

Weather Forecast

HYDERABAD

TEMPE	
RATURE	
H	29° C
L	16° C

VIJAYAWADA

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RATURE	
H	32° C
L	20° C

TIRUPATHI

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H	30° C
L	21° C

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Four Jobs were Lost in KCR's house in Ten Months



TPN, Telangana: Chief Minister Revanth Reddy strongly criticized BRS leader and former CM KCR during the Prajapalana Vijayotsava Sabha held at Hanamkonda Arts College grounds. He labeled KCR as a "Full Co..Half Co brand ambassador" and accused him of trying to retain power by keeping people intoxicated. However, Revanth claimed that the people of Telangana woke up and gave a resounding answer to KCR's governance.

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Lagacherla Tribals Stay in Delhi, Await President Murmu's Appointment

TPN, Delhi: The aggrieved families of the Lagacherla incident have sought an audience with President Droupadi Murmu to convey the hardships and injustices they have endured. Determined to make their voices heard, they have decided to remain in Delhi until the President grants them an appointment.

On behalf of the affected families, the Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) has approached the President's office for an appointment. In response, the President's office has requested detailed information regarding the reported atrocities against the Lagacherla tribals.

In their representation, the BRS outlined the alleged high-handed actions taken during the Lagacheria land acquisition process. This included midnight police raids, the alleged harassment of tribal women, and the illegal arrests of tribal men under charges of attacking the District Collector and other officials.

On Sunday, tribal women from Lagacherla arrived in Delhi and met with representatives from the National Commissions for Scheduled Castes (SCs), Scheduled Tribes (STs), and Women, as well as the National Human Rights Commission (NHRC). During these meetings

on Monday, the women detailed their plight, accusing the state government of forcibly acquiring their lands. They also cited alleged abuses by Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's brother, A. Tirupati Reddy, and the police.

The tribal families revealed that several male members of their community remain in police custody, while others have gone into hiding out of fear for their lives. The tribals hope that President Murmu's intervention will bring justice to their community and halt the oppressive measures being taken against them.

Relief for Patnam Narender Reddy in High Court

- Patnam Narender Reddy, on remand in the Lagacharla attack case
- High Court orders provision of a separate barrack
- Permission granted to bring meals from home



TPN, Hyderabad: Former BRS MLA Patnam Narender Reddy, who was arrested and remanded in the Lagacharla attack case, received relief from the High Court. The court directed the Jail Superintendent to provide him with a separate barrack instead of placing him in Charlapalli Jail in Hyderabad. Additionally, the court allowed him to

receive meals from home.

Meanwhile, the Vikarabad court has postponed the hearing on Narender Reddy's bail petition. As a petition to quash the remand order is still pending in the High Court, the bail petition hearing has been adjourned until next Monday.

Lagacherla Violence Accused G Suresh Surrenders

TPN, Telangana: One of the prime accused in the Lagacherla violence case, G Suresh, surrendered before the police on Tuesday, November 19. The police subsequently presented him in court, where he was sent to judicial remand. Suresh is listed as accused number two in the case, with former MLA and BRS leader P Narender Reddy named as accused number one.

The violence erupted on November 11 when Vikarabad Collector Praneeth Jain, Kondangal Area Development Authority Chairman Venkat Reddy, and other officials visited Kodangal to hold a public hearing regarding land acquisition for a proposed Pharma City project. The project, planned over 1,350 acres across three villages, has faced stiff opposition from farmers unwilling to part with their land. The officials were attacked by villagers protesting the project.

Following the incident, the Vikarabad police registered three cases and arrested 25 people, including former MLA Narendra Reddy, who was apprehended in Jubilee Hills and remanded. Suresh, accused of be-

ing a key conspirator in the attack, had been on the run since the incident.

Special police teams were deployed to track Suresh, and his surrender marks a significant development in the case. The police have filed a petition seeking Suresh's custody for further investigation. They have also cited the working president of the BRS party as a suspect, following alleged revelations made by Narendar Reddy during interrogation.

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Ten Months

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Revanth mockingly suggested that KCR should stay in his farmhouse, stating, “We will send the medicine ourselves and even pay for it.” He went on to criticize KCR as the “unanimous president of the drunkards’ association.”

He added that while the people of Telangana claim to have lost much in ten months, they have regained their lost freedom and independence. Revanth also alleged that four jobs were lost within KCR’s household.

Revanth lashed out at KCR for failing to waive off loans even after ten years in power, contrasting it with his government’s success in waiving ₹18,000 crores in loans within ten months. He questioned KCR’s absence from public life, asking, “Why doesn’t KCR come out if he loves the people?” and advised him to learn from Rahul Gandhi’s public engagements.

During his speech, Revanth emphasized the importance of Warangal’s development, stating that it would serve as a benchmark for North Telangana. He accused the previous government of using hired thugs to obstruct work and reaffirmed his administration’s commitment to creating opportunities for girl children and generating employment, boasting of 50,000 jobs created in ten months.

Revanth further claimed that the people of Telangana have placed their hopes in Indiramma Rajyam and reminded his party of their responsibility to support the public who have given them this mandate. He criticized the BRS government for not having a woman minister for several years and for taking a decade to complete Kaloji Kalakshetra. He praised Kaloji’s role in spreading the Telangana ideology and celebrated his government’s perseverance in completing the project.

FTCCI Urges Telangana Government to Hike GST Registration Threshold

TPN, Telangana: The Federation of Telangana Chambers of Commerce and Industry (FTCCI) has called on the Telangana government to increase the GST registration threshold from ₹20 lakh to ₹40 lakh, bringing it in line with other states in India.

FTCCI President Suresh Kumar Singhal emphasized that Telangana remains the only state maintaining the ₹20 lakh threshold, a policy that he believes places an unnecessary burden on small and medium enterprises (SMEs). He underscored the importance of revising this limit to foster a more business-friendly environment and support the growth of SMEs.

The issue was raised during an open house meeting on GST, organized by FTCCI’s GST & Customs Committee on Monday. Senior officials, including Sandeep Prakash, Principal Chief Commissioner of CGST & Customs (Hyderabad Zone), and Syed Ali Murtuza Rizvi, Principal Secretary (Revenue) and Commissioner of Commercial Taxes, participated in the discussions.

Representatives from 15 industry associations, such as CREDAI, the Bulk Drug Manufacturers Association, and the Telangana Builders Federation, were also present at the meeting. During the event, Singhal reiterated FTCCI’s long-standing appeal to Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy and Finance Minister Bhatti Vikramarka to raise the GST threshold. He stressed that swift action on this matter would enhance ease of doing business and provide much-needed relief to SMEs across the state.

Telangana’s Caste Survey Covers Over 65% of Households

TPN, Telangana: Telangana’s ambitious caste survey has reached a major milestone, completing 65.02% of its target by collecting data from 75,75,647 households out of the total 1,16,14,349 across the state as of Monday. This initiative aims to gather detailed information on social, economic, educational, employment, political, and caste demographics to guide future policy-making.

Mulugu district has emerged as the frontrunner, achieving an impressive completion rate of 95.3%. Surveys have been conducted in 92,928 out of the district’s 97,552 households, securing Mulugu the top rank among all districts.

Nalgonda district follows in second place, with surveys completed in 4,49,434 households out of 5,04,542, while Jangaon district holds the third position, covering 1,37,069 households out of 1,59,452. In the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) area, survey teams have reached 11,10,883 households, which accounts for 44.3% of the 25,05,517 residences in the region. Despite being a densely populated urban zone, officials are working to ensure the survey progresses efficiently. The survey is part of the state government’s efforts to create a comprehensive database to address the diverse needs of Telangana’s population and shape inclusive policies. Officials remain committed to completing this large-scale initiative on time, ensuring no section of the population is left unaccounted for.

We have Received Complaints on Ex-MLA Encroachments

Hydra Commissioner visits Aminpur Pedda Cheruvu

Ranganath assures investigation and action on complaints

Promises support to flood victims

TPN, Ameenpur: Hydra Commissioner AV Ranganath stated that complaints have been received alleging former MLA Katasani Rambhupal Reddy’s involvement in encroachment activities. Additional complaints have been made regarding encroachments on parks and roads.

Commissioner Ranganath visited Aminpur Big Pond at the request of locals. During his visit, he inspected Venkataramana Colony, Shambhunikunta, Ameenpur Pedda Cheruvu, HMT Swarnapuri Colony, and Padmarao Nagar border areas. He interacted with local residents

to understand their concerns.

Speaking afterward, Ranganath assured residents that Hydra would support the victims affected by flooding from the big pond. He acknowledged numerous complaints regarding the pond, including allegations that the Full Tank Level (FTL) has increased due to blockages and encroachments. He announced that a special technical team would survey the area, and based on their report, he would discuss solutions with the government to address the issues within three months.

Ranganath also revealed that

other areas under Aminpur Municipality have reportedly been encroached upon. He promised a thorough investigation into all allegations. He highlighted that Aminpur Municipality has a significant amount of government land, which has led to frequent encroachment issues. While restoring ponds remains a primary agenda, he assured that encroached roads would also be restored. He further stated that action would be taken against officials if found guilty of any wrongdoing.

Response to Local Complaints

Locals informed the Hydra

Commissioner about encroachments on their lands and reported that water from the pond had flooded their upper residences after being released through culverts. In response, Ranganath assured the formation of an expert committee to investigate the matter and prepare a detailed report. This report will be submitted to the government, and actions will be taken as per its directives.

The commissioner emphasized the administration’s commitment to addressing these issues comprehensively and restoring confidence among the affected residents.

‘Indiramma Rajyam’ Aims to Empower One Crore Women



TPN, Hyderabad: Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has announced that the “Indiramma Rajyam” initiative aims to empower one crore women by making them financially independent. The program, inspired by the vision of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, is a cornerstone of the state government’s efforts to advance women’s empowerment.

Speaking on the occasion of Indira Gandhi’s birth anniversary, observed as National Integration Day on November 19, the Chief Minister paid tribute to India’s first female Prime Minister. “Women are symbols of India’s strength,” Reddy quoted Gandhi, highlighting her legacy of reforms for the poor and women.

After returning to Hyderabad from an election campaign in Maharashtra, the CM emphasized that “Indiramma Rajyam” builds on Gandhi’s work by creating economic opportunities for women across Telangana. He also lauded the establishment of Indira Mahila Shakti Bhavans in 22 districts and praised the efforts of 4,000 women’s groups involved in setting up solar power plants, calling it a national model for women’s leadership in renewable energy.

Reddy reaffirmed the government’s commitment to empowering women, describing the initiative as a transformative step for gender equality and economic progress in the state. He concluded by extending wishes on National Integration Day, urging citizens to embrace unity and progress as values championed by Indira Gandhi.

Phone Tapping Case

HC Extends Interim Bail for ACP Bhujanga Rao

TPN, Hyderabad: The Telangana High Court has extended the interim bail of Assistant Commissioner of Police (ACP) Bhujanga Rao, the third accused in the phone tapping case, until November 28. Justice K Sujana, who had previously granted interim relief on medical grounds, continued the extension after Rao’s counsel cited his serious health conditions, including heart and kidney ailments.

Rao had initially sought an extension of his interim bail after his plea was rejected by the First Metropolitan Sessions Judge (MSJ) at Nampally, who directed him to surrender before the XIV Additional Chief Metropolitan Magistrate (CMM) Court. Considering the medical arguments presented, Justice Sujana allowed the extension and scheduled further hearings for November 28. In a related development, the bail petition of P Radha Kishan Rao, the fifth accused in the phone tapping case, was adjourned to November 21 for further consideration.

Bhujanga Rao’s legal troubles are



tied to broader allegations of forgery and land-grabbing. In September, the Cyberabad police’s Economic Offences Wing (EOW) booked him for cheating and forgery in connection with the illegal acquisition of 340 acres of land in Kukatpally.

The case originated from a complaint lodged by Mir Abbas Ali Khan, son of Nawab Mir Hashim Ali Khan, who accused several individuals, including SS Moynuddin, Srinivas Rao of Prime Properties, and Chalamalasetty Anil, managing director of Greenko Company, of fabricating documents to usurp his father’s land. Allegations against Rao include aiding these individuals in the forgery of property documents.

The High Court’s decision to extend interim bail underscores the legal complexities surrounding the case, with health considerations playing a pivotal role in the proceedings. Further hearings are expected to shed more light on Rao’s involvement and the broader allegations in this high-profile case.

Telangana HC Strikes Down GO 16, Declares It ‘Unconstitutional’

TPN, Hyderabad: The Telangana High Court has struck down Government Order (GO) 16, issued by the previous BRS government, which aimed to regularize thousands of contract employees, particularly in the education and health sectors. The court declared the move unconstitutional, sparking uncertainty for employees who had recently been made permanent.

GO 16 was intended to provide permanent positions to a significant number of contract workers in key sectors such as education and healthcare. The order

impacted 2,909 Junior Lecturers, 184 Vocational Junior Lecturers, 390 Polytechnic Lecturers, 270 Degree Lecturers, 131 Technical Education Attendants, 837 Medical Assistants, 179 Lab Technicians, 158 Pharmacists, and several others, aiming to regularize their employment and enhance workforce stability in these critical sectors. However, the High Court’s ruling invalidates these appointments, leaving regularized employees uncertain about their future.

The court found that regularizing contract employees through

GO 16 violated constitutional provisions. It also suggested that employees who had been regularized might need to return to their previous contract roles, a move that would result in the loss of benefits and job security.

Petitioners who challenged the order welcomed the ruling, stating it brings much-needed clarity on the issue. Meanwhile, regularized employees expressed their concerns over the potential reversal of their status, fearing instability and financial setbacks.

Officials have stated that further clarity will emerge once the official court order copy is received. The government is expected to review the judgment and determine the next course of action regarding affected employees.

This decision has reignited debates around the regularization of contract employees, highlighting the need for a balanced approach that respects both constitutional provisions and the aspirations of contract workers.

Harish Rao Questions CM: “Celebrating the Victory of What?”

TPN, Telangana: Former minister and BRS leader T. Harish Rao criticized the victory celebrations organized in Warangal to mark the completion of one year of Congress government in Telangana. He sarcastically remarked that these were not “victory celebrations” but rather “failure celebrations.” Harish Rao accused the Congress party of deceiving all sections of society and demanded that CM Revanth Reddy apologize to the people during the Warangal event. He also called for the immediate implementation of the Warangal Declaration and promises

made to women.

Harish Rao alleged that the state has regressed by ten years within just ten months of Congress rule. “Who would have thought things would turn out like this? The people have been betrayed by the Congress, as Prajakavi Kaloji had warned,” he said. He added that farmers were among the worst affected and criticized the Congress for holding celebrations at the Warangal venue to distract from their failures and cover up their shortcomings.



Harish Rao questioned CM Revanth Reddy, asking, “What exactly are you celebrating?” He pointed out that the farmer’s declaration made at the same Warangal platform a year ago

has yet to be fulfilled. He noted that the promise of a ₹2 lakh loan waiver for farmers has not been delivered, nor has the assurance of ₹15,000 to farmers and tenant farmers been fulfilled.

“An employment guarantee of ₹12,000 per year for agricultural laborers has not been implemented. The promised bonus for ten types of crops has turned out to be bogus. None of the nine promises you made that day have been kept. Is this why you are holding the Warangal Vijayotsava Sabha, Revanth Reddy?”

he questioned.

Harish Rao further criticized the Congress for pushing Telangana, which thrived under KCR’s leadership, onto a path of regression. “In ten months of your rule, the development of the state has gone back ten years. People from all walks of life are now taking to the streets in protest,” he remarked. Harish Rao expressed his views through a post on social media, where he continued to condemn the Congress government for its unfulfilled promises and lack of progress.

Is KTR a Chief Minister or a Minister?

TPN, Telangana: BJP MP Dharmapuri Arvind made controversial remarks, questioning whether BRS leader KTR is the chief minister in waiting or just a mantra. He criticized the Telangana government, suggesting that KTR should be arrested immediately without waiting for the governor’s permission. Speaking to the media in Hyderabad on Tuesday, Arvind alleged that the Kalvakuntla family was behind the attack on the collector in Lagacharla and described KTR as an “elegant scapegoat.” Arvind accused the Congress government in Telangana of being ruthless toward the poor, claiming that it is demolishing the houses of the underprivileged in the name of cleaning the Moosi River. He questioned whether the government has the courage to demolish even a single building in the Old City, pointing to an alleged bias in its actions.

The MP drew a controversial comparison between Revanth Reddy’s governance and Yogi Adityanath’s bulldozer policy in Uttar Pradesh. “There is a significant difference between Yogi’s bulldozer and Revanth Reddy’s bulldozer,” he remarked, accusing the Revanth government of deliberately damaging Hyderabad’s real estate sector.

Arvind also dismissed Revanth Reddy’s allegations that the BJP is supporting the demolition drive as part of the Moosi cleanup. Revanth had earlier criticized BJP leaders for backing the Sabarmati River cleaning project in Gujarat while opposing similar efforts in Telangana. In response, Arvind explained that during the Sabarmati River cleanup, the BJP-led government first built houses for the displaced and relocated them before proceeding with the project. He urged the Telangana government to follow a similar humane approach instead of targeting the poor.

Why reversing its stance on Pharma City and establishing it in Kodangal?

TPN, Telangana: BJP leader and Malkajgiri MP Etala Rajender made sharp remarks against Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy during a media conference today. He accused Revanth Reddy of contradicting his earlier statements on the Pharma City project, stating that during the land acquisition for Pharma City in Muchcharla, Revanth had made strong statements, but now his position has changed. Etala reminded the public that the Congress party, in its manifesto, had promised to abolish Pharma City. However, he criticized the Congress for failing to fulfill that promise and instead proceeding with the project in Kodangal, despite public opposition.

He said, “People are laughing at the Congress celebrating public governance today. Revanth Reddy is continuing to rule on the foundations of Congress lies.” Etala added that the public is increasingly discussing the government’s failure in various sectors. He also recalled that the previous government had attempted to acquire 19,000 acres of land for a Pharma City in Muchcharla, which the Congress had opposed at the time. Etala expressed outrage that farmers are now being targeted and harassed for the same project.

Referring to the Lagacharla incident, he questioned the Collector’s claim that there was no attack on officials. He criticized the administration for torturing farmers, identifying protesters, and allegedly using third-degree methods against them. “Farmers who have been protesting for eight months are now being suppressed, which is appalling,” he said. Etala urged the government to develop the Musi River along the lines of the Narmada and Sabarmati rivers, rather than demolishing homes and handing over land to real estate companies. He also criticized CM Revanth Reddy for his comments on Prime Minister Narendra Modi, questioning whether the CM had the stature to criticize the PM. Etala expressed concern over governance under Revanth Reddy, claiming that auto drivers have committed suicide and that liquor sales have increased, despite promises to abolish belt shops during the elections.

“Congress has lost its credibility. People are watching and will soon hold this government accountable,” he concluded.

KTR Criticizes Govt for Asking Apartments to Install Transformers

TPN, Hyderabad: Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) on Tuesday, November 19, slammed the Congress-led Telangana government for its decision to require apartment residents in Hyderabad to bear the cost of installing transformers to manage increasing power demand.

KTR highlighted that the Telangana State Southern Power Distribution Company Limited (TSSPDCL) had issued notices to apartment complexes with power consumption exceeding 20 kW, asking them to install

transformers at their own expense. Calling the decision a “Tughlaq move,” KTR accused the government of inefficiency in managing the city’s growing power needs.

The BRS leader stated that installing a transformer for an apartment complex costs around ₹3 lakh, translating to an additional burden of ₹30,000 to ₹50,000 per household. He criticized the government for shifting its responsibility onto citizens, remarking, “The government must enhance its infrastructure to meet growing power demand, not

impose such burdens on the public.”

KTR also targeted the Congress government for failing to fulfill its election promise of providing free electricity up to 200 units, alleging that it was now burdening citizens with a ₹300 crore expense instead.

“People already pay electricity bills based on usage. If increased consumption justifies this decision, will the government tomorrow ask citizens to build their own roads and pipelines?” he questioned.

KTR urged the government to reconsider the move and prioritize upgrading the state’s power infrastructure to avoid further public backlash.



Maxbien Pharma row BRS leader files ED complaint against Revanth’s son-in-law

Maxbien Pharma row

TPN, Delhi: In a significant political development, BRS leader Manne Krishank has filed a complaint with the Enforcement Directorate (ED) against Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy’s son-in-law, Goluguri Satyanarayana, alleging financial irregularities and conflicts of interest linked to Maxbien Pharma. The ED has confirmed receipt of the complaint, submitted at its headquarters in Delhi.

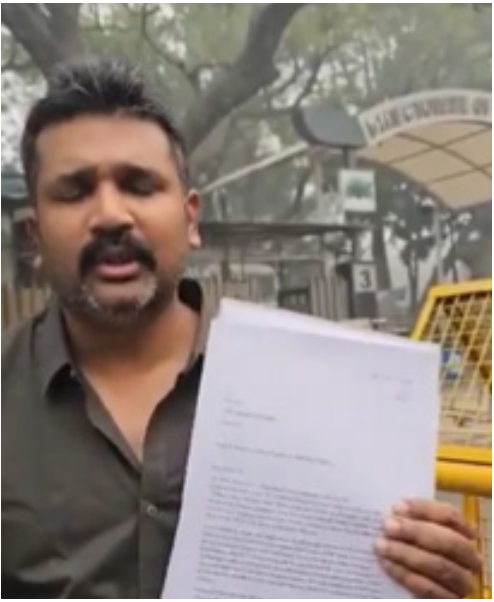
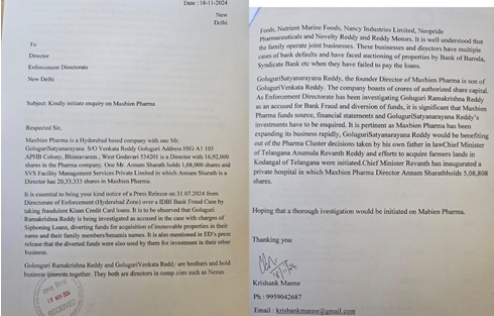
The complaint centers around controversial land acquisition for Maxbien Pharma in Kodangal, a matter that has already sparked protests from farmers unwilling to part with their lands. The issue gained traction following revelations by BRS working president KT Rama Rao, who alleged that Goluguri Satyanarayana, a director at Maxbien Pharma, holds 16 lakh shares in the company. Additionally, Annam Sharath and his firm, SVS Facility, collectively own 21 lakh shares, raising further questions.

Krishank also pointed to a potential conflict of interest involving a private hospital in Warangal, where Annam Sharath

is a shareholder. The hospital’s branch was recently inaugurated by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, fueling allegations of undue favoritism.

The complaint further referenced previous ED investigations into Goluguri family members, including allegations of bank fraud involving Goluguri Ramakrishna Reddy, who is accused of diverting crores of rupees to family members and businesses. Ramakrishna Reddy, along with Satyanarayana’s father, Goluguri Venkat Reddy, reportedly operates multiple businesses and faces multiple cases of bank defaults, with their properties being auctioned by institutions such as Bank of Baroda and Syndicate Bank.

Krishank urged the ED to investigate whether funds linked to past frauds were funneled into Maxbien Pharma. To support his allegations, he submitted shareholding documents, financial records, and an official ED statement detailing previous investigations involving the Goluguri family.



Once BJP’s Loudest Voice in Hyderabad, Raja Singh Faces Challenges Within Party

TPN, Hyderabad: The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) in Telangana appears to be reining in its controversial MLA from Goshamahall, T Raja Singh, once known as the party’s strongest voice in Hyderabad. Singh, who has had a tumultuous relationship with the party, now faces growing discontent within its ranks, and efforts are underway to weaken his influence in his own constituency.

To counter Singh, the BJP is reportedly planning to bring back Ala Purushottam, a prominent leader in the Goshamahall constituency who had briefly left the party last year to join the BRS. Purushottam’s return is being positioned as an alternative power centre in Goshamahall, where he enjoys considerable support. This move has reportedly unsettled Singh, who took to social media to announce his focus on public service and religious activities, while distancing himself from “petty politics.”

Singh has openly expressed dissatisfaction with the BJP’s decision to reinduct Purushottam. In the presence of BJP Rajya Sabha member K Laxman, Singh criticized the party’s move, further straining his relationship with the leadership. Sources suggest the BJP high command is unhappy with Singh’s disruptive tendencies, which have caused



internal conflicts and prompted the decision to bolster Purushottam’s position in the constituency.

The BJP State leadership has also expressed dissatisfaction with Singh’s lack of involvement in critical issues, such as the Musi river project, which significantly affects his constituency. While large parts of Goshamahall, including Chandrakiran Basti, Uppalamma Basti, Chudi Bazar, and Shankarnagar, fall within the Musi catchment area, Singh has remained silent on the matter. His decision not to spend a night in the flood-affected areas with senior leaders, including BJP State president G Kishan

Reddy, further angered the party leadership.

Raja Singh’s diminished role within the BJP became evident after the 2023 Assembly elections, where eight BJP candidates secured victories, compared to his lone win in 2018. Despite expectations that he would lead the legislative party, the BJP high command instead appointed Nirmal MLA A Maheshwar Reddy to the role, leaving Singh disappointed and fueling his ongoing standoff with the party.

Singh’s absence from the BJP’s parliamentary election campaign and major events, including the Musi Nidra programme, has further fueled speculation about his diminishing influence. His recent public statements about prioritizing public service over politics have added to the perception that his role within the BJP may be sidelined.

Singh’s controversial remarks about the Prophet Mohammad in August 2022 led to his suspension from the BJP. However, the suspension was lifted just before the 2023 Assembly elections, allowing him to contest again from Goshamahall. Despite this reinstatement, his relationship with the party remains fraught with challenges.

Hyderabad Emerges as India’s Fastest-Growing City Amid Real Estate Boom

TPN, Hyderabad: Hyderabad has cemented its position as the fastest-growing city among six major Indian urban centers, fueled by rapid infrastructure development and a flourishing real estate market. According to the India Prime City Index by Knight Frank India, Hyderabad leads the country in real estate growth, outpacing metropolises like Mumbai, Delhi, and Bengaluru.

A Decade of Consistent Growth

The city has recorded a Compound Annual Growth Rate (CAGR) of 10% in residential launches over the past decade, highlighting its remarkable progress in the real estate sector. Hyderabad’s growth is supported by a diverse economy



that extends beyond IT into pharmaceuticals and manufacturing, creating a stable and resilient economic base.

Strategic infrastructure investments have further propelled this growth. Projects like the

Hyderabad Metro Rail, outer ring roads, and an extensive network of flyovers and underpasses have enhanced connectivity, making the city a magnet for homebuyers and investors. The city’s well-planned development model

and government-backed projects underscore its potential to sustain its growth trajectory in the years to come.

Knight Frank Rankings: Hyderabad Leads the Pack

Knight Frank’s report places Hyderabad at the top of the list for real estate growth, followed by Bengaluru, Mumbai-MMR, Delhi-NCR, Ahmedabad, and Chennai. Each city demonstrates unique strengths:

- Bengaluru ranks second in real estate but leads in commercial occupancy, driven by its thriving service sector. The city boasts the highest workforce participation rate in India at 76% and the lowest unemployment rate among the six

cities, at just 1.8%.

- Mumbai-MMR maintains consistent growth across all metrics, reinforcing its position as India’s financial capital. - Delhi-NCR excels in physical infrastructure, with the Delhi Metro spanning over 350 kilometers and catering to a daily ridership of 6.8 million.

Hyderabad’s growth is further supported by its affordability, diverse economic base, and high quality of life. Unlike some other cities, its real estate boom is evenly spread across commercial and residential sectors. The city’s policies and infrastructure projects have made it an attractive hub for industries, businesses, and families.

“India’s emergence as a global economic powerhouse is underpinned by the exceptional performance of a select group of cities that have transformed into economic and cultural hubs. Each city offers distinct opportunities to advance sustainable and inclusive urban development,” said Gulam Zia, Senior Executive Director, Knight Frank India.

With ongoing investments in urban planning and infrastructure, Hyderabad’s real estate market is poised for continued growth. Its blend of economic diversity, connectivity, and a resident-friendly environment positions the city as a leader in India’s urban transformation, attracting homebuyers and investors alike.

School Bus Crashes Into Tree in Hyderabad, Students Injured

TPN, Hyderabad: A school bus carrying approximately 40 students met with an accident on Tuesday, November 19, after crashing into a tree in the Keesara area. The incident caused injuries to several students, who were promptly rescued and rushed to a nearby hospital for treatment. Thankfully, no casualties were reported.

The accident occurred while the bus was on its usual route, picking up students from their residences. Videos from the scene show the bus in a severely damaged condition, with parts scattered on the ground, highlighting the impact of the collision.

Locals in the area acted swiftly, assisting in the rescue efforts and ensuring the children received immediate medical attention. Police have since seized the vehicle, and the driver has been taken into custody for questioning. Authorities are investigating the circumstances leading to the crash.

This is the second such accident reported in the Keesara area, raising concerns about road safety and vehicle maintenance in the region. Parents and locals are urging authorities to take stricter measures to ensure the safety of children traveling in school buses. Further updates on the investigation are awaited.

Hyderabad Airport Achieves Record 2.4 Million Passenger Traffic in October

TPN, Hyderabad: Hyderabad’s Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) set new records in October, handling over 2.4 million passengers. This marks a significant year-over-year (YoY) growth of 21.7%, according to GMR Airports Limited (GAR).

Domestic passenger traffic experienced a strong surge, growing by 22.7% YoY, while international passenger traffic increased by 16.3% YoY. October 14 saw the airport record its highest-ever single-day passenger volume of approximately 87,000. Adding to its milestones, RGIA achieved its highest-ever single-day aircraft movements on October 20, with 583 operations. Passenger traffic has consistently surpassed the 2 million mark every month since October 2023, reflecting the airport’s growing importance in both domestic and international travel.



Telangana to Launch AI Advisory Council for Life Sciences by 2025



TPN, Telangana: The Telangana government has announced plans to establish an artificial intelligence (AI) advisory council for life sciences by 2025, marking a significant step towards integrating AI into the state’s growing life sciences sector. The announcement was made by IT Minister Duddila Sridhar Babu at the AI in Healthcare Summit: Road to Bio Asia 2025 in Hyderabad on Monday, November 18.

The nine-member AI advisory council will include four prominent figures from the industry, aiming to accelerate AI adoption among life sciences players in Telangana. Sridhar Babu highlighted the government’s commitment to fostering innovation and collaboration in this sector.

In addition, the minister revealed the formation of a ****Life Sciences Global Capability Centres (GCCs) Consortium****, comprising 40 life sciences companies operating GCCs in Telangana. The consortium will focus on enhancing talent, operational efficiency, and supply chain ecosystems, creating a robust support structure for life sciences organizations.

“As part of the consortium, three sub-groups have been formed to address talent development, improve operational efficiency, and strengthen the supply chain ecosystem, ensuring the sustainable growth of the life sciences GCCs,” Sridhar Babu said.

The consortium will also promote dialogue among the life sciences GCCs to leverage synergies and develop a pipeline of skilled talent through training programs and participation in curriculum development for science and engineering colleges.

The minister further emphasized the state government’s plans to improve infrastructure to maintain Hyderabad’s leadership in AI innovation. He highlighted the proposed “AI City,” which will house state-of-the-art facilities for AI research and development.

The initiatives reaffirm Telangana’s position as a hub for technological and scientific advancements, aligning with its vision of integrating cutting-edge AI technologies into the life sciences industry.

Demolition Drive in Telangana’s Suryapet Sparks Protests

TPN, Suryapet: A demolition drive carried out by civic authorities in Huzurnagar, Suryapet district, on Tuesday, November 19, led to widespread protests from residents. The operation, supported by local police, targeted illegal structures built on government land, prompting strong reactions from the affected communities.

Residents voiced their frustration, questioning the timing and purpose of the action. “How can you destroy the livelihoods of people who have been here for 40 years?” one protester asked, accusing authorities of targeting the poor and middle class while sparing influential individuals. Many alleged that the eviction drive was unfair and lacked proper planning or alternatives for those displaced.



The use of bulldozers to raze the structures has drawn criticism from various quarters, with activists and locals calling for an immediate halt to the demolitions. Protesters demanded that authorities address the issue through more equitable solutions, rather than displacing families who have lived on the land



for decades. The demolition drive has sparked a broader debate about the balance between enforcing land regulations and protecting the livelihoods of vulnerable communities. Authorities have yet to respond to the concerns raised by the protesters.

Hyderabad man gets laundry basket, not laptop; Amazon owes him Rs 97,388

TPN, Hyderabad: In a major ruling, the Ranga Reddy District Consumer Disputes Redressal Commission held Amazon liable for delivering the wrong product to a customer in Hyderabad. The commission directed Amazon to either deliver the correct product, a Lenovo IdeaPad Gaming Laptop, or pay a total compensation of ₹97,388, which includes damages for mental distress and legal expenses. The complainant, Banda Mallesh, had ordered the laptop in November 2022 for ₹56,990 through Amazon. However, instead of receiving the laptop, he was shocked to find a laundry basket delivered to his address.

Despite lodging multiple complaints with Amazon’s customer service and even sending legal notices, Mallesh received no resolution. Amazon denied responsibility, claiming that the seller, Appario Retail, was accountable and that its role was limited to being a marketplace. Frustrated by the lack of response, Mallesh approached the consumer com-



mission, alleging a deficiency in service and unfair trade practices. He sought compensation for the undelivered product, litigation costs, and damages for mental agony.

The commission, chaired by G. Chand-

raiah, reviewed evidence, including transaction records and correspondence, and found Amazon responsible under its “Fulfillment by Amazon” (FBA) service. The commission ruled that Amazon is obligated to ensure the proper delivery of products sold on its platform and cannot shift responsibility to third-party sellers.

Amazon has been directed to deliver the laptop to Mallesh within 30 days or pay ₹67,388, which includes the laptop’s cost and 9% annual interest from November 10, 2022, to November 19, 2024. Additionally, the company must compensate Mallesh with ₹20,000 for mental distress and ₹10,000 for legal expenses. If Amazon fails to comply within 45 days of receiving the order, the interest rate will increase to 12% per annum until full payment is made.

This ruling underscores the accountability of e-commerce platforms in ensuring consumer satisfaction and resolving disputes.

Lucky Escape for Two as Car Hits Electric Pole at Banjara Hills



TPN, Hyderabad: Two individuals narrowly avoided injury early Tuesday when a car crashed into a divider and struck an electric pole at Banjara Hills. The vehicle was traveling from Punjagutta to Banjara Hills to drop off employees at their office. The accident occurred near Manjula Jewels when the driver, reportedly speeding, lost control and drove the car onto the divider, colliding with the electric pole. Fortunately, both the driver and the lone passenger emerged unscathed, though the car sustained significant damage.

The traffic police conducted a breath analyzer test on the driver, which returned a negative result for alcohol. However, the Banjara Hills police have registered a case against the driver for rash driving. Investigations into the incident are ongoing.

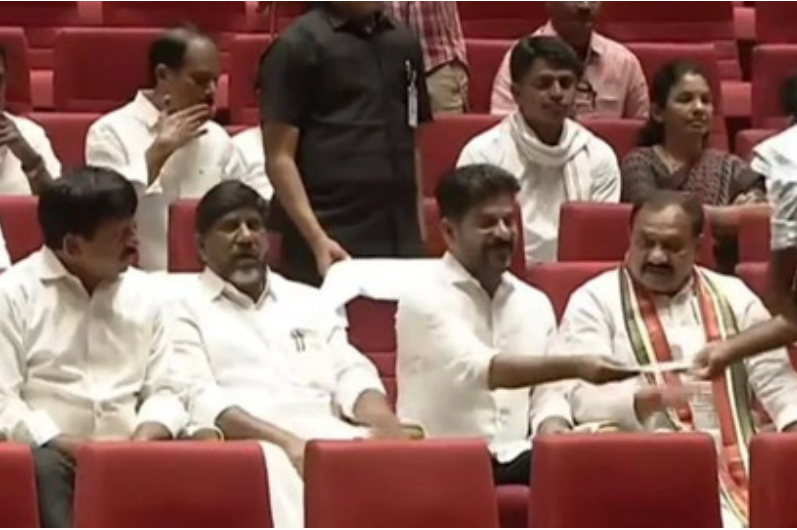
CM Revanth Reddy Inaugurates Kaloji Kalakshetram in Hanamkonda



TPN, Hanamkonda: Telangana Chief Minister A Revanth Reddy inaugurated the Kaloji Kalakshetram in Hanamkonda on Tuesday, November 19. The cultural centre, dedicated to the memory of renowned Telugu poet and social activist Kaloji Narayana Rao, is set to become a hub for art and culture in Telangana.

Before inaugurating the Kalakshetram, the Chief Minister

unveiled a statue of Kaloji Narayan Rao at its entrance, paying tribute to the literary giant's enduring legacy. The Kalakshetram, constructed on 4.25 acres at a cost of ₹95 crore, features a state-of-the-art auditorium with a seating capacity of 1,127. Equipped with advanced audio-visual facilities, it is an ideal venue for cultural programs, theatrical performances, and art festivals.



Developed by the Telangana Tourism Development Corporation and supervised by the Kakatiya Urban Development Authority, the facility spans 1.77 lakh square feet. The Kalakshetram also includes four mini halls for diverse events, an AC art gallery showcasing photographs, memorabilia, and awards of Kaloji, as well as landscaped gardens, streetlights, and a decorative fountain. Following the inaugu-

ration, a short film on Kaloji was screened, highlighting his contributions to Telugu literature, social activism, and the Indian independence movement. Born in 1914 in Warangal, Kaloji remains an enduring symbol of social justice, equality, and cultural pride in Telangana. His works, which resonate with themes of resistance and human emotions, continue to inspire readers and artists across generations.

Police Block Women's JAC Members from Entering Lagacherla



TPN, Vikarabad: Even a week after the unsettling events in Lagacherla, heavy restrictions remain in place across the village and its surrounding areas. On Tuesday, members of a Joint Action Committee (JAC) representing women's organizations were barred from visiting Lagacherla and Rotibanda Thanda to meet with the affected families.

Amid the standoff, allegations emerged that police officers tore the clothes of some JAC members during the altercation. Condemning what they termed government and police excesses, the JAC members questioned the rationale behind restricting them from visiting the village and interacting with the women there.

The JAC delegation, which included prominent activists such as Sandhya, Padmaja Shaw, Sister Lizzy, Jhansi, Anasuya, and Geetha, aimed to conduct a fact-finding mission. Their goal was to engage with tribal farmers, especially women, to investigate reports of alleged police atrocities and misconduct against them.

The JAC members claimed that multiple complaints had been lodged by women from the affected villages, detailing in-

stances of physical assaults and verbal abuse at the hands of the police. They emphasized that their visit was purely to gather facts and provide support to the aggrieved families.

Despite seeking prior permission from the District Superintendent of Police and consulting with MLC Kodandaram, the group was stopped by police at Tunkimetla village in Bomraspet mandal.

Although the JAC members assured the police that their visit would be private and not involve any media, the officers still refused to let them proceed. Frustrated by the denial, Sandhya proposed that police officers accompany them to the village to observe their interactions with the affected families firsthand. However, the request was again declined.

"If no wrongdoing occurred, why is there hesitation to allow us to meet the families?" Sandhya questioned, adding that the police's actions only fueled suspicions about their conduct in Lagacherla. The JAC members expressed concerns over what they described as police high-handedness, raising further doubts about the handling of the Lagacherla episode.

ACB Catches Anthargaon Tahsildar and Revenue Inspector Taking Bribe

TPN, Peddapalli: In a swift operation, the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) apprehended Anthargaon Tahsildar Vayyapu Ramesh and Revenue Inspector Sridhar on Tuesday, allegedly while accepting a bribe of ₹12,000. The arrest took place at the Tahsildar office.

According to sources, the officials had reportedly demanded the bribe from Alakunta Srikanth, a resident of Ramagundam, to perform a favor related to their official duties. Acting on a complaint, ACB officials laid a trap and caught the duo red-handed while accepting the money.

Both officials are now in ACB custody, and further investigations are underway to determine the extent of their involvement in corrupt practices. The incident has sparked outrage among locals, who have called for stricter measures to curb corruption in government offices.

Auto Driver Attacks Former Nizamabad Mayor's Husband

TPN, Nizamabad: Dandu Chandrasekhar, husband of former Nizamabad Mayor and BRS leader Dandu Neethu Kiran, was brutally attacked by an autorickshaw driver at a local corporator's office in Nizamabad on Monday. Chandrasekhar sustained severe head injuries in the assault and was immediately admitted to a hospital for treatment.

The incident, which has sparked local outrage, was confirmed by the Nizamabad Fifth Town Circle Inspector. The accused, identified as Shaik Rasool, attacked Chandrasekhar following a heated argument over a land dispute. A case has been registered against Rasool, and an investigation is currently underway.

In a video released by Shaik Rasool, he admitted to the attack, claiming that it was a result of prolonged frustration. Rasool alleged that Chandrasekhar and his associate Gopal had

encroached upon his land and were demanding ₹2 lakh to vacate it. "My land has been occupied by this gang for the last three years. Despite repeated requests, they refused to release my land and have been threatening me. When I met Chandrasekhar to plead for my land, he and his followers insulted me. In a fit of rage, I attacked him. If I hadn't, they might have killed me," Rasool stated. Rasool further identified himself as a Congress supporter and appealed to party leaders for support in reclaiming his land. A video of Chandrasekhar lying injured on the ground, being assisted by bystanders before being rushed to the hospital, has since gone viral on social media.

This incident has drawn attention to ongoing land disputes in the area, with many questioning the use of power and influence in such matters. The police continue to investigate the claims and circumstances surrounding the assault.

Gold Heist in Warangal: Jewellery Worth ₹10 Crore Stolen from SBI



TPN, Warangal: In a major heist, thieves stole gold jewellery worth approximately ₹10 crore from the State Bank of India (SBI) branch in Rayaparthi Mandal late on Monday night.

According to initial reports, the burglars gained entry into the bank by cutting a window with a gas cutter. Once inside, they broke open several lockers and fled with the gold jewellery. The

crime was discovered on Tuesday morning when bank employees arrived to find the door ajar and the lockers broken.

The bank manager immediately filed a complaint with the police. Investigators are analyzing CCTV footage from the surrounding areas to identify the culprits. Fingerprint experts are also assisting the police in gathering evidence to track down the perpetrators.

The incident has raised concerns about bank security in the region, with authorities urging swift action to apprehend those responsible. Further updates are awaited as the investigation progresses.

Sanjay Murthy Appointed as New chief of CAG First Telugu Person to Hold the Position

Current CAG chief Girish Chandra Murmu's tenure is coming to an end
Sanjay Murthy, currently in Central Services, appointed as the new CAG
His father, KSR Murthy, is a former MP from Amalapuram

TPN, Delhi: Kondru Sanjay Murthy from Andhra Pradesh has been appointed as the Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG), making history as the first Telugu person to hold this prestigious position. The Center announced that President Draupadi Murmu appointed him as the 15th CAG. Sanjay Murthy is the son of KSR Murthy, a former Amalapuram MP who represented Congress in the Lok Sabha in 1996. KSR Murthy previously served as an IAS officer and held senior positions in the Central Government.

Sanjay Murthy was born on December 24, 1964, and completed his Mechanical Engineering degree. In 1989, he was selected as an IAS officer in

the Himachal Pradesh cadre. Currently, he serves in Central Services as the National Higher Education Secretary, a position he has held since September 2021. He has played a pivotal role in implementing the New Education Policy introduced by the Central Government.

Murthy's appointment as CAG comes as recognition of his exemplary service. He was set to retire next month, but the government acknowledged his contributions and entrusted him with this significant role. He will hold the position for a maximum tenure of six years or until he reaches the age of 65, whichever comes first.

The tenure of the current CAG, Gir-



ish Chandra Murmu, will conclude shortly, paving the way for Sanjay Murthy to assume office. This marks a proud moment for Andhra Pradesh and the Telugu community, as Murthy becomes the first from the region to lead the CAG.

Congress Leaders Pay Tributes to Indira Gandhi on her Birth Anniversary



TPN, Hyderabad: Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka and Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (PCC) Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud led tributes to the late Prime Minister Indira Gandhi on her birth anniversary at Gandhi Bhavan on Sunday. A solemn ceremony was held at the Congress headquarters, where leaders paid floral tributes

to Indira Gandhi's portrait, remembering her contributions to the nation.

Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka highlighted Gandhi's visionary leadership and her role in shaping modern India. He described her as a beacon of strength and a champion of social justice, whose policies continue to inspire generations.

PCC Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud called Indira Gandhi a symbol of courage and determination, emphasizing her pivotal role in promoting economic self-reliance and empowering women. Senior Congress leader Geetha Reddy, MLA Danam Nagender, and MP Anil Kumar Yadav also participated in the event, reflecting on Gandhi's legacy and her lasting impact on the nation's socio-political fabric.

The event concluded with a collective pledge by the leaders to uphold the values of unity, secularism, and progress that Indira Gandhi championed throughout her tenure as Prime Minister.

Ukraine's Deployment of ATACMS Missiles Inside Russia Sparks Global Concern



In a dramatic escalation of the ongoing conflict, Ukraine has reportedly fired MGM-140 ATACMS (Army Tactical Missile Systems) missiles at targets inside Russian territory. This marks the first use of the U.S.-supplied long-range missile system in direct strikes against Russia, signaling a significant shift in the dynamics of the war. Initial reports indicate that the missiles targeted Russian military positions in the Kursk region, a known hub of Russian military activity.

What is ATACMS?

The Army Tactical Missile System (ATACMS), developed by U.S. defense giant Lockheed Martin, is a long-range, guided missile system designed to enhance battlefield capabilities. ATACMS missiles boast a range of up to 300 kilometers (186 miles), allowing them to engage targets well beyond the reach of conventional artillery.

Equipped with a state-of-the-art guidance system featuring GPS capabilities, ATACMS ensures precise targeting of strategic assets. The missile system is versatile, offering configurations for different combat scenarios. Variants include:

- Cluster Munition Warhead: Releases hundreds of smaller bomblets, effective against lightly armored units and troop concentrations.
- Single High-Explosive Warhead: Capable of destroying hardened targets and larger structures.

The system's adaptability is further enhanced by its compatibility with platforms like HIMARS (High Mobility Artillery Rocket System) and MLRS (Multiple Launch Rocket System), making it a key tool in modern warfare.

ATACMS has a proven combat record, having been deployed during the Gulf War in 1991, where it demonstrated its effectiveness in disrupting enemy operations.

Ukraine's Strategic Move

The decision to use ATACMS against Russian targets is seen as a bold move by Ukraine to counteract ongoing missile attacks on its infrastructure by Russian forces. The Kursk region, a focal point of Russian military concentration, was reportedly chosen to disrupt logistics and complicate operational capabilities for Russian commanders.

By striking deep into Russian territory, Ukraine aims to force Russian forces to relocate key assets, thereby reducing their effectiveness in the region. This strategy could potentially weaken Russia's offensive posture and provide Ukraine with a tactical advantage.

Geopolitical and Military Implications

The use of ATACMS by Ukraine has drawn a sharp response from Russian officials. Moscow views these strikes as a direct attack on its sovereignty, raising concerns about a significant escalation in hostilities.

Russia has warned that such actions, especially involving Western-supplied weapons, could be interpreted as NATO's direct involvement in the conflict.

This perception has far-reaching implications. If Russia escalates its military posture in response, the conflict could spill over into a broader confrontation, potentially involving NATO countries. Such a scenario would drastically increase the scale of violence and casualties.

The Biden administration's decision to greenlight the use of ATACMS in Ukraine highlights the West's commitment to supporting Kyiv. However, it also underscores the risks of further intensifying an already volatile situation.

Escalation Risks and Humanitarian Concerns

The deployment of long-range missile systems like ATACMS introduces new risks in the conflict. Strikes deep into Russian territory may provoke retaliatory actions that could result in a higher number of casualties, both military and civilian.

In areas like Kursk, which has seen significant military activity, the likelihood of collateral damage increases. Civilians living near targeted sites may face heightened risks, exacerbating the already dire humanitarian crisis in the region.

Furthermore, the introduction of advanced Western weaponry adds a new dimension to the conflict, potentially prolonging the hostilities. With both sides likely to harden their stances, the possibility of peace talks or a ceasefire appears increasingly remote.

A New Threshold in the Conflict

Ukraine's use of ATACMS marks a significant threshold in the war. By deploying long-range missiles to strike inside Russia, Kyiv is sending a clear message about its determination to defend itself and disrupt Russian operations. However, this move also risks escalating the conflict to unprecedented levels, with potentially catastrophic consequences.

As the conflict intensifies, the international community faces growing pressure to intervene diplomatically. The use of advanced weaponry like ATACMS underscores the urgent need for renewed efforts to de-escalate tensions and find a path to peace.

Conclusion

The firing of ATACMS missiles into Russian territory represents a pivotal moment in the Ukraine-Russia conflict. While it enhances Ukraine's defensive capabilities and disrupts Russian operations, it also raises the stakes, threatening to widen the war. The situation demands careful navigation by all parties involved, as any misstep could lead to a broader and bloodier confrontation. For now, the world watches with bated breath as the implications of this escalation continue to unfold.



The Industrial Revolution and the Decline of India's Cotton Industry

In the 17th and 18th centuries, India stood as the global leader in cotton production, exporting both raw fiber and intricately manufactured textiles. Renowned for their vibrant patterns and exceptional quality, Indian cotton fabrics, particularly the calico print, were highly sought after in international markets. However, the advent of the Industrial Revolution and British policies drastically altered the fortunes of India's once-thriving cotton industry.

The Rise and Fall of Indian Cotton

Indian cotton fabrics were unmatched in their diversity, with artisans producing colorful, patterned textiles like chintz, calico, and muslin. However, the British Government's introduction of the 'Calico Act' in 1721 banned the use of chintz and printed cotton textiles in England. This legislation was aimed at protecting England's domestic textile industry from Indian competition.

Ironically, even as the British imposed this ban, English producers copied Indian designs and reproduced them on white muslin imported from India. Despite their dependence on Indian raw materials and designs, the English textile industry gained a competitive edge with the advent of mechanization during the Industrial Revolution.

Impact of Mechanization

The Industrial Revolution brought

groundbreaking inventions like James Hargreaves' spinning jenny, Samuel Crompton's mule, and Richard Arkwright's water-powered frame. These innovations transformed textile production, allowing factories in England to produce cloth more efficiently, with less labor and at a significantly lower cost.

As Britain became the leading industrial power, the effects rippled across its colonies. Indian weavers, unable to compete with the cheaper, mass-produced textiles from England, suffered immensely. The East India Company played a pivotal role in consolidating British control over India's cotton trade.

Exploitation by the East India Company

To ensure a steady supply of raw materials and eliminate competition, the East India Company introduced exploitative practices that devastated India's local textile industry. They employed 'gomasthas'—paid agents tasked with supervising weavers, procuring materials, and preventing them from selling to other buyers.

Simultaneously, high duties were imposed on Indian textiles exported to Britain, making them less competitive in foreign markets. This dual approach—controlling raw material supply and restricting market access—crippled India's cotton industry and left thousands of skilled weavers unemployed.

The Shift to American Cotton

Maharashtra: Will Exit Polls Challenge Assumptions This Time?

As exit polls for Maharashtra were unveiled on November 20, they are likely to tread cautiously, forecasting a tight race or providing wide margins to claim accuracy regardless of the winner. Recent trends suggest a close contest between the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) and the Mahayuti, as highlighted by a Lokniti-CSDS survey conducted in late September and early October. The survey indicated narrowing gaps between the alliances, with the Mahayuti benefitting from welfare schemes like the Laadki Bahin Yojana, which bolstered support among women voters. However, the final outcome hinges on the intensity of the campaign battles and ground realities.

A Heated Campaign and Local Focus

Both alliances faced challenges in seat distribution and candidate selection, with rebels emerging as a concern for both sides. Despite these hurdles, vigorous campaigns led by national leaders emphasized local issues, reflecting the hyper-local nature of the contest. Maharashtra's history of varied results in assembly and national polls reinforces the importance of regional dynamics. In the 2019 Lok Sabha polls, the NDA won over 230 assembly segments, but this dropped to 161 in the subsequent state elections. Similarly, the MVA gained a lead of



23 assembly seats in the 2024 Lok Sabha election when translated into assembly terms, highlighting the significance of socio-cultural factors in state polls.

Key Variables Shaping the Battle

Several critical factors are shaping the Maharashtra assembly elections. First, the variation in seat allocations among alliance partners could play a decisive role. In the Mahayuti, the BJP is contesting 148 of the 288 seats, while the Shiv Sena (Shinde) and the Ajit Pawar-led NCP are fielding candidates in 85 and 55 seats, respectively. This places a significant burden on the BJP's performance for the alliance's success.

In the MVA, Congress is contesting 100 seats, followed by Shiv Sena (Uddhav) with 90 and the Sharad Pawar-led NCP with 85. The alliance's prospects depend on strong performances from at least two, if not all, of its constituents.

A Verdict on Legacies

By the early 1800s, Britain began sourcing large quantities of cotton from America, where longer and more durable fibers suited the new machines in Lancashire mills. American cotton was also cheaper, largely due to the extensive use of enslaved labor in its cultivation.

The raw cotton was shipped to textile mills in England, where it was transformed into finished goods and then exported to markets, including India. The cycle was highly profitable for Britain but devastating for India's economy. The East India Company effectively turned India into a captive market for British textiles, ensuring maximum profits while stifling local industries.

Legacy of Decline

The decline of India's cotton industry under British rule is a stark reminder of the exploitative practices of colonial powers during the Industrial Revolution. Once a symbol of Indian craftsmanship and economic strength, the industry was systematically dismantled through a combination of legislation, mechanization, and monopolistic trade practices.

The story of India's cotton industry highlights the profound impact of the Industrial Revolution on global trade dynamics and colonial economies, serving as a cautionary tale of how technological advancements, when coupled with exploitative policies, can devastate traditional industries and livelihoods.

The assembly elections are also seen as a referendum on the legitimacy of the Shiv Sena and NCP factions. In the 2024 Lok Sabha polls, Sharad Pawar's faction of the NCP emerged stronger, winning eight of the ten seats it contested, while the Ajit Pawar faction secured only one of four. For the Shiv Sena, Uddhav Thackeray's group won nine out of 21 seats, while the Eknath Shinde faction claimed seven out of 15. The assembly results will likely be the definitive verdict on which factions voters perceive as the true inheritors of these parties' legacies.

The Role of Social Coalitions

Both alliances are vying to create winning social coalitions. The Mahayuti appears to have OBC support, while the Dalit vote is split. Tribal and Muslim voters seem inclined toward the MVA, but the Maratha vote could swing either way, making it a crucial factor. The alliance that successfully consolidates these social groups will have a decisive edge.



Linguistic Tyranny: MK Stalin As LIC Website Switches To Hindi In Tamil Nadu

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin has sharply criticized the Life Insurance Corporation of India's (LIC) decision to switch to Hindi on its website, calling it a "propaganda tool for Hindi imposition." He demanded an immediate reversal, referring to the move as "linguistic tyranny." Stalin voiced his concerns on social media, expressing dissatisfaction that even the option to choose English on the LIC website is displayed in Hindi.

Stalin's criticism highlights the ongoing tensions around language imposition in India, particularly in Tamil Nadu, which has a long history of anti-Hindi sentiment. He emphasized that institutions like LIC, which cater to people from diverse linguistic backgrounds, should not favor one language over others. He pointed out that customers from Tamil Nadu, who make up a significant portion of LIC's clientele, are being inconvenienced by the Hindi-centric changes on the website.

Dr. S. Ramadoss, founder of the Pattali Makkal Katchi (PMK), also voiced strong opposition to the move, criticizing LIC for not respecting the linguistic diversity of India. He pointed out that products sold in Tamil Nadu are often labeled in Tamil or English, but the LIC website's preference for Hindi is an affront to non-Hindi-speaking customers. Ramadoss insisted that the homepage of LIC's website should immediately revert to English to accommodate all of its users.

This controversy comes at a time when Tamil Nadu's resistance to Hindi imposition continues to be a political issue. Stalin had previously criticized Tamil Nadu Governor RN Ravi for allegedly undermining the Dravidian culture, and the state has opposed the three-language formula proposed in the new education policy, which would require students to learn Hindi as a third language.

Vladimir Putin to Visit India Soon for Talks with PM Modi

Russian President Vladimir Putin is set to visit India in the near future, with the Kremlin confirming that the two countries are currently finalizing the dates for the visit. During his trip, President Putin is expected to meet Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi in New Delhi. The visit follows a recent meeting between the two leaders during Prime Minister Modi's trip to Kazan, Russia, for the BRICS summit in late October. At that time, PM Modi extended an invitation to President Putin to visit India.

In their previous discussions, Prime Minister Modi emphasized India's stance on the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict, underlining that India believes in peaceful resolutions to disputes. PM Modi stated, "We have been in touch with all sides in the Russia-Ukraine problem. It has always been our position that all conflict can be solved with dialogue. We believe there should be peaceful solutions to conflicts. India is always ready to help bring peace."

India and Russia share a long-standing "special and privileged strategic partnership," and this relationship has been at the forefront of recent discussions between the two countries. The two leaders are expected to address various aspects of bilateral

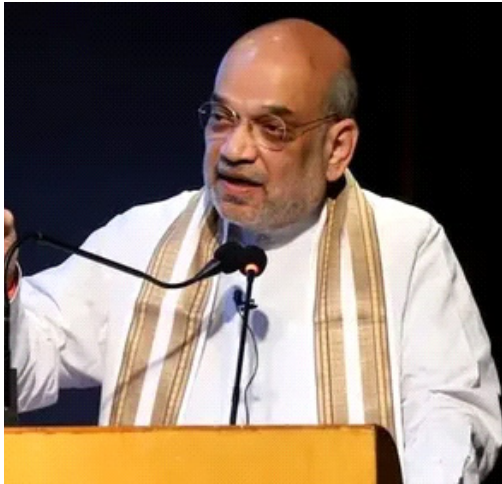


relations, including trade, defense, and regional security issues, as well as the ongoing situation in Ukraine.

Prime Minister Modi has reiterated India's willingness to assist in bringing about a peaceful resolution to the war in Ukraine, emphasizing that New Delhi is ready to play a constructive role in facilitating dialogue. India has consistently called for a peaceful and diplomatic solu-

tion that is acceptable to both Russia and Ukraine, while maintaining its independent foreign policy.

As the details of President Putin's visit are still being worked out, the meeting with Prime Minister Modi will be a significant opportunity for both leaders to strengthen their strategic ties and discuss key global issues, including the ongoing conflict in Ukraine and its broader geopolitical implications.



Govt brought down violence in J&K, North-East and Naxal-hit areas: Shah

Union Home Minister Amit Shah on Tuesday claimed that the BJP-led government at the Centre had successfully reduced violence in Jammu and Kashmir, the North-East, and Naxal-affected areas by 70% over the past decade. Speaking at the inauguration of the 50th All India Police Science Conference at Rashtriya Raksha University, Shah emphasized the government's progress in improving security across these regions, which had long been considered highly disturbed zones.

Shah stated, "For years, these three regions—Kashmir, the North-East, and Naxalite-affected areas—were seen as critical in terms of security. However, if we compare data from the past decade to the years before, we can confidently say that we have reduced violence by 70%." He credited these advancements to the focused efforts of security forces under the current government's leadership.

Looking ahead, Shah also discussed plans to overhaul the Indian criminal justice system. He outlined the government's vision for the coming decade, aiming to make India's justice system "the most scientific and fastest in the world." This includes the introduction of three new criminal laws: the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS), Bharatiya Nagarik Suraksha Sanhita (BNSS), and the Bharatiya Sakshya Adhiniyam (BSA). These laws, which came into effect on July 1, 2024, replace the British-era Indian Penal Code, Criminal Procedure Code, and the Indian Evidence Act. Shah assured that under these laws, justice would be delivered promptly, with the Supreme Court expected to resolve cases within three years of filing a First Information Report (FIR).

The reforms are part of an ambitious effort to streamline India's criminal justice system, with the aim of improving efficiency and reducing delays in the judicial process.

Looting Maharashtra: Eknath Shinde Takes On Rahul Gandhi Over Dharavi Project

Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde has fiercely criticized Congress leader Rahul Gandhi for opposing the Dharavi Redevelopment Project, accusing him of attempting to "rob Maharashtra." Shinde called the project, set to transform Asia's largest slum, "Asia's biggest project" and urged the residents of Dharavi to set aside politics and focus on the benefits it offers to the community.



The Dharavi Redevelopment Project is a joint venture between the Maharashtra government and the Adani Group, aiming to provide new homes and infrastructure to the area's residents. Under the plan, eligible Dharavi residents will be given 350-square-foot flats, with

provisions for schools, hospitals, and community halls. The project promises to significantly improve the living conditions for the two lakh people residing in Dharavi, which spans over 250 hectares.

Shinde criticized the opposition parties, including the Congress and the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), for their stance against the project. He pointed out that the opposition parties have promised to scrap the redevelopment plan if they come to power, a position that he claims would harm the people of Dharavi.

"Two lakh people will get houses in Dharavi, and everyone should prioritize this," Shinde stated, accusing the opposition of spreading misinformation. He further criticized the opposition's historical record of halting development projects, calling out their tendency to put "a stay on projects" rather than supporting them.

Mallikarjuna Kharge and Rahul Gandhi Honor Indira Gandhi on Her Birth Anniversary



On the birth anniversary of former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, Congress President Mallikarjuna Kharge and Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi visited Shakti Sthal in New Delhi to pay their respects. Indira Gandhi, who was born on November 19, 1917, is remembered as one of India's most influential political figures, known for her strong leadership and decisive actions during critical times in the nation's history.

Kharge and Rahul Gandhi were accompanied by other Congress leaders as they laid floral tributes at the memorial, reflecting on the lasting impact of Indira Gandhi's leadership. They observed a moment of silence to honor her immense contributions to the nation. Shakti Sthal, dedicated to

the memory of the late Prime Minister, has become a significant place of remembrance, particularly for those who admired her indomitable spirit and commitment to the country.

Indira Gandhi, who served as India's Prime Minister for over 15 years, played a crucial role in shaping modern India. Her tenure included historic events like the 1971 India-Pakistan War, which led to the creation of Bangladesh, the nationalization of banks, and the launch of India's nuclear program. Her tenure was also marked by the Emergency imposed in 1975, a period that remains a subject of political debate to this day.

Speaking at the memorial, Mallikarjuna Kharge highlighted Indira Gandhi's

remarkable contributions to the nation, emphasizing her role in safeguarding the unity and integrity of India during turbulent times. Rahul Gandhi, reflecting on his grandmother's legacy, spoke of her deep commitment to the values of secularism, social justice, and the empowerment of the marginalized. He reiterated how her leadership continues to guide the Congress party and serve as an inspiration to millions across the country. Indira Gandhi's legacy is one that transcends generations, and her impact on India's political landscape remains profound. As the Congress party continues to commemorate her life and work, her vision for a strong, inclusive, and progressive India continues to resonate with people across the nation.

Maharashtra all set to vote; Jharkhand's Election Battle Enters Second Round

Voting for all 288 seats in Maharashtra, along with the second phase of elections for 38 seats in Jharkhand, will take place on Wednesday, setting the stage for a closely contested battle between the BJP and the I.N.D.I.A bloc parties. This crucial voting day will also see bypolls for 15 Assembly seats and the Nanded Lok Sabha constituency.

The results of the elections will be crucial, as the BJP and I.N.D.I.A alliance parties are locked in intense competition across these regions. The counting of votes for Maharashtra, Jharkhand, and the bypolls to 46 Assembly seats and two Lok Sabha seats is scheduled for November 23.

The first phase of the Jharkhand Assembly elections, where voting for 43 seats took place, and bypolls for 31 Assembly seats and Wayanad Lok Sabha constituency, were held on November 13. Additionally, two seats in the Sikkim Assembly were uncontested, as there was only a single candidate running for each seat.

With several key regions at stake, this voting day is expected to have significant political implications, particularly in Maharashtra, where the 288 Assembly seats hold strategic importance. The results of these elections will provide a crucial indication of the political climate heading into the 2024 general elections.





Zelensky Warns 2025 Will Be Decisive for Ukraine's War with Russia

Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky has stated that the year 2025 will be a turning point in the ongoing war with Russia, marking a crucial phase in determining the ultimate outcome of the conflict. Speaking to the Ukrainian parliament on Tuesday, Zelensky emphasized the critical nature of the coming year and urged the country to remain resilient.

"In the decisive moments – and they are coming next year – we must not allow anyone in the world to doubt the resilience of our entire state. And at this stage, it is being decided who will prevail," Zelensky told lawmakers, underscoring the high stakes Ukraine faces as the war enters its third year.

His remarks highlight the escalating intensity of the war, which began with Russia's invasion of Ukraine in February 2022. The

conflict has led to immense suffering, both for the Ukrainian people and the broader international community, with no immediate resolution in sight. Zelensky's comments suggest that 2025 could be the year that determines whether Ukraine can maintain its sovereignty and territorial integrity or whether Russia will achieve its objectives.

The Ukrainian President's words come as Ukraine continues to rely on military aid from Western nations, including the United States and European countries, which have been crucial in helping Ukraine defend itself. Despite facing significant challenges, including Russia's ongoing military offensives and the devastation of Ukrainian cities and infrastructure, Ukraine has shown remarkable resilience. Zelensky's call for unwavering determination reflects the country's resolve to protect its sovereignty and ensure a future free from foreign aggression.

Netanyahu Confirms Israel's October Airstrike Targeted Iran's Nuclear Program



Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu confirmed on Monday that Israel's airstrike on Iran last month successfully targeted a key component of Tehran's nuclear program, while also diminishing its defense and missile production capabilities.

In a speech delivered to the Israeli parliament, Netanyahu stated, "It's not a secret," revealing that the October 26 airstrike specifically hit a component of Iran's nuclear activities. The attack, carried out by Israeli fighter jets, was part of three waves targeting Iranian military sites, following a retaliatory missile strike by Iran on Israel earlier in October. Iran had launched nearly 200 ballistic missiles at Israeli targets, escalat-

ing tensions in the region.

Netanyahu elaborated on the broader scope of Israel's military actions against Iran, including a strike in April that was more narrowly focused. He explained that Israel's earlier attack had destroyed one of Iran's four Russian-supplied S-300 surface-to-air missile defense batteries around Tehran. This, Netanyahu suggested, had degraded Iran's ability to defend critical sites, including those related to its missile and nuclear programs.

The October airstrike has intensified the ongoing military conflict between Israel and Iran, with both nations engaging in a series of retaliatory attacks. The Israeli Prime Minister's comments shed light on Israel's broader strategy of countering Iranian military advancements, particularly in relation to its nuclear ambitions.

Netanyahu's remarks also underscore Israel's longstanding concern over Iran's nuclear program, which it views as a direct threat to regional stability and its national security. Israel has frequently stated that it will take all necessary measures to prevent Iran from obtaining nuclear weapons, with military strikes remaining a key component of this strategy.

Britain-India Free Trade Talks Will Launch In 2025: UK PM Keir Starmer

Britain's Prime Minister Keir Starmer has announced the re-launch of stalled talks for a free trade agreement with India, aiming to create a "new strategic partnership" between the two nations. Following a meeting with Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi on the sidelines of the G20 summit, Starmer expressed his optimism about the trade deal's potential, stating that it would support jobs and prosperity in the UK and boost growth across the country.

Starmer emphasized the UK's intent to deepen cooperation with India, not only through a trade agreement but also in areas such as security, education, technology, and climate change. In a post on social media, PM Modi expressed India's eagerness to strengthen the Comprehensive Strategic Partnership with the UK, particularly in sectors like technology, green energy, and innovation. He also highlighted the importance of enhancing trade



and cultural ties between the two nations.

The two leaders expressed confidence that their negotiators would work towards a "balanced, mutually beneficial, and forward-looking Free Trade Agreement." As part of efforts to strengthen bilateral ties, India will open new consulate generals in Belfast and Manchester to

better serve the Indian diaspora in the UK.

The issue of economic offenders also came up during the meeting, with PM Modi raising concerns about individuals from India who have sought refuge in Britain and are wanted for extradition. High-profile figures such as Vijay Mallya, Nirav Modi, and Lalit Modi were specifically mentioned in this context.

Since the UK's departure from the European Union (Brexit), it has been looking to enhance its economic relations with India and other countries. British Trade Secretary Jonathan Reynolds stressed the importance of securing a deal with India, one of the world's fastest-growing economies, to drive economic growth. The focus of the trade talks will include lowering Indian tariffs to help British firms and increasing investment, which already supports over 600,000 jobs in both countries.

Pakistan Bans Gatherings Ahead of PTI's Protest for Imran Khan's Release

Pakistan's federal government has imposed a two-month ban on public gatherings in Islamabad in response to a planned protest by Imran Khan's Pakistan Tehreek-e-Insaf (PTI) party. The protest, set for November 24, is aimed at demanding the release of the jailed former prime minister, Imran Khan, who has been incarcerated for over a year.



In preparation for the protest, which PTI has called to pressure the government for Khan's release, authorities have invoked Section 144, a colonial-era law that prohibits public assemblies. The law was enforced after the Islamabad District Magistrate Usman Ashraf issued notifications on Monday, citing concerns that certain groups might hold "unlawful assemblies" that could disturb public peace.

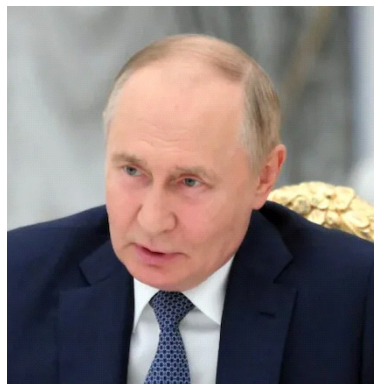
Under the ban, gatherings of five or more people are forbidden, as they are considered potential threats to public safety, order, and property. Authorities also prohibited the use of loudspeakers for sectarian or inflammatory speeches, the display of firearms, the use of firecrackers, and the distribution of pamphlets or posters.

Despite the ban, political analysts believe the PTI is likely to proceed with its protest, as the party has previously ignored similar restrictions. PTI members often invoke the constitutional right to peaceful assembly and protest, which allows citizens to express

their grievances in public.

The call for the protest follows recent statements from Khan's sister, Aleema Khan, who, after visiting him in Adiala Jail, urged PTI supporters—including workers, members of parliament, and the general public—to join the demonstration. Khan, 72, has faced multiple convictions in cases since August of the previous year and continues to be held despite securing bail in some cases.

In her comments, Aleema Khan quoted her brother's call for action, emphasizing the need to resist "martial law" and fight for freedom. She also highlighted Khan's criticism of the 26th amendment, which increases the power of legislators in appointing the country's top judge.



Putin Expands Nuclear Doctrine Amid Ukraine Conflict

Russian President Vladimir Putin on Tuesday signed a decree that broadens Russia's nuclear weapons doctrine, signaling a stark message to both the West and Ukraine as the war enters its 1,000th day. The new doctrine outlines circumstances in which Russia could use nuclear weapons, including in response to aggression by non-nuclear states if they are supported by nuclear powers, a clear reference to Ukraine and its Western allies.

Kremlin spokesman Dmitry Peskov explained the change, stating, "Aggression by a non-nuclear state with the participation of a nuclear state is considered as a joint attack." This update is intended to align Russia's defense principles with the evolving global security situation, with Peskov calling it an "important" document that the international community should pay close attention to. He emphasized that Russia has always viewed nuclear weapons as a deterrent and would only consider using them if absolutely necessary.

This shift in doctrine comes after the United States approved the provision of long-range missiles to Ukraine, which would enable Kyiv to target military assets inside Russia. Russia's new stance also includes a provision that allows for a nuclear response if Moscow faces a "massive" airstrike, even if the attack is carried out using conventional weapons. Throughout the ongoing conflict, which began in February 2022, President Putin has repeatedly issued nuclear threats, causing alarm in the West over what it calls reckless rhetoric. The new nuclear doctrine also extends Russia's nuclear umbrella to its ally Belarus, further consolidating Moscow's defense posture in the region.

Jaishankar Meets Wang Yi at G20 Summit to Discuss Bilateral Ties

Amid a thaw in India-China relations, Indian External Affairs Minister Dr. S. Jaishankar met Chinese Foreign Minister Wang Yi on the sidelines of the G20 summit in Rio de Janeiro, Brazil. The two leaders discussed the progress in their bilateral relationship and explored the next steps in enhancing cooperation between the two nations.

Dr. Jaishankar took to X (formerly Twitter) to share the news, stating, "On the sidelines of the G20 Summit in Rio, met CPC Politburo member and FM Wang Yi of China. We noted the progress in the recent disengagement in the India-China border areas and exchanged views on the next steps in our bilateral ties. Also discussed the global situation." The meeting highlighted the positive momentum in resolving long-standing issues, particularly along the Line



of Actual Control (LAC), where tensions had flared in recent years.

This meeting comes after a historic breakthrough in India-China relations, following a key development in

the border standoff. Last month, Indian Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Chinese President Xi Jinping held a meeting during the BRICS summit in Russia, which led to an agreement on a patrolling arrangement along the

LAC. This arrangement has played a significant role in easing the tensions that had been exacerbated by the deadly Galwan Valley clash in 2020, which severely impacted the two countries' diplomatic and military ties.

At the G20 summit, China expressed its readiness to implement the understandings reached between President Xi Jinping and Prime Minister Modi. A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesperson, Lin Jian, confirmed that China is keen to work with India on fulfilling the common goals set during their bilateral discussions. "China stands ready to work with India to deliver on the important common understandings between the leaders of the two countries," Lin said, signaling a mutual desire to build a constructive and stable relationship moving forward.

Volatile Markets: Geopolitical Strains and Ukraine Missile Incident Dampens Bulls’ Momentum

Domestic stock markets were hit by heavy volatility on Tuesday. The indices started the morning with huge gains on positive signals from global markets, a decline in dollar aggression and clarity on interest rate cuts. At one stage, the Sensex rose by more than 1000 points and the Nifty by 270 points. As the bulls continued their momentum, investors immediately started selling after the US launched a missile at Russia from Ukraine. The India Vicks, which fell in the morning, rose again at the end.

The BSE Sensex, which closed at 77,339 in the previous session, started today at 77,548. It reached an intraday high of 78,451. It touched an intraday low of 77,411. It finally closed at 77,578 with a gain of 239 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 23,529, touched a high of 23,780 and a low of 23,464. It closed at 23,518, up 64 points. The Bank Nifty rose 262 points to settle at 50,626.

In the Nifty50, 23 companies gained while 27 lost. M&M, Tech Mahindra, HDFC Bank, Dr. Reddy’s, and Eicher Motors were the top gainers. SBI Life, Hindalco, Reliance, HDFC Life, and SBI lost the most. Metal, PSU Bank, Oil and Gas indices rose today. Auto, Finance, Media, Metal, Pharma, Realty, and Consumer Durables indices rose.

Nifty support is at 23450 and resistance is at 23,750. Investors can buy shares of Varun Beverages, Car Trade, Kalyan Jewellers, NCL India and Aries in the short term.

Out of 2870 stocks traded on NSE, 1687 gained and 1116 lost. Shares of 52 companies reached 52-week highs. 65 stocks touched 52-week lows. NTPC Green Energy IPO received only a limited response on the first day. The rupee weakened by 2 paise against the dollar to settle at 84.41. MOSL maintained a buy rating on Glenmark Pharma with a target price of Rs. 1820. Car



Trade shares gained the most in six months for the first time. CLSA said that Indian indices will not rise or fall much if foreign institutional investors are affected. It has been revealed that the market will rally in the next 6-9 weeks. Bharat Forge said that negotiations are underway in the Ministry of Defense on the ATAGS gun system. Vishal Mart is planning to come up with an IPO worth Rs. 8000 crore after the second week of December. 13 lakh shares changed hands in Trent. 21 lakh shares changed hands in Axis Bank. 10 lakh shares changed hands in Bharti Airtel. Geojit has given a buy rating to Havells India with a target price of Rs. 1865.

STOCK RECOMMENDATIONS:

1. Varun Beverages (VBL)
One of the largest franchisees of PepsiCo globally, engaged in bottling, selling, and distribution of beverages like Pepsi, Tropicana, and Aquafina. Consistent growth in revenue due to increasing demand for



ready-to-drink beverages and geographical expansion. Strong operational efficiency and improving profit margins with economies of scale. A growth-oriented stock with strong fundamentals. It’s well-positioned to benefit from expanding consumption patterns and product diversification.

2. CarTrade Tech
Operates an online platform for buying and selling new and used vehicles, with a focus on data-driven solutions. Generates revenue from commissions, advertisements, and listing fees. Struggles with profitability; operating in a competitive landscape with high customer acquisition costs. Increasing digitization of car sales, rising penetration of online marketplaces in tier-2 and tier-3 cities. nce, which is cyclical in nature. A speculative bet in the digital auto marketplace sector. Future success depends on scaling its user base and achieving operational efficiency.



3. Kalyan Jewellers
Engaged in the design, manufacture, and retail of gold, diamond, and other precious jewellery. Stable revenue growth supported by rising demand for organized jewellery players. Improved profit margins post-pandemic due to cost control and a shift toward higher-margin products. A promising long-term play in the jewellery sector with growth potential in untapped markets.



4. NCL India (NLC India Limited)
Public sector enterprise involved in lignite mining and thermal power generation, transitioning toward renewable energy. Steady revenue driven by long-term power purchase agreements (PPAs). Attractive dividend payout due to its PSU status. Suitable for conservative investors looking for stability and dividends, with growth potential in renewables.



5. Aries Agro Ltd
Engaged in manufacturing and marketing micro-nutrients and other nutritional products for plants, serving the agricultural sector across India and international markets. Aries Agro has exhibited steady revenue growth driven by rising demand for specialized agrochemicals in India and abroad. The agricultural sector’s focus on productivity and sustainability supports the company’s growth. Offers a wide range of nutritional products tailored for various crops, increasing relevance across different geographies and agricultural conditions. Growth potential driven by government initiatives, demand for agricultural efficiency, and export opportunities.



Emerging India Focus Funds Settles FPI Rules Violation Case with Sebi



Emerging India Focus Funds, which was implicated in the Hindenburg report, has reached a settlement with the Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) over alleged violations of foreign portfolio investor (FPI) regulations. The fund has agreed to pay Rs 64.35 lakh in settlement charges to resolve the case.

Sebi had initiated adjudication proceedings against the fund and issued a show-cause notice in February, highlighting violations of FPI and Intermediaries Regulations. These proceedings were launched in response to concerns about compliance with regulations governing foreign investments in India.

The settlement was reached after Emerging India Focus Funds filed an application with Sebi, proposing to settle the case “without admitting or denying the findings of facts and conclusions of law,” as per Sebi’s settlement order process. This approach allows the fund to resolve the matter by paying the settlement amount, without acknowledging any wrongdoing.

The settlement comes after a detailed review by Sebi, which had raised concerns about the fund’s operations under the FPI framework. In addition to the settlement fee, the resolution allows the fund to avoid further legal proceedings.

The case was particularly high-profile due to the fund’s mention in the Hindenburg report, which raised questions about the financial practices and transparency of several entities connected to the Adani Group. The settlement with Sebi is a significant step in resolving regulatory scrutiny, though the fund has not admitted to any violations as part of the settlement process.

As the Indian market continues to navigate regulatory oversight of foreign investments, the case highlights the importance of compliance with FPI rules. Sebi’s ongoing monitoring of market participants ensures that transparency and accountability remain at the forefront of India’s capital markets.

Adani Airport Holdings Plans IPO in 2-3 Years After Stabilizing Key Projects

Adani Airport Holdings Limited (AAHL), the airport division of the Adani Group, is preparing for a potential initial public offering (IPO) within the next two to three years, according to Jeet Adani, the company’s director. However, before launching the IPO, AAHL has set specific milestones for its business growth and expansion.

Jeet Adani highlighted three key objectives that need to be accomplished before the company can go public. First, the commercialisation and stabilisation of the Navi Mumbai airport project, which is expected to begin next year. Second, the city-side development around the airport, slated to start in 2028-29. Lastly, AAHL aims to grow its non-aeronautical revenue, which has already tripled since the company’s inception and is an-



anticipated to become a major income stream in the future.

Adani mentioned that once these goals are met, the company’s earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, and amortization (EBITDA) could grow from the current \$300 million to between \$1 billion and \$1.5 billion. “Once EBITDA reaches \$1 billion, the company will be ready for an IPO,” he stated. He estimates this growth will take at least 2 to 3 years.

Jeet Adani also addressed the implications of airline consolidation in

India, noting both positive and negative impacts for airports. On the positive side, the strengthening of airline giants like Air India, now backed by the Tata Group, ensures strong domestic and international connectivity. However, he warned that consolidation could increase concentration risk for airports, making them more dependent on a smaller number of airlines.

In other Adani Group news, Adani Enterprises Ltd (AEL) has posted impressive growth for the first half of fiscal year 2025 (H1 FY25), driven by strong performance from its subsidiary, AAHL, and the Adani New Industries Ltd (ANIL). AEL’s net profit surged 2.5 times to Rs 3,196 crore, compared to Rs 902 crore in the same period last year, while its revenue rose by 14% to Rs 49,263 crore.

Crisil Lowers India’s GDP Growth Forecast to 6.8% for FY25

Rating agency Crisil has revised India’s real GDP growth forecast for FY25 to 6.8%, down from 8.2% in FY24. The downgrade is primarily due to the impact of high interest rates and a reduced fiscal impulse, resulting from efforts to cut the fiscal deficit.

Crisil’s updated growth estimate is lower than the 7.2% projection made by the Reserve Bank of India’s (RBI) Monetary Policy Committee (MPC) last month. The agency cited factors such as tightening monetary policy and the reduced government spending as key challenges to economic growth in the coming fiscal year.

The report highlighted that the prolonged high interest rate environment is expected to dampen consumer demand and investment activity. Rising borrowing costs are likely to weigh



on private consumption and business investment, both critical drivers of economic expansion. Moreover, the reduced fiscal stimulus due to the government’s focus on fiscal consolidation is another factor expected to slow down growth.

While the Indian economy has experienced robust growth in FY24, largely driven by strong domestic consumption and recovery in key sectors, Crisil noted that the moderation in growth for FY25 reflects the broader economic

challenges, including global uncertainties and inflationary pressures.

Despite the slowdown in growth, Crisil pointed out that India’s economy is still expected to expand at a relatively healthy pace compared to other major economies, with the long-term prospects remaining positive due to structural reforms and a growing workforce.

The revised GDP forecast comes at a time when India is grappling with both domestic and global economic headwinds, including high inflation, global supply chain disruptions, and geopolitical tensions. However, analysts remain optimistic about India’s growth potential in the medium to long term, thanks to its strong demographic profile and ongoing infrastructure development.

Paytm goes international, users make UPI payments outside of India

One97 Communications Limited, the parent company of the popular digital payment platform Paytm, has announced an exciting update for its users. Indian travelers can now use Paytm to make UPI payments at select locations outside of India. This new functionality will allow users to pay for shopping, dining, and other local experiences in countries like the United Arab Emirates (UAE), Singapore, France, Mauritius, Bhutan, and Nepal.

This feature is designed to make international travel more convenient for Indian users by allowing them to continue using UPI, India's widely adopted payment method, while abroad. However, the international UPI payments feature is disabled by default and requires users to activate it through a one-time set-up. Once activated, users can link their Paytm account to their bank account for seamless transactions overseas.

For those who may forget to activate the feature before traveling, Paytm has included a helpful prompt within the app. The app will automatically remind users to set up international UPI payments before they attempt to make a payment,



ensuring they won't face any hassle while traveling abroad.

With this update, Paytm continues to enhance its services, aiming to make digital payments more accessible and convenient for Indian users, both at home and abroad. As UPI becomes an integral part of India's digital economy, this international extension represents a significant step forward, expanding its utility beyond borders and offering Indian travelers a more seamless and unified payment experience while exploring the world.

Paytm's move is likely to be well-received by travelers, as it offers an easy, secure, and familiar method of payment in various global destinations, without the need to carry multiple foreign currencies or rely on other international payment methods.

Expert Warns Earth Is In Midst Of Sixth Great Extinction, Calls for Immediate Action

Dr. Jane Goodall, the world-renowned primatologist and conservationist, has issued a stark warning about the escalating global biodiversity crisis, referring to it as the "sixth great extinction." Speaking during her environmental awareness tour in Europe, Dr. Goodall, now 90 years old, highlighted the urgent need for immediate action to combat deforestation, restore natural habitats, and reduce the world's reliance on fossil fuels.



In a recent BBC interview, Dr. Goodall stressed the severe impact of habitat destruction, particularly through deforestation, on biodiversity. She pointed to Uganda, where deforestation is threatening vital ecosystems. Dr. Goodall's foundation, in collaboration with the technology company Ecosia, has been actively involved in reforestation efforts, planting nearly two million trees over the past five years. This initiative aims to restore habitats for approximately 5,000 chimpanzees and help mitigate climate change by absorbing carbon dioxide through the growth of forests.

Her warning coincided with the COP29 summit in Baku, Azerbaijan, where global leaders discussed strategies to address the climate crisis. Dr. Goodall emphasized that the window to address the rising temperatures and biodiversity loss is rapidly closing. She noted that the destruction of forests is altering rainfall patterns, leading to unpredictable weather and disrupting ecosystems, which in turn endangers species. Reflecting on her pioneering research in Tanzania over six decades ago, Dr. Goodall recalled how consistent rainy

seasons have now given way to erratic weather, further exacerbating ecological imbalances.

Dr. Goodall also stressed the need for stronger regulations to protect forests and the environment, calling out the detrimental effects of industrial farming, which depletes soil health and accelerates biodiversity loss. "Forests must be protected, and industries harmful to the environment must face stricter regulations," she said.

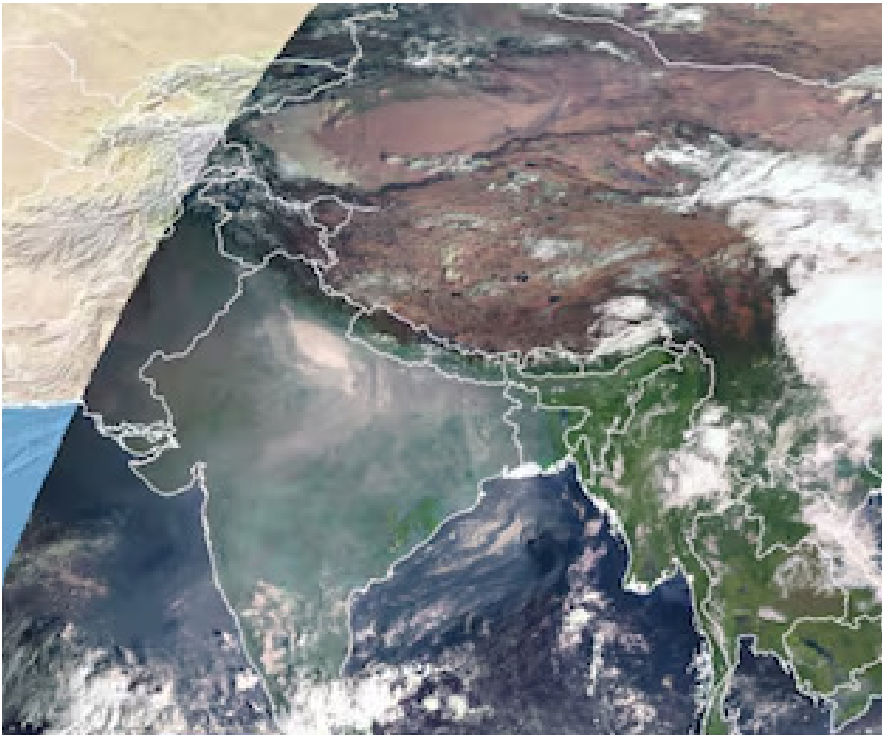
Dr. Goodall's groundbreaking research on chimpanzees revolutionized our understanding of primates, revealing their use of tools, complex social bonds, and territorial behaviors. Despite early skepticism, her work paved the way for a lifetime of advocacy for wildlife conservation and environmental reform. She continues to urge governments and individuals to act now, warning that humanity's future depends on protecting the planet.

Severe Air Pollution in North India Visible from Space

A large swathe of North India is currently grappling with severe air pollution, creating a hazardous environment for millions of residents. The smog has led to a drastic reduction in visibility, worsening health conditions, and leaving people struggling to breathe. Major cities, including Delhi, Gurugram, Noida, and Ghaziabad, are witnessing Air Quality Index (AQI) levels that have entered the "severe" category, far exceeding the safe limits set by the World Health Organization (WHO).

The air pollution has become so intense that it is now visible from space, marking a disturbing escalation in the region's environmental crisis. A map shared on Reddit captured the extent of the pollution, showing vast grey areas across North India that were clearly visible from satellite images. "Today's pollution in North India is clearly visible from space, compared to just one month ago," read the caption accompanying the map.

As the pollution levels soar, the impact on daily life is becoming increasingly severe. The health risks associated with such high levels of pollution are profound, particularly for vulnerable groups such as children, the elderly, and individuals with pre-existing respiratory conditions. Residents are being urged to stay indoors as much as possible, and health advisories are being issued to limit exposure to the toxic air.



In addition to the direct health hazards, the smog has disrupted daily activities, from transportation to outdoor work, as poor visibility has led to accidents and delays. The pollution has also contributed to a significant drop in the overall quality of life in the affected areas, with residents expressing concern over the long-term environmental and health impacts.

The situation highlights the urgent need for measures to combat air pollution in North India, including stricter regulations on industrial emissions, vehicle pollution, and crop burning practices that contribute significantly to the region's air quality crisis.

Google Announces Top Apps of 2024, India Leads in AI-Powered Solutions

On November 19, 2024, Google unveiled its list of the best apps and games on the Play Store, showcasing the latest advancements in technology, particularly in the realm of generative Artificial Intelligence (gen AI). As app and game developers continue to integrate cutting-edge AI technologies, the user experience on Android devices has been significantly enhanced, offering more personalized and intuitive services.



According to a 2024 report by Sensor Tower, India has emerged as the top market for AI-powered mobile app installations, contributing 21 percent of global downloads. Indian developers are leading the charge in this space, creating innovative solutions that utilize AI to cater to the evolving needs of users.

One standout in the rankings is the indie app *Alle—Your AI Fashion Stylist*, which topped the charts in both the Best Mobile App and Best Fun App categories in India. The app leverages AI to provide personalized outfit suggestions based on users' preferences, helping them curate their wardrobe choices with ease. With its user-friendly interface and accurate recommendations, *Alle* has become a favorite among fashion-conscious users looking for style inspiration.

Another AI-powered app that has gained attention is *Headlyne*, which was recognized

for its innovative use of technology. This app leverages AI to offer users personalized news and content based on their interests, helping them stay updated in a more customized and efficient manner.

These apps are just a few examples of how AI is transforming the mobile app ecosystem, particularly in India, where tech developers are harnessing the power of AI to create smarter, more efficient solutions for users. With AI continuing to evolve, it is likely that more apps will follow suit, further revolutionizing the way users interact with their devices.

As India continues to lead in AI-driven app development, the 2024 Play Store list highlights the significant role of AI in shaping the future of mobile applications, offering users more personalized and engaging experiences.

Bengaluru Auto Driver Goes Viral for Crowdfunding Startup Idea During Rides

Bengaluru, often dubbed as the Silicon Valley of India, is renowned for its entrepreneurial spirit and innovative culture. It's a city where the dreams of tech startups and billion-dollar companies are shaped every day. But now, even the typical auto-rickshaw ride is turning into a pitch meeting for budding entrepreneurs. One such unique instance has gone viral, thanks to an auto driver named Samuel Christy.

Samuel Christy, a graduate, is catching attention with his unconventional approach to crowdfunding his startup idea. In a city that thrives on business innovation, Christy has transformed his auto-rickshaw into a mobile pitch platform.

He has put up a poster inside his vehicle inviting passengers to discuss his business idea and consider supporting it.

The poster reads: "Hi passenger, my name is Samuel Christy. I'm a graduate who is looking to raise funds for my startup business idea. If you're interested, please talk to me." This novel way of seeking funding has intrigued many people, making his auto rides more than just a



commute. It's a chance for anyone interested in entrepreneurship to hear Christy's pitch, possibly offering guidance, investment, or advice.

Christy's creative initiative reflects the resourcefulness and ambition that defines Bengaluru's startup ecosystem. Despite being an auto driver, he has taken it upon himself to reach out to potential investors or supporters in the most unexpected plac-

es – during regular auto rides with passengers. This unique blend of ambition and accessibility is what makes his story resonate with so many people.

The poster and his entrepreneurial spirit have captured the imagination of social media, with many praising his efforts. In a city where technology and innovation constantly intersect, Christy's approach serves as a reminder that entrepreneurship can come from anywhere, even from the seat of an auto-rickshaw. His viral crowdfunding effort is a true reflection of the hustle and drive that characterizes Bengaluru's entrepreneurial landscape.

Shahid Aslam Rejoins PCB as Batting Coach for White-Ball Teams

The Pakistan Cricket Board (PCB) has reappointed Shahid Aslam as the batting coach for the national white-ball teams after the players faced difficulties during their recent series in Australia. Aslam, a seasoned coach with a wealth of experience, is tasked with helping the team improve their batting performances ahead of upcoming international fixtures.



Aslam has a strong background with the Pakistan national team, having worked in various roles, including assistant coach, fielding coach, and assistant manager over the years. His expertise in cricket coaching has made him a valuable asset to the PCB. For the past two years, Aslam has been focusing on coaching at the High Performance Centre in Lahore, where he has honed his skills and mentored many young talents.

Pakistan's recent poor batting showings in Australia highlighted the need for a change in their approach, leading to the PCB's decision to bring Aslam back. His reappointment comes at a crucial time as Pakistan looks to strengthen their batting unit and prepare for upcoming international challenges. The team will be hoping that his guidance will help the players regain confidence and consistency at the crease.

Aslam's previous stints with the national team saw positive results, and his return is expected to boost the squad's morale. PCB officials are optimistic that his experience and tactical understanding will play a key role in revitalizing the batting line-up. Aslam's focus will be on addressing the technical deficiencies that were evident in the Australian series, helping the team build a more solid foundation in the middle and lower order.

With Aslam now back in the fold, Pakistan cricket fans are hopeful that the team will bounce back and deliver stronger performances in future white-ball series.

India Defeats Japan 2-0 to Enter Women's Asian Champions Trophy Final

Defending champions India continued their unbeaten streak in the Women's Asian Champions Trophy, securing a 2-0 victory over Japan to reach the final on Tuesday. Vice-captain Navneet Kaur converted a penalty stroke in the 48th minute, and Lalremsiami added a field goal in the 56th minute to seal the win for India. Despite creating several scoring opportunities, including 13 penalty corners, India's dominant performance in both attack and defense ensured their passage to the final, where they will face China, whom they had defeated in the league stages.



In the first semifinal, China triumphed over Malaysia 3-1 to secure their place in the final. Meanwhile, Malaysia will take on Japan in the third-fourth place match, while Korea secured a fifth-place finish with a 3-0 victory over Thailand in the fifth-sixth place classification match.

India set the tone early, putting pressure on

the Japanese defense right from the start, reminiscent of their dominant performance in the league stage. The Indian team maintained possession in Japan's half, with the Japanese defense rarely tested. India's first shot on goal

came within the first five minutes, but Japan's goalkeeper Yu Kudo blocked skipper Salima Tete's attempt.

India's attack was relentless, earning multiple penalty corners in quick succession. Despite their persistent efforts, Kudo stood strong, thwarting attempts by Navneet Kaur and Deepika in the first quarter. The Indian side earned several penalty corners throughout the game, but Kudo's brilliant saves kept the game scoreless.

In the 48th minute, Deepika earned a penalty stroke, which Navneet Kaur converted confidently to break the deadlock. The Indian team was energized by the goal, and just eight minutes later, Lalremsiami scored a brilliant field goal following a precise pass from Sunelita Toppo. Japan's last-minute penalty corner was denied by India's solid defense, ensuring a well-deserved 2-0 victory.

India will now face China in the final on Wednesday, hoping to defend their title and continue their strong run in the tournament.

Zaragoza's Late Penalty Secures 3-2 Win for Spain Over Switzerland

Spain secured a dramatic 3-2 victory over Switzerland in their UEFA Nations League dead rubber on Monday, with Bryan Zaragoza scoring a last-minute penalty to seal the win. The thrilling match in Tenerife saw Spain, already guaranteed top spot in Group A4, take and relinquish the lead twice before Zaragoza's decisive spot-kick in the 93rd minute.



It was Spain's first match on the island in 28 years, and fans were treated to an exhilarating finish. Coach Luis de la Fuente made a series of changes to his lineup following their win over Denmark on Friday, including handing Aitor Paredes his debut at center-back for Athletic Bilbao.

The match kicked off with an early setback for Spain when Pedri's penalty was saved by Swiss goalkeeper Yvon Mvogo after captain Alvaro Morata was fouled in the box. However, Yeremi Pino put Spain ahead in the 32nd minute, scoring from open play after the penalty miss.

Pino, a native of the Canary Islands, celebrated the goal passionately, calling it a "very special" moment for him and the fans in attendance.

Spain continued to press after halftime, with another debutant, Porto striker Samu Aghehova, coming on for the second half. However, Switzerland struck back when Joel Monteiro leveled the score. Spain regained the lead moments later through Bryan Gil, who stole the ball and slotted in a quick response.

The drama heightened in the 85th minute when Switzerland's Andi Zeqiri converted a penalty after a foul by Spain's Fabian Ruiz, bringing the score to 2-2. With the game seemingly heading for a draw, Zaragoza, on loan at Osasuna from Bayern Munich, made a powerful run into the box and was brought down by Swiss defender Vincent Sierro. Zaragoza calmly converted the penalty, sparking wild celebrations among the Spanish players and fans as Spain capped off a spectacular year with a hard-fought win.

Rafael Nadal to Bid Farewell to Tennis in Davis Cup Final Against Netherlands

Rafael Nadal, one of the greatest tennis players of all time, will bring his illustrious career to a close in the season-ending Davis Cup Final for Spain. The 38-year-old, who has been plagued by injuries in recent years, will team up with rising star Carlos Alcaraz and veteran Marcel Granollers in what will be an emotional farewell match on home soil.

Nadal, a 22-time Grand Slam champion and Olympic gold medalist, has long been a pillar of the tennis world alongside fellow legends Roger Federer and Novak Djokovic, collectively known as the 'Big Three.' This final match will mark the end of an era, as the Spaniard bids adieu to the sport after decades of dominance.



In this final showdown, Spain will face off against the Netherlands in the Davis Cup Final, a highly anticipated clash in the tennis community. The Davis Cup is often referred to as the "World Cup of Tennis" and is the sport's premier team competition. Nadal, who has won the prestigious title four times with Spain, will look to help his nation claim their first Davis Cup since 2019.

Nadal will be joined by world number three Carlos Alcaraz, the young tennis sensation who has already established himself as one of the brightest stars in the sport. Alcaraz is ranked third in the men's singles, while Granollers, ranked among the world's top doubles players, will round out the Spanish team. Together, they will attempt to defeat the Netherlands,

who feature key players such as Wesley Koolhof and Tallon Griekspoor.

The Davis Cup Final 2024 will be held in the Palacio de Deportes Jose Maria Martin Carpena in Malaga, Spain. A win over the Dutch team on Tuesday will send Spain to the semifinals, where they will meet either Germany or Canada. The final match is scheduled for Sunday, with other teams like Italy, the reigning champions USA, Australia, and Argentina also vying for the coveted title.

As Nadal plays his final match, tennis fans worldwide will watch with mixed emotions, as one of the sport's greatest players closes out his legendary career in front of his home crowd.

Roger Federer's Emotional Tribute to Rafael Nadal as He Bids Farewell

As Rafael Nadal prepares to bid farewell to tennis during the 2024 Davis Cup finals, his greatest rival, Roger Federer, has shared an emotional tribute to the legendary Spaniard. In a heartfelt post, Federer reflected on their two-decade-long rivalry, which has captivated the tennis world and shaped the careers of both players.



Federer began by acknowledging Nadal's dominance on the tennis court, particularly on clay, where Nadal's record is unparalleled. "On clay, it felt like I was stepping into your backyard," Federer wrote, recalling the challenge Nadal presented to him, especially in their early encounters. He also humorously noted how Nadal's rituals—such as organizing his water bottles and adjusting his attire—became part of his signature intensity. "Secretly, I kind of loved the whole thing. Because it was so unique—it was so you."

Federer's tribute also touched on their shared journey in tennis. He recalled their first meeting, where a young Nadal, wearing a red sleeveless shirt, defeated him in Miami. "You beat me—a lot. More than I managed to beat you," Federer confessed. Over the years, their rivalry evolved, and they pushed each other to new heights, both on and off the court.

The Swiss star reflected on the numerous memories they created together, from promoting tennis worldwide to playing in histor-

ic matches, including the famous Laver Cup in 2022, where they played as doubles partners in what would be Federer's final match. Federer called that moment one of the most special of his career, as he shared the court with Nadal, not as a rival but as a teammate.

Federer also expressed his gratitude for Nadal's influence beyond tennis. He recalled visiting Nadal's academy in Mallorca and praised him for being a role model to young players worldwide, including his own children.

As Nadal enters the final chapter of his career, Federer closed his message by offering his congratulations to Nadal's family and team. "I will be cheering just as loud for everything you do next," he concluded, cementing the bond they share not just as rivals, but as lifelong friends.



RAPO22 – A Fresh Look For Ram!

After the setback of **Double iSmart**, Ram Pothineni's fans were left disappointed, but the actor is gearing up for a new project that has already generated significant buzz. Mythri Movie Makers, the production house behind the upcoming film, officially announced Ram's next movie, with a pre-look poster released to spark excitement.

The pre-look poster, which features a middle-class man walking with a cycle, creates an intriguing visual. The character's shadow looms large in the backdrop, which is washed in white, evoking a sense of vintage charm and mystery. The simplicity of the poster contrasts with the hidden details of the project, which remain under wraps for now.

The film is set to be launched on the 21st of this month, and fans are eagerly awaiting more information. Mahesh Babu P, who previously made waves with his successful film **Miss*

Shetty, *Mr Polishetty**, is set to direct the movie. His directorial track record has raised expectations for this new project, with many hoping it will bring Ram Pothineni back to the limelight.

The film has generated considerable anticipation since it entered pre-production, and there is speculation that it could mark a significant turning point in Ram's career. Industry insiders believe that this project has the potential to win accolades for the actor, given the fresh narrative and direction that is being hinted at through the poster.

Though much of the cast and crew remain a mystery, fans are hopeful that more details will be revealed soon. As Ram Pothineni steps into this new role, it looks like this project will be an exciting one to follow, especially after the challenges faced with **Double iSmart**. Stay tuned for more updates on what promises to be a fresh chapter in Ram's film career.

Tandel Movie: Naga Chaitanya and Sai Pallavi's First Single Set to Release

The highly anticipated love and action drama **Tandel**, starring Naga Chaitanya and Sai Pallavi, is based on real events that took place in the village of D. Macchilesham in Srikakulam district. Directed by Chandu Mondeti, this film promises to deliver an emotional and thrilling experience for audiences. Produced by Bunny Vasu under the banner of Geetha Arts, **Tandel** is currently in its final stages of production, and the makers have ramped up promotions ahead of the film's release.

One of the most exciting aspects of **Tandel** is its music, and the team has officially kicked off the music journey with an announcement. The first single, titled "Buzzi Talli," will be released on the 21st of this month. The makers recently unveiled a poster to mark the occasion, offering a glimpse into the relationship between the lead characters played by Naga Chaitanya and Sai Pallavi. The poster reflects the deep connection between the two, hinting at the emotional depth of the story.



With a gripping storyline, exceptional performances from the lead pair, and music that promises to tug at the heartstrings, **Tandel** is shaping up to be one of the most exciting releases in the near future.

As the release date of the first single approaches, fans of Naga Chaitanya and Sai Pallavi are eagerly awaiting the soulful tune and looking forward to experiencing the captivating world of **Tandel** when it hits the screens.

Rana Naidu 2: Obscene Content Toned Down in Season 2

Venkatesh made his much-anticipated digital debut with the web series **Rana Naidu**, where he shared screen space with his nephew, Rana Daggubati. The show, an official adaptation of the American crime drama **Ray Donovan**, took audiences by surprise due to its coarse language and explicit content. While the series garnered attention for its raw storytelling, it also sparked controversy, especially among Venkatesh's family-oriented fan base, who were shocked to see the beloved actor in such a bold role.

Following the success of **Rana Naidu** on Netflix, the series received mixed reactions, with many criticizing the bold and sometimes shocking content, particularly from the Daggubati family's fans. However, despite the criticisms, the show became a trending topic, and now, fans are eagerly awaiting the release of its second season.

In a recent revelation, Rana Daggubati addressed the concerns and provided insight into the upcoming season. He shared that the team had tried to prepare the audience in advance, urging them not to watch the series with family members. "We actually prepared the audience in advance. We told everyone not to watch the show with family. Nobody listened to us," Rana said. He went on to explain the essence of the show, describing it as a deeply emotional story of young boys dealing with past trauma. "Rana Naidu is about young boys who were molested. It's a sad story. Only when we tell that in a loud manner, everyone will watch it," he added.



However, Rana also hinted that the upcoming season would be different in terms of its tone. "We broke some conventions and boundaries with the show. We finished shooting for season 2. This time, the content and language are more tamed than the earlier installment," Rana revealed, suggesting that Season 2 would be less explicit but still carry the emotional weight of the story.

While there is no official streaming date announced for **Rana Naidu** Season 2, fans can expect a more refined and toned-down version of the intense drama that captivated audiences in its first season.

Mechanic Rocky Trailer 2.0 Released: Action, Emotion, and Intensity

Mass Ka Das, the upcoming action-packed entertainer, is directed by Ravi Teja Mullapudi and features Vishwak Sen in the lead role, with Meenakshi Chaudhary and Shraddha Srinath playing pivotal roles. The film has already generated significant buzz with its first trailer, which was released a while ago, featuring a mix of mass appeal, comedy, and action elements. However, the makers have now unveiled the second trailer (Trailer 2.0), which takes the excitement to a whole new level, presenting a darker, more intense side of the film.

While the first trailer focused on humor and mass elements to attract a wide audience, Trailer 2.0 showcases a shift in tone, highlighting a more emotional and action-driven narrative. The trailer is filled with gripping moments that promise to leave viewers on the edge of their seats. Vishwak Sen looks perfect in his role, delivering some solid action sequences that further establish his versatility as an actor. His intense moments in the trailer suggest that the film will offer not only high-octane action but also a deeper emotional journey.

The emotional depth of the film is further elevated by the performances of the heroines, Shraddha Srinath and Meenakshi Chaudhary, whose characters seem to have a strong presence in the narrative. Their roles add a layer of emotional complexity, making the story even more engaging. Additionally, veteran actor Sunil's portrayal of the villain is another highlight, as he brings a formidable presence to the screen, especially in the



face-off scenes with Vishwak Sen. Their intense interactions promise to be one of the key attractions of the film.

The trailer also features a captivating background score by Jakes Bejoy, whose music enhances the film's emotional and action-packed moments. The score complements the intensity of the scenes, creating a powerful atmosphere that will keep the audience invested in the story.

Produced by SRT Entertainments, **Mass Ka Das** is set to release on November 22, and the second trailer has only fueled anticipation for the film. With a perfect mix of action, emotion, and high stakes, the movie is poised to be a thrilling ride for the audience.

Unstoppable Season 4: Allu Arjun and Family Shine in Episode Part 2 Promo

Season 4 of the popular Telugu talk show **Unstoppable**, hosted by the charismatic Nandamuri Balakrishna, is already creating a massive buzz with its star-studded line-up. The show, known for its candid conversations and entertaining moments, has had some high-profile guests so far, including Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, Tamil superstar Suriya, and Malayalam actor Dulquer Salmaan.

The latest addition to the star-studded season is Tollywood's own Allu Arjun. The actor, who is riding high on the success of his blockbuster film **Pushpa**, recently appeared on **Unstoppable** to chat with Balakrishna. During the episode, Allu Arjun shared several exciting insights, including behind-the-scenes stories about **Pushpa 2**, his career, and personal life. The chemistry between the two actors was evident, with both exchanging playful banter and heartwarming moments.

However, fans are now eagerly awaiting the second part of this special episode, and the makers have just released a promo that's already going viral. In the newly released preview, Allu Arjun is seen with his children, Allu Ayan and Allu Arha, who added an adorable charm to the show. The family's appearance brought a delightful atmosphere, with little Arha impressing everyone by reciting a beautiful Telugu poem. Her performance was a highlight of the promo, showing off her impressive language skills at such a young age.



The promo has left fans excited for the full episode, as it promises more fun, family moments, and heartwarming interactions between the superstar father and his children. Allu Arjun, known for his down-to-earth nature, showcased his family life in a way that felt both genuine and endearing.

With **Unstoppable** Season 4 continuing to capture the attention of viewers with its engaging content and high-profile guests, the upcoming part 2 of Allu Arjun's episode is sure to be a must-watch. Fans are eagerly awaiting the full episode to witness more entertaining moments, along with a closer look at the personal side of the popular actor and his family.

The promo is already generating excitement on social media, and it's clear that the next episode will be another unforgettable installment in the **Unstoppable** series.