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AP High Court: RGV's Plea Rejected - No Protection from Arrest



- Varma's controversial posts on Chandrababu and Pawan Kalyan in the past
- Case registered by AP Police
- Varma's petition seeking protection from arrest dismissed by the High Court
- Court suggests filing a bail petition

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Atrocities against Women were Rampant during the YCP Regime

- YCP Walkout from Legislative Council
- They abandonment of the Nirbhaya Act in favor of the Disha Act
- Satirical remark that YCP members walked out due to lack of courage to respond



Are TDP MLAs Stepping Into the Role of Opposition in the Assembly?

TPN, Avinash: Traditionally, the assembly functions as a battleground where the ruling party takes a proactive stance, while the opposition critiques and questions the government's actions. However, in Andhra Pradesh, this norm seems to have flipped on its head. With the YSR Congress Party (YCP) abstaining from the ongoing assembly sessions, the absence of a formal opposition has created a unique dynamic.

government but also cabinet ministers, filling the void left by YCP's non-participation. Over the past few days, these MLAs have been raising pointed questions about irregularities and delays in the assembly proceedings.

One notable instance involved TDP MLA Jyothula Nehru, who voiced his frustration about not being given sufficient time to speak during sessions. His sharp critique of Deputy Speaker Raghu Rama Krishna Raju underscored his dissatisfaction with the proceedings. Similarly, Amudalavalasa MLA Kuna Ravi-

kumar took the floor to question the ruling party's lack of accountability. He expressed disappointment over the absence of key cabinet ministers in the assembly. "What's the point of these sessions if we can't address constituency issues directly with the ministers?" he asked, directing his concerns to Speaker Ayyannapatru.

In response, Ayyannapatru suggested that Kuna consult Minister Atchannaaidu, who was present in the house,

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Interestingly, a handful of TDP MLAs have taken it upon themselves to challenge not only the NDA

Take Action Against Officials Providing False Reports: Speaker Ayyannapatru



- Debate in the Assembly on Jagananna Colonies
- Speaker highlights discrepancies between official reports and reality
- Orders a full-scale inquiry into Jagananna Colonies

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Ram Charan Brings Back Diwali Vibes to Kadapa

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Police at YS Viveka PA's House

Statement Recorded in Presence of DSP



TPN, Kadapa: In a significant development in the murder case of former minister YS Vivekananda Reddy, police visited the house of Viveka's Personal Assistant, Krishna Reddy, this morning. Krishna Reddy's statement was recorded in the presence of Pulivendula DSP Muralinayak. In 2022, Krishna Reddy filed a private complaint in the Pulivendula court against Viveka's daughter, YS Sunitha, her husband, Rajasekhar Reddy, and former CBI SP, Ram Singh. Following his complaint, a case was registered against the three individuals. Against this backdrop, police recorded Krishna Reddy's statement. The questioning took place in the presence of lawyers.

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Ram Charan Brings Back Diwali Vibes to Kadapa



TPN, Kadapa: Superstar Ram Charan's visit to Kadapa turned into a grand celebration, as fans welcomed him with unparalleled enthusiasm, transforming the city into a festive hub. Thousands of fans lined the streets, many riding on bikes, to catch a glimpse of their beloved hero. This was not for a movie event or birthday celebrations, but simply for a visit by the actor, showcasing his immense popularity.

Ram Charan, along with director Buchi Babu Sana, visited the Sri Vijaya Durga Devi Temple in Kadapa to seek blessings for their upcoming project, tentatively titled #RC16. The duo performed a special pooja and ceremoniously offered the film's script at the feet of the goddess, seeking divine blessings for its success. As the crowd gathered in large numbers to witness the star's devotion.

Later in the day, Ram Charan attended the 80th National Mushaira Ghazal Event at the Kadapa Dargah as the chief guest. The event is a significant cultural gathering celebrating poetry and ghazals. Notably, music maestro AR Rahman had informed Charan about the importance of the Mushaira last year and requested him to grace the occasion. Keeping his promise, Ram Charan participated in the event this year, adding a touch of star power to the celebration.

The actor's visit turned into a memorable day for Kadapa residents. Ram Charan's ability to connect with people, coupled with his cultural and spiritual gestures, left an indelible mark on the hearts of his admirers.

AP Govt Passes Key Bills In Assembly

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Andhra Pradesh Assembly recently passed six important bills during a key legislative session, aimed at driving reforms and improvements across various sectors within the state.

Among the bills approved were the AP Panchayat Raj Amendment Bill-2024, which aims to streamline and enhance the functioning of local governance bodies, and the AP Municipal Act Amendment Bill-2024, designed to update municipal regulations. Additionally, the NTR Health University Amendment Bill-2024 was passed to strengthen health education institutions in the state.

The AP Land Grabbing Prevention Bill-2024 was also approved, a significant move to combat land grabbing and protect landowners' rights. In the medical sector, the Assembly passed amendments to the AP Ayurvedic and Homeopathic Medical Practitioners Registration Bill and the AP Medical Practitioners Registration Bill-2024, aiming to improve the regulation of medical professionals. The AP Cooperative Societies Amendment Bill-2024 was another notable piece of legislation, introducing provisions that allow individuals with any number of children to contest in local body elections, fostering greater inclusivity in local governance.

With these legislative measures, the Andhra Pradesh government has focused on reforming various sectors, ensuring better governance, and strengthening public service systems across the state. Following the passage of the bills, Speaker Ayyannapetra adjourned the Assembly, concluding a session that marked a significant step in the state's ongoing efforts for development and reform.

Important Decision by AP Govt on Changing Date of Birth in Aadhaar

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Aadhaar card has become essential for various purposes, from buying SIM cards to availing of government welfare schemes. However, making changes to such an important document can be challenging, particularly for illiterate elderly individuals who often face difficulties with date of birth registration. Issues like lack of valid proofs or problems with age determination are common. Typically, a 10th class memo or a study certificate is required for age verification in Aadhaar, which can be inconvenient for uneducated people.

Recognizing this issue, the Andhra Pradesh government has reportedly taken a significant step. It has decided to allow changes in the date of birth on Aadhaar cards for illiterate senior citizens using age certificates issued by government hospital doctors. Similar to the certificates provided by panchayat secretaries and municipal commissioners, these certificates from government hospitals will be accepted as proof. Measures are being taken to ensure the certificates are protected from misuse. According to government sources, guidelines are being prepared to include a QR code on each certificate for added security. If implemented, this decision will provide substantial relief to illiterate elderly citizens in Andhra Pradesh.

Ex-Director of Mines VG Venkata Reddy Granted Bail, Ordered Not to Leave the Country

- Charges are Alleged irregularities in the mines department during the YCP regime.
- ACB CIU Findings confirmed the diversion of ₹160 crores without anyone's involvement.
- Bail granted on Friday; released quietly on Saturday.
- Strict conditions imposed during bail.

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: VG Venkata Reddy, the former Director of the Mines Department, accused of irregularities during the YCP regime, was granted bail on Friday and released from jail on Saturday. He faced serious charges related to sand and mining irregularities. His release was conducted quietly, with no media coverage.



The ACB Central Investigation Unit (CIU) registered a case against Venkata Reddy on September 11 after confirming the diversion of ₹160 crores without external involvement. He was arrested in Hyderabad on the night of September 26 and subse-

quently remanded by the ACB court in Vijayawada. After spending 50 days in custody, he filed a bail petition citing ill health.

On Friday, the Special Judicial Officer of the ACB Court granted bail to Venkata Reddy. The court imposed several conditions, including the submission of a ₹50,000 surety bond and an order not to leave the country without prior court permission. Additionally, he was directed to furnish both his current and previous addresses to the court and appear before CIU officers every Saturday.

New Approach to Building Permits in AP - Minister Narayana



TPN, Nellore: Municipal Urban Development Minister Ponguru Narayana has announced that a new policy regarding building permits will soon be introduced in Andhra Pradesh. Minister Narayana held a review meeting with officials from various departments at the Nellore City Corporation office.

On this occasion, Minister Narayana stated that efforts are underway to implement the new policy on building permits by December 15. He mentioned that a bill related to this policy will be introduced in the Assembly soon. He also revealed that the new policies have been formulated after studying practices in 20 states.

Minister Narayana appealed to the public to contribute to the state's development by paying their taxes. He urged citizens to fulfill their tax obligations to support the development of municipal bodies, city governing organizations, and city panchayats. Additionally, he announced that a special drive will be conducted across the state for tax collection, highlighting that the arrears of commercial enterprises in the state are significantly high.

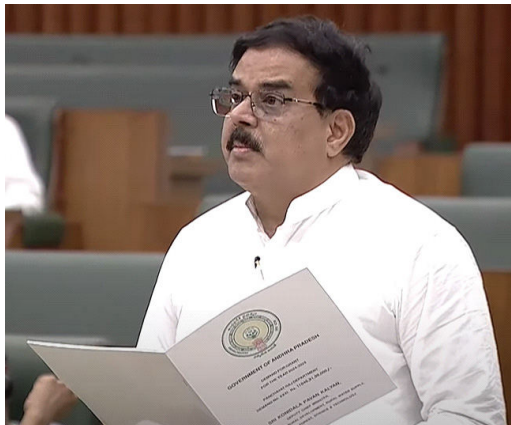
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promising that the matter would be conveyed to the relevant minister. However, Kuna, disillusioned with the situation, eventually walked out of the session.

Such assertive behavior is usually expected from opposition MLAs, who often press for time allocation and solutions to unresolved issues. But in this case, with YCP absent, a few TDP MLAs seem to be stepping into the opposition's shoes, highlighting an unusual turn of events in the assembly. This raises an interesting question: Is the presence of YCP even necessary when TDP members themselves are taking on the mantle of the opposition?

Opposition Leaders Are Creating Fake Propaganda on Deepam-2 Scheme



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Minister for Food, Civil Supplies, and Consumer Affairs, Nandendla Manohar, responded to concerns raised in the Legislative Council regarding the Deepam-2 scheme. The scheme, which aims to provide free gas cylinders to eligible families, has been the subject of opposition-led misconceptions, according to the minister.

Launched on October 31, 2024, by Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan in Srikakulam, the Deepam-2 scheme offers three free gas cylinders annually to qualifying families. The scheme is part of the Super Six promises, with a total budget of Rs. 2,684 crores sanctioned for its implementation. The first installment of Rs. 894 crores has already been handed over to petroleum companies.

The minister emphasized that while the coalition government is striving to improve the lives of beneficiaries, opposition parties are spreading false information to confuse the public. The scheme is available to over 1.55 crore LPG cardholders in the state. Eligible families can book their first free gas cylinder between October 29, 2024, and March 31, 2025. Gas will be delivered within 24 hours in urban areas and within 48 hours in rural areas. The full amount paid in advance for the gas cylinder will be credited back to the beneficiary's account within 48 hours of delivery.

To qualify for the free cylinders, families must meet the following criteria:

- 1) Hold an LPG connection,
- 2) Have a Rice Card,
- 3) Possess a valid Author Card,
- 4) Link Aadhaar with the Rice Card.

For any discrepancies or issues, citizens can contact the toll-free number 1967 to register complaints.

Take Action Against Officials Providing False Reports: Speaker Ayyannapatrudu

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: During a question-and-answer session in the AP Assembly, Speaker Ayyannapatrudu made strong remarks regarding the Jagananna Colonies. He pointed out significant discrepancies between the reports submitted by the authorities and the actual ground realities. The Speaker directed that action be taken against officials who provided false reports, emphasizing that disciplining one officer would deter others from similar behavior.

The Speaker advised officials to immediately cease the practice of submitting false reports. He stressed that punitive action against officials misleading the Assembly would set an example for others. Ayyannapetra also called for a full-scale investigation into the Jagananna Colonies to address these concerns. In response, Minister Kolu Parthasarathy noted that Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu had already ordered an inquiry into the Jagananna Colonies. He added that, alongside departmental investigations, a vigilance inquiry is currently underway to scrutinize the colonies.

AP High Court: RGV's Plea Rejected - No Protection from Arrest

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Renowned film director Ram Gopal Varma faced a setback in the AP High Court, which dismissed his petition seeking the dismissal of a case registered against him.

Ram Gopal Varma, who directed the film Vyuham before the last elections, had posted several controversial statements on social media targeting political leaders Chandrababu Naidu and Pawan Kalyan. The film also reportedly contained scenes that allegedly insulted and humiliated the two leaders.

In response, TDP leader Ramalingam from Maddipadu, Prakasam district, lodged a police complaint against Varma. Based on the complaint, AP Police registered a case and issued a notice to Varma, who is currently in Hyderabad, directing him to attend their inquiry. Varma is expected to appear before the police tomorrow. To avoid arrest, Varma approached the AP High Court, seeking protection and dismissal of the case. However, during the hearing, the High Court made it clear to Varma's lawyer that it could not grant protection from arrest. The court suggested that Varma file a bail petition if necessary. Additionally, the court directed him to comply with the notice and attend the police inquiry as scheduled.

Atrocities against Women were Rampant during the YCP Regime

TPN, Amaravati: YCP members staged a walkout from the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Council. During a discussion on rapes and murders of women in the state, Home Minister Anita criticized the previous YCP government, asserting that the current government has significantly improved the situation. She expressed outrage over cases being filed against individuals who had visited victims during the YCP government's tenure. Minister Anita alleged that countless atrocities were committed against women during Jagan's administration. She questioned the existence of the much-publicized Disha Act, criticizing the abandonment of the Nirbhaya Act. She further asked why atrocities against women persist if the Disha Act is effective. This led to a heated argument between YCP MLC Botsa Satyanarayana and Minister Anita, ultimately resulting in the YCP members walking out of the assembly.

Following this, Minister Anita made a satirical remark, stating that YCP members walked out of the assembly because they lacked the courage to answer questions about the atrocities committed during their regime.

Why Doing Politics on the Lives of Women?

- Discussion on women's safety in the AP Legislative Council
- Sharmila criticizes YCP and TDP, calling them two sides of the same coin
- Expresses anger over the non-implementation of Nirbhaya and Disha Acts

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: AP Congress president YS Sharmila expressed her grief over the lack of safety for women in the state. Today, she criticized the YCP and TDP governments on social media, questioning, "Do you do politics on the lives of women?" She accused both parties of failing miserably in preventing rapes and atrocities against women over the last decade. She claimed that the discussion held in the state Legislative Council today stands as evidence of this failure.

"Between 2014-19, 83,202 cases of crimes against women were registered in the state. Between 2019-24, the number rose to *1,00,508 cases.* If the TDP claims that *20% more cases* were registered during the YCP regime compared to theirs, the YCP counters by stating that since the alliance government came to power, an average of *59 rape incidents* have been reported daily," Sharmila stated.

"Nearly *two lakh cases* have been registered in the last ten years, highlighting the grim re-



ality of women's safety in our state. YCP and TDP should be ashamed of their inability to curb crimes. Laws like the Nirbhaya Act and the Disha Act exist only in name. Chandrababu promised that strict action would be taken within *40 days* under the Nirbhaya Act. Jagan assured women that action would be taken within *20 days* under the Disha Act. But in reality, neither law has been effectively implemented. Has a single criminal been severely punished in these ten years?"

Sharmila further criticized the misuse of police forces, stating that instead of solving cases, they are being utilized for partisan activities. "Our state ranks last in development but tops in drug use and violence against women. This is the tragic state of affairs," she remarked.

Tip for Jagan to Attend the Assembly - Kotam Reddy Sridhar Reddy

- Kotam Reddy stated that it has been a long time since he last saw Jagan.
- He remarked that Jagan would only attend the Assembly if he were allowed to speak for an hour each day.
- Kotam Reddy emphasized that no one should interfere with what Jagan says during that time.



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: TDP MLA Kotam Reddy Sridhar Reddy made pointed comments regarding YSRCP chief Jagan Mohan Reddy's absence from the Assembly. Speaking to the media in the Assembly lobby, Kotam Reddy remarked that it had been a long time since he had seen Jagan attend. He suggested that Jagan would only come to the Assembly if he were given an hour daily to speak uninterrupted. "There is a tip for Jagan to come to the Assembly," he said, adding that no one should interfere with whatever Jagan says, as this was Jagan's approach.

Kotam Reddy also reflected on his past experiences, recalling that during his 2017 padayatra, Jagan should have delegated party responsibilities to someone else instead of Buggana Rajendranath Reddy. He claimed that Jagan refrained from doing so because he did not want anyone else speaking on his behalf. The TDP MLA criticized Jagan for failing to take up issues during his time in opposition, stating that their approach then was to fight for attention in the Assembly.

Massive Corruption in Somireddy's Works - Kakani Govardhan

- Kakani alleges works were completed before tenders were finalized
- Claims ₹30 crore corruption in Kanupuru canal works
- Criticizes Somireddy, saying his words are "worse than drainage"

TPN, Nellore: In a scathing attack, YSRCP leader and former minister Kakani Govardhan Reddy has accused TDP MLA Somireddy Chandramohan Reddy of widespread corruption in government projects. Kakani claimed that several works were completed even before the tenders were issued, a move he described as highly irregular and an indication of corrupt practices.



Speaking specifically about the Kanpur canal project, Kakani alleged that corruption amounting to Rs. 30 crores took place. He raised questions about the quality of the work and emphasized that releasing water upon completion of such projects without proper procedures could lead to substandard outcomes.

Kakani did not hold back in his criticism, stating that Somireddy's words and actions were "worse than drainage." He further warned that officials who misuse public funds would not escape legal consequences, even after retirement, hinting that they could face imprisonment for their actions.

In addition to his allega-

tions, Kakani claimed that attempts were being made to intimidate him by reviving old cases. He made it clear that he would not be cowed by such tactics, describing these as "squirrel threats." He also condemned what he described as the illegal filing of cases against social media activists and expressed concern about the behavior of law enforcement officers, stating that their conduct was unacceptable.

Kakani's remarks are expected to escalate the political tension between the YSRCP and TDP, particularly as the allegations center on key government works. The accusations highlight a charged political climate, with issues of transparency, accountability, and governance at the forefront.

Complex Politics in Nidadavole... All for That One Chair.

TPN, Nidadavole: Politics in Nidadavole has taken a dramatic turn, becoming increasingly complex and "juicy." Political parties are employing counter-strategies, all aimed at capturing the chairman's chair. The YSR Congress Party (YCP) has split into two factions, adding a new dimension to the political landscape.

Until recently, the YCP held a stronghold in Nidadavole Municipality, with a total of 27 members. However, this dynamic shifted last Friday when ten councilors, including Municipal Chairman Bhupathi Adinarayana, resigned from the party. Some of these resignations were reportedly due to dissatisfaction with former MLA G. Srinivas Naidu. Among the councilors who resigned, Arugallu Venkateswarlu and Akula

Mukunda Rao rejoined the YCP within 48 hours in the presence of Srinivas Naidu. Consequently, the number of resignations dropped to eight.

Shortly after, the political situation changed again. Three of the councilors who resigned from the YCP joined Jana Sena, donning the party's scarf in the presence of Minister Durgesh. Alongside them, Chairman Bhupathi Adinarayana, Vice Chairman Gangula Venkatalakshmi, M.D. Shajirabegum, Munganti Manikymala, Usurumurthy John Babu, Chilakala Sharada Devi, Saidu Chandrasekhar, and Maddipati Nagashri Manupati Lakshmi also joined Jana Sena. As a result, the remaining councilors may soon bypass the YCP, potentially bringing Nidadavole Mu-

nicipality under Jana Sena's control.

The political turmoil stems from a two-and-a-half-year agreement between Adinarayana and Kamishetti Satyanarayana, brokered by then-MLA G. Srinivas Naidu, regarding the chairman's position. Although Adinarayana's tenure has ended, he has refused to step down, leading to tension with Satyanarayana, who insists on his rightful claim to the post. This has sparked criticism that Adinarayana switched parties to avoid fulfilling the agreement. YCP leader Kamishetti Venkata Satyanarayana accused Adinarayana of breaking their pact due to his desire to retain power. The politics surrounding the Nidadavole chairman's chair remains heated and contentious.

We Don't Worry About Fake Cases, Despicable Posts Targeting Women Must Stop - RK Roja

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: YSRCP leader and former minister RK Roja has lashed out at the coalition government, accusing it of using "diversion politics" to avoid fulfilling its election promises. Speaking to the media alongside former deputy CM Narayanaswamy and former MLA Bhumana Karunakar Reddy, Roja demanded strict action against those who posted offensive content on social media targeting YSRCP leaders, particularly women. The trio filed a formal complaint at the Tirupati East Police Station regarding the issue.



Roja expressed her frustration over what she described as a targeted campaign of hateful posts against YSRCP women leaders. She asserted that cases should be filed against YSRCP workers if they make mistakes but emphasized that the law must be impartial. Referring to the police, she stated, "They must honor the three lions on their cap and act justly."

In a sharp critique of TDP leader Chandrababu Naidu, Roja alleged that it is his "habit" to resort to mudslinging and damaging the reputation of his political adversaries. She also accused the coalition government of harassing YSRCP leaders and activists through intimidation.

Roja pointed out past incidents during Jagan Mohan Reddy's tenure as Chief Minister, claiming that he faced unwarranted criticism and "inferior posts" aimed at tarnishing his reputation. She issued a stern warning that if the police continue to be used to oppress YSRCP ranks instead of protecting women and maintaining justice, a rebellion within the party's ranks would be inevitable.

Roja's statements reflect the ongoing political tension and the deepening rift between the coalition government and the YSRCP.

AP CID Registers Case Against Actor Posani

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Andhra Pradesh CID has registered a case against film actor Posani Krishna Murali following a complaint lodged by TDP leader Bandar Vamsikrishna, a representative of the state's Telugu youth.

Vamsikrishna's complaint, filed in response to statements Posani made during a media conference in September last year, alleged that Posani made derogatory remarks aimed at humiliating former Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and spreading false propaganda against him.

According to Vamsikrishna, Posani's comments were intended to demean Chandrababu's character and incite discord between communities. He demanded legal action against Posani for his inflammatory remarks. Acting on the complaint, the CID registered a case against Posani Krishna Murali under various sections of the Indian Penal Code, including sections 111, 196, 353, 299, 336(3)(4), 341, and 61(2) of the BNS.

Chandrababu and Manda Krishna Are Partners in the NDA Govt - Adimulapu Suresh

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Former Minister Adimulapu Suresh strongly criticized MMRPS Founder President Manda Krishna Madiga for making derogatory remarks about YSRCP chief and former CM YS Jagan Mohan Reddy. Speaking in Amaravati on Monday, Adimulapu Suresh expressed his frustration with Manda Krishna's actions.

The YSRCP leader questioned Manda Krishna Madiga's knowledge about YS Jagan, stating that he spoke without understanding the YSRCP chief or his contributions. Addressing reporters in Amaravati, former Minister Suresh highlighted that Jagan Mohan Reddy ensured social justice

by appointing a Dalit as the Home Minister. He asked Manda Krishna, "How did Anita get the post of Home Minister? Was it not Jagan Mohan Reddy who ensured social justice?" Suresh warned that unnecessary criticism of Jagan Mohan Reddy would not be tolerated.

Suresh reminded the public that Manda Krishna Madiga has been criticized for being manipulated by others. He urged Manda Krishna to end the theatrics and criticized the coalition government for failing to implement the Supreme Court's ruling on SC classification.

Suresh also challenged Manda Krishna Madiga to acknowledge the efforts made for the development of the Madiga community. He expressed extreme impatience over Manda Krishna's conduct, likening it to "acting blindly without direction."

Additionally, Suresh advised Manda Krishna to recall how many times he had opposed CM Chandrababu in the past. He pointed out that Chandrababu Naidu and Manda Krishna are currently partners in the NDA alliance and accused them of betraying national interests for the sake of their alliance's gains.



Annual Sports Meet Planned for Govt Schools in NTR District - MP Keshineni



TPN, Vijayawada: Vijayawada MP Keshineni Shivnath (Chinni) has announced plans to conduct an annual sports meet for government school students in the NTR district, with the first event set to run from December 17 to January 15 during the Christmas and Sankranti holidays. The initiative aims to make NTR district a model for other regions in the state by fostering sports and talent development.

In a review meeting held at KBN College, MP Keshineni Shivnath, along with DEO U.V. Subbarao, met with physical directors and physical education teachers from government schools and colleges in the district. Discussions focused on identifying the types of sports to be featured and addressing the lack of sports facilities in some schools. Following the meeting, members of the NTR District School Games Federation honored MP Shivnath for his dedication to promoting sports.

MP Keshineni Shivnath highlighted that government school students have faced challenges due to past governmental neglect. He emphasized that

promoting sports is vital for discovering and nurturing rural talent. He expressed intentions to establish a Sports City and a sports university in Amaravati, aiming to host the National Games in the capital region by 2027. The university will focus on training athletes, coaches, and essential sports support staff.

To encourage sports participation, MP Shivnath plans to organize under-14 and under-17 competitions throughout the district. These events will be held at the village, mandal, constituency, and district levels, ensuring broad participation without straining government resources. Strategies to address schools lacking adequate sports facilities were also discussed.

DEO U.V. Subbarao praised MP Shivnath's commitment to developing sports in government schools and assured full support. Key attendees included OSD Venkataratnam, KBN College Secretary T. Srinivas, SK PVV Hindu High School Committee Administrative Officer V. Narayana Rao, and other local education leaders.

Undavalli Sridevi Takes Charge as Chairperson of AP Madiga Welfare Cooperative Society

TPN, Tadepalli: Undavalli Sridevi officially assumed her role as the Chairperson of the Andhra Pradesh Madiga Welfare Cooperative Society Limited at the Madiga Corporation office in Tadepalli. During her address, she emphasized the commitment of the NDA coalition government led by Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu to prioritize the welfare and development of Dalit communities.



Sridevi expressed her gratitude to Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and Minister Nara Lokesh for their continued support and the trust placed in her to lead this initiative. She pledged to utilize this opportunity to uplift the marginalized sections and ensure their rightful place in society.

Criticizing the previous government

led by Jaganmohan Reddy, Sridevi accused him of betraying Dalits and other backward communities by failing to deliver on his promises, specifically stating, "Na ST, Na ST, Na BC," indicating his lack of genuine support for these groups. She highlighted the Jagan administration's neglect of Dalit issues, noting that priority was given to government advisors rather than addressing Dalit welfare.

She further stated that the Jagan government canceled 27 welfare schemes introduced by the Chandrababu Naidu-led administration and failed to act against perpetrators in cases involving violence against Dalits. Sridevi conveyed her appreciation for the support extended by the current government and assured her dedication to serving and representing the Dalit community.

Crores of Scam Done By Followers of Jogi Ramesh in Vijayawada

TPN, Vijayawada: A major scam involving followers of Jogi Ramesh has come to light, as they allegedly swindled crores of rupees by using the names of prominent officials such as AP Chief Secretary Neelima Rani and NTR District Collector CC Shiva Shankar. The scheme involved fraudulent emails and WhatsApp messages claiming association with IAS officer Delhi Rao.



The accused Prattipati Chandu, Prattipati Kalyani, Kollatti Hari Babu, and Kollatti Nagaraju, followers of Jogi Ramesh allegedly collected three to four lakh rupees from around 1,000 people, promising plot allocations in Vambe Colony under the JNNURM housing scheme. They purportedly claimed that 500 plots had been approved by the Central Government in the name of their society, using fake documents and digital correspondence.

The scam, which allegedly amassed over Rs. 50 crores, preyed on the hopes of economically vulnerable individuals, including the promise of house titles following an anticipated election victory in May 2024. However, when victims attempted to seek police assistance, they reported being met with threats and intimidation, further deepening their plight.

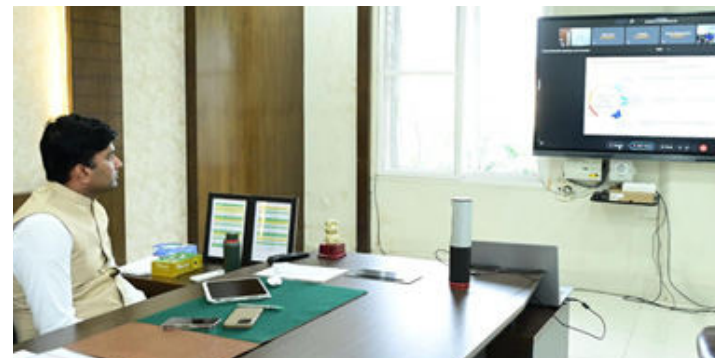
Tragically, reports indicate that the fallout from the scam has already resulted in one woman suffering a fatal heart attack and another attempting suicide. Victims recently brought their grievances to the Satyanarayana-



puram and Ajith Singh Nagar police stations, leading to a registered case against the accused individuals. Allegations have also surfaced suggesting that a Public Prosecutor and her husband might be shielding the accused.

As calls grow for accountability and justice, many victims are urging authorities to investigate and prosecute not only the alleged fraudsters but also any political connections enabling the scam.

Vijayawada Municipal Corporation Launches PM Swanidhi Campaign for Street Vendors



TPN, Vijayawada: The Vijayawada Municipal Corporation (VMC) has initiated a 15-day campaign under the Prime Minister's Swanidhi Yojana, starting from November 18 to December 2, 2024. Commissioner Dhyanchandra has directed officials to support local street vendors through this initiative, aiming to uplift their economic standing by providing financial assistance and strengthening their businesses.

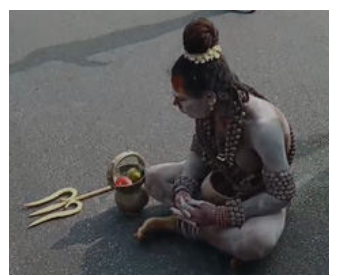
During a video conference organized by the Ministry of Housing and Urban Affairs as part of the National Urban Livelihood Mission, Joint Secretary Rahul Kapoor highlighted the Central Government's

guidelines for implementing the PM Swanidhi scheme over the coming two weeks. Commissioner Dhyanchandra outlined the steps for socio-economic profiling of eligible street vendors to facilitate loans under the scheme, emphasizing the importance of awareness and engagement at the grassroots level.

The Urban Community Development (UCD) department staff will oversee the campaign and ensure that information about the PM Swanidhi Yojana is prominently displayed and promoted in local banks, making it accessible to all potential beneficiaries.

Aghori Camps Near Janasena Office, Insists on Meeting Pawan Kalyan

TPN, Vijayawada: An unusual and captivating scene unfolded on the highway near the Janasena Party office in Mangalagiri as an Aghori, known for his distinct spiritual practices, set up camp with a determined aim: to meet Janasena chief and actor Pawan Kalyan. The Aghori, draped in traditional attire and exuding a calm yet firm resolve, stated that he would not leave the area until he was granted an audience with the political leader.



Passersby and party workers were drawn to the scene, intrigued by the Aghori's steadfast presence and his demand to meet Pawan Kalyan. While the precise reasons for his insistence remain unclear, such visits by ascetics are often rooted in spiritual beliefs or requests for blessings, and they occasionally signal social or political messages.

Local authorities and Janasena representatives quickly took note of the situation, working to ensure the safety of all parties while seeking a respectful and peaceful resolution.

Party officials have been in touch to ascertain the Aghori's motivations and consider an appropriate course of action.

The rare public appearance of an Aghori in a modern political setting, especially with such a specific request, has sparked curiosity and conversation. Onlookers, party workers, and commuters stopped to witness the unfolding drama, highlighting the unique blend of spirituality and politics that sometimes shapes public life in the region.

Janasena's leader Pawan Kalyan is well-known for his connection with grassroots supporters and a strong sense of community. How the situation develops will be watched closely by his followers and political observers alike.

Kommareddy Pattabhiram Sworn In as Chairman of Swachha Andhra Corporation

TPN, Vijayawada: Swachha Andhra Corporation's newly-appointed Chairman, Kommareddy Pattabhiram, outlined his vision for a cleaner Andhra Pradesh during his swearing-in ceremony at Tummalapally Kalakshetra, emphasizing self-effort, discipline, and a strong value system as his guiding principles. Surrounded by ministers, legislators, and enthusiastic supporters, Pattabhiram highlighted the need for social awareness among youth and urged them to adopt a questioning mindset to challenge injustices in society.



Reflecting on his journey, Pattabhiram credited his father, Kommareddy Durga Prasad, for instilling in him a disciplined upbringing focused on staying informed about current events. Inspired by the legacy of late Chief Minister NT Rama Rao, Pattabhiram recounted his political journey from humble beginnings as a polling agent, emphasizing the importance of dedication and a willingness to stand up against wrongdoing.

Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu spoke at the event, recalling Pattabhiram's role in raising his voice against injustices during the previous government and praising his fact-based

approach to political discourse. Naidu emphasized the need for educated leaders in politics and expressed confidence in Pattabhiram's ability to lead Swachha Andhra initiatives, including generating wealth and energy from waste. Naidu pledged support to make Andhra Pradesh a national leader in cleanliness by October 2, 2025, aligning with Gandhi Jayanti celebrations.

Pattabhiram highlighted plans to secure increased central fund-



ing for cleanliness initiatives through Swachh Bharat Abhiyan and pledged to transform the state's waste management system. He reiterated his commitment to public service, noting the symbolic significance of moving from cleaning political corruption to cleaning the state's streets and communities.

Excise Minister Kollu Ravindra, Minister Kondapalli Srinivas, and other leaders praised Pattabhiram's resilience in challenging times and highlighted his dedication to public welfare. The event concluded with words of encouragement from various dignitaries, emphasizing Pattabhiram's role in championing a cleaner, healthier Andhra Pradesh under the guidance of Chief Minister Naidu and Minister Nara Lokesh.



Devotees Can Now Complete Sarvadarshan in 2-3 Hours - TTD Chairman BR Naidu

TPN, Tirumala: The Tirumala Tirupati Devasthanams (TTD) Board of Trustees held a crucial meeting today at Annamayya Bhavan in Tirumala, chaired by TTD Chairman BR Naidu. After the meeting, Naidu shared details of several significant decisions aimed at improving services for devotees and streamlining temple operations.

TTD has decided to cancel the name of the Srivani Trust, although the scheme itself will continue. Funds from the trust will now be transferred to the main TTD trust to simplify fund management. Measures are also being taken to ensure that devotees availing Sarvadarshan can complete their darshan within 2-3 hours. Artificial Intelligence (AI) will be employed to streamline the process, enhancing the experience for common devotees. Additionally, residents of Tirupati will now have the opportunity for special darshan on the first Tuesday of every month.

In another decision, TTD employees who practice non-Hindu religions will be transferred to other government departments. To boost morale, a 10% bonus has been announced for all TTD employees. Efforts will also be made to improve the regular food donation program in



Tirumala and enhance the quality of the laddus provided to devotees. Furthermore, garbage from the dumping yard will be cleared within three months as part of an ongoing cleanliness initiative.

The Srinivasa Setu flyover in Tirupati has been renamed Garuda Varadhi. BR Naidu also emphasized that no political discussions will be permitted in Tirumala. Strict action, including legal cases, will be taken against individuals who violate this directive. This move aims to maintain the sanctity of the temple premises.

The board also addressed issues regard-

ing trust and lease agreements. The lease of premises allocated to Sarada Peetham will be cancelled, and the property will be reclaimed by TTD. Similarly, the lease given to Mumtaz Hotels by the previous government has been revoked. Additionally, the 4,000 darshan tickets allocated to the tourism department have been cancelled due to reported irregularities in their distribution. Finally, BR Naidu unveiled the TTD 2025 calendar, marking the conclusion of the meeting. These decisions reflect TTD's commitment to improving the experience of devotees and ensuring the efficient management of temple resources and activities.

Stamps and Registrations Department Launches Efficient Online Services

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Stamps and Registrations Department has made significant strides in improving service delivery by introducing online access to key services such as Encumbrance Certificates (EC) and Certified Copies (CC). Now, citizens can receive these documents swiftly, directly from the comfort of their homes or anywhere with internet access, eliminating the need for visits to sub-registrar offices or service centers.

Special Principal Secretary RP Sisodia highlighted that the online system allows users to pay fees and obtain ECs and CCs with ease through a payment gateway developed by the department. The new system has been especially beneficial for rural residents, who can now access these services without the need for online facilities. Additionally, individuals without internet access can still receive these documents via service centers, ensuring inclusivity.

Previously, applicants were required to visit Meeseva Kendras multiple times to access these services, often facing delays that could extend up to several days due to bureaucratic processes. Now, with the streamlined online services, documents are delivered within moments, significantly reducing the time and effort involved.

Sisodia clarified that the fees are now directly credited to the Stamps and Registrations Department, removing intermediaries and ensuring that services are more efficient and accessible. He also addressed misconceptions spread through social media, asserting that the new system provides superior services, with no delays or complications.

Janasena Tekkali In-Charge Files Complaint Against YCP MLC Duvvada Srinivas

TPN, Tekkali: Tekkali Assembly Constituency In-Charge for the Jana Sena Party, Tumhar Kiran Kumar, has lodged a formal complaint against YCP MLC Duvvada Srinivas at the Tekkali Police Station. Kiran Kumar accused Srinivas of making inappropriate and derogatory remarks about Jana Sena chief Pawan Kalyan on several occasions. He further alleged that these comments extended beyond Pawan Kalyan himself and targeted his family members as well.

In his complaint, Kiran Kumar urged the authorities to take immediate action against Srinivas for what he described as inflammatory and disrespectful statements. The Jana Sena leader emphasized that such comments were not only offensive but also aimed at tarnishing Pawan Kalyan's public image. The controversy around YCP MLC Duvvada Srinivas is not new. His name has recently been in the media due to his association with Divvela Madhuri, which has further kept him in the public eye. This fresh complaint from the Jana Sena in-charge has reignited tensions, underscoring the ongoing political friction between the Jana Sena Party and the YSR Congress Party in Andhra Pradesh.

No Plans for Smart Meters on Agricultural Motors - Gottipati

TPN, Amaravati: During a recent council session, Minister Gottipati Ravi Kumar emphasized that there are no intentions to install smart meters on motors used for agriculture. Responding to concerns raised during the council's Q&A session, the Minister highlighted the financial mismanagement of the previous government, which left the state's power sector burdened with a debt of Rs. 1.29 lakh crores.

Minister Ravi Kumar pointed out that after Jagan Mohan Reddy assumed power, the controversial cancellation of Power Purchase Agreements (PPAs) created setbacks, driving potential investors to other states. Despite warnings from the central government, Jagan's administration chose to proceed with this decision, which significantly impacted investor confidence. The Minister also criticized the lack of new electricity production under the previous regime, despite consumer growth of 5-6% per year. To address these challenges, the coalition government aims to revitalize the state's electricity system, with a special focus on green and renewable energy initiatives. Ravi Kumar underscored that the government has introduced policies to attract investments in this area, reflecting a gradual positive shift in the state's energy sector.



Sri Sathya Sai Baba's 99th Birthday Celebrations Begin with Grandeur

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: With the divine blessings of Bhagavan Sri Sathya Sai Baba, the 99th birthday celebrations commenced with great devotion and grandeur at the Sri Sathya Sai Seva Samithi Mandir in DS Cheruvu. The festivities were led by convener MNSK Janardhana Rao, and the event began with the unveiling of the Sai flag by Singamshetty Vishnu-murthy.

The celebrations saw enthusiastic participation from Sai devotees, including students from Sri Sathya Sai Vidyalaya, whose chants of Sai's name reverberated through the venue.

As part of the celebrations, local legislator and Government Whip Bolishetti Srinivas will inaugurate the Maha Annadana program on November 23, marking Swami's birthday. Organizers have encouraged everyone to attend and receive Swami's blessings during the auspicious occasion.

Key participants in the program included Savin Baba, Prava Srinivas, Rudra Sai, Sangeeta Vijayasai, Dr. Durgadas, Prasad, Akula Venkateswara Rao, Mallikarjuna Rao, Grandhi Sai, Tirupati Rayudu, Padam Satyanarayana, Satish, Trinatha Rao, Vishrud, Suraj, Ramakrishna, Tota Radhika Rani, Sri Lakshmi, Kanaka Durga, Lalitha, Ramadevi, Annapurna, Lakshmi Kumari, Tulsi, and Lavakumari, among others.



Another Cyclone Threat to AP

Low Pressure in Bay of Bengal on 23rd

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Andhra Pradesh faces another cyclone threat. Officials from the Meteorological Department have announced that a low-pressure system is expected to form in the southeast Bay of Bengal on the 23rd of this month. They mentioned that the storm's direction is likely to change as it moves west-northwest. It is predicted to move northwards toward Sri Lanka by the 26th or 27th of this month. The cyclone's impact is likely to affect the districts of Rayalaseema, Nellore, and Prakasam along the south coast.

Meanwhile, due to the influence of easterly winds blowing from the Bay of Bengal, Rayalaseema and coastal regions have experienced scattered rains. The Meteorological Department stated that over the next 24 hours, there will be rainfall in many areas of Rayalaseema and in isolated parts of the south coast.

Gudiwada RTC Bus Stand Needs Urgent Development - MLA Venigandla Ramu

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: In the Andhra Pradesh Assembly, Gudiwada MLA Venigandla Ramu raised concerns about the deteriorating condition of the Gudiwada RTC bus stand, presenting photographic evidence of its plight. Highlighting it as one of the main problems faced by the people of Gudiwada, Ramu urged for immediate development and repair of the bus stand.

Speaker Chintakayala Ayyannapetra, acknowledging the issue, suggested that the photographs of the bus stand be forwarded to the Minister of Transport. Transport Minister Mandipalli Ramprasad Reddy responded to MLA Ramu's query, providing insights into the matter.



Minister Reddy explained that the previous government, under the Vaikapa leadership, had failed to allocate funds for the repair of bus stands, leading to worsening conditions. He mentioned that 22 bus stands across the state, including Gudiwada, are facing similar challenges. However, he assured that the APSRTC is planning to modernize and repair these bus stands in the next two years.

MLA Venigandla Ramu expressed his gratitude to Speaker Ayyannapetra and Minister Ramprasad Reddy for acknowledging the issue and addressing the concerns of Gudiwada's citizens.

Somireddy Calls for Action Against Aurobindo Organization Over '108' Ambulance Irregularities

TPN, Amaravati: Sarvepalli MLA Somireddy Chandramohan Reddy presented evidence in the Andhra Pradesh Assembly, alleging significant irregularities by the Aurobindo organization in the management of '108' ambulance services. The MLA accused Aurobindo of compromising emergency medical services for approximately 18 lakh citizens during the tenure of the previous Vaikapa government.

Citing a report from the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG), Somireddy revealed that out of 34 lakh medical emergency cases, 17.8 lakh victims did not receive timely ambulance services during the critical "golden hour." The report also highlighted a 61% shortage in ambulance supplies, including saline and first aid kits. Somireddy demanded immediate action against Vijayasai Reddy's son-in-law, who is linked to the Aurobindo organization, alleging discrepancies in the number of ambulances operated. While only 430 ambulances were active, the reported figure was falsely presented as 720.

Somireddy and other leaders expressed their outrage, stating that laws should have applied equally to all service providers, and those responsible must face stringent penalties for playing with people's lives.

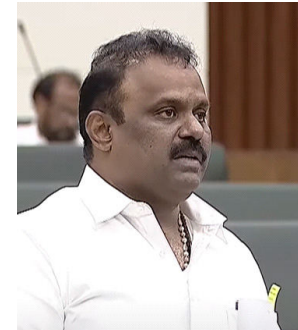


We Are Planning to Re-Survey The Assigned Lands in AP Soon

Discussed About Assigned Lands in Assembly

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: In a significant discussion in the Andhra Pradesh Assembly, Minister Satya Prasad addressed the issue of assigned lands, highlighting irregularities and actions being taken by the current government.

Minister Prasad revealed that over 25,000 acres of assigned land have been registered, and it has been confirmed that insider trading was involved in these transactions. As a result, the government has ordered an immediate halt to further registrations.



The minister also outlined plans for a re-survey of the lands to correct the mistakes made by the previous government. He emphasized that the government is committed to bringing in the Land Grabbing Act soon to address land-related issues more effectively.

Minister Prasad pointed out that during the YCP government's tenure, irregularities were committed over more than 9 lakh acres of assigned lands. To resolve this, Gram Sabhas will be held in villages where the reserves have been completed, and objections will be reviewed. The government has vowed to take strict actions against those involved in looting lands and against any officials who may have facilitated these illegal activities.



India-Africa Relations: Strengthening Ties and Leading Global Diplomacy



A moment of immense pride for India came when Nigeria's President, Bola Ahmed Tinubu, awarded Prime Minister Narendra Modi the 'Grand Commander of the Order of Niger,' the highest civilian honor of Nigeria. This recognition, a rare one for a foreign leader since 1969, reflects Modi's statesmanship and his pivotal role in advancing the relationship between India and Nigeria, and more broadly, India's growing influence in global affairs.

Two key aspects stand out in this recognition. First, Modi is the first foreign leader to receive this honor since Queen Elizabeth in 1969, shortly after Nigeria gained independence. Secondly, this award reinforces India's status as a global powerhouse and highlights Modi's significant contributions to the Global South, an area where India has increasingly taken leadership.

India's diplomatic achievements were further underscored during its hosting of the G20 summit in September 2023, where Modi extended an invitation to the African Union (AU) to join the G20 as a permanent member. The AU, comprising 55 member nations, now holds

the same status as the European Union, a powerful statement of India's commitment to inclusive global governance and its support for amplifying Africa's voice on the world stage.

While India's ties with African nations have historically been cordial but distant, Modi has revitalized these relations through a multi-dimensional partnership strategy. His outreach to Africa is seen as a strategic counterbalance to China's growing influence in the region. Under Modi's leadership, India has positioned itself as a champion of the Global South, advocating for developing nations to have a stronger say in shaping the global narrative.

Modi's engagement with Africa predates his tenure as Prime Minister. As Chief Minister of Gujarat, he made early moves to foster economic ties with African countries, driven by Gujarat's long-standing connections with Africa. This foundation was built upon after Modi took office in 2014. Milestones in strengthening India-Africa relations include:

Hosting the 3rd India-Africa Forum Summit in New Delhi in 2015, which significantly increased African participation.

Offering extensive support during the COVID-19 pandemic, with India supplying vaccines and medical supplies to 25 African nations. Launching a wide range of development projects, including over \$12 billion in infrastructure investments across 43 African nations. Expanding the Indian Technical and Economic Cooperation (ITEC) program, with nearly 40,000 African students trained in India over the past decade. Offering scholarships and training programs, as well as expanding tele-education and telemedicine services to African countries.

Under Modi's leadership, India has transformed its relationship with Africa from rhetoric to meaningful collaboration, turning it into a cornerstone of India's global strategy. Many see Modi's efforts as a modern-day realization of Mahatma Gandhi's vision for India-Africa solidarity, but with a practical, results-oriented approach that continues to deliver tangible benefits to both regions.

The Pakistan-China Friendship Is Fast Turning Sour

Tensions between China and Pakistan are reaching new heights following a series of attacks on Chinese interests in Pakistan, especially in Balochistan. Last month's bombing near Karachi airport, which killed two Chinese engineers and injured another, has raised alarm in Beijing, and could mark a pivotal moment in their bilateral relationship. The attack, claimed by the Baloch Liberation Army (BLA), is the latest in a string of assaults on Chinese personnel and projects in Pakistan since 2016.

In response, China has pressured Pakistan for more stringent security measures, including a proposal to send its own security agencies and military forces into Pakistan to protect its citizens and assets. However, Pakistani officials have resisted this, suggesting that instead, China should provide support in intelligence-sharing and assist in improving Pakistan's internal security systems. Despite these differences, China remains committed to supporting Pakistan's counterterrorism efforts and its socio-economic development, as stated by the Chinese Foreign Ministry.

China's frustration is understandable, given the multiple deadly attacks this year targeting Chinese nationals. In addition to the Karachi bombing in October, another attack in March in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa targeted a Chinese envoy, killing five Chinese workers involved in the Dasu Dam project. The Chinese government has been increasingly vocal in demanding a comprehensive investigation into these incidents and urging Pakistan to launch larger counterterrorism operations to protect Chinese interests.

The backdrop of these tensions lies in the deep-rooted dissatisfaction of the Baloch people, particularly in Balochistan, Pakistan's resource-rich but neglected province. Balochistan has been at the center of the Baloch insurgency, with local groups such as the BLA fighting for greater autonomy or outright secession from Pakistan. The province is also the focal point of the China-Pakistan Economic Corridor (CPEC), China's flagship Belt and Road Initiative (BRI), which links China's Xinjiang region to Pakistan's Gwadar port.

However, the CPEC project has exacerbated local resentment. The Baloch allege that they are being exploited for the benefit of Pakistan's elite and China, without receiving adequate compensation or opportunities for employment. Attacks on CPEC infrastructure have become a regular occurrence, with the BLA claiming responsibility for multiple assaults on Chinese assets, including the 2018 attack on the Chinese consulate in Karachi and the 2022 suicide bombing at Karachi University that targeted Chinese academics.

The ongoing violence has led to significant delays in CPEC projects, a source of growing frustration for China, which has invested around \$64 billion in the initiative. Some analysts suggest that Beijing's dissatisfaction with the slow



progress of CPEC projects has begun to erode the strength of China-Pakistan ties. For instance, the most recent joint statements between the two countries no longer highlight Pakistan as China's "highest priority" partner, a distinction it previously held.

As the situation unfolds, Pakistan finds itself caught in a delicate balancing act. On the one hand, it cannot afford to lose China's financial support, as it owes Beijing billions of dollars and is seeking further assistance amid an ongoing economic crisis. On the other hand, it is unwilling to allow Chinese military forces to operate on its soil, and it faces immense pressure to protect its sovereignty while managing the Baloch insurgency. With the future of CPEC hanging in the balance, both countries will need to navigate these tensions carefully, or risk further strain in their crucial partnership.

Maharashtra Polls 2024: A Fierce, Localised Battle

With less than a week left until the Maharashtra elections, the political landscape is heating up. Both major coalitions have launched their manifestos, while rebel candidates are shaking up the contest. The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has introduced slogans like "Batenge to Katenge" and its refined version "Ek Hai to Safe Hai," while the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) has focused on the caste census and proposed lifting the 50% reservation cap. Meanwhile, the MVA has made a last-minute pitch to farmers, offering a Minimum Support Price (MSP) of ₹7,000 per quintal for soybean, responding to the ongoing agricultural distress.

A Localised Contest: Seat-by-Seat Battles

Unlike previous elections, this contest lacks a unifying theme. It is now a highly localised battle, with each of the 288 assembly constituencies fighting their own individual battle. Voters in these regions are largely swayed by the incumbent candidate's image, caste dynamics, and local power structures, rather than national issues or party manifestos. In Shrirampur, for example, the Congress dropped a sitting MLA who switched to the NCP (Ajit Pawar faction), while the Shiv Sena (Eknath Shinde faction) fielded a candidate with a Congress background. These frequent cross-overs underscore the fragmented nature of the electoral landscape.

Caste Dynamics and Divides

Caste politics continues to play a critical role in shaping the election. The Maratha reserva-



tion demand has created tensions between the Maratha and OBC communities, particularly in regions like Marathwada and North Maharashtra. While Marathas are rallying behind the MVA, the OBCs, including the Mali, Dhangar, and Vanjari communities, are more inclined towards the BJP-led Mahayuti. The potential inclusion of Dhangars in the ST list after the election is further intensifying these divisions.

The 'Betrayal' Factor and MVA's Struggles

The betrayal narrative, which worked in the MVA's favor during the general elections, has lost some of its edge. While Sharad Pawar continues to hold strong sway in Western and Northern Maharashtra, Uddhav Thackeray's

influence has weakened, especially in Mumbai and the Thane-Konkan region, where the BJP has a strong foothold. Despite these challenges, the MVA's alliance, particularly with its Muslim and Dalit base, faces pressure from other smaller parties like the Samajwadi Party and AIMIM, who are eroding support from these communities.

Women's Welfare Schemes and Farmers' Concerns

The BJP's "Laadki Bahin" scheme, which provides ₹6,000 to ₹7,500 to women in each constituency, has garnered positive responses, though some criticize it due to rising inflation. In rural areas, the scheme is viewed with skepticism by some men, who are unhappy with the cash being di-

rected to women's accounts.

Agricultural distress remains a key issue, with the MVA addressing farmer concerns by offering higher MSP for soybean. The rural distress, particularly in Vidarbha, has been a significant source of discontent, with Mahayuti struggling in this region due to its poor performance in addressing agricultural issues.

Rebel Candidates and Electoral Disruption

Rebels from various parties, after being denied tickets, are set to disrupt the traditional power dynamics. The increase in the number of candidates per seat—from 11.2 in 2019 to 14.4 this year—indicates how rebels and smaller parties could split the vote. Although they may not

win many seats, rebels can still spoil results in crucial constituencies, as seen in the 2019 elections, where 71 seats were decided by less than a 5% margin.

The Bottom Line: Micro-Management Is Key

While the MVA's advantage has diminished in the last six months, the Mahayuti has been more strategic with new promises and improved preparedness. As both sides battle it out in this fractured, regional contest, the outcome is increasingly uncertain. With micro-management, election-day strategies, and effective voter outreach now more critical than ever, Maharashtra has become a tight, highly competitive battleground.

Siddaramaiah Threatens Legal Action Against Maharashtra Over Misleading Ads



The Karnataka CM revealed that the state government is exploring the possibility of filing a lawsuit against Maharashtra. "We are thinking about filing a suit because they have given false advertisements. We are exploring legal action," he stated.

Siddaramaiah also defended his government's ambitious guarantee schemes, which collectively cost Rs 56,000 crore annually. He criticized the BJP's claim that Karnataka lacks funds for such initiatives, asking why similar programs are not being implemented in BJP-ruled states.

Karnataka Chief Minister Siddaramaiah on Monday announced that his government is considering legal action against the Maharashtra government over advertisements allegedly misrepresenting Karnataka's flagship guarantee schemes. Siddaramaiah accused the Maharashtra government of deliberately spreading misinformation to influence voters ahead of the state elections.

He specifically blamed Prime Minister Narendra Modi and the Mahayuti alliance—comprising the BJP, Eknath Shinde-led Shiv Sena, and Ajit Pawar-led NCP—for using false narratives to gain political advantage. "It is only to mislead the people of Maharashtra in order to get votes. The Prime Minister is telling lies, and the Maharashtra government has issued false advertisements," Siddaramaiah said.

The CM further attacked JD(S) leader HD Kumaraswamy, questioning his credibility to comment on Congress-led schemes. "Did Kumaraswamy introduce any guarantee schemes while in power?" he asked. He also expressed frustration with the Centre's financial treatment of Karnataka, noting that while the state contributes Rs 4.5 lakh crore in taxes annually, it receives only Rs 59,000-60,000 crore in return.

Siddaramaiah took a dig at the BJP and JD(S) for not introducing similar welfare measures during their terms, defending his administration's programs like the "Anna Bhagya" free rice scheme. "BJP only talks; they never act," he remarked, urging the media to refrain from creating confusion about the state's welfare initiatives.



Vijay Denies AIADMK Alliance Rumours, TVK to Contest 2026 Election Independently

Tamil actor-politician Vijay has dismissed speculations about a potential alliance between his political party, Tamilaga Vettri Kazhagam (TVK), and the All India Anna Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (AIADMK) ahead of the 2026 Tamil Nadu Assembly elections. In a detailed post on X (formerly Twitter) on Monday, the TVK strongly refuted a report from a prominent Tamil daily that suggested an alliance with the AIADMK, calling the claims "completely false and without evidence."

The statement emphasized that TVK, which was launched by Vijay as a new political force, intends to contest the upcoming elections independently, without forming any alliances. TVK General Secretary Anand, in his post, urged the people of Tam-

il Nadu to disregard the "untrue and false news" being spread by some media outlets and individuals. He added that the party was confident of securing a majority in the 2026 elections "with the help of the people of the country," based on policies articulated by Vijay.

The speculation about an AIADMK-TVK alliance gained traction after Vijay, in his party's launch event, identified the Dravida Munnetra Kazhagam (DMK) as his primary political opponent and the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) as his main ideological adversary. Although Vijay refrained from mentioning the AIADMK directly, the latter's relative silence on TVK sparked rumors of a potential deal. Allegedly, such a deal would involve TVK contesting up to 60 of Tamil Nadu's 234

seats in the Assembly.

Vijay, who turned 50 this year, has been vocal in his political stance. At a high-profile rally in Villupuram district in October, he criticized both the DMK and BJP on issues such as the sale of alcohol through government-run shops and the controversial "One Nation, One Election" proposal. This has led to tensions between TVK and the DMK, with Chief Minister MK Stalin recently warning against the emergence of new parties trying to challenge his government, though he did not name Vijay or TVK.

With TVK continuing to build its identity ahead of the 2026 elections, it remains to be seen how the party's independent stance will influence the political landscape in Tamil Nadu.

I know brother Thirumavalavan's heart: says CM Stalin

Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren has accused the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of orchestrating a "whisper campaign" aimed at tarnishing the image of his government. Soren claimed that the BJP has spent substantial amounts of money, including over Rs 1 crore in each assembly constituency, to run negative campaigns against the JMM-led coalition in the state. He also alleged that the BJP has used various social media platforms to spread misinformation and create unrest among the people.

In his statement, Soren said that the BJP had created "95,000 WhatsApp groups" as part of its effort to malign his government. He further criticized the saffron party for using these platforms to target him personally and the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM)-led administration in a bid to weaken its position. The Chief Minister expressed concern over the extent of the resources being used for these campaigns and the impact they were having on the state's political environment.

The charges come just days after Soren accused the BJP of running shadow campaigns aimed at defaming both his leadership and the state of Jharkhand. The Chief Minister pointed out that despite the BJP's concerted efforts, the JMM-led government had continued to serve the people of Jharkhand and would not be swayed by such tactics.

Soren's accusations highlight the increasing political tension in Jharkhand ahead of future elections. The BJP, which is the primary opposition party in the state, has yet to respond to the allegations. However, the claims underscore the ongoing political rivalry between the ruling JMM-led coalition and the BJP, with both parties vying for dominance in the state.



CM Hemant Soren Accuses BJP of 'Whisper Campaign' Against JMM Government

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister M.K. Stalin expressed deep appreciation and understanding of Viduthalai Chiruthaigal Katchi (VCK) chief Thol Thirumavalavan's sentiments, following a recent meeting where the latter thanked him for fulfilling a key request. In a message addressed to his party cadres on Sunday, Stalin recalled Thirumavalavan's visit to his office on November 15, during which the VCK leader expressed his gratitude for the establishment of a SIPCOT industrial park in Ariyalur district.

Stalin noted that Thirumavalavan's gesture was one of genuine affection and warmth, which reflected the strong bond between them. He acknowledged that the VCK leader's emotions were rooted in his concern for the development of Tamil Nadu, particularly in the backward regions, and that the request for the industrial park was driven by a desire to create jobs and improve local infrastructure.

The Chief Minister, in his message, emphasized that he understood the depth of Thirumavalavan's feelings and thoughts, recognizing the importance of the industrial park project in fostering economic growth and empowering the people of Ariyalur. The establishment of the SIPCOT industrial park was a significant step towards industrial development in the region, and Stalin reassured party members that the government would continue to work towards the progress of all districts, especially those that had been previously neglected.

Stalin's remarks come at a time when the ruling DMK government is focused on advancing economic and industrial projects across Tamil Nadu, with an emphasis on creating opportunities for employment and boosting regional growth.



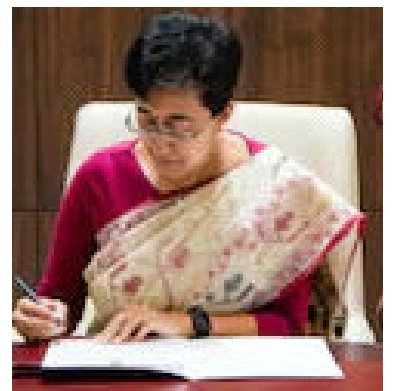
CM Atishi Blames BJP for Rising Pollution, Calls North India a 'Medical Emergency'

Delhi Chief Minister Atishi on Monday slammed the BJP-led central government for failing to address the air pollution crisis in northern India, which she said has reached alarming levels due to stubble burning. Atishi emphasized that hazardous air quality in the region is contributing to a medical emergency, with Delhi experiencing worsening pollution levels that are affecting the health of vulnerable populations.

At a press conference, Atishi criticized the central government for engaging in "politics over pollution" rather than taking concrete steps to curb stubble burning, which is a significant contributor to the air quality crisis. She pointed out that states like Haryana, Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh, and Madhya Pradesh, all of which are governed by the BJP, have not made substantial efforts to address the issue.

"The BJP-led government has done nothing to tackle the root cause of this pollution crisis," Atishi stated, adding that the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP)-ruled Punjab was the only state where stubble burning cases had decreased significantly. In contrast, she claimed, stubble burning incidents have increased in BJP-ruled states.

Atishi further highlighted the severe health impacts of Delhi's deteriorating air quality, stressing that the elderly are being rushed to hospitals and children are relying on inhalers and steroids to breathe. She expressed deep concern over the growing number of respiratory problems in the capital and the surrounding states, calling the situation a public health crisis that demands immediate action.



"Bulldozer Ready to Recover Looted Funds, Remove Infiltrators"

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath ramped up his criticism of the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM)-led coalition government on Monday, accusing it of engaging in "dacoity" by looting the state's natural resources and central funds allocated by Prime Minister Narendra Modi. Adityanath's scathing remarks came during an event in Uttar Pradesh, where he also vowed to take strong action against those involved in such activities.

In a bold statement, Adityanath claimed that the JMM-led government was misusing the funds sent by the central government for the welfare of the people of Jharkhand. He accused the coalition of exploiting



the state's natural resources for personal gain, further deepening corruption and depriving the people of their

rightful share. "Under the JMM government,

Jharkhand has become a hub of corruption, with natural resources being looted and central funds being misappropriated," Adityanath stated. "This government has indulged in 'dacoity,' and the people of Jharkhand are suffering due to this mismanagement."

The Uttar Pradesh CM further emphasized that the central government, led by Modi, had been sending substantial funds to states like Jharkhand for development, but these funds were not reaching the people due to corruption at the state level.

In a more combative tone, Adityanath warned of severe consequences for those involved in such illegal activi-

ties. He stated that the "bulldozer" — a symbol of his administration's tough stance on crime and corruption — was on standby in Uttar Pradesh to recover looted funds and tackle infiltrators. "We will not tolerate such corruption and mismanagement. If needed, we will take strict action to ensure justice for the people of Jharkhand," he said.

The UP Chief Minister's remarks are part of an ongoing political battle as the BJP seeks to challenge the JMM-led government in Jharkhand. This escalating war of words has intensified in the lead-up to future elections, with Adityanath positioning himself as a vocal critic of the JMM's governance.



PM Modi Arrives In Brazil To Attend G20 Summit After Nigeria Visit

Prime Minister Narendra Modi arrived in Brazil on Monday for the second leg of his three-nation visit, where he will participate in the G20 Summit in Rio de Janeiro on November 18-19. PM Modi's visit follows a successful stop in Nigeria, where he held bilateral talks with President Bola Ahmed Tinubu and engaged with the Indian community.

Upon his arrival in Brazil, the Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) shared an update on X (formerly Twitter), announcing, "Prime Minister Narendra Modi lands in the vibrant city of Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to attend the G20 Brazil Summit." PM Modi also confirmed his arrival with a post on his official X handle, stating, "Landed in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil, to take part in the G20 Summit. I look forward to the summit deliberations and fruitful talks with various world leaders."

During the summit, PM Modi will participate as a member of the G20 Troika, which includes India, Brazil, and South Africa. The summit will be attended by world leaders such as Chinese President Xi Jinping and US President Joe Biden. The discussions at the summit are expected to focus on global economic cooperation, climate change, and geopolitical challenges.

In his departure statement from India, PM



Modi highlighted Brazil's role in continuing India's legacy within the G20. He expressed anticipation for meaningful discussions aligned with India's vision of "One Earth, One Family, One Future." PM Modi also emphasized the importance of strengthening bilateral ties with various leaders attending the summit.

Following the G20 Summit, PM Modi will head to Guyana from November 19 to 21. This will be the first visit by an Indian prime minister to Guyana in over 50 years, and he will meet with President Mohamed

Irfaan Ali.

Earlier, during his visit to Nigeria, PM Modi was honored with the Grand Commander of the Order of the Niger (GCON) award, making him only the second foreign dignitary to receive the prestigious distinction. This is the 17th international award conferred upon PM Modi by a foreign nation.

PM Modi's trip underscores India's active engagement on the global stage, with significant milestones already achieved during his leadership in the G20.

China Calls for Peaceful Resolution in Ukraine Amid US Decision

China has once again called for a peaceful resolution to the ongoing conflict in Ukraine, emphasizing the need for an early ceasefire and political negotiations after the United States approved the use of long-range American missiles by Ukraine against military targets in Russia.

At a regular press briefing on Monday, Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson Lin Jian reiterated Beijing's stance on the war, stating that "an early ceasefire and a political solution serve the interests of all parties." He emphasized the urgency of de-escalating the situation, adding that "the most urgent thing is to promote the cooling down of the situation as soon as possible."

While presenting itself as a neutral party in the Ukraine conflict, China has consistently refrained from providing lethal assistance to either side, unlike Western nations, including the United States, which has supplied Ukraine with weapons and military support. Despite this, Beijing remains a key political and economic ally of Russia, and NATO members have accused China of enabling the war by refusing to condemn Russia's actions.



On Monday, Lin reaffirmed China's position, stating that Beijing "has always encouraged and supported all efforts conducive to a peaceful resolution of the crisis." He also noted that China is willing to "continue to play a constructive role in the political resolution of the Ukraine crisis in its own way."

This statement follows recent reports in the European Union, alleging that Russian drones used in the conflict may be manufactured in China. Lin denied these claims, asserting that China has "never provided lethal weapons to parties in the conflict" and that it strictly controls the export of military and dual-use drones in accordance with Chinese laws and regulations.

Biden's Key Decision to Boost Ukraine Ahead of Trump's Takeover

The Biden administration has lifted restrictions that previously prevented Ukraine from using US-supplied weapons to strike deep into Russian territory, marking a significant shift in US policy regarding the ongoing Ukraine-Russia conflict. Sources familiar with the matter confirmed that this change will allow Ukraine to conduct long-range attacks in the coming days, although the specifics of the operations remain undisclosed due to security concerns.

The White House has declined to comment on the matter. However, the move comes after Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky had repeatedly requested permission to use US weapons to target Russian military assets well beyond Ukraine's borders. This policy change is particularly significant as it follows Russia's recent deployment of North Korean ground troops to bolster its forces, a development that has raised alarms in both Washington and Kyiv.



The first of these long-range strikes is expected to involve the use of ATACMS (Army Tactical Missile Systems) rockets, which have a range of up to 190 miles (306 kilometers). While some US officials have questioned whether allowing Ukraine to carry out these deep strikes will alter the course of the war, the decision could potentially help Ukraine at a time when Russian forces have been making territorial gains. It could also position Ukraine more favorably in future ceasefire negotiations.

It remains unclear if President-elect Donald Trump, set to take office on January 20, will reverse Biden's decision. Trump has been a vocal critic of the scale of US military and financial support for Ukraine, and has promised to end the war quickly, though he has not specified how. Meanwhile, some Republicans in Congress have called for loosening restrictions on Ukraine's use of US-provided weapons.

Trudeau Acknowledges Delays in Immigration Reforms, Criticizes System Exploitation

Canadian Prime Minister Justin Trudeau recently admitted that his government could have acted more swiftly in reforming the country's immigration policies, acknowledging that the system had been exploited by "bad actors." In a video posted to his YouTube channel on Sunday, Trudeau explained the rationale behind the reduction in permanent resident admissions and outlined changes being made to the foreign workers program.

The Prime Minister emphasized that the government was responding to concerns about the rising number of foreign workers and students entering Canada, a situation that has led to growing public scrutiny. He noted that certain "bad actors" had taken advantage of the system, particularly in educational institutions, where some colleges and universities charge international students significantly higher tuition fees than domestic students. These practices, according to Trudeau, were contributing to a growing sense of inequity.

Trudeau acknowledged that while Canada had always prided itself on being a welcoming nation for immigrants, the growing numbers of foreign students and workers had led to strains on various systems, including housing and healthcare. He explained that the government was making changes to better manage the immigration flow, focusing on ensuring that Canada's immigration system is fair and sustainable in the long run.

The announcement of these reforms comes amid increasing concerns about Canada's ability to manage its growing population, particularly in urban areas, where rising costs of living and housing shortages have become key issues. By reducing the number of permanent resident admissions and introducing stricter regulations for foreign workers, the government hopes to ensure that the immigration system remains beneficial to all Canadians.

Trudeau's remarks also touched on the need for a more transparent approach to immigration, with a particular focus on ensuring that foreign students and workers are not being exploited by for-profit institutions. As part of these changes, the government plans to address the imbalance between domestic and international tuition fees to create a more equitable environment for all students in Canada.

"Trump's Return Will Not Impact Iran-China Ties": Ayatollah Khamenei's Aide

Iran's relationship with China will remain unchanged despite the expected return of Donald Trump to the White House, according to a senior advisor to Iran's Supreme Leader. Ali Akbar Velayati, who has long been a prominent figure in Iranian foreign policy, emphasized that the election of Trump as US president would not impact Iran's foreign policy, particularly its ties with China.

In remarks reported by ISNA news agency, Velayati, a former Iranian foreign minister, stated that Iran and China share a long-standing and deep cultural and historical relationship that has yielded many positive outcomes for both countries. He made the comments during a meeting with Cong Peiwu, the Chinese ambassador to Tehran, on Sunday evening.

Velayati's comments reflect the resilience of Iran-China relations, even in the face of changing political dynamics in the United States. China is Iran's largest trading partner and a key buyer of Iranian oil, which remains vital for Tehran despite ongoing international sanctions. The two nations signed a 25-year strategic partnership agreement in 2021 that covers a broad range of areas, including energy, infrastructure, security, and communications.

Despite the Trump administration's "maximum pressure" campaign, which imposed severe sanctions on Iran, China has continued to engage with Iran, particularly in the realm of energy. Iranian Oil Minister Mohsen Paknejad also voiced confidence last week, stating that Iran had no serious concerns over its oil sales despite the political shift in Washington.

UK PM Starmer To Seek 'Pragmatic' Chinese Ties In Meeting With Xi Jinping

British Prime Minister Keir Starmer is set to pursue a "pragmatic" approach to UK-China relations, focusing on national interests, as he meets with Chinese President Xi Jinping at the G20 summit in Brazil. This marks the first meeting between a British prime minister and Xi since 2018, as Starmer's Labour government aims to reset diplomatic ties following years of strained relations over human rights, Hong Kong, and espionage concerns.

Under previous leadership, UK-China relations soured due to national security fears linked to

Chinese investments, and rising concerns over China's military and economic assertiveness. The UK's decision to limit Chinese involvement in critical infrastructure and security sectors reflected these tensions. However, Starmer appears keen on shifting the focus toward economic cooperation, especially as Britain continues to navigate life post-Brexit.

In a statement ahead of the meeting, Starmer emphasized the importance of fostering close ties with major global economies like China to drive investment and economic growth. "Close co-

operation with the world's leading economies is vital to secure investment into the UK and create the jobs needed to catalyse growth," he said.

China is currently the UK's sixth-largest trading partner, contributing 5% of the UK's total goods and services trade, valued at £86.5 billion (\$112 billion). Despite this, the UK holds a modest 1.2% share of China's trade, indicating room for growth. Starmer's meeting with Xi comes at a critical juncture, as Britain faces the challenges of rebuilding trade relationships after leaving the European Union, while also

managing potential trade disruptions should US President-elect Donald Trump follow through with plans to impose tariffs on all imports.

Starmer's approach is likely to be met with criticism from the opposition Conservative Party, which remains cautious of China's global influence. In the lead-up to the meeting, British Foreign Secretary David Lammy visited China last month, and Finance Minister Rachel Reeves is considering a trip to Beijing in early 2025 to continue fostering economic ties.





Domestic Stock Markets Close with Moderate Losses Amid Global Uncertainty



The domestic stock markets experienced a volatile session on Monday, reflecting mixed global cues and geopolitical concerns. The indices, which began the day on a subdued note, managed to recover in the afternoon but ended with moderate losses by the close. Investor sentiment was dampened by mixed signals from international markets and U.S. President Joe Biden's orders to the military to aid Ukraine. Additionally, expectations that the U.S. Federal Reserve will hold off on interest rate cuts weighed heavily on IT stocks.

The BSE Sensex, which closed at 77,580 in the previous session, opened higher at 77,863 and reached an intraday high of 77,886 before dipping to an intraday low of 76,965. It ultimately settled at 77,339, marking a loss of 241 points. Similarly, the NSE Nifty started the day at 23,605, touched a high of 23,606, and dropped to a low of 23,350, before closing at 23,453, down 78 points. However, the Bank Nifty bucked the trend, gaining 184 points to close at 50,363.

Among the Nifty50 constituents, 21 companies recorded gains, while 29 ended in the red. Hindalco, Hero MotoCorp, Tata Steel, Nestlé India, and Hindustan Unilever emerged as top gainers. On the other hand, TCS, Dr. Reddy's, Infosys, BPCL, and Cipla led the losers' list. Sector-wise, IT, media, pharma, healthcare, and oil & gas indices declined, while auto, FMCG, metal, PSU banks, and realty indices posted gains.



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The Nifty currently has support at 23,500 and resistance at 23,600. On the NSE, 2,924 stocks were traded, of which 1,100 gained and 1,732 declined.

In the currency market, the rupee appreciated by 6 paise to close at 84.40 against the U.S. dollar.

Key Developments:

- Shares of Indraprastha Gas Ltd plummeted by 18%.
- Multibagger stock Bharat Global Developers announced bonus shares in the ratio of 8:10 and a stock split in the ratio of 1:10.
- Over the past 45 days, foreign investors have pulled out ₹1.16 lakh crore from Indian markets, with domestic ownership now rising to 83%.
- Indian REITs disbursed ₹2,757 crore in the first half of this year, reflecting a 14% increase year-on-year.
- Industries and SBI remain the most-held stocks by mutual funds.
- Adani Energy is planning to raise \$2 billion through international bonds and loans.
- Shares of APMC Solar soared 10%, while KPI Green approved the issuance of bonus shares in the ratio of 1:2.

As the Q2 results season concludes, experts anticipate market consolidation. With nearly 80% of stocks in the oversold zone, a clearer trend may emerge as investors digest corporate earnings and geopolitical developments.

India's Merchandise Exports Show Resilience, Rise 3.2% in April-October



India's merchandise exports continued to grow during the first seven months of the fiscal year, reflecting strong global demand for Indian goods despite challenges in some key sectors. According to the latest data from the Ministry of Commerce and Industry, exports between April and October reached \$252.28 billion, a 3.2% increase from \$244.51 billion during the same period last year.

The growth was driven by solid performances in sectors such as pharmaceuticals, electronics, and engineering goods. Engineering goods, with a 25% share of the export basket, saw a 9.7% increase to \$67.49 billion. The electronics sector also witnessed significant growth, rising by 23.7% to \$19.07 billion, while pharmaceuticals grew 7.97% to \$17.05 billion.

Other sectors such as organic and inorganic chemicals, rice, tobacco, and handicrafts also showed positive growth. For example, tobacco exports surged 38.1% to \$1.19 billion, while handicraft exports increased 13.9% to \$1.05 billion.

However, some traditionally strong sectors faced a decline. Petroleum exports fell by 14.04% to \$40.94 billion, due to reduced European demand amid disruptions in the Red Sea trade routes and higher production costs. Similarly, gems and jewellery exports dropped 7.7%, impacted by increased competition from lab-grown diamonds and supply chain challenges linked to the Russia-Ukraine conflict.

Other sectors such as oilseeds, marine products, and iron ore also reported declines during the period.

Despite these mixed results, India's export portfolio has proven resilient. October exports totaled \$39.2 billion, a notable rise from \$34.58 billion in September and \$33.43 billion in the same month last year.

Looking ahead, experts predict India's merchandise exports could reach around \$435 billion for FY2025. However, they stress the need for focused attention on key sectors and markets to navigate emerging challenges and sustain growth in the coming months.

India's Net Oil and Gas Import Bill Jumps 15% in FY25 Amid Rising Demand



India's net oil and gas import bill for the first seven months of the current financial year (FY25) has surged by nearly 15% year-on-year, primarily driven by higher import volumes of crude oil, liquefied natural gas (LNG), and petroleum products. According to provisional data from the Petroleum Planning & Analysis Cell (PPAC) of the Ministry of Petroleum, the country's net oil and gas imports stood at \$79.3 billion for the April-October period, up from \$69.2 billion in the same period last year.

The rise in import costs is largely attributed to growing domestic demand for energy and stagnant production levels, which have pushed India to rely more on foreign sources to meet its energy needs. Crude oil imports saw a significant increase due to rising fuel consumption, while the demand for LNG also spiked as industries and power generation sectors sought more gas amid volatile domestic production.

In addition to higher import volumes, a decline

in the value of India's petroleum product exports has also contributed to the increase in the net oil and gas import bill. The export value of petroleum products fell during this period, adding to the gap between imports and exports.

India remains heavily reliant on imports to meet its energy demands, with crude oil accounting for the largest share of the import bill. Despite efforts to increase domestic production and diversify sources of supply, the country continues to grapple with the challenge of balancing rising energy consumption with production capabilities.

The surge in oil and gas imports has implications for India's trade balance and current account, as energy is one of the country's largest import categories. Moving forward, the government will likely continue to focus on energy security and efforts to reduce reliance on imports, while exploring alternative energy sources and enhancing domestic production capacity.

Equity Markets Decline Amid FII Outflows and Weak Global Cues

Equity benchmark indices opened lower on Monday, with persistent foreign fund outflows, weak global market cues, and a sell-off in IT stocks weighing on investor sentiment. The BSE Sensex declined by 156.72 points, reaching 77,423.59, while the NSE Nifty fell 64.25 points to 23,468.45 in early trade.

The Indian stock market faced pressure as key IT stocks suffered sharp losses. Infosys, Tech Mahindra, HCL Technologies, and Tata Consultancy Services were among the biggest losers from the Sensex pack, contributing to the broader market decline. Other stocks like NTPC, Axis Bank, Tata Motors, and IndusInd Bank also saw significant selling. On the positive side, HDFC Bank, Tata Steel, Bajaj Finance, and Asian Paints were some of the stocks that managed to post gains, but they were not enough to counterbalance the broader weakness.

The market decline comes amid continued selling by Foreign Institutional Investors (FIIs), who have been net sellers in the Indian equities market for much of the month. According to the latest data, FIIs sold equities worth Rs 1,849.87 crore on Thursday, contributing to the significant outflow from the market. As of now, foreign investors have pulled out Rs 22,420 crore from Indian equities in November alone, largely due to concerns over high stock valuations, increased allocations to China, and the rising strength of the US dollar along with Treasury yields. The cumulative outflow by Foreign Portfolio Investors (FPIs) has now crossed Rs 15,827 crore for the year 2024.

Despite a correction of over 10% from its peak, analysts remain cautious about the market's



recovery. V K Vijayakumar, Chief Investment Strategist at Geojit Financial Services, pointed out that the persistent FII selling, coupled with earnings downgrades for many stocks in FY25 and the ongoing market impact from global factors, has weighed heavily on investor confidence.

The global picture has also been far from reassuring, with US markets closing lower on Friday. The rising bond yields in the US and the weak performance of major US indices added to market anxiety. Asian markets, however, offered some respite, with Seoul, Shanghai, and Hong Kong trading higher, while Tokyo remained in the red.

Additionally, the price of global oil benchmark Brent crude rose by 0.51% to \$71.40 per barrel, adding another layer of uncertainty in global markets.

In the previous session, the Sensex ended down by 110.64 points or 0.14% at 77,580.31, while the Nifty slipped by 26.35 points or 0.11% to close at 23,532.70. With markets reacting to external cues and domestic issues, analysts are closely monitoring the outlook for the rest of the week.



Selling Air: The Latest Business Trend in Italy



In an increasingly bizarre twist to modern consumerism, even air is being sold — and for a hefty price. While we've long been paying for bottled water, now a company in Italy is cashing in on the sale of something as common as air. This business venture, which takes place in the picturesque village of Lake Como, has captured attention for its unique and seemingly absurd concept: cans of air, filled with gases like oxygen and nitrogen, are being sold for a staggering 1000 rupees each.

Lake Como, known for its scenic beauty and as the destination for Virat Kohli and Anushka Sharma's wedding, is a famous tourist hotspot. It is in this idyllic setting that a company named Communica has turned the natural atmosphere into a product. The company fills cans with purified air, which is marketed as a therapeutic experience. The idea behind this strange business is that the air inside these cans can instantly transform your mood. According to the company, when you open the lid of the can, the release of calm and

pure air helps you relax and find inner peace. In essence, it's being promoted as a quick fix to mental stress, offering a moment of calmness and tranquility, no matter where you are.

While this may sound like an outlandish concept, it's part of a growing trend of selling air in areas where pollution and high-stress environments have led to a demand for cleaner, more rejuvenating air. The company claims that the canisters provide a premium experience, offering a burst of fresh, high-quality air that is said to refresh the mind and body.

Although the idea might seem a little strange to many, it's a reflection of how even the most basic elements of nature are being commodified in the modern world. As odd as it sounds, *selling air* has now become a business, and in tourist hotspots like Lake Como, it appears that even the simplest of natural resources can be transformed into a profitable luxury item.

AI Tool Detects Brain Tumor Surgery, Detects Cancerous Tissue in Seconds

A groundbreaking artificial intelligence tool, FastGlioma, has been developed to assist surgeons in detecting residual cancerous brain tumors within just 10 seconds during surgery. This new innovation, detailed in a recent study published in *Nature**, represents a significant leap forward in neurosurgery, offering a faster and more accurate alternative to traditional tumor detection methods. The research, led by experts from the University of Michigan and the University of California, San Francisco (UCSF), holds the potential to vastly improve surgical outcomes for patients with diffuse gliomas.



FastGlioma, described by Dr. Todd Hollon, a neurosurgeon at the University of Michigan Health, as a "transformative" diagnostic tool, is capable of detecting cancerous brain tissue with remarkable precision. The tool uses advanced optical imaging combined with artificial intelligence to identify residual tumor cells quickly, reducing the reliance on conventional intraoperative MRI or fluorescent imaging agents, which are often either inaccessible or unsuitable for certain types of tumors.

One of the primary challenges in brain surgery is distinguishing between healthy tissue and remaining cancerous cells, as both can appear strikingly similar. This difficulty often results in incomplete tumor removal, which can negatively affect patient outcomes. FastGlioma addresses this issue by using AI to analyze the high-resolution images of brain tissue, enabling

surgeons to detect even the smallest traces of cancerous infiltration with up to 92% accuracy.

The study, which involved specimens from 220 patients with diffuse gliomas, showed FastGlioma outperformed traditional methods, which have a higher rate of missing tumor remnants, especially in high-risk cases. Dr. Shawn Hervey-Jumper, co-senior author and professor of neurosurgery at UCSF, highlighted that the tool improves surgical precision, reduces reliance on imaging agents, and minimizes the need for time-consuming procedures.

FastGlioma's AI model, trained on vast datasets, is not limited to brain tumors. Researchers believe it can be adapted for use in detecting other cancers, such as lung, prostate, and breast tumors, without requiring significant retraining. This innovation marks a significant step toward revolutionizing cancer surgery worldwide, with the potential to enhance outcomes for patients globally.

Octopuses Become Earth's Next Dominant Species if Humans Go Extinct

In a fascinating turn of scientific speculation, octopuses have been suggested as potential successors to humans in the event of human extinction. Leading scientists believe that these intelligent and highly adaptable creatures could rise to dominate the Earth, possibly even building advanced underwater cities similar to human civilizations.



Professor Tim Coulson, a zoologist at the University of Oxford, has pointed out that octopuses possess several key traits that could enable them to evolve into a sophisticated society. In a world ravaged by climate change or war, these marine creatures, with their remarkable intelligence, dexterity, and adaptability, could one day develop tools and technologies to create underwater habitats. Such an evolution, according to Coulson, would depend on specific environmental conditions that would allow the octopus to further develop its capabilities.

One of the primary factors that support the idea of octopus dominance is their exceptional problem-solving skills and their unique physiology. Octopuses have a decentralized nervous system, which allows them to perform complex tasks with remarkable precision. Their ability to manipulate objects and use tools sets them apart from many other marine animals, and it suggests they could adapt to a range of environments and challenges. While octopuses are unlik-

ely to fully transition to land due to their lack of a skeleton, scientists believe they could innovate ways to extend their time out of water, such as creating breathing devices.

In a post-human world, octopuses could occupy ecological niches left vacant by humanity, taking advantage of the many resources the oceans offer. These creatures are already known to thrive in diverse marine environments, from the deep ocean to coastal waters. Their solitary survival instincts and ability to engage in complex behaviors suggest that, given enough time and the right conditions, they could build their own form of civilization beneath the waves.

While this idea remains speculative, it highlights the impressive adaptability of octopuses and the potential for a completely different kind of civilization to rise, should humans no longer dominate the planet.

Eating spicy food might be good for your heart, says cardiologist

The debate surrounding the impact of spicy food on heart health has been ongoing for years. While some people argue that spicy foods can promote heart health, others remain concerned about their potential to cause harm.



Dr. Vinoth, a Consultant Cardiologist at CARE Hospitals Hitech City in Hyderabad, sheds light on this long-standing discussion, clarifying that there is no direct link between the regular consumption of spicy food and an increased risk of heart attacks. According to Dr. Vinoth, moderate consumption of spicy foods, especially those containing capsaicin — the active compound responsible for the heat in chili peppers — can actually provide several health benefits.

Capsaicin is known for its potential to boost metabolism and improve circulation, which may support overall heart

health. It has been shown to have anti-inflammatory properties, which could help reduce the risk of cardiovascular diseases by decreasing inflammation in the blood vessels. Additionally, capsaicin is believed to contribute to better cholesterol management by increasing levels of good cholesterol (HDL) and potentially lowering bad cholesterol (LDL).

In conclusion, while spicy foods are often seen with suspicion due to their intense flavors, the evidence suggests that, when consumed in moderation, they can actually be a heart-healthy choice. Of course, as with any dietary choice, it's essential to maintain balance and be mindful of personal health conditions. The key is moderation, and for most individuals, spicy food can be enjoyed as part of a heart-healthy diet.

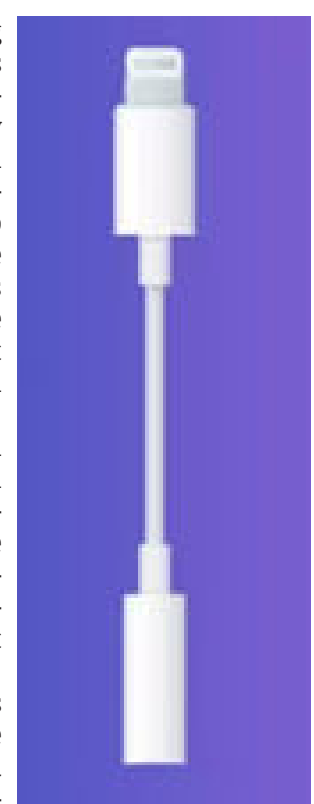
While the health benefits of spicy food

are notable, Dr. Vinoth emphasizes the importance of moderation. Excessive consumption of spicy food, especially for individuals with sensitive stomachs or pre-existing digestive issues like acid reflux or gastritis, can lead to discomfort and may exacerbate certain conditions. For most people, however, enjoying spicy foods in reasonable amounts is unlikely to pose a threat to heart health.

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Apple Set to Discontinue Lightning to 3.5mm Adapter and Other Accessories

Apple is preparing to phase out its accessories featuring the proprietary Lightning port, with the first casualty being the Lightning to 3.5mm headphone jack adapter*. This move comes in the wake of Apple's shift to USB Type-C with the iPhone 15 series, in compliance with new European Union regulations. According to a report, the adapter, which allows users with older devices to connect 3.5mm headphones, has been marked as "sold out" in the Apple Store in the US and many other countries, signaling that its days are numbered.



broader strategy to align with the EU's push for standardization of charging ports, with the iPhone 15 series being the first to adopt USB Type-C, replacing the long-standing Lightning connector. This shift has prompted Apple to reconsider its portfolio of accessories designed for older Lightning-based devices.

MacRumors contributor Aaron Perris first flagged the change, noting that the adapter, which was introduced in 2016 alongside the iPhone 7, is no longer available in several regions, including India. While it is still listed for sale in some places, it's likely that the remaining stock will soon be exhausted. Currently, the adapter is priced at approximately Rs. 900 in regions where it's still available, but with the transition to USB Type-C across Apple's newer devices, the accessory is expected to be discontinued.

This move is part of Apple's

In addition to the Lightning to 3.5mm adapter, other accessories are also expected to be phased out. Perris previously reported that Apple may also discontinue its wired EarPods, which debuted in 2012 alongside the iPhone 5. Initially offered with a 3.5mm jack, the EarPods were later adapted for Lightning and then USB Type-C connections. According to the same report, US retailer Target has listed the Lightning and USB-C versions of the EarPods as "non-carry forward," further suggesting that Apple is moving away from these older accessories.

With Apple's ongoing transition to USB Type-C, users of older devices may soon find themselves with fewer options for compatible accessories, marking the end of an era for the Lightning port.



England Crush Ireland 5-0; Haaland Nets Hat-Trick for Norway

England sealed their promotion to the Nations League top flight with a commanding 5-0 victory over a 10-man Republic of Ireland at Wembley on Sunday. Four players scored their first international goals as interim manager Lee Carsley's side finished top of Group B2. This marks a fitting end to Carsley's tenure before Thomas Tuchel takes over as manager. "I wanted the England team to be exciting to watch and be attacking," Carsley said after the match. "I can only do what I was in control of. These players are excellent."



England dominated the match after a tight first half, where Noni Madueke saw two efforts blocked. The game changed early in the second half when Liam Scates was sent off for a foul on Jude Bellingham in the box, giving England a penalty. Harry Kane converted the spot-kick to open the scoring.

The goals came thick and fast after that, with Anthony Gordon scoring his first international goal in the 56th minute after a deflected cross from Tino Livramento. Conor Gallagher added another just five minutes later, scoring his first goal for England from a corner flick-on by Marc Guehi. Substitute Jarrod Bowen joined the scoring spree, finding the net with his first touch, and debutant Taylor Harwood-Bellis capped the rout with a header from a Bellingham cross.

Meanwhile, in Group A2, France

defeated Italy 3-1 at the San Siro to clinch top spot. Adrien Rabiot scored twice, marking his 50th appearance for France with a brace, while Lucas Digne played a pivotal role in both of France's first two goals. France secured the win despite a late consolation goal from Italy's Andrea Cambiaso. Rabiot's second header in the 66th minute gave France the victory, with the midfielder reflecting on the team's spirit and performance.

In Group B3, Erling Haaland was the star for Norway, scoring a hat-trick in a 5-0 demolition of Kazakhstan. Haaland's lethal finishing helped Norway top the group and earn automatic promotion to the Nations League top flight, as Austria was held to a 1-1 draw by Slovenia.

Omkar Salvi Appointed RCB's Fast Bowling Coach for IPL 2025 Season

Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) has made a significant addition to their coaching staff for the 2025 Indian Premier League (IPL) season, appointing Omkar Salvi as the franchise's fast bowling coach. Salvi, a seasoned coach and former cricketer, has been a prominent figure in domestic cricket and brings valuable experience to RCB's coaching setup.



Salvi, who is currently the head coach of Mumbai's senior men's cricket team, has a strong background in domestic cricket. Prior to this, he was part of the coaching staff at Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR), where he served as an assistant coach. His tenure with KKR allowed him to gain experience in the high-pressure environment of the IPL, sharpening his skills in developing fast bowlers at the top level.

Following his time with KKR, Salvi took a break from franchise cricket and continued his association with Mumbai Cricket Association (MCA), where he has been working as a coach. His contract with the MCA is set to end in March 2025, aligning perfectly with RCB's requirement for a fast bowling coach for the upcoming IPL season.

Salvi's expertise in nurturing and developing fast bowling talent

will be an asset for RCB, especially considering the team's history of investing in pacers. His appointment signals RCB's commitment to strengthening their bowling department and looking towards a more balanced team in the upcoming season.

RCB's management, known for their emphasis on building a strong team around star players, will hope that Salvi's experience will bring an added edge to their fast bowling attack. With the IPL 2025 season just around the corner, the franchise is working on strengthening all aspects of their squad, and Salvi's appointment is expected to play a key role in their preparations.



Jannik Sinner Says Room To Improve In 2025 After Home ATP Finals Triumph

Jannik Sinner says he still has areas to improve despite clinching his first ATP Finals title on Sunday, capping a near-perfect season that saw him rise to world number one. The 23-year-old Italian defeated Taylor Fritz 6-4, 6-4 in the final in Turin, securing his eighth title of 2024, which included two Grand Slam victories at the Australian Open and US Open.

Sinner's remarkable season has been overshadowed by a doping controversy, with the World Anti-Doping Agency (WADA) appealing his initial exoneration after two positive tests for the steroid clostebol earlier in the year. Despite this, Sinner has been focused on his game, and his victory at the ATP Fi-

nals marked a high point in his career. The win also made him the first Italian to win the prestigious season-ending event, and his 70th win of the season made him the first player since Ivan Lendl in 1986 to win the Finals without dropping a set.

"I'm very happy with how this year ended, with a lot of wins and titles," Sinner said. "But I believe there is still room for improvement. There are small details in my game, certain shots and points where I can do better. The higher the level you play, the more details matter."

Looking ahead to 2025, Sinner aims to refine his game even further. "Whatever we can catch, we take, and the rest

we learn," he said. "It's all about raising my level in specific moments, which I've done throughout the year."

Sinner's victory in Turin was especially sweet as he became the first Italian to win the title on home soil. "It's my first title in Italy, and it means so much to me," he said. "I'm very happy to have handled the pressure and shared this success with the Italian crowd."

As Sinner prepares for the Davis Cup in Malaga and his return to the Australian Open, he knows the challenge of defending his Grand Slam title will be immense. "Tennis is unpredictable, but if mentally you're in a good place, it will all be good," he said.

Sri Lanka win another home series, beat New Zealand in second ODI

Sri Lanka sealed a commanding 2-0 lead in their three-match ODI series against New Zealand, defeating the visitors by three wickets under the DLS method in a rain-affected second ODI at Pallekele on Monday. With six balls to spare, Sri Lanka chased down the revised target of 210 after New Zealand posted 209 all out in 45.1 overs.

Kusal Mendis played a key role in Sri Lanka's victory, scoring a patient 74 off 102 balls, following up his career-best 143 from the series opener. His determined knock helped Sri Lanka reach 210-7 in 46 overs, clinching the win with the help of a crucial 47-run partnership with Maheesh Theekshana (27*), who remained unbeaten at the crease. The result also marked Sri Lanka's fifth ODI series victory at home in 2024, following wins against Zimbabwe, Afghanistan, India, and the West Indies.

The match was reduced to 47 overs per side due to rain interruptions, and New Zealand's batting was undone by Sri Lanka's effective spin attack. New Zealand's innings saw Mitchell Hay contribute a composed 49 off 62 balls, and Mark Chapman ended his poor run with 76 off 81 balls. However, after Chapman was dismissed in the 37th over, New Zealand collapsed, losing their last six wickets for just 36 runs. Off-spinner Michael Bracewell was the standout bowler for New Zealand, claiming 4-36, but his efforts were not enough to halt Sri Lanka's progress.

Sri Lanka's bowlers, particularly the spinners, made key



breakthroughs throughout the New Zealand innings. Maheesh Theekshana (3-31) and Jeffrey Vandersay (3-46) took six wickets between them, while Dunith Wellalage and captain Charith Asalanka chipped in with one wicket each. Despite a few missed chances in the field, Sri Lanka's spin-heavy attack proved too much for the New Zealand batsmen.

The series-deciding third ODI will also be played at Pallekele on Tuesday.

Navneet Kaur Shines in India's 3-0 Win Over Japan

Navneet Kaur, the vice-captain of the Indian women's hockey team, delivered a stellar performance in the third quarter of their Asian Champions Trophy match against Japan, helping India break a goalless deadlock and eventually secure a 3-0 win. Known for her attacking prowess, Navneet was once again at the heart of India's offensive play, stepping up when her team needed it most.

As the match remained 0-0 heading into the third quarter, Japan's defence held firm, stifling India's attempts at goal. However, Navneet found a moment of brilliance, scoring a fantastic breakthrough goal to give India the lead. Her calm finish, under pressure from a resolute Japanese defence, showcased her composure and skill, traits that have made her one of the most valuable players in the Indian side.

With the goal, Navneet not only lifted India's spirits but also provided the momentum needed to push forward. Deepika, in the fourth quarter, added two more goals to seal a comfortable 3-0 victory for India. The win was a crucial step for the team as they aim to maintain their strong form in the tournament and continue their preparations for the up-



coming Olympic cycle.

Navneet's contribution is especially significant as she has become one of the senior figures in the squad following the departure of stalwart players like Rani Rampal. Having honed her skills at Shahbad, a renowned hockey hub, she has risen through the ranks to become a key player for India. As the team enters a new era, Navneet's leadership and attacking ability will be crucial in shaping India's success in international competitions.

Tiger Shroff Unveils Gripping First Look of Baaghi 4

Tiger Shroff just announced the fourth installment of his popular Baaghi franchise. Directed by A. Harsha, the action-packed film is set to hit theatres on September 5, 2025. The actor shared the first poster of the upcoming film on Instagram, which hints at a darker and more intense tone. In the poster, Tiger is seen sitting on a toilet seat with a knife in hand and a bottle of alcohol nearby. His face, the walls, and the floor are splattered with blood, while several dead bodies lie around him. Tiger captioned the post, "A darker spirit, a bloodier mission. This time he is not the same! #SajidNadiadwala's #Baaghi4 Directed by @nimmaaharsha."



A. Harsha, the director of Baaghi 4, is known for his work in Kannada cinema, with films such as Birugali, Chingari, Bhajarangi, Anjani Putra, and Vedha among his credits.

The sequel, Baaghi 2, came out in 2018, directed by Ahmed Khan and was a remake of the Telugu film Kshanam. It featured Tiger alongside Disha Patani, Manoj Bajpayee, Randeep Hooda and other key actors. The third installment, Baaghi 3 (2020), was once again helmed by Ahmed Khan and was partially inspired by the Tamil film Vettaai. It featured Tiger, Riteish Deshmukh and Shraddha Kapoor in the lead roles.

Pushpa 2 Trailer Breaks Records Ahead of Global Release



Excitement is building for the highly anticipated release of *Pushpa 2*, which is set to hit theaters worldwide on December 5, 2024. The sequel to the blockbuster *Pushpa: The Rise* has already captured the public's attention, and the latest trailer release has only heightened the buzz around the film.

Released at 6:03 PM yesterday, the *Pushpa 2* trailer has broken records, surpassing 100 million views across all language versions within just 24 hours. This achievement makes it the fastest Indian trailer to reach this remarkable milestone, setting a new benchmark in the film industry.

Fans are eager to see the magic that director Sukumar and star Allu Arjun are set to bring to the big screen in this action-packed sequel. *Pushpa 2* promises to continue the gripping tale of Pushpa Raj, the charismatic and fierce character portrayed by Allu Arjun, with a high-octane storyline and captivating performances.

Produced by Mythri Movie Makers, the film boasts an ensemble cast that includes Rashmika Mandanna, Fahadh Faasil, and others in pivotal roles. The music for the film is composed by Devi Sri Prasad, with additional contributions from Thaman, Sam CS, and others, ensuring that the soundtrack will add to the film's powerful impact.

As the excitement around *Pushpa 2* grows, there are high expectations for the film to dominate the box office upon its release. With its record-breaking trailer views, stellar cast, and action-packed narrative, the film is poised to be a major hit both in India and internationally.

The unprecedented success of the trailer is just the beginning, and fans are eagerly awaiting what promises to be a theatrical experience like no other. *Pushpa 2* is ready to set new records and deliver a cinematic spectacle that fans have been eagerly waiting for.

Nayanthara looks ferocious in Rakkayie title teaser

Lady Superstar Nayanthara had a double celebration on her birthday today, as she not only marked another milestone in her illustrious career but also treated her fans to two major releases. The much-anticipated wedding docu-film, *Nayanthara: Beyond the Fairytale*, dropped on Netflix, offering an intimate glimpse into her life and the journey leading up to her marriage with Vignesh Shivan. Fans have eagerly been waiting to see this behind-the-scenes look at the couple's fairy-tale romance, and the film has already started making waves on social media.



Along with the docu-film release, Nayanthara also delighted her followers with the announcement of her next big project. Titled *Rakkayie*, the film's title teaser was unveiled, and it has already generated significant buzz. In the teaser, Nayanthara is seen in an intense, action-packed avatar, fighting off a group of ruthless goons who are threatening her daughter. Dressed in a traditional saree, she wields a large staff in one hand and a curved weapon in the other, exuding strength, power, and defiance. The teaser showcases Nayanthara's fierce and rebellious character, leaving fans excited for what promises to be a thrilling period action drama.

slated to hit screens in multiple languages. The collaboration between Drumsticks Productions and MovieVerse Studios brings together a talented team, and expectations are high for this ambitious project. The film also boasts a musical score by the acclaimed composer Govind Vasantha, adding to the anticipation surrounding its release. While specific details about the shoot and other aspects of the film are still under wraps, fans are eagerly waiting for more updates on this exciting new venture.

With both *Nayanthara: Beyond the Fairytale* and *Rakkayie* making waves, it's clear that Nayanthara's birthday celebrations are just the beginning of an exciting year ahead!

Directed by debutant Senthil Nallasamy, *Rakkayie* is set to be a pan-Indian release, with the film

Mohan Babu as Mahadev Shastri: Kannappa Pre-Look Released

Kannappa, the much-anticipated film from Tollywood actor Manchu Vishnu's production house, is shaping up to be a grand cinematic spectacle. Directed by Bollywood filmmaker Mukesh Kumar Singh, the movie is set to feature a star-studded cast that spans multiple industries, promising to deliver an unforgettable experience for audiences across India.

One of the most exciting elements of *Kannappa* is the presence of Collection King Mohan Babu, who plays a key role in the film. The director recently unveiled a pre-look of Mohan Babu's character, giving a glimpse of the powerful role he will portray as a Shastri named Mahadev. Fans can look forward to the full look, which is set to be launched on November 22, further building anticipation for this epic project.

Adding to the excitement, global stars like Prabhas, Mohanlal, Nayanthara, and Akshay Kumar are also confirmed to be part of *Kannappa*. Prabhas, known for his immense popularity post-*Baahubali*, is expected to play a significant role, while Mohanlal's inclusion will bring immense star power to the film.

Akshay Kumar, the Bollywood superstar, is slated to appear as Shiva, further raising the stakes for this high-budget project.

In addition to these massive names, the film boasts an impressive ensemble of talented actors, including Madhubala, Sarathkumar, Shivraj Kumar, and Aishwarya, who are all expected to bring unique dimensions to their characters. The film's promotional teasers and posters featuring intriguing characters like Tinnadu, Mundadu, Chandudu, Maremma, and Pila-Gilaka have already caught the public's attention, sparking a wave of excitement online.

The music for *Kannappa* is being



composed by Melody Brahma Manisharma, with Stephen Devasi handling the background score, ensuring that the film's music will be as captivating as its visuals. The screenplay, penned by renowned writers Paruchuri Gopalakrishna, Burra Saimadhav, and Thota Prasad, promises to offer a gripping narrative that will appeal to audiences across different regions and languages.

Produced jointly by 24 Frames Factory and Ava Entertainment, *Kannappa* marks a significant milestone for Manchu Vishnu as his first Pan-India film. With such a high-profile cast, a stellar creative team, and growing fan expectations, *Kannappa* is poised to be one of the biggest releases of the year, generating widespread buzz for its release.

Kangana's Emergency locks new release date

Kangana Ranaut's much-anticipated film *Emergency* is once again in the spotlight, as it prepares for its theatrical release on January 17, 2025. This historical drama marks Ranaut's second directorial venture, following her successful debut with *Manikarnika: The Queen of Jhansi*. However, the film has faced several delays for a variety of reasons, keeping fans and industry watchers on edge about its eventual release.

The makers have now confirmed that *Emergency* will be exclusively released in Hindi, promising an immersive experience for audiences. Despite this announcement, it remains to be seen whether the film will hit theaters as scheduled or face another delay, as the production journey has been far from smooth.

Produced by Renu Pitti and Kangana Ranaut under the Manikarnika Films banner, *Emergency* delves into one of the most crucial periods in Indian political history. The film is set against the backdrop of the controversial Emergency period of the 1970s, which was declared by then Prime Minister Indira Gandhi. Kangana portrays the



role of Indira Gandhi herself, a part she has taken on with great dedication and preparation. The role has drawn considerable attention, as the actress is known for her bold choices and fearless performances.

The film boasts an impressive ensemble cast, featuring seasoned actors like Shreyas Talpade, Anupam Kher, and Bhumi Chawla, who bring depth to the narrative alongside Kangana's commanding performance. With a historical subject like this, the movie is expected to offer an insightful look into the political and social turbulence of the era.

The music for *Emergency* is composed by G.V. Prakash Kumar, known for his work in both Bollywood and South Indian cinema. His score is expected to add emotional depth and intensity to the film's dramatic moments.

While the release of *Emergency* has been delayed multiple times, anticipation continues to build, and fans are eager to see how Kangana Ranaut brings this pivotal chapter of Indian history to life on the big screen.