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Tribals Allege Police Brutality in Pharma Land Row

Complaint that they were attacked by the government and Telangana police
It is revealed that the pharma company has nothing to do with the land
Complaint that villagers were attacked and sent to jail



TPN , Telangana: In a developing story from Lagacharla, farmers and tribal leaders have approached the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) and the National SC and ST Commission with serious allegations of police brutality and land acquisition issues tied to the establishment of a pharma industry in the region.

The farmers, along with BRS (Bharat Rashtra Samithi) leaders, claimed that they were subjected to violent attacks by Telangana police after resisting land acquisition for the pharmaceutical company.

They alleged that despite a nine-month-long

protest (dharna), their concerns were ignored, and they were subsequently arrested and sent to jail. Speaking to the media, the farmers made it clear that they had no intention of parting with their land for the pharma project.

They said the government's actions were oppressive and that they were being unfairly treated. One of the farmers shared that the police had barged into homes, cut off electricity, and physically attacked the tribal community. As a result of these alleged assaults, many tribals were reportedly forced to flee the area.

In their complaints to the NHRC and ST Commission, the farmers and BRS leaders emphasized that the land in question was vital for the livelihood of the local tribal people. They argued that the government's actions were inhumane, as the tribals depend on the land for survival, and they accused the authorities of attempting to forcibly transfer their land to the pharma company.

Further allegations include the signing of documents under duress and the filing of illegal cases against those who resisted. The BRS leaders also revealed that they had sought an appointment with the President of India to appeal for justice. Meanwhile, Congress leaders, including Government Whip Ramchander Naik, have also filed a petition with the National ST Commission, seeking urgent intervention in the matter.



Congress Hosts Indira Mahila Shakti Sabha in Warangal

The Congress Party is making huge arrangements for the assembly
The first assembly was part of the victory celebrations of the Congress one year rule
Ministers who inspected the assembly arrangements
Development of Warangal as a challenge to Hyderabad- Ministers

TPN , Telangana: The Congress Party is making grand arrangements for the Indira Mahila Shakti Sabha to be held in Warangal today. The event marks the first major assembly celebrating one year of Congress rule in Telangana, highlighting the government's development achievements under Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. Congress leaders including Ministers Duddilla Sridhar Babu, Konda Surekha, and CM's advisor Vem Narendar Reddy inspected the arrangements ahead of the event, which aims to showcase the party's efforts in transforming Warangal. Participating MLAs Kadyam Srihari, Naini Rajender Reddy, and KR Nagaraju, along with local Congress leaders, were also present during the inspection.

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KTR Slams Congress and Modi Over Lagacharla Issue

Revanth's dictatorial tendencies are for son-in-law's companies
Farmers have been agitating for 9 months but they are not paying attention
Inherited lands are being grabbed

TPN , New Delhi: BRS Working President KTR has strongly criticized both the Congress and the BJP over the ongoing issue in Lagacharla, Kodangal, where farmers are facing land disputes. Speaking to the media in Delhi, KTR accused the Congress-led state government of being indifferent to the suffering of farmers. He claimed that the Chief Minister was showing "dictatorial tendencies" in favor of his son-in-law's companies, with farmers' inherited lands being forcibly taken from them. Despite months of protests, KTR said local ministers and officials have failed to

address the issue.

KTR questioned why neither Prime Minister Narendra Modi nor Congress leader Rahul Gandhi have commented on the situation. He pointed out that Rahul Gandhi frequently speaks about issues in Manipur but has remained silent on the plight of farmers in Lagacharla. "Is this the protection of the Constitution that Rahul Gandhi talks about?" KTR asked.

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Shock for BRS: Dilip Kontam Arrested Again



TPN , Telangana : Telangana activist and former director of Telangana Digital Media, Dilip Kontam, has reportedly been arrested once again, causing a stir within the BRS (Bharat Rashtra Samithi) party. Kontam, a prominent critic of the Congress government on social media, was reportedly detained by the Task Force Police. According to sources, Dilip Kontam had gone to the CCS Police Station this morning in connection with previous cases filed against him by the government. Despite being granted bail in a prior arrest on September 5, Kontam has now been taken into custody once more.

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Opposition Intensifies
Focus on Kodangal as CM Maintains Silence

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Mahila Shakti Sabha in Warangal

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Speaking to the media, MLA Naini Rajender Reddy emphasized that the public meeting would be held on an unprecedented scale, fulfilling the promises made by the Congress government. He credited CM Revanth Reddy for his commitment to Warangal's development, noting that significant funds had been allocated to the district.

Minister Konda Surekha highlighted the scale of development under the current government, stating that Warangal's transformation would rival Hyderabad. "The previous governments only spoke about development, while we've delivered on our promises," she said.

Minister Sridhar Babu also spoke about the government's focus on infrastructure development in Warangal, including plans for Mamnoon Airport, the Warangal Master Plan 2041, and underground drainage systems. He mentioned that the long-pending Kaloji Kalakshetra would be inaugurated soon, along with a ₹30 crore allocation for the Madavedi of Bhadrakali Temple. Additionally, six Young India residential school complexes will be built in the district, with a total investment of ₹1,000 crore.

The event promises to leave a lasting mark, underscoring the Congress government's commitment to Warangal's growth as a key regional hub.

Dilip Kontam Arrested Again

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The Rose Party, a faction critical of the ruling BRS, has accused Congress leader Revanth Reddy of orchestrating Kontam's illegal arrest. The party alleges that the arrest is politically motivated, aimed at suppressing the voices opposing the government's actions.

The situation has sparked controversy, as Kontam's continued detention raises questions about the treatment of political activists in Telangana, especially those vocal against the current administration. Further updates are awaited as the situation develops.

KTR Slams Congress and Modi Over Lagacharla Issue

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The BRS leader also took a jab at Congress leader Revanth Reddy, reminding him of a promise made during the election campaign to bow down before the people if his party was given a single call. He suggested that the victims of the Lagacharla incident are willing to meet with Reddy and share their grievances, even in Delhi.

KTR further accused the BJP of playing "dramas" regarding the situation in Telangana, claiming the party was ignoring the real estate activities under the name of "Fourth City" in the region. He vowed to raise the issue in Parliament, emphasizing that the fight for the rights of Lagacharla farmers is not just local but part of a wider struggle for justice across the state.

Opposition Intensifies Focus on Kodangal as CM Maintains Silence

TPN, Avinash: The recent unrest in Lagacherla village, within Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's Kodangal constituency, has sparked significant political turbulence in Telangana. The incident unfolded when villagers reportedly clashed with government officials, including the Vikarabad district collector, during a visit to inspect lands earmarked for Pharma City. The situation escalated with the arrest of several individuals, including former Kodangal MLA Patnam Narender Reddy. Speculation about further high-profile arrests, including BRS leader K.T. Rama Rao, also surfaced but did not materialize.

Both BRS and BJP has since turned the spotlight on the Congress government, alleging that innocent farmers defending their lands were unjustly detained. In response, BRS leaders have taken proactive measures, including bringing families of the arrested villagers to the Telangana State Commission for Scheduled Castes and Scheduled Tribes to file complaints against the police and the administration. Furthermore, the party has escalated the matter to national platforms, appealing to the National SC/ST Commission and the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC) in Delhi.

Observers note that BRS and BJP seems intent on leveraging this issue to gain political mileage, especially as the controversy unfolds in Revanth Reddy's home turf. Meanwhile, Revanth's noticeable silence on the matter has raised eyebrows. He has been actively campaigning for Congress and its allies in Maharashtra, seemingly prioritizing his party's broader agenda over addressing the turmoil in Kodangal.

Congress supporters are urging the Chief Minister to visit Lagacherla

village and address the grievances of the locals, fearing that the BRS might capitalize on the situation to tarnish his image in the constituency. Memories of Revanth's defeat in Kodangal during the 2018 elections remain fresh, and many feel he cannot afford to ignore the growing tensions. As the opposition parties continue to push the issue into the national spotlight, the pressure mounts on Revanth Reddy to step in and resolve the matter before it further impacts his standing in Kodangal. Whether the Chief Minister will break his silence and take action remains to be seen.

BJP Calls for Immediate Action on Lagacharla Arrests

TPN, Telangana: BJP MPs Etala Rajender and DK Aruna have strongly criticized the Telangana government's handling of the Lagacharla incident, accusing CM Revanth Reddy and his brother of prioritizing pharma companies over the welfare of local farmers. Speaking to the media after visiting 16 individuals detained in connection with the incident at Sangareddy Central Jail, DK Aruna demanded the immediate release of the victims, saying they had been unjustly detained for over eight months.



Aruna questioned why CM Revanth Reddy has such a strong interest in pharma companies, alleging that officials had threatened farmers to seize their land by force in the Lagacharla village, despite their opposition. She pointed out that the farmers had boycotted the referendum, protesting the land acquisition for pharma companies. Aruna accused the police of mishandling the situation, with reports of violence and intimidation against farmers. She also questioned why Revanth Reddy's brother was allowed to visit the village while other leaders were prevented from doing so.

cerns, accusing the Congress government of conspiring against the farmers. He demanded an apology from the government and action against police officers who misused force. Rajender criticized the government's decision to hand over land to private companies rather than using it for public welfare. He also vowed to raise the issue in Parliament, stressing that the people of Telangana would not tolerate such "dictatorship" and would fight for justice.

Both MPs called for an end to the anarchy in the Kodangal constituency and demanded the immediate release of those detained in connection with the Lagacharla protests.

MP Etala Rajender echoed these con-

Minister Surekha Pays Tribute to Indira Gandhi

TPN, Telangana: On the occasion of Indira Gandhi's birth anniversary, Minister of Forest, Environment, and Devadaya Charities, Konda Surekha, paid tribute to the late Prime Minister, calling her leadership a testament to the power of ordinary women rising to extraordinary heights. In her speech, Minister Surekha highlighted Indira Gandhi's revolutionary decisions and exemplary policies that shaped India's destiny during her tenure.



Recalling Indira Gandhi's early political involvement, Surekha mentioned how, even during British rule, Indira had formed a "monkey army" to gather intelligence for Congress workers. She praised Indira's journey as the first female Prime Minister, noting that her leadership became an inspiration for generations of women in India.

Minister Surekha emphasized Indira Gandhi's landmark decisions, including the war with Pakistan, nuclear tests, bank nationalization, and social reforms. She recalled opposition leader Vajpayee's admiration of Indira Gandhi as Goddess Durga, symbolizing her courage and resolve.

Surekha concluded by affirming that the Congress People's Government is committed to women's empowerment, following Indira Gandhi's legacy. She highlighted the ongoing initiatives, such as providing loans to women self-help groups, aiming to create a self-reliant society in the spirit of Indiramma Rajya.

100% Tax Exemption On Electric Vehicles In Telangana

TPN, Telangana: In a significant step towards promoting clean energy and reducing air pollution, Telangana Transport Minister Ponnampati Prabhakar has announced the state's electric vehicle (EV) policy. The initiative provides a 100% tax exemption on all types of electric vehicles, including two-wheelers, four-wheelers, and commercial vehicles. Furthermore, EV owners will not be required to pay registration fees.

In a major move, the government plans to replace 3,000 existing buses in Hyderabad with eco-friendly electric alternatives.

The EV policy will come into effect on November 18, 2024, and will remain operational until December 31, 2026. This initiative is expected to significantly boost the adoption of electric vehicles in the state, setting a benchmark for sustainable transportation in India.

Minister Prabhakar stated that this policy is part of the government's broader strategy to transform the transport sector in Telangana. He credited Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka for their visionary leadership in making Hyderabad a cleaner and greener city.



The policy also outlines the introduction of electric buses in Hyderabad and Secunderabad.

Harish Rao: KCR Will Lead BRS to Win Again

TPN, Telangana: Former Minister and MLA Harish Rao, while participating in a cricket tournament held in memory of Telangana martyrs, made strong statements about the future of the BRS party and the leadership of KCR. Rao claimed that only the BRS party truly honors the sacrifices of Telangana's martyrs, highlighting how KCR's government has supported the families of the fallen heroes by providing government jobs and financial assistance.

He emphasized that under KCR's leadership, Telangana has become a leader in various sectors like IT, finance, and agriculture. "KCR has transformed the state into a number one performer, but within just 11 months of Revanth Reddy's rule, the Congress has taken it to the underworld," said Harish Rao, criticizing the current Congress leadership.

Rao also criticized the Congress for its broken promises, particularly the "six guarantees" made by Revanth Reddy. He accused the Congress of failing to deliver on pensions, education insurance cards, job creation, and scholarships, stating that not a single student had received scholarship money under their rule.

Rao further warned that the BRS would not tolerate any attempts to turn Musi into a real estate venture, declaring that "KCR will come in full form" and lead BRS to victory. He concluded with confidence, asserting, "The cup is ours in the coming days."



CM Revanth Reddy Announces Rs. 127 Crore for Vemulawada

TPN, Telangana: Chief Minister Revanth Reddy will visit Vemulawada on the 20th of this month to bless the people of the town and inaugurate several key development initiatives. During his visit, CM Revanth will lay the foundation stones for projects worth over Rs. 127.65 crore aimed at improving the infrastructure and facilities in Vemulawada.

from Moolavagu Bathukamma Teppa to Jagityala Kaman Junction.

In addition to these projects, the Chief Minister will virtually inaugurate the new SP office near the Collectorate.

In preparation for the visit, heavy security has been deployed in Vemulawada. Devotees are advised that darshan will be restricted from Wednesday morning until 1 p.m. to accommodate the events and ensure safety.

The sanctioned funds include Rs. 76 crore for the expansion of the Sri Rajarajeswara Swamy temple complex, which will enhance the facilities for devotees. An additional Rs. 47.85 crore has been allocated for road expansion from the temple to the Moolavagu bridge. Furthermore, Rs. 3.8 crore will be used for constructing a drainage pipeline

This visit marks a significant step in the continued development of Vemulawada, aligning with the government's commitment to improving infrastructure and services for local communities.





Only KCR's Family Benefits from Golden Telangana



TPN , Telangana: TPCC Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud criticized Chief Minister KCR, claiming that while the BRS government boasts about "Golden Telangana," it is only KCR's family that has reaped the benefits. Speaking at a party event, Goud questioned the legitimacy of KCR's claims of progress, stating that the real development had been achieved by the Congress party in the past.

Goud also took aim at the ongoing Kaleshwaram project, alleging that it was stalled under the current government's management, despite being initiated by Congress. "The project, which had not faced any major issues in 70 years, is now stuck," he said, suggesting that the BRS government had failed to deliver on its promises.

He further claimed that the opposition parties, particularly the BJP and BRS, were conspiring against the Congress. Despite this, he assured Congress workers that the party had the strength to challenge these conspiracies, urging them to demonstrate their power in the upcoming local body elections. Goud emphasized that the Congress government was ready to repair the damage done by KCR and asserted that Rahul Gandhi should become the next Prime Minister to restore national progress.

Goud's remarks also included a call for Congress activists to remain united and focused on winning back power for the people of Telangana.

Chakradhar Gowd Claims Harish Rao Tapped His Phone

TPN , Telangana : The investigation into the phone tapping case involving Congress leader Chakradhar Gowd is continuing to unfold, with new claims emerging from both sides. Chakradhar Gowd, who previously filed a complaint with the DGP and Jubilee Hills ACP, alleged that his phone was tapped during the BRS government's rule. He claimed to have received an alert from Apple about the phone tapping and submitted evidence to the police during questioning.

Chakradhar Gowd appeared before the Jubilee Hills ACP on Monday as part of the ongoing investigation. He asserted that not only his personal phone but also those



family if he did not comply.

Chakradhar Gowd has filed a case in the High Court regarding the phone tapping, and if justice is not served, he plans to approach the Supreme Court. Meanwhile, the police are continuing their investigation into the case, with further interrogations expected, including of former MLAs and officials allegedly involved in the illegal phone tapping activities.

of his family members—including his wife and driver—were tapped. Gowd further alleged that he was threatened by former DCP Radha Kishan Rao, who reportedly warned him to join the BRS or face illegal cases. He also claimed that the officer threatened to harm his

The High Court is expected to hear the bail petition of two key suspects in the case, Radhakrishnan Rao and Bhujangara Rao, on Monday.

DK Aruna Slams Revanth Reddy, Calls Him a Dictator Surpassing KCR



TPN , Telangana: BJP leader and Mahabubnagar MP DK Aruna made strong comments against Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, calling him a "dictator"

who surpasses even KCR in terms of authoritarian rule. Aruna's remarks came after she was prevented by police from visiting Lagacharla in Vikarabad district on Monday. The visit was aimed at addressing the recent attack on the district collector in the area, which has stirred controversy across Telangana.

Aruna expressed outrage at the police's actions, questioning whether there was any democracy left in Telangana. She criticized the police for blocking an elected MP from visiting her own constituency, calling the situation "atrocious" and accusing the state government of being oppressive. She also referred to the incident as an example of "Kondagal Revanth Reddy Jagira," implying that

Revanth was controlling the area with dictatorial authority.

During her protest, Aruna made it clear that she was not just an MP for the Mahabubnagar constituency, but for the people of Telangana as a whole. She accused Revanth of failing to maintain law and order in his own constituency, and challenged him to resign from the post of Chief Minister if he could not manage the state's affairs properly.

Aruna further demanded that Revanth should contest in Kodangal if he truly had the courage to face the people, calling him a "dictator" who had surpassed even KCR in his autocratic rule.

BRS MLC Calls Revanth Reddy a Dictator in Lagacharla Crisis



TPN , Telangana: BRS MLC Satyavathi Rathore has strongly criticized Revanth Reddy, accusing him of acting like a dictator in his handling of the land dispute in Lagacharla, Vikarabad district. Rathore claimed that the government is attempting to seize the livelihoods of farmers who have lived off the land for generations, forcing them to give up their land for the Pharma City project.

For the past nine months, farmers in Lagacharla have been protesting the land acquisition, but Rathore alleged that the government has resorted to heavy-handed tactics to suppress their resistance.

She said that officials cut off electricity in the middle of the night, blocked internet access, and even physically assaulted women protesters. Additionally, she claimed that 51 innocent farmers have been jailed under false charges.

Rathore referred to Revanth Reddy, who she called "Tirupati Reddy," as a dictator for his oppressive actions against the farmers. Despite the fear and intimidation, she vowed that the BRS party would continue to fight for the rights of the tribals in Lagacharla, alongside the National SC/ST Women's Commission and even the President, to bring justice to the victims and their families.

Minister Ponguleti Defends Caste Survey, Slams Opposition Criticism

TPN , Telangana: Minister Ponguleti Srinivas Reddy has dismissed the opposition's criticism of the ongoing caste census survey, calling it "meaningless." Speaking to the media at the secretariat, he emphasized that the comprehensive family survey is being conducted in a scientific and methodical manner. According to the minister, the survey aims to identify the specific needs of families and villages, providing valuable data to improve governance.

He likened the survey process to a "human X-ray," designed to capture detailed information. As of now, 58% of the survey has been completed, with 37% completed in Hyderabad. Minister Ponguleti confirmed that the survey is on track to be completed by the 30th of this month, with an estimated 16.14 lakh crore families to be covered. Ponguleti also highlighted that the data collected from the survey is being computerized for greater accuracy. He took the opportunity to commend MLC Kavitha for her contribution to the successful implementation of the survey program. The Minister urged everyone, including Chief Ministers and other officials, to participate in the survey, ensuring that even those who have not yet completed it are encouraged to do so.

Rajaiah and Kadiam Engage in Fierce Political Sparring

TPN , Telangana: The political rivalry between BRS leaders Tatikonda Rajaiah and Station Ghanpur MLA Kadiam Srihari has escalated with a series of strong allegations and counter-challenges. Tatikonda Rajaiah, in a recent statement, accused Kadiam Srihari of encroaching on forest and farmers' lands in Devunuri Hills, Dharmasagar Mandal. Rajaiah claimed that Srihari's actions were part of a larger pattern of corruption in the constituency.

In response, Kadiam Srihari has categorically denied the allegations, challenging Rajaiah to provide proof. He declared that if Rajaiah could substantiate his claims, he would resign from politics. Srihari also leveled his own allegations against Rajaiah, accusing him of involvement in fraudulent activities related to the Dalit Bandhu scheme. Srihari promised to present evidence of Rajaiah's alleged corruption to the media, stating that a discussion on the irregularities should take place to determine who



has the moral high ground in Station Ghanpur politics.

Tatikonda Rajaiah accepted Kadiam's challenge, stating that he was ready to prove his claims. Rajaiah also took a swipe at Srihari's political career, calling him an outsider to the region and questioning his legitimacy as a public leader. He emphasized his own roots in the constituency, claiming to have served the people of Station Ghanpur for four consecutive terms.

The ongoing war of words between the two leaders has stirred up significant political tension in the region, with both sides vowing to expose each other's alleged wrongdoings.

Laxman Slams Government for Failing Farmers and Youth

TPN , Telangana: BJP MP Laxman has criticized the Congress-led government in Telangana, marking one year since Revanth Reddy took charge as Chief Minister. Laxman claimed that the Congress government has failed to deliver on its promises, particularly the six guarantees made during the election.

He pointed out that while the Congress had promised to waive Rs. 31,000 crores of farmers' loans, only Rs. 17,000 crores were actually cleared, leaving many farmers still struggling with debt. Laxman highlighted that nearly 50% of farmers in Telangana continue to battle financial distress, with some even re-

sorting to suicide. He accused the Congress government of deceiving farmers, failing to implement schemes like Rythu Bandhu and Rythu Bharosa as promised.

The BJP MP also criticized the Congress for its unfulfilled promise of providing 2 lakh jobs within a year and unemployment benefits of Rs. 4,000. He alleged that the Congress has failed to address youth unemployment, much like the BRS government, which had faced backlash for job paper leaks.

Laxman concluded by saying that the Congress party is a "guarantee for corruption and scams," emphasizing the

party's failure to live up to its promises and accusing it of promoting family rule and hereditary politics.



Four Airports to be Completed in Four Years

TPN , Telangana: Minister Komatireddy Venkatarreddy has outlined an ambitious plan to complete four major airports within the next four years, starting with the Warangal Mamunur Airport. Speaking to the media, the minister confirmed that the No Objection Certificate (NOC) for the Warangal airport has been secured, and a roadmap for its completion in eight months is in place. The government has allocated 250 acres of land for the project.



Komati Reddy also mentioned that he will meet with the Civil Aviation Minister in Delhi during the first week of December to push the project forward. In addition to Warangal, the Bhadradi Kothagudem and Ramagundam Greenfield airports will also be developed as part of this initiative.

Further, the minister revealed that the construction of the Vijayawada highway's six-lane road will begin in January. Regarding the long-delayed Uppal Skyway project, which started in 2018, he assured that 30% of the work has been completed, and the remaining work will be finished within the next 18 months. Komati Reddy also stressed the importance of joint efforts between the state and central governments to complete the Regional Ring Road land acquisition works, which were announced in 2016 but have yet to be fully executed.



Twist in Lagacharla Incident: Officer Provoked Attack, Not Suresh

TPN , Hyderabad: The recent attack on officials, including the district collector, in Lagacharla of Vikarabad district has taken a new turn. While initial reports implicated BRS leader Suresh and former MLA Patnam Mahendhar Reddy, investigations have revealed that it was actually a government employee who provoked the incident, not Suresh.

According to sources, the attack, which also involved Pari-

gi DSP Karunakar Reddy, was not a spontaneous outburst from the villagers but rather the result of provocation by a local government official. The Individual in question, Panchayat Secretary Raghavender, allegedly incited the farmers and villagers to attack the officials. Raghavender, who worked in Sangayipally of Vikarabad district, reportedly urged the villagers to prepare for an assault on the officers.

In light of these developments,

Raghavender has been suspended by the District Collector and is currently in police remand. His actions have sparked outrage, with many questioning the role of government employees in escalating the situation.

The state government, which had initially taken the incident very seriously, has now reassigned Parigi DSP Karunakar Reddy to the DGP office and appointed Srinivas as the new DSP in his place. The govern-

ment has also arrested 17 people involved in the incident, including key political figures, though it is now clear that the root cause of the violence lies with the provocation of a government official rather than the actions of political leaders.

As the investigation continues, there are growing concerns about the influence of local officials in stirring up unrest, and authorities are under pressure to ensure accountability at all levels.



Hyderabad Metro Phase II Faces Major Challenges: MD NVS Reddy



TPN , Hyderabad: Hyderabad Metro Managing Director NVS Reddy has highlighted the significant challenges facing the construction of the metro's second phase. Speaking to the media, Reddy provided an update on the progress and hurdles in the ongoing project.

The second phase of the metro rail, spanning approximately 76 kilometers, is proving to be a daunting task, according to Reddy. He pointed out that private com-

panies are reluctant to take up construction work for the second phase, citing financial concerns. The construction of the first phase of the metro, carried out by L&T, resulted in significant losses. L&T incurred a loss of Rs. 6,000 crore on the project, and Reddy revealed that the company is now facing annual losses of Rs. 13,000 crore.

Reddy further explained that unlike in other states, where metro projects are largely managed by the state government, Hyder-

abad's metro project is struggling to secure financial backing. Banks are also hesitant to provide loans for the expansion of the metro system.

To address these issues, Reddy suggested that the metro project should be built through a partnership between the central and state governments. Despite these challenges, work on the second phase continues, with the hope that financial and logistical hurdles will eventually be overcome.

DSP Not Transferred in Lagacharla Attack on Collector Incident



TPN , Hyderabad: The attack on the collector and officials in Lagacharla, Vikarabad district, has taken a new turn as the government takes action in the matter. Contrary to initial reports, Parigi DSP Karunakar Reddy has not been transferred due to the incident. Instead, he has been attached to the DGP office, with Srinivas appointed as the new DSP for Parigi.

The incident, which occurred when officials were visiting Lagacharla village to gather public opinion on the establishment of a pharma company, escalated into an attack on the collector and his team. As a result, the Vikarabad Collector has decided to suspend the Panchayat Secretary of Sangayyapally in Daultabad Mandal, Raghavender, who is believed to have provoked the BRS leaders and contributed to the unrest.

The government has taken this matter seriously, and so far, 17 individuals have been arrested in connection with the attack. Authorities are continuing to investigate the incident, with growing concerns about the role of local officials in inciting the violence. The government's swift response highlights its commitment to maintaining law and order and ensuring accountability for those involved in the disturbance.

Tragic Incident in Miyapur: Missing Woman Found Dead in Tukuguda

TPN , Hyderabad: A horrifying incident has emerged from Miyapur, Hyderabad, where the body of an 18-year-old woman was discovered in the bushes of Tukuguda. The woman had been reported missing by her parents on November 8th, after she disappeared under mysterious circumstances.

The young woman had reportedly met a man from Ugguda through Instagram, and photos found on her phone suggest a connection between the two. Police are investigating the possibility of rape and murder. Initial suspicions indicate that the woman may have been sexually assaulted before her tragic death.

This incident highlights the growing concerns over the safety of young women in the region, as incidents of sexual violence and exploitation continue to rise. Authorities have launched a detailed investigation into the case, and efforts are underway to bring those responsible to justice.

MIM Files Complaint Against Pawan Kalyan

TPN , Hyderabad: The All India Majlis-e-Ittehad-ul-Muslimeen (AIMIM) has filed a police complaint against Jana Sena Party leader and Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan. The complaint, submitted to Hyderabad Police, alleges that Pawan Kalyan made derogatory comments against the residents of Hyderabad and the Old City while criticizing Indian culture.

In his public remarks during a meeting in Degluru, Nanded district, Pawan Kalyan questioned the unity of Hindus and expressed concerns about the potential weak-



ening of their community. "Some leaders in Hyderabad say that if the police close

their eyes for 15 minutes, they will show the Hindus what we are. We do not want such governments. Shall we be divided and weakened in this election? Let's stand strong together," Kalyan said, addressing the crowd.

The Hyderabad Police have responded to the complaint, stating that they are seeking legal advice before taking further action. The MIM leader, who filed the complaint, is demanding that a case be registered against Kalyan for insulting the people of Hyderabad and the city's rich cultural heritage. The matter is under investigation.

Chandanagar Ponds Under Scrutiny: Hydra Commissioner Takes Action

TPN , Hyderabad: Hydra Commissioner Ranganath recently visited the Bakshikunta and Regula Kunta ponds in Chandanagar division, where he was briefed by Anand Malligavad, known as the "Lake Man of India," on how these ponds were developed with minimal funds. The Commissioner inspected the diversion of sewage water from the ponds, evaluating the sewage treatment processes at the Aparna Hill Rock Gated Community's STP, which channels treated water into the canal. During the visit, locals raised concerns about the illegal occupation of land allocated for public pur-

poses in the Dipti Sri Nagar area. The residents accused certain individuals of attempting to privatize around 5,000 square yards of land intended for communal use. Responding to the complaint, Commissioner Ranganath directed local authorities to ensure that the land is not encroached upon. Ranganath also shared plans to develop 10 ponds in the Regulakunta and Bakshikunta areas as part of a phased development project. He assured the public that Hydra will take necessary measures to protect ponds and other public spaces, such as parks, from encroachment and misuse.



TPN , Hyderabad: In a significant development, the Income Tax (IT) department has launched raids on multiple offices and properties of Swastik Realtor Company in Hyderabad. The raids are centered on the company's alleged involvement in a land sale worth Rs. 300 crore to a multinational company (MNC) in Shadnagar, with no mention of the deal in the company's balance sheets.

IT officials, working in several teams, simultaneously searched Swastik offices in Begambazar, Banjara Hills, Chevella,

and Shadnagar. The operation also extended to the residences of the company's managers, Kalpana Rajendra and Laxman. The raids come after concerns were raised over the lack of transparency in Swastik Realtor's financial records regarding the large land transaction.

The searches, conducted under heavy security, aim to uncover potential tax evasion or fraudulent financial practices linked to the sale. IT officials are reportedly scrutinizing the company's financial dealings to ensure compliance with tax laws.

Sama Ram Mohan Reddy Creates Stir at Gandhi Bhavan Over Mirror TV Ban

TPN , Hyderabad: An unusual incident unfolded at Gandhi Bhavan, Telangana, recently when TPCC Media Committee Chairman Sama Ram Mohan Reddy caused a stir during a press conference. The controversy began when representatives from Mirror TV were denied entry into the press meet.

According to reports, a Mirror TV journalist questioned why their team was not allowed to cover the event, to which Rammohan Reddy reportedly responded, "Mirror TV is not allowed." Despite the journalist's insistence that they had come to cover the event, Reddy stood by his decision and instructed the Mirror TV team to leave.

This incident has raised eyebrows, as media coverage of political events is generally open to all outlets, regardless of their affiliation. The controversy has sparked debate on media freedom and the role of political figures in controlling press access. Rammohan Reddy's actions have been criticized by some, while others suggest it was an attempt to manage media narratives.

The incident has highlighted growing tensions between the ruling party and certain media outlets, adding a new layer of complexity to the political landscape in Telangana.

IT Raids Swastik Realtor Company Over Land Deal Discrepancies



960 kg Adulterated Ginger Garlic Paste Seized in Khammam



TPN , Telangana: In a major crackdown, the food safety department seized 960 kg of adulterated ginger garlic paste from a food processing unit in Khammam on Monday, November 18. The raid took place at the 'Magic Ginger Garlic Paste' manufactur-

ing unit located in Ricca Bazaar, Khammam Town, where officials uncovered multiple food safety violations.

The seized batches of ginger garlic paste were found to be inconsistent in quality and emitted a foul smell. Further investigation revealed the lack of an FSSAI license, a critical requirement for food processing units. The paste was stored near hazardous chemicals, detergents, and phenyl cleaning agents, raising serious concerns about contamination. Additionally, the product lacked the necessary FSSAI logo, and the operators failed to provide a satisfactory explanation regarding these violations.

The unit had been selling the ginger garlic paste at unusually low prices in the wholesale market, suggesting compromised quality. The food safety team is continuing its investigation into the matter.

In a related incident, Hyderabad police had earlier seized 1,500 kg of adulterated ginger garlic paste from a unit in Bowenpally, Secunderabad. Eight workers were arrested in that raid, although the owner remains on the run. Authorities are actively pursuing his arrest.

Left Parties to Visit Lagachar on 21st



TPN , Telangana: CPM State Secretary Tammineni Veerabhadram announced that the Left parties will visit Lagachar on the 21st of this month to protest against the state government's policies. Speaking to the media, Veerabhadram expressed strong dissatisfaction with the rule of Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, claiming that the promises made during the election, including the six guarantees, have not been fulfilled. He particularly criticized the government's failure to deliver on the "seventh guarantee" of democracy, which he alleged has been eroded under the current administration.

The Left parties' visit to Lagachar is obstructed by authorities, the movement will escalate across the state. He emphasized that the Left parties are uniting public organizations onto a single platform to coordinate future protests. Additionally, he revealed that a meeting of all Left parties is scheduled for the 26th of this month, where they will finalize their action plan for upcoming demonstrations.

The visit to Lagachar and subsequent actions signal the Left parties' increasing opposition to the current government and their commitment to intensifying the struggle for what they view as democratic rights.

Veerabhadram warned that if

Sridhar Babu Steps in to Resolve Brane Enterprises Employee Crisis



TPN , Hyderabad : Telangana's Minister of Information Technology and Industries, D. Sridhar Babu, has pledged to mediate a resolution for over 100 former employees of Brane Enterprises, who have been protesting over unpaid salaries and abrupt terminations. The employees, part of a larger group of 3,000, gathered at a public hearing organized by the All India Professionals' Congress (AIPC) at Exhibition Grounds on Sunday.

of luring them with promises of lucrative positions and then failing to pay salaries for months. Many of the employees, who were recruited from prestigious institutes across India, alleged they were terminated without notice after being hired in large numbers to present a strong workforce to potential investors.

Addressing the employees, AIPC Chairman Praveen Chakravarty condemned the company's actions, stating that it was not a case of business downsizing but

rather "deliberate manipulation and unfair practices." He highlighted the broader issue of unethical treatment of professionals in the IT sector, where employees often lack proper platforms to voice grievances.

The affected employees submitted a memorandum of demands, including the immediate release of unpaid salaries, settlement of Provident Fund dues, severance packages, and one-year medical insurance for their families.

Minister Sridhar Babu, who attended the hearing, assured the employees that he would summon Brane Enterprises' management and mediate a fair resolution. He acknowledged the employees' concerns and promised to work toward a settlement that would address the issues raised.

The public hearing marked a rare initiative by a political platform to address the grievances of IT sector workers, with significant backing from AIPC leaders and legal experts.

The workers accused Brane Enterprises

Tribals Protest Against Illegal Cases in Lagachars, Demand Immediate Dismissal

TPN , Rayaparathi : Tribals in Kodangallu constituency staged a massive dharna at the bus stand center in Rayaparathi Mandal, demanding the immediate dismissal of illegal cases filed against innocent tribal members in Lagachars. The protest, led by the BRS party, saw active participation from former Minister Errabelli Dayakar Rao and former Mahabubabad MLA Bhanot Shankar Naik.

Errabelli Dayakar Rao, along with the protesting tribals, marched from the bus stand to the Tahsildar's office, where they handed over a petition demanding the immediate release of the arrested tribals and the withdrawal of all unlawful charges against them.

Speaking to the media, Errabelli criticized the state government for its failure to implement key promises, including the six guarantees, Rythu Bandhu, and loan waivers for farmers. He accused the government of ignoring the welfare of tribals and women, stating that they were denied the promised financial assistance of Rs. 2,500.

Errabelli also took a jibe at Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, questioning his integrity and asking why he continued holding victory meetings despite the unfulfilled promises. He warned that if the cases against the tribal women are not dropped, the BRS would intensify the movement. The tribals vowed to continue their fight until justice is served.



Khammam Excise Police Dispose of 993 kg Ganja Worth Rs 2.48 Crore



TPN , Hyderabad : The Excise Department in Khammam successfully disposed of 993 kg of ganja, valued at Rs 2.48 crore, in a controlled destruction operation held on Monday, November 18, at AWS Consulting Limited in Gopalpet, Thalleda Mandal. The ganja had been seized across 54 different cases in the region.

The seized contraband included:

- 337.7 kg from the Kothagudem Excise Police (25 cases)
- 408.3 kg from the Palwancha Excise Police (15 cases)
- 52.5 kg from the Manuguru Excise Police (2 cases)
- 108.3 kg from the Yellandu Excise Police (10 cases)
- 37.5 kg from the Ashwaraopet Police (2 cases)

This disposal comes after a similar operation carried out by the Telangana Anti-Narcotics Bureau (TGANB), in coordination with the Cyberabad Police, where drugs worth over Rs 7.17 crore were destroyed. In this operation, a variety of drugs, including 2,286.679 kg of ganja and 87.518 grams of MDMA, were seized across 155 cases under the Narcotic Drugs and Psychotropic Substances (NDPS) Act.

The continued efforts by the state's excise and police departments aim to curb the spread of illegal drugs and reduce the trafficking of narcotics within Telangana.

TGMC Raids Expose 3 Quacks, Fake Medicine Sale Seized



TPN , Telangana: In a major crackdown, the Telangana Medical Council (TGMC) conducted raids in Kazipet and Hanamkonda districts on Sunday, November 17, exposing three quacks and the sale of fake medicines. The raids were prompted by a complaint from a woman who was hospitalized after receiving treatment from a quack.

During the operation, TGMC officials identified Bandi Sadanandam, who was running a first-aid center in Deen Dayal Nagar, Hanamkonda, along with Mittapalli Sambamoorthy and K. Prabhakar, who were posing as licensed doctors. In Kazipet, the team raided Veena Medicals and discovered the sale of Schedule H drugs—medicines containing high levels of alcohol—without the necessary prescriptions.

The TGMC has announced plans to file a formal complaint with the Telangana Drug Control Administration (DCA) against the accused. Additionally, the council has recommended shutting down the medical centers operated by these quacks.

Speaking to ****Siasat.com****, Dr. Anwar Miya, president of the Warangal Indian Medical Association (IMA), highlighted that these quacks prescribe medication without proper medical qualifications. He shared a case in which a woman seeking an abortion from one of the quacks suffered severe complications, resulting in the removal of her uterus at MGM Hospital in Warangal.

Over 7,000 Posts Filled, 4,998 Underway in Telangana Health Services: Minister

TPN , Hyderabad : Telangana Health Minister Damodar Raja Narasimha announced that 7,000 vacancies in the state's Medical and Health Services have been filled over the past 11 months, with recruitment ongoing for 4,998 additional positions. He assured job seekers that the hiring process is being conducted with full transparency.

The current recruitment includes:

- 2,322 Nursing Officer posts
- 732 Pharmacist (Grade 2) posts
- 1,284 Lab Technician posts
- 435 Civil Assistant Surgeon posts
- 156 AYUSH Medical Officer posts
- 45 Assistant Professor (MNJ) posts
- 24 Food Inspector posts

Minister Narasimha emphasized that all appointments would adhere to strict eligibility criteria, including written examinations, and government norms. He urged job seekers to remain vigilant against fraudsters promising jobs for a fee. "We are committed to fair and transparent recruitment," he stated. He also instructed the Medical Recruitment Board to investigate any fraudulent activities and assured strict action against those exploiting job seekers.

The Minister called on candidates to report any suspicious individuals to the police to ensure swift action against scammers.



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.



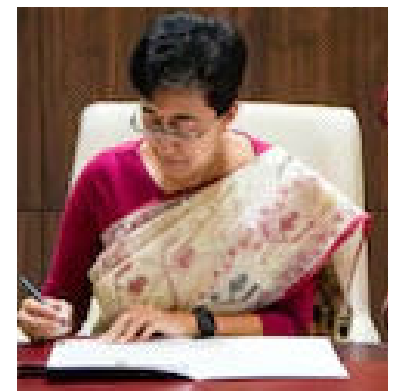
CM Atishi Blames BJP for Rising Pollution, Calls North India a 'Medical Emergency'

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).

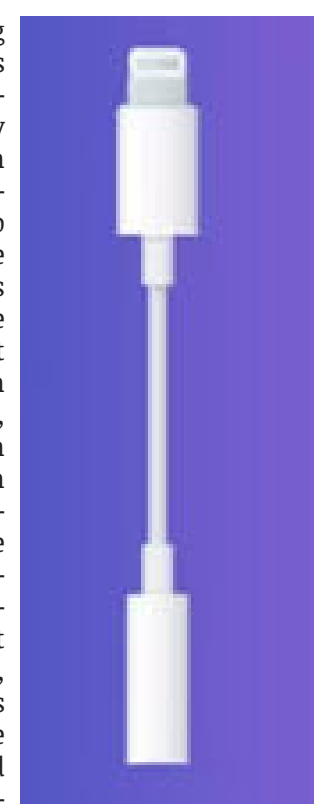
While the health benefits of spicy food

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.