager, reflecting on how tensions between the Koreans have evolved.

The sonic assault is part of a broader escalation in tensions between North and South Korea. With North Korean leader Kim Jong-un abandoning dialogue with South Korea and the United States, and South Korean President Yoon Suk Yeol increasing military drills with allies, the two countries have become locked in a cycle of provocative actions. North Korea's new sound strategy follows a period of retaliation against South Korean broadcasts, which included sending balloons filled with trash in response to anti-Kim leaflets and resuming propaganda broadcasts of its own.



Choppy Markets Ahead: Global and Domestic Factors Weigh on Sentiment

It seems that the domestic stock markets are likely to be subject to tides this week as well. The dollar rose strongly with the victory of Donald Trump. As a result, equity markets and gold prices around the world are crashing. The departure of foreign institutional investors and the weakness of the rupee added to this. Expectations are rising that FIIs will bounce back in a few days as China's stimulus package is not of much use. The market is likely to stabilize after the results of Maharashtra and Jharkhand.



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Stock Recommendations:

Indian Hotels: These are the stocks that are trading strongly even in a weak market. Investors' interest increased with the release of good results. EPS and sales have increased significantly. Delivery and trading volume picked up. Investors should take a position in the range of Rs.720 with a target price of Rs.800/840 in this counter which closed at Rs.741 last Thursday with a gain of 3.81%. Stoploss should be set at Rs.700.



Policy bazaar: 18% correction was made in these shares from lifetime highs. Consolidation is currently going on between Rs.1650-1740. Stocks don't move much in a bearish market. It is trading better than Nifty. An increase in sales in the latest quarter is a good sign. Investors should take a position in the Rs.1700 range



with a target price of Rs.1850 on this counter which closed at Rs.1724 with a gain of 5.61% in the last session. Stoploss should be set at Rs.1670.

GlandPharma: The shares are currently hovering below the 200 SMA. EPS increased after last quarter results. Trading and delivery volume



increased significantly. Investors should take a position in the range of Rs.1750 with a target price of Rs.1850/1920 in the counter which closed at Rs.1774 last Friday with a gain of 4.14%. Stoploss is mandatory at Rs.1710.

Naukri: This counter has seen a correction of up to 10% after lifetime highs. These shares are performing strongly despite weak market sentiment. Currently in the consolidation phase. Investors should take a position at Rs.7700 with a target price of Rs.7840/7900 in this counter which closed at Rs.7768 last Friday with a gain of 2.01%. Stoploss should be set at Rs.7670.



Tata Power: The counter, which has fallen as much as 20% after hitting a lifetime high, has now taken key support at Rs.400. Investors are showing interest as this is the right level to accumulate these shares. These should be bought at Rs.400 with a target price of Rs.470/510. Stoploss should be set at Rs.370.



RBI Governor : Indian Economy Well-Positioned to Handle Global Spillovers



Reserve Bank of India (RBI) Governor Shaktikanta Das expressed confidence on Saturday that the Indian economy and financial system are well-equipped to manage any potential spillovers from global events. Highlighting India's robust economic fundamentals, Das noted that the country is in a strong position to weather external shocks, be it from geopolitical tensions, global economic slowdowns, or financial market volatility.

In his remarks, Das pointed out that India's economic resilience is supported by several key factors, including its significant foreign exchange reserves. He highlighted that India currently holds one of the largest foreign exchange reserves globally, amounting to approximately USD 675 billion. These reserves provide a critical buffer against external shocks, ensuring the country can manage adverse fluctuations in global markets or sudden changes in capital flows.

Das also emphasized the strength of India's banking and financial sectors, noting that they are well-capitalized and have shown robust performance despite global uncertainties. The Indian financial system, he said, remains resilient to external pressures, supported by effective regulatory oversight and prudent monetary policies implemented by the RBI.

India's macroeconomic stability, coupled with its large foreign exchange reserves, has positioned the country to handle global economic and financial challenges. This is particularly important as the world continues to grapple with multiple uncertainties, including inflationary pressures, global supply chain disruptions, and fluctuating energy prices.

The RBI Governor's comments come at a time when many global economies are experiencing slowdowns or facing significant risks. While India is not immune to global economic headwinds, Das reassured markets that the country's economic fundamentals remain strong and capable of absorbing any external shocks without significant disruption.

Indian Stock Market Set for Busy Week with Multiple IPO Listings

The Indian stock market is gearing up for a bustling week with the anticipated listing of several companies, including Zinka Logistics Solutions, Neelam Linen and Garments, Mangal Compusolution, and Onyx Biotech. Starting Tuesday, November 19, investors will also see the opening of one mainboard initial public offering (IPO) and two small and medium enterprise (SME) IPOs for public subscription, marking a significant uptick in market activity.

The IPO scene in India has reached unprecedented levels this year. In 2024, IPO activity hit an all-time high with a total issue size of ₹1.38 trillion, surpassing the previous record of ₹1.31 trillion set in 2021. This surge in listings reflects growing investor confidence and a strong appetite for new market entrants.

The week ahead promises to be particularly interesting, with Zinka Logistics Solutions and other companies set to make their market debut. While the mainboard IPO and the two SME IPOs will create ample opportunities for investors, there are expectations of significant price movements and volatility in the market.

Yatin Singh, head of investment banking at Emkay Global, was quoted in *Mint*, stating



that "listing gains and subscription levels seem to be inversely proportional to the size of the IPO." This suggests that smaller IPOs might witness more substantial listing gains compared to their larger counterparts. The performance of these listings will be closely watched, as they offer insights into investor sentiment and market trends.

Investors and market analysts will also be

keeping an eye on subscription levels and the gray market premium (GMP) of the Zinka Logistics IPO, which is expected to set the tone for the upcoming listings. As the IPO season continues to heat up, participants are advised to assess the risk factors, including the company's fundamentals, as they look to capitalize on the fresh opportunities that are expected to unfold.

India's Current Account Deficit to Stay manageable, Says Report

India's current account deficit (CAD) is expected to remain within a manageable range for both FY25 and FY26, according to a recent report by Bank of Baroda. The report highlights that steady, muted oil prices will play a key role in supporting the country's external financial position, helping to balance the trade dynamics despite global economic challenges.

While global markets continue to experience volatility, the report notes that current oil price levels are favorable for India's import bill, reducing the pressure on the country's trade balance. Although higher commodity prices could still impact India's import costs, the report anticipates the overall increase to be moderate. The trade deficit for India widened to a 13-month



high of USD 27.1 billion in October 2024, driven by higher oil and gold imports, though export growth remained robust, rising 17.3% in the same month. Notably, non-oil exports

emerging markets. The report mentions that the recent weakness in INR is driven by these exogenous factors rather than domestic economic conditions.

played a significant role in this growth.

For FY25, the trade deficit has been higher compared to the previous year, largely due to fluctuations in global commodity prices. Looking forward, the report suggests that the future growth of exports will depend on global trade conditions, with potential risks arising from increasing U.S. protectionism that could impact India's trade prospects.

The Indian rupee (INR) has also come under pressure recently, primarily due to external factors such as a stronger U.S. dollar and capital outflows from emerging markets. The report mentions that the recent weakness in INR is driven by these exogenous factors rather than domestic economic conditions.



Japan's "Coffin Cafe" Offers Unique Space for Reflection on Life and Death

In an unusual twist on funeral traditions, a 120-year-old funeral home in Japan has launched a "coffin cafe" where visitors can lie in a casket and reflect on life and mortality. The initiative, introduced by Kajiya Honten funeral home in Futtsu, Chiba Prefecture, is designed to provide a peaceful, introspective experience in a comfortable setting. The concept has garnered attention for its thought-provoking approach to death and reflection.



Founded in 1902 during the Meiji era, Kajiya Honten has been serving the community for over a century. In September 2023, the funeral home partnered with a funeral supply company to launch the coffin cafe on the first floor of its main building. The cafe features three uniquely designed coffins, each in a different color—gold, green, and yellow—adorned with floral patterns and soothing motifs. The goal is to create a calm and contemplative environment where visitors can lie in the coffins, take time to reflect on their lives, and think about their eventual passing.

Visitors can experience the coffin cafe for a fee of 2,200 yen (around \$14), and many have found it to be a powerful way to reflect on life's impermanence. The experi-

ence has drawn a variety of guests, including couples who take photos inside the coffins and others who choose to close the lid for a moment of personal reflection.

Kiyotaka Hirano, the president of Kajiya Honten, explained that the idea for the coffin cafe came from his own experience of losing his father unexpectedly at a young age. Hirano believes that the experience can offer visitors a "rebirth," a chance to reset and renew their lives by confronting their own mortality.

This innovative service comes at a time when Japan's funeral industry is facing challenges, including declining demand and rising competition. Kajiya Honten aims to stand out by offering personalized services and unique experiences, ensuring that its century-old legacy remains relevant in today's changing world.

Revolutionary Or Deceptive? China's Robotic Fish Raise Eyebrows

A life-size robotic whale shark at Xiaomeisha Sea World in Shenzhen has sparked controversy, with some visitors feeling deceived after paying the hefty entry fee of 230 yuan (around Rs 2,680). The artificial creature, which was introduced after the aquarium's reopening in October, has left a section of the public upset, as they expected to see a real whale shark in the water, not a mechanical replica.



Videos of the robotic whale shark gliding through the aquarium's tanks have been circulating online, showing the lifelike appearance of the creature. However, many visitors were taken aback to discover that it was not a living animal but a technologically advanced robot. Some expressed their dissatisfaction by posting complaints on Dazhong Dianping, a popular Chinese review platform, questioning the aquarium's authenticity and accusing it of misleading customers.

One disgruntled visitor wrote, "I cannot believe the whale shark is fake. It's outrageous to charge over 200 yuan for a ticket." Another commenter went as far as threatening to report the aquarium to authorities, saying, "I will have this place shut down for tricking people with a fake whale shark."

The incident has divided opinion, with some defending the aquarium's use of technology, arguing that

the robotic whale shark offers a unique experience for visitors. Proponents of the attraction note that the artificial shark is an impressive feat of engineering, capable of mimicking the movements of a real whale shark in a way that some find fascinating.

Despite the mixed reactions, the controversy has drawn attention to the growing trend of using artificial creatures in lieu of real marine life in aquariums. While some visitors may appreciate the innovation, others feel disappointed by the lack of transparency about the nature of the exhibit, especially given the premium ticket prices.

As the debate continues online, Xiaomeisha Sea World may need to reassess its approach to customer expectations, balancing technological innovation with clear communication about what visitors can expect from their experience.

World's Longest Experiment Could Last Another Century

The "Pitch Drop Experiment", recognized by the Guinness World Records as the longest-running scientific experiment, is set to continue its slow march through time, potentially for another century. Held at the University of Queensland in Australia, this experiment, which has been ongoing since 1927, is an unusual demonstration of viscosity using a substance called pitch—a tar derivative known for being the world's thickest liquid.



Originally conceived by Australian physicist Thomas Parnell, the experiment aimed to measure the fluidity of pitch, which, despite appearing solid at room temperature, behaves like a thick, slow-moving liquid. Parnell poured a sample of pitch into a glass funnel and allowed it to cool and settle for three years before cutting the funnel's stem. Since then, the pitch has been dripping, but at an extraordinarily slow rate, dropping only nine times in almost a century. The next drop is expected sometime this decade.

The experiment, which was set up as a simple demonstration, has been left in a display cabinet at the university, where it is subject to the changing seasons and varying temperatures. These fluctuations impact the rate at which the pitch flows, making the drops even rarer. Over the years, the

experiment has become a source of fascination for both scientists and the public, particularly since no one has ever been present to witness the fall of a drop due to the unpredictable timing.

Professor John Mainstone took over as the custodian of the experiment in 1961, overseeing it for more than five decades until his death in 2013. Despite the slow pace, the experiment's findings have proven significant. Pitch, though brittle and solid-looking at room temperature, flows with a viscosity 100 billion times greater than that of water. Remarkably, there is still enough pitch in the funnel to keep the experiment running for another 100 years.

In 2005, Parnell (posthumously) and Mainstone received the Ig Nobel Prize, a satirical award that celebrates odd yet thought-provoking scientific research, for their work with the Pitch Drop Experiment.

Plastic waste could double by 2050, researchers find

A new study has raised alarm over the growing plastic waste crisis, predicting that global plastic waste could double by 2050 unless urgent action is taken. However, the research also highlights that effective policies, including increasing the use of recycled plastics and investing in improved waste management systems, could significantly reduce plastic waste by more than 90% and cut related emissions by a third.



The study, conducted by a team of researchers, warns that without substantial changes, plastic waste could increase from 460 million tonnes today to more than 1 billion tonnes by mid-century. This dramatic rise is driven by the continued use of single-use plastics and insufficient recycling efforts worldwide. The researchers emphasized that plastic pollution is not only a waste issue but also a major environmental concern, contributing to ocean pollution, landfills, and harmful emissions.

To address the issue, the study suggests several key measures. One of the most impactful solutions would be to substantially increase the use of recycled plastics. By using more recycled materials in manufacturing, the demand for virgin plastics would decrease, leading to less waste. Another crucial strategy is improving global waste management infrastructure, particularly in developing countries where many plastics

end up in landfills or oceans due to inadequate disposal systems.

In addition, the study advocates for policies to reduce plastic consumption, such as bans on single-use plastics and incentives for companies to adopt circular economy practices, where products are designed for reuse and recycling. Governments, businesses, and consumers would need to work together to implement these strategies, with the potential to drastically reduce both plastic waste and the carbon footprint associated with plastic production.

By adopting these measures, the study concludes that the world could not only curb plastic waste but also significantly mitigate the environmental damage caused by plastic production and disposal. The researchers stressed that immediate and coordinated action is necessary to prevent the crisis from worsening over the next few decades.

Why do people over-eat? Study claims to have found the reason

A new study suggests that eating at irregular times, particularly due to working odd hours or night shifts, can disrupt the body's natural circadian rhythm, leading to weight gain and an increased risk of diabetes. The research highlights the role of the liver in this process, revealing that it sends signals to the brain that help regulate eating patterns. When these signals are disrupted, such as by eating at non-ideal times, it can interfere with the body's internal clock, contributing to metabolic issues.

Circadian rhythm, the body's 24-hour cycle that controls physical, mental, and behavioral changes, plays a critical role in managing sleep, eating, and other essential processes. Research has long shown that eating at irregular hours, particularly late-night snacking or consuming meals outside typical daylight hours, can cause the body to fall out of sync with this rhythm. The new study, however, delves deeper into the biological mechanisms behind this disruption.



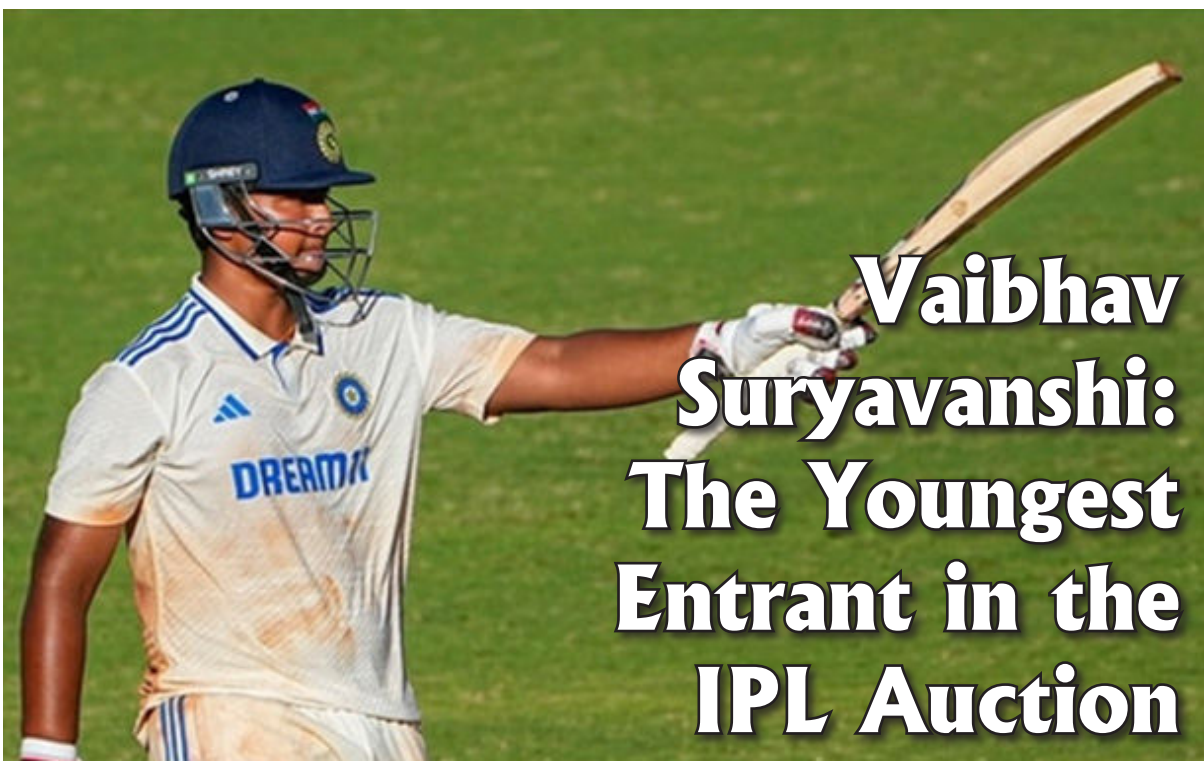
Researchers found that the liver plays a key role in communicat-

ing with the brain about whether eating is in sync with the body's internal clock. When individuals eat at unusual times—such as

during night shifts or when working late hours—the liver's signals to the brain are thrown off balance. This misalignment can lead to overeating, as well as a number of health problems, including weight gain and an increased risk of developing diabetes.

The study's findings point to the potential for addressing the negative effects of irregular eating times through targeted treatments aimed at restoring balance to the liver-brain signals. By improving meal timing and aligning eating habits with the body's natural circadian rhythms, the researchers suggest it may be possible to reduce the harmful effects of late-night eating and shift work on metabolic health.

As the study underscores, maintaining a regular eating schedule that aligns with the body's natural clock could play a key role in preventing weight gain and managing diabetes risk, making this an important area for further research and potential intervention.



Vaibhav Suryavanshi: The Youngest Entrant in the IPL Auction

Thirteen-year-old Vaibhav Suryavanshi from Bihar has made headlines by registering his name in the Indian Premier League (IPL) mega auction, becoming the youngest participant in its history. While seasoned players anxiously await their fate in the auction, Vaibhav's bold move to enter the fray with a base price of ₹30 lakhs has sparked widespread attention.

If any franchise picks the 13-year-old, it will undoubtedly be a historic moment. Almost 35 years ago, Sachin Tendulkar entered international cricket at the age of 16, leaving a mark as a teenage prodigy. Should Vaibhav secure a franchise, it would set a new record in cricket history and reignite the conversation about young talent in the sport.

Born in 2011 in Tajpur village, Bihar, Vaibhav's passion for cricket was evident from an early age. Recognizing his son's interest when he

picked up a bat at the age of four, his father, Sanjeev Suryavanshi, built a dedicated practice ground for him. At eight, Vaibhav joined a cricket academy in Samastipur, and two years later, he made it to the Under-16 team. Remarkably, Vaibhav was only ten years old at the time.

A left-handed batsman, Vaibhav excels in both batting and bowling. Known for his aggressive playing style, he debuted in first-class cricket this year, playing five matches as an opener. His ability to hit boundaries while taking advantage of the fielding set-up is already earning him recognition as a versatile player.

Vaibhav's entry into the IPL auction is not just a testament to his talent but also a bold step that could change the narrative around young players in cricket. Whether or not he secures a spot with a franchise, his journey is already inspiring a new generation of cricketers.

Star Pacer Mohammad Shami to Leave for Australia with Captain Rohit Sharma

India's star pacer Mohammad Shami, known for his ability to trouble opposing teams, is set to make a sensational comeback to Team India. Shami, who has been away from cricket for almost a year due to an ankle injury, recently impressed with his performance in the Ranji Trophy. Representing Bengal against Madhya Pradesh, he played a key role in securing an 11-run victory. In the match, Shami bowled 43.2 overs, taking seven wickets, and also contributed with the bat by scoring 36 runs. His stellar performance has bolstered hopes of his return to the Indian Test team.

According to sources, plans are underway to include Shami in the squad for the Border-Gavaskar Trophy. The report suggests that Shami will travel to Australia alongside captain Rohit Sharma and may join the team before the first



match. However, it is speculated that he will officially be included in the final squad only after the first match in Perth.

Meanwhile, Shami's brilliant performance in the Ranji Trophy helped Bengal secure a memorable win over Madhya Pradesh. This victory was especially significant as Madhya Pradesh had been dominating Bengal for the last 15 years. Chasing a target of 338 runs, Madhya Pradesh

was bowled out for 326, with Shami's wickets providing crucial breakthroughs. His presence on the field acted as a morale booster for the Bengal players.

Shami's return to Team India could strengthen the squad for the Border-Gavaskar Trophy, as fans eagerly await his comeback.

Tilak Varma Breaks Virat Kohli's Record in T20 Series



Telugu cricketer Tilak Varma has etched his name in the record books with a stellar performance in the recent T20 series against South Africa. Playing four matches, Tilak scored an impressive 280 runs at a strike rate exceeding 198, including two centuries. With this performance, he surpassed Indian cricket legend Virat Kohli's record for the most runs by an Indian batsman in a bilateral T20I series.

Virat Kohli previously held the record with 231 runs scored during a five-match series against England. Kohli's average was 115.50, and his strike rate stood at 147.13, including three half-centuries with a highest score of 80 not out. Tilak, however, surpassed this

feat by scoring 49 more runs in just four matches, creating history in the process.

Tilak's brilliance shone particularly bright during the fourth T20 match held in Johannesburg. He smashed 120 runs off just 47 balls, hitting 9 fours and 10 sixes at an astounding strike rate of 255.32. His explosive innings played a pivotal role in India's victory, earning him both the 'Player of the Match' and 'Player of the Series' awards.

Tilak Varma's incredible form in the series, including back-to-back centuries, has established him as a rising star in Indian cricket and a player to watch in future international fixtures.

Jake Paul Defeats 58-Year-Old Boxing Legend Mike Tyson in Texas

Jake Paul secured a unanimous decision victory over 58-year-old boxing legend Mike Tyson in a highly anticipated fight that failed to live up to the hype. The match, held at the AT&T Stadium, home of the NFL's Dallas Cowboys, marked Tyson's return to sanctioned professional boxing after nearly two decades.

The crowd, eager for an action-packed showdown, was left disappointed as the fight didn't deliver the intensity many had hoped for. Despite the underwhelming exchanges, Paul managed to dominate on the judges' scorecards, with one scoring it 80-72 and the other two at 79-73 in favor of the 27-year-old YouTuber-turned-boxer.

Tyson showed flashes of his former self, landing a few quick punches immediately after the opening bell. However, he spent much of the fight on the defensive, waiting for Paul to make his moves. Paul,



while more aggressive, struggled with efficiency, throwing several wild swings and missing the mark frequently.

The match featured fewer and shorter rounds, as well as heavier gloves designed

to reduce the impact of punches, but these adjustments couldn't inject the excitement fans were hoping for. Boos echoed through the stadium, reflecting the audience's dissatisfaction with the lackluster performance from both fighters.

This was Tyson's first sanctioned professional bout since 2005, following a more entertaining exhibition fight against Roy Jones Jr. in 2020. The fight, initially scheduled for July, had been postponed after Tyson was treated for a stomach ulcer.

While the bout lacked the energy of Tyson's glory days, Paul's victory adds to his growing record in the boxing world, a journey he began just over four years ago. However, the fight's legitimacy and the spectacle's underwhelming nature have left fans questioning whether such matchups truly honor the sport's legacy.

Netherlands Dominates Hungary 4-0 to Reach Nations League Quarters

The Netherlands secured their spot in the UEFA Nations League quarter-finals with a dominant 4-0 victory over Hungary on Saturday, in a winner-takes-all clash at the Johan Cruyff Arena. Both teams were tied on five points going into the match, and the winner was set to join Germany in progressing from Group A3.

The Oranje took control early, with Wout Weghorst converting a penalty in the first half after a handball by Hungary's Tamas Nikitscher. Cody Gakpo doubled the lead just before halftime with another spot-kick, sending Hungary's goalkeeper Denes Dibusz the wrong way.

The match was briefly interrupted in the seventh minute due to a medical emergency involving Hungary's assistant coach Adam Szalai. The 36-year-old coach was treated on the bench and later stretchered off, with the Hungarian Football Association later confirming he was



in stable condition at a hospital. Dutch players and fans applauded Szalai's exit, emphasizing the importance of his health over the match.

Despite the pause, the Netherlands picked up where they left off. Right-back Denzel Dumfries made it 3-0 in the 61st minute, volleying in a cross from Donyell Malen. Teun Koopmeiners added a fourth in the 86th minute, marking his first interna-

tional goal since 2022 to seal the victory for the Dutch.

Meanwhile, in an astonishing display, Germany crushed Bosnia and Herzegovina 7-0, the largest margin of victory in Nations League history. Jamal Musiala opened the scoring just two minutes in with a header, followed by Tim Kleindienst's first-ever international goal in the 23rd minute. Kai Havertz made it 3-0 before halftime, and Florian Wirtz scored twice in the second half, including a stunning free-kick. Substitute Leroy Sane and Kleindienst completed the rout, with Germany now five points ahead of the Netherlands in the group standings.

In other Group B matches, Georgia drew 1-1 with Ukraine, maintaining a two-point lead at the top of the group, while the Czech Republic remained in first place after a 0-0 draw with Albania. Turkey stayed top of Group B4 after a 0-0 draw with Wales, despite a missed penalty by Kerem Akturkoglu.



Pushpa 2: The Rule Trailer Ignites Frenzy

The much-awaited Pushpa 2: The Rule, starring Allu Arjun, has taken the anticipation to an all-time high. With the release date drawing closer, the makers launched their promotional campaign with a grand event in Patna, Bihar, where Allu Arjun unveiled the film's trailer amidst an electrified crowd of fans.

So, does the trailer live up to its

colossal expectations? Absolutely! The new chapter promises a bigger, bolder, and more intense experience compared to its predecessor. From breathtaking visuals to gripping action sequences, Pushpa 2: The Rule sets a new benchmark. Allu Arjun's commanding screen presence and punch-packed dialogues are bound to send fans into a frenzy. Sukumar's brilliant direction, coupled with Devi Sri

Prasad's pulsating background score, creates a perfect storm of excitement and drama.

Releasing in theatres on December 5, with overseas premieres slated for December 4, Pushpa 2 is poised to deliver a box-office juggernaut. Judging by the trailer's thunderous reception, it's clear that this wild ride is set to shatter records and redefine cinematic scale.



What is the Fight Between Nayanthara and Dhanush?

What's the ₹10 Crore Notice About?



The clash between popular actress Nayanthara and actor-producer Dhanush has become a sensational topic in the film industry. Nayanthara recently released a three-page open letter to the media, criticizing Dhanush, while several actresses have come forward to support her. However, Dhanush has remained silent on the matter, with no official statement or response. What caused the disagreement between these two stars, and why did Dhanush issue a ₹10 crore notice to Nayanthara?

Nayanthara is currently working on a documentary about her life titled *Nayanthara - Beyond the Fairy Tale*. This documentary covers her journey in the industry, her love story, and her marriage to Vignesh Shivan. As part of the documentary, she used a short clip from the movie *Nanum Rowdy Dhan*, which played a pivotal role in their introduction and eventual romance. The movie, directed by Vignesh Shivan, starred Nayanthara as the heroine and was produced by Dhanush.

Nayanthara reportedly made

several attempts to seek Dhanush's permission to use a brief scene from the film. Despite her repeated efforts, Dhanush did not respond. Recently, after the trailer of her documentary was released, Dhanush sent her a legal notice demanding ₹10 crore for using the footage without approval. This move has infuriated Nayanthara.

The Controversial 3-Second Clip

Nanum Rowdy Dhan, released in 2015, was a sensational success. It not only brought fame to Vignesh Shivan and Nayanthara but also marked the beginning of their relationship. Nayanthara was keen to feature this significant moment in her life in the documentary and included a 3-second clip from the movie after not receiving any response from Dhanush. The lack of permission and the subsequent legal notice have now escalated into a full-blown controversy.

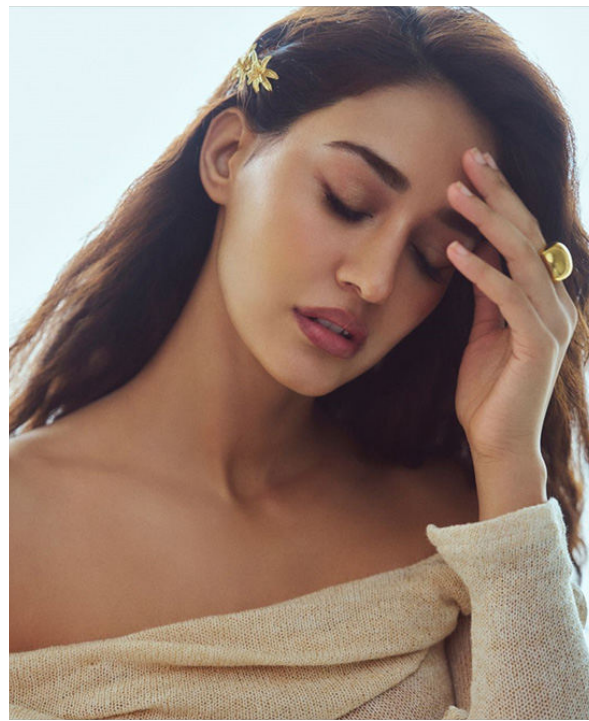
This clash between the two stars has left the industry buzzing with opinions, as fans and celebrities alike await further developments.

Disha Patani's Glamorous Roles: Short Shelf Life in Big-Budget Films?

The film industry often sees actresses rise and fade, with only a few managing to break stereotypes and sustain long-term careers. Stars like Nayanthara, Samantha, and Anushka have defied the norm by taking up strong, performance-oriented roles that showcase their talent. However, many actresses fail to step beyond glamorous appearances, leaving audiences uninterested after a few films.

Disha Patani, a notable name in recent big-budget ventures like *Kalki 2898 AD* and *Kanguva*, seems to be walking this risky path. In *Kalki*, her role is limited to introducing Prabhas to the narrative, followed by a brief three-minute romantic song. Post this, her character disappears entirely from the film. Similarly, in *Kanguva*, Disha appears in a glamorous sequence, performs a song, and then fades into the background with no significant contribution to the story.

Both films portray her as the love interest of a bounty hunter, but the lack of depth in her characters makes them forgettable. A pirated clip from *Kanguva*, showcasing Disha in a bikini, recently went viral on social media, adding to the perception that her casting leans heavily on visual appeal



rather than substance. Despite her limited screen time and character arcs, Disha reportedly earned ₹6 crores for *Kalki* and ₹8 crores for *Kanguva*.

While these figures are impressive, concerns about her career longevity persist. Critics suggest that Disha's reliance on glamorous roles could lead to a shorter career span, as audiences are unlikely to view her as a serious lead actress. Filmmakers, aware of the social media buzz her appearance generates, often cast her for brief, visually appealing moments rather than meaningful roles.

For Disha to secure her place in the industry, she needs to pivot towards roles with more depth and substance. Otherwise, she risks being typecast and losing relevance in an industry that demands versatility and talent over time.

The Countdown Begins for Ram Charan's "Game Changer" and His Next Big Project

The much-awaited time has arrived for Ram Charan fans as the star gears up for aggressive promotions of his upcoming film *Game Changer*. Recently, he attended the teaser release event in Lucknow, marking the beginning of the film's promotional campaign. With the film set to hit the screens on January 10, the makers have planned extensive promotion tours across various cities.

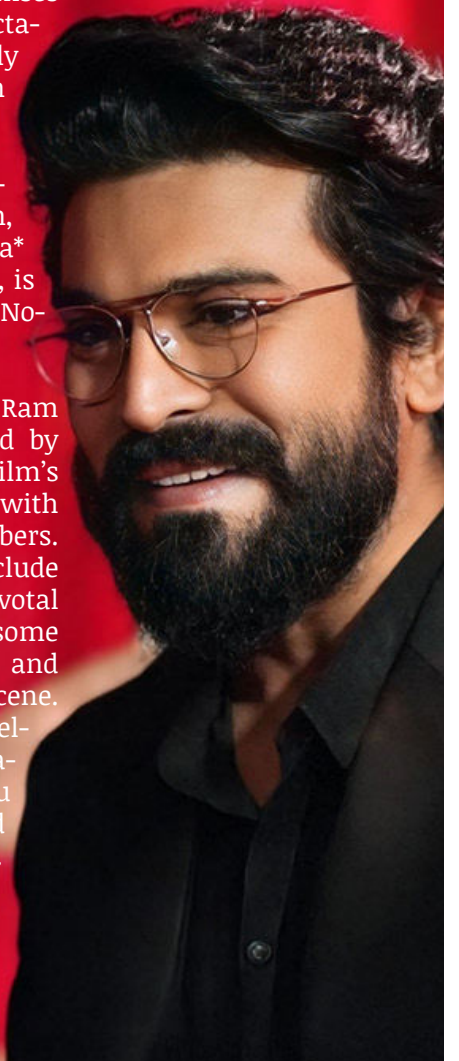
Directed by the renowned filmmaker Shankar and produced by Dil Raju, *Game Changer* promises to be a cinematic spectacle. While fans eagerly await its release, Ram Charan is also preparing for his next big project. The shooting of his latest film, directed by *Uppena* fame Buchibabu Sana, is set to commence on November 22 in Mysore.

In this first schedule, Ram Charan will be joined by Janhvi Kapoor, the film's leading lady, along with other key cast members. The schedule will include the filming of pivotal scenes, including some dialogue sequences and an intense action scene. The film boasts a stellar crew, with cinematography by Ratnavelu and music composed by the legendary A.R. Rahman.

Produced by Kilaru Satish under the Vridhhi Cinemas banner, this film is expected

to showcase Ram Charan in a never-seen-before role. According to insiders, Buchibabu Sana has designed a unique and powerful character for Charan, ensuring an exciting cinematic experience for fans. Set against the backdrop of sports, the film is anticipated to be a massive entertainer, combining action, drama, and emotion.

As Ram Charan juggles two highly-anticipated projects, fans are in for an exhilarating treat in the coming months!



Hombale Films Announces Mythological Epic 'Mahaavatar: Narasimha'

Hombale Films, the production powerhouse behind pan-India hits like *KGF*, *KGF 2*, *Kantara*, and *Salaar*, is gearing up to launch another ambitious project. Known for its ability to create cinematic blockbusters, Hombale Films has now ventured into the mythological genre with an exciting new film titled ***Mahaavatar: Narasimha***.

Directed by Ashwin Kumar, this movie delves into the rich world of mythology, focusing on the powerful and revered figure of Narasimha, one of Lord Vishnu's fiercest avatars. The first look of the film, unveiled recently, has already caused a stir, particularly the portrayal of Ugra Narasimha, a form known for its terrifying intensity. The powerful imagery has captivated audiences, leaving them eagerly anticipating more details.

The movie, which is set to be a grand-scale production, will be released in multiple languages, including Kannada, Telugu, Tamil, Malayalam, and Hindi, aiming for a wide pan-India reach. The makers have promised that more information regarding the cast will be revealed soon, keeping



fans and industry insiders on edge.

The film will be produced by Shilpa Dhawan, Kushal Desaru, and Chaitanya Desaru, further adding credibility to the project, considering their track record with previous Hombale successes. *Mahaavatar: Narasimha* is expected to showcase high production values, striking visuals, and an immersive narrative that blends mythology with modern filmmaking techniques. The music for the film will be composed by Sam CS, known for his work in films like *Vikram* and *Kaithi*, ensuring that the film's soundtrack will complement its intense themes.

With Hombale Films continuing to expand its horizons, *Mahaavatar: Narasimha* promises to be yet another bold and innovative venture in their impressive lineup. Fans of epic, larger-than-life stories can expect a cinematic experience that is both visually stunning and culturally rich. Stay tuned for more updates as this mythological journey unfolds.

Kantara Chapter 1 locks its release date

Rishab Shetty is all set to captivate audiences once again with *Kantara: Chapter 2*, the much-anticipated sequel to his massive hit, *Kantara: The Legend*. The blockbuster's success has created a wave of excitement, and now fans have a concrete date to look forward to: *Kantara 2* will officially hit theatres on **October 2, 2025**.

This sequel is expected to continue the thrilling and immersive experience of its predecessor, with Shetty at the helm once again, not just as the lead actor but also as the director. The original film, known for its gripping storyline, stunning visuals, and cultural richness, became a sensation, particularly in South India, and *Kantara 2* is poised to build on that legacy.

The makers have also confirmed that *Kantara 2* will be released in multiple languages, including Hindi, Tamil, Telugu, Kannada, and English, broadening its appeal and ensuring it reaches a wider audience across India and in-



ternationally. With the film set for release during a relatively quiet period at the box office, with no major films releasing in the same week, it stands a strong chance of securing a solo release and dominating the cinema screens.

Fans are eagerly awaiting Shetty's next cinematic venture, particularly after the first *Kantara* left a lasting impact with its unique blend of folklore, drama, and action. The sequel promises to take the story to new heights, diving deeper into the folklore-driven narrative and building on the mysterious and intense atmosphere that made the first film a massive hit.

As the countdown to October 2025 begins, expectations are soaring, and the movie industry is abuzz with anticipation for the return of *Kantara*. With the stage set for another epic adventure, *Kantara 2* is likely to be one of the most talked-about releases of the year.