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# Revanth Reddy Challenges KCR, Vows Change

**KCR will be sent to jail..**  
**If you look at the local body elections..**  
**Development works of Rs.679 crores in Vemulawada**  
**Became CM only with Rajannadaya - Revanth**

**TPN , Telangana :** On Wednesday, CM Revanth Reddy launched a series of development programs worth Rs 679 crore in Vemulawada, Rajanna Sirisilla district. The ceremony, which included a puja at the Vemulawada Rajanna Temple, was followed by a public meeting where Revanth Reddy made several key political statements.

na to oust KCR from power. He asserted that it was with the grace of Rajanna that he was now before the people as CM. He promised to lead the district on the path of development and stressed that regular reviews are being conducted to expedite the completion of pending projects. Revanth Reddy also mentioned that Minister Uttam would visit the area again by November 30 to review the progress.

Revanth Reddy, addressing the gathering, reflected on his padayatra, during which he had sought the blessing of Rajan-

Revanth Reddy spoke about the legacy of PV Narasimha Rao,



whom he praised for promoting the interests of Telugu people at both local and national levels. He recalled how the youth of Karimnagar fought for the creation of Telangana, and he expressed pride in the Congress party for fulfilling the promise made by Sonia Gandhi to grant statehood to Telangana.

lakh each. Revanth Reddy lashed out at KCR, claiming that the BRS leader had misled the people of Telangana with false promises, especially in the context of farmer welfare. He highlighted the Congress government's efforts to support farmers, including the loan waiver program that benefited 23 lakh families in just 25 days.

The CM also responded to criticism from BRS supporters, emphasizing that his party workers would give the right answer at the right time. He challenged KCR, saying that with the upcoming local body elections, the true power dynamics would become clear.

The CM took a dig at Union Minister Bandi Sanjay, questioning the contributions he had made to the district despite winning elections twice. He also criticized KCR for accumulating massive debts over ten years while neglecting the development of the Vemulawada Rajanna Temple and other local areas. He assured the people that the Congress government would continue its support for Gulf citizens by providing Rs. 5



## HC Questions Patnam Narender Reddy's Arrest

**Anger at the manner of Narender Reddy's arrest**  
**What is the need to arrest terrorists**

**TPN , Hyderabad:** The Telangana High Court raised significant concerns on Wednesday regarding the arrest of former Kodangal MLA Patnam Narender Reddy in connection with the Lagacherla incident. The court was hearing a quash petition filed by Reddy, challenging his arrest and remand. After hearing arguments, the court reserved its judgment.

The High Court questioned the police's handling of the arrest, particularly the manner in which Reddy was treated as a terrorist and arrested during his morning walk at KBR Park. The court asked the public prosecutor whether such a high-handed approach was justified, given that Reddy was not absconding. Additionally, the court pointed out the failure to follow Supreme Court guidelines during his arrest.



The court also noted discrepancies in the police reports, especially regarding the severity of injuries sustained by officers during the alleged attack in Lagacherla. While initial reports claimed serious injuries, later reports described them as minor.

The public prosecutor defended the arrest, accusing Reddy of instigating locals to attack officials and incite unrest. He argued against quashing the remand order, stating that it would hinder the ongoing investigation.

The court's questioning highlights concerns over the arrest procedures and the need for transparency and adherence to legal guidelines during such operations. The final judgment in the case is still pending

### Survey Nears One Crore Mark

## State's House Survey Hits 90% Completion



**TPN , Telangana :** The state government's comprehensive house survey, covering social, economic, educational, employment, political, and caste-related data, is progressing rapidly. As of now, the survey has been completed in 90,56,383 households across the state.

Mulugu district has achieved the highest completion rate, surveying 98,080 residences, surpassing

its target with 100.5 percent completion. Jangaon district follows closely in second place with 99.9 percent, while Nalgonda ranks third with 97.7 percent. Other districts such as Kamareddy (93.3%), Manchiryala (93.2%), Yadadri Bhuvanagiri (92.3%), Nizamabad (91%), Rajanna Sirisilla (90.9%), and Jagityala (90.6%) have also made significant progress, with over 90 percent of the survey completed in nine districts.

In the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) area, the survey has gained momentum. Of the 25,05,517 residences to be surveyed, 13,91,817 have been completed, achieving a 55.6 percent completion rate. Officials have noted that the public response to the survey has been positive.

The survey is being conducted in 92,901 blocks, divided into 52,493 rural and 40,901 urban blocks. District In-Charge Collectors are regularly reviewing the progress and taking necessary actions to ensure the survey is completed on time.

This comprehensive survey aims to collect detailed information for effective governance and planning, with officials confident that the process will continue to progress smoothly.

## Harish Rao Criticizes Revanth Reddy, Defends KCR



**TPN , Telangana :** Former Minister Harish Rao expressed his displeasure over CM Revanth Reddy's recent speech in Warangal, accusing him of failing to address issues concerning the people and women. Speaking at a media conference after visiting Kurumurthy for divine darshan, Harish Rao slammed Revanth Reddy for focusing on personal attacks rather than providing solutions for the public.

Harish Rao specifically criticized Revanth Reddy for repeatedly chanting KCR's name 50 times in his speech, claiming that this showed a fear of defeat. He added that Revanth Reddy's words were full of sound but lacked substance, pointing out that nothing beneficial for the people or women was mentioned.

**Vows & Wows**

**Bridal Classics**

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**KANCHEEPURAM**  
**VRK**  
**SILKS**

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## Vows Change

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Revanth Reddy further accused KCR and his family members of engaging in corrupt activities, including the construction of lavish farmhouses while neglecting the needs of the people. He also discussed the attack on the Vikarabad collector, blaming BRS rowdies for the violence. Concluding his speech, he promised to provide triple compensation to farmers and vowed to push forward development in Kodangal, despite BRS's attempts to block progress. Revanth Reddy warned KCR that if he continued with his actions, he would inevitably face jail.

## Harish Rao Criticizes Revanth Reddy, Defends KCR

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Responding to claims made by Revanth Reddy, Harish Rao firmly stated that KCR was not a "weed," but a "tree" and compared the two leaders, saying, "There is a difference between KCR and Revanth Reddy, just as a fox is different from Nagaloka." He accused Revanth Reddy of enjoying power at the expense of the poor and farmers, emphasizing that KCR had given him the position of CM.

Harish Rao also criticized Revanth Reddy for not fulfilling his promises, particularly regarding the complete loan waiver for farmers. He expressed disappointment that Revanth did not address this issue during his Warangal speech.

Further, Harish Rao alleged that Revanth Reddy was tarnishing the reputation of Mahabubnagar by claiming to be its son. He accused him of lying, saying, "Revanth Reddy's DNA is to lie," and reminded that since Congress came to power, people have lost essential benefits such as Rythu Bandhu, KCR Kits, Nutrition Kits, Bathukamma sarees, and Dalita Bandhu.

In conclusion, Harish Rao urged Revanth Reddy to focus on truth and work for the welfare of the people instead of spreading falsehoods.

## Haryana Governor Remembers 47th Anniversary of Diviseema Flood



**TPN , Hyderabad:** Haryana Governor Mr. Bandaru Dattatreya marked the 47th anniversary of the devastating "Diviseema flood," which claimed around 10,000 lives and displaced millions. In a heartfelt press release, he recalled the tragic event, describing how the flood damaged 20,000 acres of crops and caused extensive losses.

Dattatreya, a Swayamsevak at the time, shared his experiences of assisting the victims, including organizing a special team, Shavasana, to conduct cremations. He also helped provide emergency supplies, medical assistance, and rebuilt the village of Moolapalem, establishing homes, a school, and a hospital.

Reflecting on the efforts of local leaders like Mandali Venkata Krishna Rao and his son Mandali Buddha Prasad, Dattatreya stressed the importance of early warning systems for natural disasters. He urged the government to use advanced technology to minimize future loss of life and property.

Dattatreya concluded by cherishing his two years spent in Diviseema.

## Bhatti Orders Fast-Track Implementation of SC/ST Sub Plan

**TPN ,Hyderabad :** Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu has urged officials to take the SC and ST Sub Plan Act seriously and ensure its effective implementation. Speaking at a review meeting on the performance of 32 departments handling SC and ST development funds, he emphasized the need for departments to follow the guidelines laid out in the Sub Plan Act.



The meeting, held at Dr. BR Ambedkar Secretariat on Wednesday, focused on the allocation of funds, expenditure, and the unspent funds from the previous summer. Bhatti Vikramarka directed that all departments establish a support unit for the effective implementation of the policy if one does not already exist. He also instructed the Principal Secretary of the Finance Department to monitor the non-utilization of funds as per the Sub-Plan Act.

The Deputy CM further emphasized the importance of a detailed study on the reports submitted by the Socio-Economic Survey (SES) on the implemen-

tation of the Sub Plan Act. He proposed the establishment of a special research center in the finance department to design targeted schemes for the welfare of SC and ST communities.

Bhatti Vikramarka also called on all departments to report on the expenditure of SC and ST development funds within the next 30 days. In response to a demand for a three-phase electricity supply to tribal Tandias,

he instructed authorities to take necessary steps. Additionally, he urged departments to prepare effective schemes for the upcoming financial year and submit reports to the finance department.

The SC and ST Sub Plan Act, introduced during the previous Congress government under Indiramma Rajyam, aims to ensure better implementation of welfare programs for mar-

ginalized communities. Bhatti Vikramarka reiterated the government's commitment to its successful implementation, highlighting the delays in benefiting eligible individuals due to the previous administration's actions.

The meeting was attended by Special CS Vikasa Raj, Principal Secretary Finance Sandeep Kumar Sultania, ST Welfare Secretary Sarath, and other officials.

## Komati Reddy Focuses on Speeding Up Highway Work

**TPN , Hyderabad :** State Roads, Buildings, and Cinematography Minister Komati Reddy Venkat Reddy has expressed concern over the delay in national highway construction due to the previous government's neglect. Speaking at a review meeting in Banjarahills, the minister instructed officials to move past the setbacks and expedite construction work on national highways.



The review focused on several key projects, including the Vijayawada-Nagpur section (NH-163G), where eight packages have been awarded for the 300 km greenfield road being built by Mega Engineering Company. The minister emphasized that work should continue in areas where land acquisition is complete, urging officials to resolve delays swiftly. He also proposed a video conference with district Collectors to address land acquisition issues in Manchiryala, Warangal, and Khammam.

Regarding the Hyderabad-Dindi (NH 765) project, the minister noted that a meeting

would be held with the Chief Minister to finalize the alignment of the 85 km road being upgraded to four lanes. The review of the Khammam-Devarapalli (NH 365GG) greenfield road showed 60-70% completion, with the target of finishing by May or June 2025.

For the Kurnool-Raichur (NH-150C) project, the minister ensured that work would be

completed by December 2025. He also addressed the need for faster progress on the Hyderabad-Manneguda (NH-163) road, urging officials to speed up work to reduce accidents.

Minister Komati Reddy stressed that national highways are crucial for the state's development and ordered weekly progress reports from officials.

## CM Vows Strict Action Over Maganur Incident

**TPN , Hyderabad :** Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy expressed strong anger over the recent incident in which students at Maganur Government High School in Narayanapet district fell ill after consuming lunch. The CM ordered immediate action against those responsible for the incident, directing the District Collector to suspend any officials found negligent.

The health condition of the affected students was reviewed, and the CM ensured that better treatment would be provided to them. He also instructed the

Chief Medical Officer (CMO) to conduct a thorough investigation into the causes of the incident and submit a detailed report to him.

Revanth Reddy stressed that such incidents should never occur again, and issued a warning to district Collectors across the state to remain vigilant. He made it clear that there would be no compromise when it comes to providing nutritious food to students, and that strict action would be taken against those found responsible for any future lapses.



## Deputy CM Pledges Support for Private Colleges

**TPN , Hyderabad :** Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu assured that the state government is committed to addressing the various challenges faced by private degree and inter colleges. During a meeting held at Dr. BR Ambedkar Secretariat on Wednesday, Bhatti Vikramarka, along with Balakrishna Reddy, Chairman of the Council of Higher Education, and members of the Private College Owners' Association, discussed the concerns raised by the institutions.

The Deputy CM expressed the government's awareness of the difficulties faced by private colleges and emphasized that a positive response would be provided to resolve them. Bhatti Vikramarka stated that the government is committed to resolving these issues in a phased manner, ensuring that the concerns of the colleges are addressed systematically.

The meeting provided a platform for college owners to voice their issues, and Bhatti Vikramarka assured them

that steps would be taken to ease the challenges faced by private institutions. He emphasized the government's proactive approach to supporting the growth and development of the education sector in the state.

This positive stance on the part of the government has been welcomed by the private college community, who are hopeful for timely solutions to the longstanding issues they have been facing.





## Reddy Vows to Bring Down Revanth from Kodangal



**TPN , Telangana :** Former Kodangal MLA Patnam Narendra Reddy made sensational remarks, vowing to initiate the downfall of Revanth Reddy from Kodangal. He expressed anger, questioning whether supporting farmers would lead to the filing of illegal cases and his imprisonment. These comments were made after Reddy attended Kodangal Court today.

During this event, Reddy also criticized the police, asking why they had to arrest him like a terrorist. The Telangana High Court, questioning the police's actions, raised concerns about the arrest of the former MLA while he was out for a walk at KBR Park. The court specifically questioned why he was treated as a terrorist during his arrest.

This incident has stirred significant controversy, with Reddy's comments highlighting tensions surrounding political and legal matters in Telangana. His remarks reflect the ongoing struggles and accusations within the state's political landscape, where political figures face increasing scrutiny over their actions.

## Arresting Farmers in Laghacherla Incident is Shameful: Thammineni

**TPN , Telangana :** CPI(M) State Secretary Thammineni Veerabhadram has strongly condemned the arrest of farmers in the Laghacherla incident, calling it a shameful action. Speaking to the media, he criticized CM Revanth Reddy's remark about KCR, stating that Revanth Reddy had claimed that the CM KCR "wasn't growing as a sapling." He demanded that the Congress party answer the public regarding the promises made during elections and which of them have been fulfilled. He pointed out that the current government lacks the necessary governance to even celebrate victory.



Veerabhadram further slammed both Congress and BRS parties for deceiving farmers and seizing their lands. He stated that both parties were equally responsible for exploiting farmers. Commenting on the public's opposition to victory celebrations, he said people were disillusioned with the ruling government.

He also highlighted the pollution of the Musi river caused by chemicals from pharma companies in Hyderabad, adding that the water contamination was a direct consequence of irresponsible governance. Thammineni criticized the continuation of KCR's policies under Revanth Reddy's leadership and promised that CPI(M) would intensify its struggle against the people's adversarial governance. He also announced plans to visit Laghacherla tomorrow to understand the situation on the ground.

## Sravan Calls for Leadership Change in Telangana



**TPN , Telangana :** BRS leader Dasoju Sravan has made sensational comments regarding the possibility of a change in leadership in Telangana following the results of the Maharashtra elections. Speaking to the media at the Telangana Bhavan, Sravan claimed that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's position would be in jeopardy after the election results, predicting that he would soon lose his seat. Sravan accused Revanth Reddy of working against the principles of Rahul

Gandhi and of implementing policies that harm the poor, including demolitions and the so-called bulldozer rule.

Sravan criticized Revanth Reddy's governance, calling it oppressive towards the underprivileged and damaging to their lives, particularly with the destruction of homes. He also ridiculed Revanth Reddy's leadership, stating that a person with such a character was not fit to be Chief Minister. Sravan alleged that Revanth's rise to power was facilitated by Sonia Gandhi and that he was not deserving of the position.

Further intensifying his remarks, Sravan challenged Revanth to resign from his position and contest the elections again, particularly in Kodangal, to prove his worth as a leader. He stated that the people of Lagacherla, who have suffered under Revanth's governance, would challenge him, and asked whether Revanth had the courage to resign and win again.

Sravan's remarks suggest that a leadership change in Telangana could be imminent, especially in light of the Maharashtra election results, with Sravan claiming that Revanth Reddy's style of governance was contrary to Rahul Gandhi's ideology.

## K.A. Paul Questions Funding Behind Pharma Company

**TPN , Telangana :** Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is well-known to many, and his daughter Naimisha married Satyanarayana Reddy in 2015, the son of G. Venkata Reddy, the owner of Reddy Motors. Recently, the pharmaceutical company of Revanth Reddy's son-in-law has made headlines. The company is gaining attention, and political leaders are increasingly commenting on it.

In a recent development, Praja Shanti Party President K.A. Paul made sensational remarks about the company. He revealed that Revanth Reddy's son-in-law, Satyanarayana, is a director at Maxibin Pharmaceuticals. Paul raised questions about the source of the vast sums



of money flowing into the pharmaceutical industry, asking, "Where is all this money coming from? Hundreds of crores are being invested in these pharmaceutical companies."

Paul also commented on complaints regarding the forceful land acquisition of farmers in Kodangal, adding, "There's no escape. I'm coming soon. Don't rush. Let's expose their corruption." He shared a video on social media, stating, "I'm here to fight for justice." Paul's statements have stirred significant controversy, drawing attention to the alleged corruption and political tensions surrounding the pharmaceutical industry.

## Work Towards Making Rahul Gandhi Prime Minister: Mahesh Goud

**TPN , Telangana :** Telangana PCC President Mahesh Kumar Goud has emphasized that the formation of the Congress government in Telangana is the result of the hard work of Congress workers. He assured party members that their dedication will certainly yield results. Speaking about the Congress government's achievements, Goud highlighted the continuous efforts of CM Revanth Reddy, Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka, and the ministers who are working tirelessly for the people. He pointed out that the Congress government had provided ₹18,000 crore for the loan waiver of farmers, including ₹2 lakh loan forgiveness, which KCR's government failed to accomplish in 10 years.

Goud also praised the Congress government for providing 50,000 jobs in just one year, something the previous administration could not achieve. He further remembered the sacrifices made by Mahatma Gandhi and Jawaharlal Nehru for the nation, accusing the BJP of distorting history and spreading falsehoods through political conspiracies.

Goud stressed the need to work towards making Rahul Gandhi the Prime Minister, as he continues to unite the country through initiatives like his padyatra. He called on party workers to focus their efforts on this goal, stating, "We must work with the aim of making Rahul Gandhi our Prime Minister."



## Mallu Ravi Accuses KTR of Conspiring to Incite Violence in Lagacherla

**TPN , Telangana :** Nagar Kurnool MP Mallu Ravi has strongly criticized KTR, alleging that he masterminded a conspiracy to incite violence in the Lagacherla village incident. Ravi claimed that the reports circulating regarding the incident were misleading and inaccurate. He clarified that the district collector and government officials visited Lagacherla for a land acquisition and public consultation process, not to forcibly evict residents.

Ravi further emphasized the development efforts in Kodangal, asserting that political interests were obstructing progress in the region. He accused KTR of using misinformation to create unrest among farmers. According to Ravi, farmers do not usually resort to violence but instead seek fair compensation. He alleged that KTR, in collaboration with Narendra Reddy, orchestrated attacks under a pre-planned scheme.

Ravi praised Revanth Reddy, stating that he had made significant decisions benefiting farmers, despite his political background. He criticized KTR for distorting the facts around the Lagacherla incident and misleading the public with false narratives. Ravi concluded by stating that KTR's actions were designed to derail the development efforts in the region and create unnecessary turmoil among the people.



## Eleti Maheshwar Reddy Challenges Revanth Reddy to Resign and Contest Again



**TPN , Telangana :** BJP Legislative Party leader Eleti Maheshwar Reddy has expressed doubts about Telangana CM Revanth Reddy's chances of winning in his own constituency in the upcoming elections. Speaking to the media, Reddy challenged Revanth to resign from his post and contest again in his own constituency, asserting that he would surely lose if he did so. Reddy criticized the Congress government for failing to fulfill any of its promises made during the elections and urged the CM to engage with the public to understand their grievances.

Reddy also challenged Revanth to debate the unfulfilled promises in public meetings, claiming that the Congress government had not delivered on its election commitments. He accused the Congress of misleading the people with false celebrations, referring to the so-called "victory celebrations" as mere "deception celebrations."

The BJP leader further criticized the ongoing land acquisition in Lagacherla, alleging that the government was harassing tribal communities under the guise of land acquisition. Reddy pointed out that Revanth Reddy, as an incompetent chief minister, had driven the state's economic condition into distress and questioned how the government could justify its actions while failing to address its promises to the people.

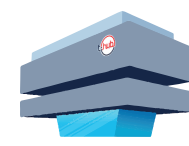
## Simply Abusing Doesn't Equal Governance": Rani Rudram

**TPN , Telangana:** BJP spokesperson Rani Rudram has strongly criticized Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's leadership, stating that simply resorting to abusive language does not equate to governance. Speaking to the media at the state BJP office, Rani Rudram responded to CM Revanth Reddy's recent comments made at the Warangal rally, particularly his remarks against Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Union Minister

Kishan Reddy. Rani Rudram condemned the rally, calling it not a women's empowerment event as claimed, but rather a deceptive gathering that misled women. She stated that women's safety has become a concern in Telangana under the current administration. Reflecting on Congress's 50 years in power, she accused them of neglecting the welfare of women, calling it a shameful failure. She further alleged that the Congress

government had no respect or responsibility towards women's safety.

In her sharp critique, Rani Rudram advised CM Revanth Reddy to focus on developing Telangana rather than indulging in baseless attacks. She warned him that making disparaging comments about leaders like Modi and Kishan Reddy, without any constructive action, will not enhance governance skills.



## Raids in Hyderabad Expose Unhygienic Factories

### 1400 kg of Ginger Garlic Paste Seized

**TPN , Hyderabad:** In a major operation, food safety officials raided two factories in the Katedan area of Hyderabad, uncovering severe hygiene violations and suspected adulteration. The raids resulted in the seizure of 1400 kg of ginger garlic paste, raising concerns about the safety standards maintained by food manufacturing units in the city.



ginger garlic paste, officials seized 1000 kg of paste due to concerns over adulteration and poor quality. The factory showed signs of neglect, including water stagnation, loose plastering above the grinding area, and no insect-proofing to prevent external contamination. The absence of critical records, such as medical fitness certificates for workers and pest control reports, further highlighted the unsafe practices at the facility.

During the raids, food safety inspectors discovered that both factories were in deplorable conditions. At Umani Foods International, authorities found the facility operating without a name board or visible address. The operator initially resisted the inspection but was later overpowered. Inside, 400 kg of packed ginger garlic paste and 50 kg of synthetic food coloring, believed to be used in the production, were confiscated. The premises

were found to have water stagnation near cleaning areas, cobwebs on walls and ceilings, and sections exposed to the open environment. Workers were not wearing basic protective gear like gloves, aprons, or hair caps, and essential documentation, such as pest control and water analysis reports, were missing.

These raids highlight the urgent need for stricter regulations and regular inspections of food manufacturing units in Hyderabad. Authorities must enforce stringent measures to ensure factories comply with hygiene standards and maintain the quality of their products. The raids serve as a wake-up call for all factories to prioritize food safety and cleanliness.

In another factory, known for producing

## Telangana HC Upholds Protection of 300 Acres of Ashoorkhana Waqf Land

**TPN , Hyderabad :** In a significant judgment, the Telangana High Court has upheld the protection of 300 acres of Waqf land belonging to Ashoorkhana Naal-e-Mubarak in Medchal-Malkajgiri district. The court dismissed a petition filed by Chenu Radhakrishna, who claimed ownership of a plot within the disputed land (Plot No. 634, Survey No. 219) based on a registered sale deed dated December 8, 2022. Radhakrishna sought permission to construct on the land.

However, the Telangana State Waqf Board maintained that the land was designated as Waqf property, reserved for religious and charitable purposes, and thus cannot be sold, purchased, or transferred. The court ruled that any such transactions were legally void.

The court also clarified that local authorities do not have jurisdiction over ownership rights of Waqf properties. Their role is limited to issuing permits after verifying ownership, emphasizing the state government's commitment to protecting Waqf properties.

The outcome was largely attributed to the effective legal follow-up by Waqf Board Chairman Syed Azmatullah Hussaini, Board Member Maulana Dr. Syed Nisar Hussain Hyder Agha, and Advocate Syed Ali Jafri.

## TTD Chairman BR Naidu Pays Courtesy Visit to KTR

**TPN , Hyderabad :** In a significant political development in Telangana, TTD Chairman BR Naidu recently visited the residence of BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) for a courtesy call. The meeting lasted approximately 30 minutes, during which both leaders discussed various matters.



During the visit, KTR warmly welcomed BR Naidu and presented him with a shawl as a gesture of respect. BR Naidu, in turn, offered KTR sacred prasadam from Lord Venkateswara. The meeting, held at KTR's Nandhinagar residence, was marked by mutual respect and cordiality. This interaction highlights growing political engagements and is expected to strengthen the relationship between the TTD and BRS leadership, with religious and political ties playing a key role in Telangana's dynamic political landscape.

## CS Shanti Kumari Visits Chukka Ramayya on His Birthday

**TPN , Hyderabad:** Telangana Chief Secretary Shanti Kumari visited the residence of former MLC and prominent educationist Chukka Ramayya on his birthday. On Wednesday, she presented a bouquet of flowers and extended her best wishes to him. During the visit, she also had Ramayya cut a birthday cake.

Several other notable figures also visited Chukka Ramayya's residence to wish him on his special day. Among them was MLC Alugubelli Narsimha Reddy, who also conveyed his birthday greetings.



Chukka Ramayya has been facing health issues for some time, and it was reported that earlier this year, in May, Chief Minister Revanth Reddy visited him to offer his support. During the visit, the Chief Minister spent time with Ramayya's family, engaging in friendly conversation. Ramayya was honored and invited to the Telangana State Formation Day celebrations on June 2.

## Fire Destroys Goods Worth Lakhs at Attapur Apparel Shop

**TPN , Hyderabad:** A massive fire destroyed property worth lakhs of rupees at an apparel shop in Attapur on Wednesday. The fire broke out at the shop located on Attapur Road in the afternoon, quickly escalating in intensity.

According to the police, upon noticing the fire, workers at the shop attempted to move consignments out of the building. However, realizing the severity of the flames, they fled the scene. Within minutes, the entire shop was reduced to ashes.

Fire tenders from nearby stations were alerted and rushed to the location. A total of three fire tenders worked for nearly an hour to bring the blaze under control. Despite their efforts, the fire caused significant damage to the shop's inventory. Officials suspect that the fire may have been caused by a short circuit, though the exact cause is still under investigation. Authorities are continuing to examine the site to determine the cause of the fire and assess the damage.

## Four-Story Building Demolished in Gachibowli after Tilting

**TPN , Hyderabad :** Demolition work is underway for a four-story building in Gachibowli, Hyderabad, which tilted and began to lean sideways. The building, located in Siddhiki Nagar, had been constructed on a relatively small plot of land. The construction of an adjacent building reportedly caused the shift, and by 8:30 pm last night, the building started to tilt toward a pit.



In response, local residents around the building were evacuated by officials from the Hyderabad Metropolitan Development Authority (HMDA) and the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC). Hydraulic machinery is being used to bring down the structure. The demolition began from the upper floors, with HMDA and GHMC officials monitoring the progress. It is expected to take several more hours to complete the full demolition of the building.

## Telangana DCA Continues Raids on Quacks and Unlicensed Drug Sellers

**TPN , Hyderabad:** The Telangana State Drug Control Administration (TSDCA) has intensified its efforts against illegal medical practitioners and unlicensed drug sellers with a series of raids across the state. On Wednesday, officials raided the premises of three individuals accused of practicing medicine without the proper qualifications.



In Mahabubnagar district's Chowdarpally village, TSDCA officials found Md Gulam Rasool illegally stocking 49 varieties of medicines and practicing medicine without an MBBS qualification. Similarly, in Wanaparthi district, another unqualified practitioner, Mohammed Khaja Moinuddin, was found in Sugur village with 38 varieties of unlawfully

stored medicines for sale. In Khammam district, Inapanuri Jeevaratnam (alias Jeevankumar), who was operating a healthcare facility in Adasarlpadu, had 28 varieties of illegal drugs.

The seized items included expensive drugs such as Norfloxacin, Cefixime,

Dexamethasone, and Prednisolone, valued at Rs 99,650. These medications are typically used for treating chronic diseases, and their sale without proper licensing is illegal.

In a separate operation, TSDCA officials raided an unlicensed facility in Thanamcherla village, Mahabubabad district, where Nimmani Kotaiah was illegally selling veterinary drugs. A total of 72 varieties of veterinary medicines, worth Rs 53,691, were seized. The TSDCA reminded that stocking and selling drugs without a license is punishable under the Drugs and Cosmetics Act, with penalties including up to five years of imprisonment, as stated by Director General V.B. Kamalsan Reddy.

## Worker Dies, Two Others Injured in Fire at Jeedimetla Pharma Unit

**TPN , Hyderabad:** A tragic fire mishap at a pharmaceutical unit in Jeedimetla claimed the life of a worker and left two others injured on Wednesday. According to police reports, the incident occurred when a group of workers was cleaning the boiler, and a sudden fire broke out, likely triggered by some solvents.

The deceased worker, identified as Anil (43), suffered fatal injuries and died at the scene. Three other workers, who sustained burn injuries, were immediately rushed to a private hospital, where they are currently receiving treatment. Upon receiving the information, Suraram police arrived at the location and launched an investigation. Fire tenders from Jeedimetla and nearby stations were quickly deployed to control the blaze. The police forensic team also arrived at the pharma unit to assist in the investigation.

The cause of the fire is still under investigation, with initial reports suggesting that solvents may have sparked the flames while the workers were cleaning the boiler. Authorities are working to determine the exact cause and to ensure that safety protocols are adhered to in the future.

## Shocking Facts Revealed in the Murder Case of a Minor Girl in Miyapur

**TPN , Hyderabad:** Shocking details have emerged in the murder case of a minor girl in Miyapur. A man named Chintu lured the girl under the pretense of love and later staged a fake marriage ceremony, only to brutally murder her. During police interrogation, it was revealed that Chintu had a criminal background, having previously been jailed for theft.



On November 8, Chintu convinced the girl that he would marry her and bought a sari, flowers, and other wedding items. He then took her to his friend's house, where they exchanged wedding vows and took pictures. These photos were sent to the girl's family and friends to make them believe they had indeed gotten married. However, this was all part of his plan to murder her.

After his friend and his wife left the house, Chintu killed the girl. He then tried to cover up the crime by claiming that the girl had gone missing. Throughout the afternoon, he maintained contact with the girl's family, telling them that he was searching for her. When police questioned him, he eventually confessed to the murder.

This tragic incident has left the community in shock, and authorities are continuing their investigation into the case.



## CM Revanth Reddy Visits Vemulwada, Inaugurates Temple Development Works



**TPN , Vemulwada:** Telangana Chief Minister, Revanth Reddy, reached Vemulwada to a warm welcome by several leaders and officials, including Ministers Ponnamp Prabhakar, Duddilla Sridhar Babu, Tuma Nageshwara Rao, Konda Surekha, Government Whip and Vemulwada MLA Aadi Srinivas, MLC Jeevan Reddy, and other MLAs like Medipally Satyam, Kavvampalli Sathyanarayana, Makan Singh Raj Thakur, and Dr. Sanjay Kumar. DGP Jitender, District Collector Sandeep Kumar Jha, and SP Akhil Mahajan also participated in the event.

Upon his arrival, the Chief Minister was greeted with a floral welcome at the Rajarajeswara Swamy Temple. In a significant

move, CM Revanth Reddy performed the Shankhastapana (foundation stone laying) for the temple development project worth ₹76 crore. He also took part in various rituals at the temple, including special prayers and an abhishekam (ritual bathing) for Lord Rajarajeswara Swamy.

The priests of the temple briefed CM Reddy on the temple's history and the ongoing development plans. Following the pooja, CM Reddy and other dignitaries were blessed with Vedic Aashirvachanam (blessings) from the temple priests.

This visit marks a major step in the ongoing development and modernization of Vemulwada's historic temple.



## Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar Inaugurates Sircilla District Police Office

**TPN , Sircilla:** In a significant move to enhance law enforcement infrastructure, Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar inaugurated the new Police Office in Sircilla district. The event was attended by several dignitaries, including Police Housing Corporation Chairman Gurnath Reddy, DGP Jitender, and other senior officials.

Government Whip and MLA from Vemulawada, Aadi Srinivas, MLA from Kothapet, Kavvampalli Sathyanarayana, District Collector Sandeep Kumar Jha, SP Akhil Mahajan, and various other officials were also present at the occasion.

After the inauguration of the SP office, Minister Ponnamp Prabhakar, along with DGP Jitender, ceremoniously seated SP Akhil Mahajan in his chair, marking a significant moment for the district's law enforcement. The event highlighted the government's commitment to improving policing services in the region.



## BRS Wins Jadcherla Municipal Council

**TPN , Hyderabad:** The Telangana Rashtra Samithi (BRS) has secured a significant victory in the Jadcherla Municipal Council, further strengthening its position in the region. In a key development, Koneti Pushpalatha has been elected unopposed as the new Chairperson of the municipality.

In the 2021 municipal elections, BRS won 23 out of the 27 councilor seats, while the BJP and Congress won two seats each. The election of Pushpalatha comes after the previous Chairperson, Dorepalli Lakshmi, faced a no-confidence motion in July 2023, led by a group dissatisfied with her husband's influence over the council's decisions.

Following the successful no-confidence motion, the election for the new Chairperson was held, where BRS, with its majority, regained control. Pushpalatha's election marks a new chapter for the municipality, solidifying BRS's dominance in the area.

## Hyderabad Students Have Memorable Interaction with President Droupadi Murmu



**TPN , Telangana :** Four students from Fusion International School, Hyderabad, had a unique opportunity to interact with President Droupadi Murmu at Rashtrapati Bhavan, New Delhi.

The event, which took place at the Cultural Center, was a memorable experience for the young scouts and guides, who were selected from Classes 1 to 10 based on their performance in various activities that tested their physical and mental endurance, resilience, teamwork, and leadership skills.

The students were able to experience the President's remarkable humility and warmth, leaving a lasting impression. "It felt surreal to be personally acknowledged by the President. Her humility was evident in how she made each of us feel valued despite her enormous responsibilities," said Pooja, one of the students who had the privilege of meeting the President.

The interaction highlighted the importance of fostering leadership qualities in young people and offered these students a rare and inspiring opportunity to meet the country's top leader. This experience will no doubt encourage them to continue pursuing excellence in all areas of their lives.



## Harish Rao Demands Action to Protect Students in Gurukulas

**TPN , Telangana :** Former Minister and BRS leader Harish Rao has raised serious concerns about the condition of Gurukulas (residential schools) in the state, calling for immediate action to ensure the safety of students. His remarks come after news of a student from a Gurukula in Nalgonda district being hospitalized due to a snake bite. Harish Rao expressed his shock and distress over the incident, condemning the Congress-led government for allowing such dangerous situations in schools.

Taking to social media platform X (formerly Twitter), Harish Rao criticized the state of Gurukulas, stating that incidents like dog bites, rat bites, and snake bites have become routine, which is unacceptable. He questioned the government's claims of educational reforms while students' lives are at risk.

He demanded that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy immediately intervene, directing relevant departments to improve basic facilities in Gurukulas and ensure proper education for students in a safe environment. Harish Rao also criticized the government's lack of oversight on education and welfare departments, which are crucial for the well-being of students, especially in minority, SC, and ST welfare schools.

Harish Rao's statement highlighted the negligence of the government, asserting that the cost of this negligence has already claimed the lives of 42 students, which he called a tragedy. He urged the Chief Minister to prioritize student safety and make urgent reforms.



## Siddipet Commissioner Launches Abhaya Mobile App for Auto Safety

**TPN , Siddipet:** Dr. B Anuradha, the Commissioner of Police in Siddipet, recently launched the Abhaya mobile app aimed at enhancing the safety of citizens who commute in autos. The app will feature detailed information about auto owners and drivers, which will be accessible to the public by scanning a QR code. Each auto will be provided with a sticker inside, displaying the QR code, the owner's name, and contact information.

Speaking at the event, Commissioner Anuradha emphasized that the app was developed to ensure the safety of passengers using autos. The initiative aims to provide citizens with easy access to the background details of auto drivers and vehicles, enhancing transparency and trust in the service.

On the launch day, QR codes were issued to 1,250 autos, with plans to cover all autos in the area soon. The mobile app is expected to make commuting in autos safer by giving passengers quick access to essential details of drivers and vehicles, contributing to greater security in Siddipet.



## Bhadrachalam Temple Expands Online Services to Include Three More Sevas



**TPN , Kothagudem:** Sri Seetha Ramachandra Swamy Devasthanam at Bhadrachalam has expanded its online services by adding three more sevas for the convenience of devotees. This move aims to streamline temple services and provide greater accessibility to worshippers.

Since July 2023, the temple has already made available 24 permanent and special puja services online, allowing devotees to book tickets for sevas at affiliated temples such as Sri Anjaneya Swamy Temple, Sri Ranganayaka Swamy Temple, Sri Govindaraja Temple, and others. The online services also include an e-Hundi for donations, along with booking options for air-conditioned cottages and rooms at the temple's guesthouses.

Recently, the temple has incorporated 'Annadanam', protocol darshanam, and 'Vastra Samarpana' into its online services. Devotees can now register for these services online, ensuring smoother processes and avoiding previous inconveniences. Annadanam, for instance, which used to involve distributing printed tickets between 10:30 am and 11:30 am, will now allow devotees to receive tokens from 9:30 am to 1 pm, after being photographed.



# G20 Rio Declaration: Bold Aspirations, Hollow Commitments for Climate Action



The G20 Rio de Janeiro Leaders' Declaration presents an ambitious vision for tackling the climate crisis, emphasizing sustainable growth, resilience, and inclusivity. However, its lofty rhetoric is undermined by significant gaps, contradictions, and a lack of concrete commitments, raising doubts about its ability to drive meaningful global action.

While the declaration expresses a desire to "encourage," "recognize," and "cooperate," it falls short of binding commitments or enforceable mechanisms. It reiterates the goals of the Paris Agreement without offering clear actions or timelines, perpetuating a familiar pattern in global climate diplomacy where lofty promises remain unfulfilled. The absence of concrete steps or frameworks for addressing climate challenges leaves the declaration at risk of being another aspirational statement, rather than a tool for real change.

One of the declaration's most glaring omissions is the lack of emphasis on water issues. Despite its critical role in achieving the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), water is treated as an afterthought, relegated to the WASH (Water, Sanitation, and Hygiene) sector. Addressing water challenges is vital for tackling hunger, poverty, and climate resilience, yet the declaration fails to position water as a global common good that requires systemic transformation across sectors.

In addition, the declaration's call to triple global renewable energy capacity by 2030 is not backed by actionable steps to resolve financing gaps or infrastructure challenges. Achieving the Paris Agreement's goals requires more than

pledges—it demands a comprehensive green industrial strategy, which the declaration does not address. Trade policies, particularly within the World Trade Organization (WTO), also need reform to ensure equitable participation in the green economy, yet this issue is largely overlooked. Without these systemic changes, developing nations will remain marginalized in the global energy transition.

The declaration also fails to provide solutions to the financial challenges faced by developing countries. In 2022, these nations spent over \$443 billion on servicing external debt, diverting resources from critical sectors like health, education, and environmental initiatives. Concessional financing, crucial for sustainable development in low-income nations, remains insufficient, and access to climate finance is often impeded by bureaucratic hurdles. These financial imbalances exacerbate the climate crisis, as developing countries face the dual burden of debt and climate impacts without adequate support to adapt or mitigate.

Moreover, the declaration misses an opportunity to push for reforms in multilateral development banks and central banks to align their policies with climate goals. The emphasis on scaling up green finance "from billions to trillions" ignores systemic barriers that prevent developing nations from accessing the funds they need. The call for critical minerals to support renewable energy transitions risks turning resource-rich countries into mere suppliers, contributing to environmental degradation and human rights violations without adequate compensation or governance frameworks.

The lack of accountability for historical emitters and the absence of specific commitments from high-income nations to scale up climate finance or emissions reductions further diminish the declaration's effectiveness. Additionally, the failure to prioritize just transitions and support vulnerable communities highlights the declaration's shortcomings. While it acknowledges the need for adaptation and a Loss and Damage Fund, it offers no concrete framework for implementation, leaving the Global South vulnerable to climate impacts without sufficient financial or technical support.

The omission of climate-induced migration is another significant flaw. With climate change potentially displacing millions by 2050, the G20's silence on this issue reveals a troubling disregard for the humanitarian consequences of inaction. Similarly, the call for circular economies and waste reduction is undermined by the refusal to confront unsustainable consumption patterns in high-income countries, which are responsible for the majority of global waste and resource consumption.

Ultimately, the G20 Rio Declaration presents itself as a comprehensive roadmap for climate action but falls short in delivering the bold, transformative commitments needed to address the crisis. To achieve meaningful progress, future G20 presidencies—especially South Africa's—must prioritize actionable commitments, systemic reform, and binding targets that address the structural barriers to sustainability and equity. Without these, the declaration risks becoming another footnote in the history of missed opportunities in global climate governance.

# Humor in the Constituent Assembly: A Humanizing Element of India's Constitution



During my recent work on a project commemorating the 75th year of the adoption of the Indian Constitution, I delved into the Constituent Assembly debates, searching for landmark speeches, values of constitutionality, and didactic precedents. What struck me most were the humorous moments that emerged in these serious discussions. These instances not only humanized the Constitution but also highlighted the wit and wisdom of the founding members, showcasing their deep awareness of society's foibles and their own flaws.

The debates, which took place between December 9, 1946, and January 25, 1950, stretch across nearly 6,000 pages and 3.6 million words, yet it's the occasional bursts of humor that reveal the Assembly's more approachable side. One notable example is from December 11, 1946, when the "Nightingale of India," Sarojini Naidu, was invited to address the House. Chairman Sachchidananda Sinha called her "bulbul-i-Hind" and asked her to speak "not in prose but in poetry." To which Naidu cheekily responded, "Mr. Chairman, the manner of your calling me is not constitutional!" This prompted laughter, with Sinha hurriedly clarifying that it was "no reflection on the Chair."

Naidu, in her self-deprecating humor, continued to poke fun at the male-dominated assembly, remarking, "I will be modest... as a woman should, confine myself to purely domestic issues." At the time, women made up only 15 of the 390 members, and Naidu's quip subtly highlighted the gender imbalance within the Assembly.

Another instance of humor came on December 27, 1948, when Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, addressing HV Kamath, joked by calling him "Professor Kamath," to which Kamath protested, saying he was not a professor. Ambedkar's witty reply, "But he is quite entitled to be called Professor because he speaks so often," caused the House to burst into laughter. The irony was that Ambedkar, himself known for speaking prolifically in the Assembly, was playfully acknowledging Kamath's loquaciousness.

On September 8, 1949, PS Deshmukh humorously remarked that the Constitution was a "Paradise for lawyers" due to its numerous loopholes. He specifically called attention to the word "notwithstanding," which appears repeatedly throughout the document, humorously predicting it would outnumber the terms "Parliament" or "Constitution."

There was also a light-hearted exchange on the Preamble when Kamath proposed to add "In the name of God" before "We, the People of India." Rohini Kumar Chaudhury, sensing the tension, quipped, "May I move an amendment to that of Shri Kamath that, instead of 'In the name of God', would he be pleased to accept 'In the name of Goddess?'" This intervention eased the atmosphere and had the Assembly laughing.

These humorous moments from the Constituent Assembly remind us that humor is essential in any serious discourse. It serves as a means of balancing intense debates and reinforces the humanity of those involved. While some dubious remarks are often circulated in today's media, including supposed jokes by Nehru and Prasad, they highlight the importance of wit in shaping the Constitution and, perhaps more importantly, the spirit with which it was created. Despite the weighty topics under discussion, the members demonstrated that even in the gravest matters, humor can be a necessary tool for clarity and connection.

# Delhi Choking On Toxic Air: How Will This Vicious Pollution Cycle End?

On November 18, 2024, northern India, particularly Delhi, experienced a severe air pollution crisis. The Air Quality Index (AQI) surpassed 1,081, categorizing the air as "hazardous," which is a direct public health emergency. The concentration of fine particulate matter, particularly PM<sub>2.5</sub>, reached levels 130.9 times higher than the World Health Organization's recommended limits, posing serious risks to cardiovascular and respiratory health. In response, administrative measures such as school closures and a ban on non-essential construction were enforced. However, this crisis also underscored the systemic failure to control the primary sources of pollution.

A study by IIT Kanpur published in *Nature Communication* offers significant insights into the pollution landscape in the Indo-Gangetic Plain (IGP). The study reveals that PM<sub>2.5</sub>

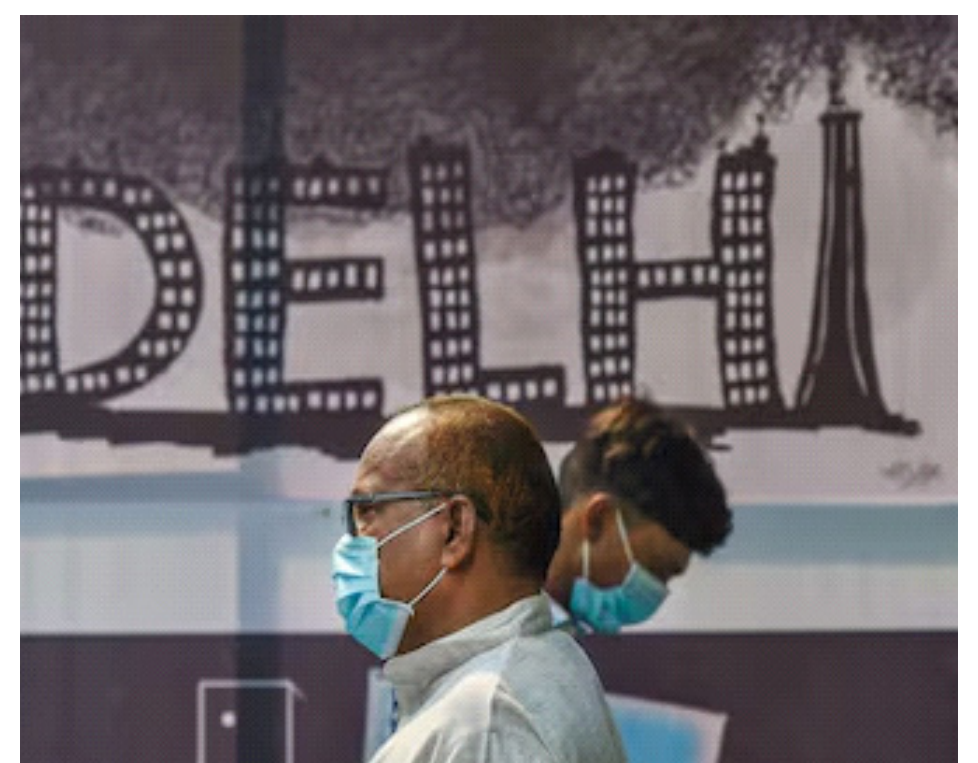
concentrations during the cold season average 98 µg/m<sup>3</sup>, which is far higher than those in major urban centers of China and Europe. The PM<sub>2.5</sub> particles, largely made up of organic aerosols from sources like vehicular emissions, biomass burning, and incomplete combustion of biofuels, show significant spatial variability across regions. These particles contain high oxidative potential, exceeding levels found in Chinese and European cities by a factor of up to five.

While the reduction in stubble burning from Punjab and Haryana has been reported to be 80–90% compared to 2020, satellite imagery indicates that the data may be unreliable. The pattern of stubble burning has shifted to later hours, deliberately evading detection by satellites. As a result, despite fewer reported fires, the overall air quality remains poor, as the atmospheric

aerosol levels persist.

The primary reasons behind stubble burning include economic constraints and agricultural policies. Burning is seen as the most cost-effective method for clearing fields, as it requires minimal labor and no expensive machinery. However, it has devastating environmental and health consequences. Moreover, the Punjab Preservation of Subsoil Water Act, 2009, while effective in reducing groundwater depletion, inadvertently overlaps crop cycles, forcing farmers to burn stubble to prepare fields for the next crop.

Addressing this requires a shift in India's agricultural policies. Transitioning to low-residue paddy varieties, scaling in-situ crop residue management (CRM) technologies, and incentivizing crop diversification are key measures.



## "India Will Strengthen Global Health Efforts": PM Modi To WHO Chief 'Tulsi Bhai'

Prime Minister Narendra Modi reaffirmed India's commitment to global health during his address to Dr. Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus, the Director-General of the World Health Organization (WHO), at the G20 Leaders' Summit in Brazil. In a heartfelt message posted on social media, PM Modi expressed his support for WHO's efforts and praised its initiatives, referring to Dr. Tedros as "Tulsi Bhai." His message followed Dr. Tedros' appreciation for Modi's contributions and support during the WHO's first-ever Investment Round, held in Rio de Janeiro.

PM Modi highlighted India's active role in the global health sector, underscoring the country's commitment to integrating technology into healthcare. "A healthy planet is a better planet. India is working actively in this sector," he wrote. He also added, "We are attaching great priority to integrating technology too. At the same time, we will strengthen global efforts in this regard."

The WHO Investment Round, a key event at the G20 Summit, aimed to secure funding for the organization's global health strategy. The round successfully raised \$1.7 billion in commitments, which will contribute to WHO's ongoing efforts to combat health inequalities and improve global health outcomes. During the Summit, world leaders, including PM Modi, reiterated their commitment to building a more sustainable and equitable world, with a strong emphasis on addressing global health challenges.



The WHO's efforts are backed by substantial funding, with the organization securing \$3.8 billion toward its \$7.1 billion goal for the 14th General Programme of Work. This program aims to save 40 million lives over the next four years by prioritizing health equity and ensuring sustainable financing for essential health interventions.

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## "Avoid Galwan-Type Incidents": Rajnath Says At Meet With Chinese Counterpart

Defence Minister Rajnath Singh met his Chinese counterpart, Dong Jun, today in Vientiane, Laos, for bilateral talks. This marked the first meeting between the two leaders since the military disengagement in Ladakh. During the discussions, Singh emphasized the need to avoid incidents like the one in Galwan Valley in June 2020, stating that such conflicts must be prevented in the future.

The meeting, which took place on the sidelines of the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus, focused on reviewing the situation along the Line of Actual Control (LAC) and the disengagement process in areas where the two sides had been engaged in a standoff for more than four years. The two leaders also discussed the situation in Demchok and Depsang, where the disengagement process was completed last month.



Singh's visit to Laos, which began on Wednesday, is primarily to attend the ASEAN Defence Ministers' Meeting Plus (ADMM-Plus), a platform that includes the 10 ASEAN nations and its eight dialogue partners: India, China, Australia, Japan, New Zealand, South Korea, Russia, and the United States. Laos is currently hosting the meeting in its capacity as the chair of the forum.

The military standoff between India and China in Ladakh involved multiple regions along the LAC, including Galwan, Pangong, Gogra Hot Springs, Depsang, and Demchok. The standoff, which began in 2020, strained bilateral relations and led to a deadly clash in Galwan. It took four years of diplomatic and military negotiations for both countries to reach an agreement to restore the situation to what it was before the 2020 tensions.

On October 21, 2024, both countries agreed on the disengagement plan, and by October 31, the process was completed, with both sides withdrawing their troops and returning to the pre-2020 status. This has allowed for regular patrolling by troops in these areas, which resumed after a gap of nearly four-and-a-half years.

## Home minister Shah responsible for Manipur crisis, must resign: Congress

Congress party demanded the resignation of Home Minister Amit Shah, holding him directly responsible for the escalating crisis in Manipur. All India Congress Committee (AICC) spokesperson Jairam Ramesh called for Shah's accountability, stating, "The double-engine government has failed and has been derailed. The Home Minister is directly responsible. We want the Home Minister to resign because it is his responsibility."



The Congress party also urged Prime Minister Narendra Modi to visit the violence-ravaged state before the upcoming Parliament session. Ramesh pointed out that since the outbreak of violence on May 3, 2023, Manipur has been in turmoil, yet Modi has prioritized international visits over addressing the crisis at home. "The Prime Minister visited various countries and gave sermons but could not find time to visit Manipur," Ramesh said. He further demanded that Modi meet political leaders, civil society groups, and

those affected in relief camps in the state.

The Congress also accused the Prime Minister of outsourcing responsibility for Manipur to Amit Shah, along with Chief Minister N. Biren Singh, both of whom, the party claimed, have failed the state. "There is a strange 'jugalbandi' between the Home Minister and the

failed CM," Ramesh said, questioning why Shah had not intervened despite the chief minister's inadequacies.

Ramesh also criticized the BJP for its inability to control the situation in Manipur, stating, "The BJP won 32 out of 60 seats in the 2022 elections, but within 15 months, Manipur began to burn. The state and central government have failed." The violence has led to over 300 deaths and displaced more than 60,000 people, highlighting what the Congress calls the "complete failure" of the BJP-led administration.

Manipur Congress chief K Meghachandra Singh echoed Ramesh's concerns, describing the situation as one of "unprecedented turmoil" under the current government. He also questioned Modi's commitment to the state, asking why Manipur was being neglected under the BJP's rule. Singh emphasized that the state is now leaderless, with no one capable of addressing the ongoing unrest.

## "Signifies Unity": Nitin Gadkari On 'Batenge Toh Katenge' Amid Polls

Union Minister Nitin Gadkari has defended the controversial slogan "Batenge toh katenge" used by senior Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) leaders, calling it a message of unity rather than division. In an exclusive interview with NDTV, Gadkari emphasized that the slogan represents the BJP's commitment to rise above sectarian divides and unite all Indians, regardless of religion or language, in the fight against terrorism. He stressed that it was not aimed at any particular community, including Muslims, and that it reflected the party's resolve for national unity.



The slogan first gained attention when Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath used it in August, warning against divisive politics and stressing unity in the face of external threats. The slogan, however, faced sharp criticism from opposition parties and some within the BJP, including figures like Pankaja Munde and Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Ajit Pawar, who distanced themselves from it. In response to the backlash, the slogan was later revised to "ek ho to safe hain" by BJP leaders, including Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnis.

Gadkari also addressed the Congress party's claims that the BJP seeks to rewrite the Constitution. He rejected this notion, pointing out that it was the Congress that had tampered with the Constitution during the Emergency period. He reminded voters that the BJP had no intention of changing the Constitution, referencing the Supreme Court's ruling in the Kesavananda Bharati case, which had established the unamendable nature of the Constitution's basic structure.

In addition, Gadkari dismissed allegations of bitcoin fraud involving Nationalist Congress Party leader Supriya Sule, calling them irrelevant to the ongoing elections in Maharashtra. He emphasized that voters would focus on the governance and performance of the Shinde government rather than unsubstantiated claims. Sule has denied the accusations and filed complaints with the Election Commission.

Regarding the next Chief Minister of Maharashtra, Gadkari stated that the decision would be made after the election results, stressing that it was a matter for the BJP's top leadership.

## "Public opinion, winnability deciding factors for AAP ticket"

Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) supremo Arvind Kejriwal announced on Tuesday that tickets for the upcoming Delhi Assembly elections will be allocated based on merit, focusing on candidates' work, win potential, and public opinion. In meetings with AAP workers and office bearers from northwest and west Delhi, Kejriwal reaffirmed his confidence that the party would win the election, citing its commitment to truth and the support of the people.



"I will not give tickets to any relative, acquaintance, or friend. There will be no nepotism," Kejriwal stated. He emphasized that candidates would be chosen solely on the basis of their track record, their likelihood of securing a victory, and the sentiment of the public. This approach, he asserted, would ensure that AAP candidates represent the true will of the people.

Kejriwal further urged the party workers to prepare for the elections as though he himself were contesting in each of the 70 constituencies in Delhi. He called the upcoming election a "Dharm Yuddh" (religious war), underscoring the fierce political battle with the opposition, particularly the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP), which he claimed was determined to win at any cost.

The AAP leader's statement comes amid growing anticipation for the Delhi Assembly elections, where the party is seeking to retain its dominance in the region. Kejriwal's remarks also served as a reminder of the party's commitment to integrity and fairness, in stark contrast to the practices of nepotism often associated with other political parties.

## "Delhi has become 'gangster capital', criminals have no fear"

Delhi Chief Minister Atishi has accused Union Home Minister Amit Shah of neglecting the deteriorating law and order situation in the national capital, stating that Delhi has become the "gangster capital." The remarks come after the tragic murder of a 28-year-old man in northeast Delhi's Sunder Nagari last week. Atishi met with the victim's family and announced a compensation of ₹10 lakh to the affected family.



The incident, which took place last Friday, saw the young man fatally stabbed in the neck by two brothers. The altercation allegedly began when the victim and his relative confronted the duo for harassing a woman in the area. The accused have since been arrested by the police.

Addressing the media, Atishi condemned the increasing violence in Delhi, claiming that criminals, extortionists, and goons operate without fear. She accused the police of inaction, stating that individuals involved in such crimes believe they can act with impunity. The chief minister questioned Amit Shah, whose responsibility over Delhi's law and order lies with the Union Home Ministry, asking what the Home Minister is doing to protect the people of Delhi. Atishi emphasized the worsening condition of law enforcement in the city, highlighting frequent extortion cases and murders.



# G20 Ends With Ukraine Allies, Russia Trading Blame Over War Escalation

The final day of the G20 summit in Rio de Janeiro saw a dramatic escalation in the war in Ukraine, as Ukraine's allies and Russia traded blame. The tension overshadowed key discussions, including a plea from Brazilian President Luiz Inacio Lula da Silva, urging world leaders to rescue stalled UN climate talks in Azerbaijan, emphasizing the urgency for the planet's "survival." U.S. President Joe Biden, attending his final G20 summit before passing the torch to Donald Trump, also stressed the need for immediate action on climate change, declaring, "History is watching us."



icized Moscow's "irresponsible rhetoric."

However, Biden's unexpected decision to authorize Ukraine to use U.S. missiles to strike deep within Russia diverted attention from the summit's focus on poverty and emissions. This policy shift, a response to Moscow's enlistment of North Korean soldiers to fight in Ukraine, prompted Russia to loosen its nuclear weapon rules, sparking concerns of a direct military conflict between the U.S. and Russia. Russian Foreign Minister Sergei Lavrov warned that tensions were at a breaking point, while British Prime Minister Keir Starmer crit-

French President Emmanuel Macron, seeking diplomatic solutions, urged Chinese President Xi Jinping to use his influence to convince Russian President Vladimir Putin to "listen to reason." China and Brazil have jointly proposed peace talks between Russia and Ukraine, but Kyiv rejected the plan, demanding Russian withdrawal before negotiations. The summit's joint declaration was vague on the issue, merely calling for initiatives supporting a "comprehensive, just, and durable peace."

Despite these geopolitical tensions, President Lula used his G20 hosting role to rally support for fighting global hunger and reviving climate negotiations. The summit concluded with a commitment to fight hunger, securing the support of 80 countries, and a push for higher taxes on the world's wealthiest individuals. However, the leaders' climate statement fell short of the bold action sought by climate negotiators in Azerbaijan, avoiding specific calls to reduce fossil fuel use. Lula emphasized that next year's climate summit would be the "last chance" to avert irreversible damage to the planet.

## Israel Offering \$5 Million Reward For Each Gaza Hostage Freed: Netanyahu

Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu announced on Tuesday that Israel is offering a \$5 million reward for anyone who helps free a hostage held by Hamas in Gaza. Netanyahu's offer, filmed in the Netzarim Corridor, a key military route in the Gaza Strip, reflects Israel's intensified efforts to secure the release of hostages taken during Hamas's October 7, 2023, attack, which sparked the ongoing war in Gaza.

In the video, Netanyahu, wearing a helmet and bulletproof vest, urged individuals within Gaza to assist in the release of the hostages. "Anyone who brings out a hostage will find with us a secure way for them and their family to leave Gaza," Netanyahu said. "We will also give them a reward of \$5 million for each hostage." His words were aimed at incentivizing those with knowledge of the hostages' whereabouts or those capable of facilitating their release.

The prime minister also issued a stark warning to Hamas militants holding the hostages. "Anyone who dares to do harm to our hostages is considered dead," he said. "We will pursue you and we will catch up with you." Netanyahu reiterated that one of Israel's primary objectives in the conflict was to ensure that Hamas does not remain in control of Gaza.

Israel continues its efforts to locate and bring home the hostages, who are a key point of focus in the ongoing war. During the October 7 attack, Hamas militants captured 251 hostages. Of those, 97 remain in Gaza, while 34 have been confirmed dead. Netanyahu's comments signal that Israel will not relent in its efforts to bring the hostages home, regardless of whether they are alive or deceased.

## Putin open to discussing Ukraine ceasefire deal with Trump

Vladimir Putin has expressed openness to discussing a ceasefire deal with U.S. President-elect Donald Trump, according to five sources familiar with Kremlin thinking. However, the Russian president has made it clear that any peace agreement would not involve significant territorial concessions and insists that Ukraine must abandon its ambitions to join NATO.

As Trump prepares to return to the White House, he faces a much stronger Russia, which currently controls a substantial portion of Ukrainian territory, roughly the size of the U.S. state of Virginia, and is continuing to advance its forces at a rapid pace. In the first detailed account of Putin's position on a potential ceasefire deal with the incoming U.S. president, the sources indicated that the Kremlin might be willing to accept a frozen conflict along the existing front lines, but only under certain conditions.

Putin's terms for peace would likely include Kyiv relinquishing its aspirations for NATO membership, a long-standing demand from Russia that has been a core issue in the ongoing war. While the sources suggest that there could be flexibility on the specifics of territorial control, the overall stance remains that Russia will not agree to major changes in its territorial gains. The sources also noted that the Kremlin's desire to secure these conditions highlights its confidence in its current position, as Russia consolidates its hold over Ukrainian regions it occupies.

## Italy, Japan, UK To Invite More Countries To Co-Develop 6th-Gen Fighter Jet



A potential expansion of the ambitious 6th-generation Global Combat Aircraft Programme (GCAP) was a key topic of discussion as the leaders of Italy, Japan, and the UK met on the sidelines of the G20 Summit in Brazil. The meeting, which took place on Tuesday, focused on bringing additional nations into the fold of the project, according to a statement from the office of Italian Prime Minister Giorgia Meloni.

The GCAP initiative, which was formally agreed upon by Italy, the UK, and Japan in December 2022, aims to create a cutting-edge, advanced fighter jet to enter service by 2035. The aircraft will be a front-line stealth fighter, designed to counter emerging threats from global powers like Russia and China. The project will merge two separate military programs—the UK's Tempest program and Italy's fighter jet development plan—into a unified effort to develop the next generation of combat aircraft.

During the meeting in Rio de Janeiro, Prime Ministers Meloni, Japan's Shigeru Ishiba, and the UK's Keir Starmer reaffirmed their commitment to the project's progress. They discussed ways to accelerate development and the possibility of inviting additional nations to join the venture. The leaders emphasized the importance of continuing the collaboration, which they view as crucial for strengthening their collective defense capabilities.

The final cost of the GCAP program remains undisclosed, but the target remains to develop and commission the stealth fighter by 2035. The project is being spearheaded by major defense manufacturers, including British firm BAE Systems, engine maker Rolls-Royce, Italy's Leonardo Aerospace, and Japan's Mitsubishi Heavy Industries. With the potential addition of more countries, the GCAP project is set to become a landmark endeavor in international defense collaboration.

## Biden approves anti-personnel mines for Ukraine

President Joe Biden has authorized the provision of anti-personnel land mines to Ukraine, a move that could help slow Russian progress, particularly in the eastern regions of the country. According to a U.S. official who spoke to Reuters, the mines are expected to be used in Ukrainian-controlled territory to impede Russian ground troops. The move is part of continued U.S. support for Ukraine's defense efforts, especially as the conflict with Russia intensifies.



The decision marks a significant shift in U.S. military aid, as the U.S. has previously supplied Ukraine with anti-tank mines but has now added anti-personnel mines to its arsenal. These mines are designed to target and disrupt advancing infantry, potentially halting Russian troop movements. The addition of these mines will complement other munitions provided by the U.S. to Ukraine, enhancing its defensive capabilities.

However, the use of anti-personnel mines has raised concerns, given the long-standing international conventions on their use. The United States has assured that these mines will only be deployed in areas under Ukrainian control, with a firm commitment not to use them in regions populated by civilians. This is in line with efforts to limit civilian casualties and collateral damage, as both sides continue to fight for control of strategic territories.

# India Pushes for UN Security Council Reform, Calls for Multilateral System Overhaul

India's Permanent Representative to the UN, Ambassador Parvathaneni Harish, expressed dissatisfaction with the slow pace of UN Security Council reform, highlighting the need for the Council to reflect contemporary global realities. Speaking at an event at Columbia University's School of International and Public Affairs (SIPA), Harish emphasized that the current structure of the Security Council, established in 1945, no longer aligns with today's geopolitical landscape.

Harish stressed that while there is broad consensus on the need to expand the Security Council, especially by adding permanent members, progress has been hindered by countries resisting change. He explained that some nations favor the status quo to protect their interests, including those reluctant to relinquish veto power or those opposed to the inclusion of neighboring countries as permanent members. Pakistan, for example, is part of the 'Uniting for Consensus' group, which opposes permanent seats for India and other G4 nations, including Brazil, Germany, and Japan.

Despite these challenges, Harish reaffirmed India's commitment to the reform process, call-

ing it "difficult and complex." He urged the co-chairs of the Inter-Governmental Negotiation process to push forward and accelerate progress, acknowledging that while the reform may not happen immediately, change is inevitable. He pointed out that the world is now multipolar, and that multilateral institutions must evolve to address contemporary challenges and opportunities.

In his keynote, Harish also outlined India's foreign policy approach, or the "India way," which centers on proactive engagement, collaboration, and building consensus. India aims to act as a bridge between the developed and developing worlds, advocating for a more inclusive, non-confrontational approach to global governance.

Highlighting the urgency of reform, Harish called for institutions like the UN and international financial bodies to be made "fit for purpose," ensuring they meet the needs of today's interconnected and rapidly changing world. He underscored India's belief in the importance of participatory institution building, with an emphasis on global cooperation for the common good.







## India's Steel Industry to Expand by 20 Million Tons by 2027

India's steel industry is set to increase its annual production capacity by 20 million tons between FY 2025-27, according to a recent report by Acuite Ratings & Research. The outlook for the sector is positive, supported by robust demand from key industries such as automotive, real estate, and infrastructure.

The report anticipates an 8% growth in steel demand over the medium term, driven by continued development in these sectors. Despite ongoing margin pressures, the steel industry is expected to maintain sustained capacity expansion, signaling a strong future trajectory.

However, the domestic steel industry faces challenges, particularly the rising imports from Asian countries, including China and Vietnam. China's excess production capacity, combined with weaker domestic demand, has heightened the risk of a surge in low-cost steel imports, especially in European and Asian markets.

The report notes that Chinese exports of iron and steel products saw a 22% year-on-year growth in the first half of 2024, contributing to this increased risk. To mitigate these threats, India has imposed new tariffs on specific steel imports, aimed at curbing the influx of cheaper products and protecting domestic producers.



Suman Chowdhury, Chief Economist and Executive Director at Acuite Ratings & Research, highlighted the risks posed by these imports, citing China's large surplus capacity and its potential impact on international steel markets. Despite these challenges, the domestic industry's growth is expected to remain steady, supported by the government's focus on infrastructure development and industrialization.

The combination of expanding steel production capacity, increasing domestic demand, and protective trade measures are likely to keep the Indian steel industry on a positive growth trajectory in the coming years. The sector's medium- to long-term outlook remains favorable, provided that risks related to imports and global market conditions are managed effectively.

## Sebi Proposes Reforms for SME IPOs, Doubles Minimum Application

The Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) has announced a set of reforms aimed at the growing SME (Small and Medium Enterprise) initial public offering (IPO) market, with one key change being the doubling of the minimum application size from Rs 1 lakh to Rs 2 lakh. This proposal comes as the SME IPO segment has seen significant investor participation in recent years.

The number of applicants in SME IPOs has surged, with the applicant-to-allotted investor ratio soaring from 4 times in FY22 to an astonishing 245 times in FY24. However, Sebi has raised concerns about the higher risks associated with SME IPOs, particularly in the aftermath of market listing. Sudden shifts in investor sentiment could leave smaller retail investors vulnerable to losses.

To mitigate these risks, Sebi's consultation paper suggests that increasing the minimum application size will help ensure that only informed and financially capable investors participate in these high-risk IPOs. By raising the threshold to Rs 2 lakh, Sebi aims to limit retail participation to those with a sufficient risk appetite and investment capacity, thereby safeguarding smaller investors.



"The retail individual participation has increased in the SME IPO market over the last few years. Considering the higher risk associated with these offerings and the potential for investors to get stuck if market sentiment changes post-listing, increasing the application size will protect the interests of smaller investors," Sebi noted in the proposal.

The reforms are designed to create a more sustainable and informed investment environment for SMEs, which are typically more volatile compared to larger, established companies listed on the main stock exchanges. By enhancing investor safeguards, Sebi hopes to balance the growth of the SME IPO market with the protection of retail investors.

## India's GDP Growth to Drop to 6.5% in FY25 Forecast Unchanged at 7%

India's real GDP growth for the September quarter is expected to slow to 6.5%, according to domestic rating agency Icria. The slowdown is attributed to factors such as heavy rainfall and weaker corporate performance during the quarter. Despite this dip, Icria has maintained its growth forecast for the full fiscal year (FY25) at 7%, anticipating a stronger economic recovery in the second half of the year.

Icria's report highlights that the adverse weather conditions, particularly the heavy rains, have had a negative impact on key sectors like agriculture and infrastructure. These disruptions, coupled with weaker corporate margins, have contributed to the slower-than-expected growth in Q2 of FY25.

While the September quarter is likely to see a decline, Icria's outlook for the full fiscal year remains optimistic. The agency expects economic activity to pick up in the latter half of FY25, driven by a recovery in demand, improved corporate earnings, and a potential rebound in key industries. This will likely support India's overall growth trajectory and enable it to meet the 7% growth estimate for FY25.



The slowdown in the September quarter, however, underscores the vulnerability of the economy to weather-related disruptions and corporate performance. While India's long-term growth prospects remain strong, these short-term challenges may require targeted interventions to sustain momentum and avoid further downturns in the future.

Icria's forecast aligns with broader expectations of a gradual recovery for the Indian economy as it navigates the current challenges and positions itself for future growth.

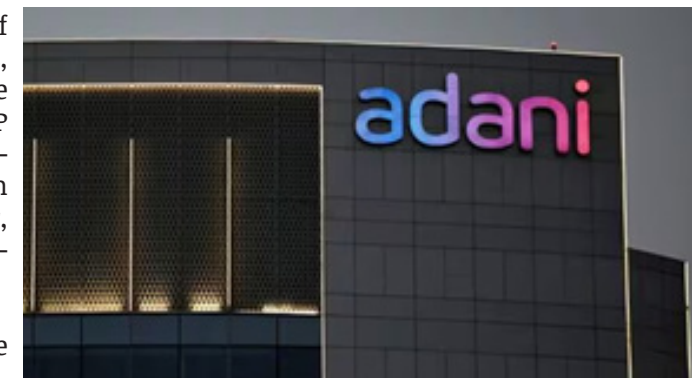
## Adani Infrastructure to Acquire 30% Stake in PSP Projects for ₹6.85 Billion

Adani Infrastructure, a subsidiary of Gautam Adani's Adani Enterprises, is set to acquire a 30.07% stake in the Gujarat-based construction firm PSP Projects for ₹6.85 billion. The acquisition involves purchasing shares from the company's major shareholder, Prahladbhai S Patel, as reported by Reuters.

PSP Projects is involved in a diverse range of sectors, including industrial, institutional, residential, and luxury construction, with notable projects such as the Surat Diamond Bourse. As of September 30, the company's order book stood at ₹65.46 billion.

The deal values PSP Projects at ₹575 per share, offering a 15% discount to its closing price on Tuesday. In accordance with Securities and Exchange Board of India (Sebi) regulations, Adani Infrastructure will also make an open offer to acquire additional stakes in PSP Projects due to the acquisition of more than 25% of the company's shares.

This acquisition marks another strategic move by Adani's conglomerate as it diversifies its investments across various sectors. The group has been expanding globally, with a recent announcement by Gautam Adani about a \$10 billion investment in energy security and



infrastructure in the United States. This investment is expected to create around 15,000 jobs, underscoring the company's commitment to strengthening its presence in global markets.

Additionally, Adani is also venturing into the metal industry in India, with plans to invest \$5 billion in the country's metal sector. This follows the company's success in the cement industry, further expanding its reach and influence across critical industries in India and abroad.

The Adani Group's strategic acquisitions and investments reflect its ongoing efforts to build a diverse portfolio, positioning itself as a significant player in global infrastructure, energy, and industrial sectors.

## Solar Energy Costs Expected to Drop by 40-60% by 2050, Says ISA Report

Solar energy is poised to become the most scalable and cost-effective renewable energy source, with its generation costs expected to decrease by 40-60% by 2050, according to a report by the International Solar Alliance (ISA). This decline in costs will make solar energy a central element in the global energy transition.

The ISA report predicts that the cost of round-the-clock solar energy generation will see significant reductions, marking solar as a key metric for tracking progress in global solar adoption. Solar power is also forecasted to play a crucial role in cutting global greenhouse gas emissions by 25% and reducing electricity generation costs by 60% by mid-century.

In addition to environmental and economic benefits, solar energy is expected to create three to four times more green jobs than other energy sources, with an estimated 27 million jobs globally by 2050. These opportunities will notably support women and marginalized communi-



ties, contributing to inclusive economic growth.

Solar energy has the potential to bridge the energy access gap for over one billion people, particularly in low-income countries (LICs), through both grid-connected and decentralized solu-

tions. The report stresses the importance of policies and technological innovations to transition existing energy assets to green energy, aiming for 2.6 terawatts of energy to be converted.

Accelerating solar adoption in line with the

current Nationally Determined Contributions (NDCs) can help meet the Paris Agreement's 1.5°C target. High-income countries (HICs) will be key players in this transition, requiring investments of USD 18 trillion in solar photovoltaic (PV) and storage systems by 2050.

Public funding will be critical to attracting private investment, with over 80% of solar funding expected to come from domestic sources. HICs are also encouraged to support capacity-building in emerging and low-income economies to speed up the global energy transition.

India's government has already initiated efforts to boost solar adoption, with the launch of the PM Surya Ghar: Muft Bijli Yojana rooftop solar program, which aims to provide free electricity to one crore households. With solar energy's ability to scale and reduce costs, it is well-positioned to lead the renewable energy revolution and deliver a sustainable future.



## Researcher Unveils How Ancient Egyptians Built The Pyramids



Rajan Hooda, an Indian-origin researcher from the University of Chicago, has unveiled a groundbreaking theory on the construction of the Egyptian pyramids, shedding new light on one of history's greatest mysteries. After more than 50 years of meticulous research, Hooda has proposed a novel approach to how the ancient Egyptians built these colossal structures, a question that has intrigued historians and archaeologists for centuries.

In his research paper titled "Theory of The Conjoint Solution and The Shrinking Dual L Notch Ramps," Hooda introduces a unique construction method, offering what he believes is irrefutable evidence of the ancient engineering feat. His theory challenges long-standing assumptions about pyramid construction, such as the use of massive exterior ramps or complex interior tunnels, and presents a more practical solution involving a series of "L Notch Ramps" built within each stone layer.

Hooda's theory suggests that the pyramid was constructed in layers, with each

of the 210 layers of stones built upon the previous one. To move stones up to each new level, a small ramp was created in the corner of each layer, which grew progressively as each layer was added. After the pyramid was completed, workers would reverse the process, removing the ramps from the top and filling in any missing stones on the lower levels. This efficient ramp system, which Hooda calls the 'Dual L Notch Ramp,' allowed for easy transport of materials up while providing a path for workers to descend after delivering stones.

This method, Hooda argues, explains why no evidence of ramps was found after the pyramids were completed—once the ramps were removed, they left no trace behind. According to Hooda, the absence of this critical structural feature led to the enduring mystery of how the pyramids were built for over 4,500 years.

With his pioneering work, Hooda has provided a new perspective on an age-old puzzle, offering an innovative and feasible solution to one of ancient Egypt's most enduring secrets.

## iPhone SE 4 to Launch in March 2025 With Apple's 5G Modem



The iPhone SE 4 has been the subject of much speculation in recent weeks, with new details about its features and launch date surfacing online. According to a recent report from MacRumors, the upcoming iPhone SE 4 is expected to be powered by an in-house 5G modem designed by Apple. This modem is reportedly produced by TSMC and is code-named Centauri. The information was confirmed in a research note by Barclays analyst Tom O'Malley and his team.

In addition to the 5G modem, the iPhone SE 4 is also tipped to feature Apple's latest A18 chipset, paired with 8GB of RAM for enhanced performance. The device is expected to sport a 6.06-inch LTPO OLED display with a resolution of 1,170 x 2,532 pixels, and a peak brightness of 800 nits. The design is said to be similar to the base iPhone 14 model, including a display notch that houses the TrueDepth camera and Face ID sensors.

As for the camera, the iPhone SE 4 is expected to include a 48-megapixel rear camera powered by a Sony IMX904 sensor, alongside a 12-megapixel front-facing camera with an f/1.9 aperture and autofocus support. The phone is likely to be backed by a 3,279mAh battery, which will support 20W USB-PD charging, along with 15W MagSafe and Qi2 wireless charging capabilities.

The iPhone SE 4 is anticipated to be unveiled by the end of the first quarter of 2025, likely by March, as confirmed by analyst Tom O'Malley. Mass production for its camera components is expected to commence soon.

With these significant upgrades, the iPhone SE 4 could be a major step forward in Apple's strategy for more affordable smartphones, providing high-end features like the A18 chip and advanced camera technology while retaining the SE series' value proposition.

## Can We Design an Interstellar Spaceship to Save Humanity? Scientists Ask

Imagine an interstellar starship gliding through the cosmos, passing by an icy, distant planet light-years away from Earth. Onboard this majestic vessel are generations of humans, the fortunate few who escaped a planet ravaged by climate change. Now, they journey across the unknown, searching for a new home, carrying the hope of humanity's survival.

This captivating vision, once reserved for the pages of science fiction, may soon become a reality. An international collective of scientists, engineers, and urban planners, known as Project Hyperion, has announced a groundbreaking competition to design a colossal spaceship capable of sustaining human life across the vast reaches of space. The winning design will be a blueprint for the future of interstellar travel and colonization.

The goal of Project Hyperion is to create a vessel that can support multiple generations of humans on a journey lasting centuries or more. With Earth's future uncertain due to the ravages of climate change, this ambitious project aims to make long-term space ex-



ploration viable, ensuring the survival of humanity beyond our home planet.

The competition invites innovators from around the world to submit their designs, considering all aspects of life aboard the starship. These include sustainable life-support systems, energy generation, food production, and waste management. Additionally, urban planning will play a key role in designing comfortable, functional living spaces that can house thousands of people over multiple generations.

As the stakes of this competition are incredibly high, the designs will not only need to be technologically feasible but also socially and psychologically viable. Creating a community capable of surviving and thriving in the isolation of space will be just as important as the ship's physical capabilities.

With space exploration progressing at a rapid pace, Project Hyperion's competition could mark the first steps toward a future where humanity takes to the stars, seeking a new home among the stars.

## YouTuber Rosanna Honors Late Father's Last Wish by Smoking His Ashes

In a surprising and unconventional tribute, YouTuber Rosanna Pansino recently revealed that she honored her late father's last wish by smoking cannabis made from his ashes. The revelation, made during the November 17 episode of her podcast titled "Smoking My Dead Dad," has garnered significant attention online, with viewers both baffled and intrigued by her decision.

Rosanna, whose father passed away from leukemia five years ago, shared that her father, whom she fondly referred to as "Papa Pizza," had expressed a unique final wish. He wanted her to smoke cannabis using his ashes. In the podcast episode, Rosanna explained how her father had always been a "badass" and a "little rebel," and that she wanted to carry on his rebellious spirit by fulfilling his wish.

To bring the tribute to life, Rosanna showed a detailed video on her social media accounts, sharing the process of how she grew the cannabis. She also included clips where she smoked the joint filled with her father's ashes, while reflecting on her father's life and their special bond. Throughout the podcast episode, she continued to interact with her listeners as she honored her dad's request in her own unique way.

In her post, Rosanna mentioned that smoking the cannabis grown from her father's ashes was an act of rebellion and remembrance, a way of paying homage to his unconventional spirit. The gesture, though uncon-



ventional, was meant to celebrate her father's life and the rebellious nature he passed down to her.

The video and podcast episode sparked a variety of reactions, from those who found it a touching and personal tribute to those who were taken aback by the bizarre nature of the act. Regardless, Rosanna's decision to fulfill her father's final wish has definitely left a lasting impact on her audience, showcasing the deep and unconventional ways people choose to honor their loved ones.

## Swiggy Instamart Sending Free 'Tinday' With Some Mumbai Orders

Swiggy Instamart's latest campaign is promoting democracy and the importance of voting in a creative and playful way. In Mumbai, the quick-commerce arm of the popular food delivery service is giving away free 'tinday' (round gourd) with select orders as part of its initiative to encourage citizens to vote in the upcoming 2024 Maharashtra assembly elections.

The campaign has sparked attention online after Mumbai-based user Eesha Tirodkar shared a photo of her delivery, which included the free vegetable along with a message on the paper bag. The note cleverly read, "Didn't choose tinday but stuck with tinday? That's what happens when someone else makes the choice for you." It then urged recipients, "Cast your vote. Own your choices."

Tirodkar posted her experience on X (formerly Twitter), where she highlighted the message's rhyming play on words, linking the term "tinday" with the



name of Maharashtra's current Chief Minister, Eknath Shinde. The campaign subtly reminded voters of the power of making their own decisions at the ballot box, emphasizing the need to participate in the election process rather than leaving choices to others.

The playful and lighthearted nature of the campaign struck a chord with many users on social media, who found the approach to voter encouragement both humorous and impactful. Swiggy Instamart's clever use of a common vegetable as a metaphor for the electoral process cleverly intertwined everyday life with civic responsibility, making the call to action both fun and memorable.

With the Maharashtra assembly elections approaching, this campaign from Swiggy Instamart serves as a timely reminder for voters to take ownership of their choices and make their voices heard in the democratic process.



## Sindhu, Lakshya, and Malvika Shine at China Masters Super 750

Star Indian shuttlers PV Sindhu, Lakshya Sen, and Malvika Bansod delivered stellar performances to progress to the second round of the China Masters Super 750 badminton tournament in Shenzhen on Wednesday.

World No. 19 PV Sindhu, a two-time Olympic medalist, cruised past Thailand's Busanan Ongbamrunphan with a 21-17, 21-19 victory in just 50 minutes. Despite a few unforced errors early in the match, Sindhu gained momentum and stormed through the final stages of both games. She will next face Singapore's Yeo Jia Min in the second round.

In a thrilling encounter, Malvika Bansod, ranked 36th in the world, caused an upset by defeating Denmark's 21st-ranked Line Hojmark Kjaersfeldt 20-22, 23-21, 21-16. The victory was a testament to Bansod's resilience, as she fought back after losing the first game to seal her place in the next round. Malvika will now face eighth-seeded Supanida Katethong.

Lakshya Sen, ranked 12th, avenged his loss to Malaysia's Lee Zii Jia at the Paris Olympics with a 21-14, 13-21, 21-13 win in



57 minutes. Lakshya dominated the first and third games, starting with an 11-4 lead in the opening game. After losing the second game, he regained control in the decider, taking an 11-8 lead at the break before sealing the match with precise smashes. Lakshya will face either Denmark's Rasmus Gemke or Japan's Kenta Nishimoto in the next round.

Sindhu's solid performance, along with Lakshya and Malvika's upsets, has brought excitement to Indian badminton fans. As all three players aim for further victories, their progress at the China Masters Super 750 is a positive sign for Indian badminton on the international stage.

## Rafael Nadal Bids Farewell to Tennis: Five Standout Stats from His Legendary Career

Rafael Nadal, one of tennis' greatest champions, bid an emotional farewell to the sport in front of a supportive home crowd at the Davis Cup quarterfinals in Malaga. In his final competitive match, Nadal was defeated 6-4, 6-4 by Dutchman Botic van de Zandschulp, as Spain lost 1-2 to the Netherlands, marking the end of an illustrious career.

Nadal's departure from professional tennis marks the close of a career filled with remarkable achievements, countless records, and unforgettable moments. As fans and peers pay tribute to his contributions to the sport, here are five standout stats that encapsulate the Spanish legend's extraordinary journey:

### 22 Grand Slam Titles

Nadal's career will forever be defined by his dominance at the French Open, where he claimed a record 14 titles. With 22 Grand Slam singles titles, he sits among the most successful players in tennis history, trailing only Novak Djokovic and Roger Federer.

### 92 ATP Titles

Throughout his career, Nadal amassed an incredible 92 ATP singles titles, including 36 Masters 1000s. His relentless consistency on the court was a hallmark of his playing style.

### Longest Time at No. 2

Nadal spent 209 weeks as the World No. 2, showcasing his sustained excellence over the years. His rivalry with Federer and Djokovic made the men's game a thrilling spectacle for tennis fans worldwide.



### Most Consecutive Wins at a Major

Nadal achieved one of his most remarkable feats by winning 81 consecutive matches at the French Open, a streak that will stand as one of the greatest achievements in tennis history.

### Olympic Gold Medal

Beyond the Grand Slams, Nadal also claimed Olympic glory, winning the gold medal in singles at the 2008 Beijing Olympics. This achievement rounded out his incredible career, making him one of the few players to win a career Grand Slam and Olympic gold.

Rafael Nadal's departure from the sport marks the end of an era, and tennis will undoubtedly miss his passion, determination, and remarkable achievements.

## Germany and Netherlands Draw as Nations League Group Stage Concludes

Germany finished their Nations League group stage campaign with a 1-1 draw against Hungary in Budapest, while the Netherlands were also held to a draw in Zenica by Bosnia and Herzegovina. Dominik Szoboszlai's penalty in the 99th minute salvaged a point for Hungary after Felix Nmecha's goal had given Germany the lead in the 76th minute.

Despite the late equalizer, Germany had already secured the top spot in Group A3 prior to the match, with the Netherlands locked into second place. Hungary's draw kept them four points ahead of Bosnia, who were already relegated. Germany's coach Julian Nagelsmann made several changes to his lineup after their dominant 7-0 win over Bosnia the previous week.

"We can still be very satisfied with what we achieved in 2024," said German midfielder Robert Andrich. "We'll kick things off again in March."

In other group action, Wales secured automatic promotion to the top division with a 4-1 victory over Iceland. Despite an early goal from Iceland's Andri Gudjohnsen, Wales dominated the match, with Liam Cullen scoring



a brace and Brennan Johnson and Harry Wilson adding goals in the second half. Wales' victory was crucial, but they also needed Turkey to lose to Montenegro, which they did 3-1, thanks to Nikola Krstovic's hat-trick for Montenegro.

In Group B1, the Czech Republic secured top spot with a 2-1 win over Georgia, while Ukraine leapfrogged Georgia into second with a 2-1 victory over Al-

bania. Ukraine's Oleksandr Zinchenko and Roman Yaremchuk scored early goals to put their team in control, and they held on despite a late penalty for Albania.

In League C, Sweden dominated Azerbaijan 6-0, with striker Viktor Gyokeres scoring four goals to lead his team to a commanding win and top spot in the group.

## India beat China 1-0 in Women's Asian Champions Trophy 2024

Young striker Deepika was the standout performer as India successfully defended their Women's Asian Champions Trophy title, defeating China 1-0 in a thrilling final on Wednesday. Deepika's decisive goal came in the 31st minute from a penalty corner, giving India a narrow but hard-fought victory over the Olympic silver medalists.

The goal marked Deepika's 11th strike of the tournament, making her the highest scorer in the competition. India's victory was built on a solid defensive effort and the clinical finishing of Deepika, whose reverse hit goal proved to be the difference between the two teams. The Indian team had earlier secured a dominant 3-0 win over China during the league stages, and their tri-



umph in the final secured their third Asian Champions Trophy title. India previously won the prestigious title in 2016 and 2023, equalling South Korea's record for the most titles in the tournament's history.

This victory is a testament to India's growing dominance in women's hockey in Asia, as the team continues to establish itself as a formidable force on the continental stage. With Deepika's stellar performance leading the charge, the Indian team's resilience and tactical discipline ensured they held their ground against a strong Chinese side in the final.

India's success in the Asian Champions Trophy further underscores the team's progress and will serve as a major boost as they prepare for future international competitions, with eyes now set on maintaining their position as one of the top hockey teams in the world.

## Hardik Pandya Reclaims Top Spot in ICC Men's T20I All-Rounder Rankings



Hardik Pandya has re-claimed the top spot in the ICC Men's T20I All-Rounder rankings, surpassing England's Liam Livingstone and Nepal's Dipendra Singh Airee. Pandya's rise follows his stellar performance in India's recent T20I series against South Africa, where he played key roles with both bat and ball.

The 31-year-old's unbeaten 39\* in the second match of the series and his superb bowling performance, taking 1/8 from three overs in the final game, helped India secure a commanding 3-1 series win. This is the second time Pandya has held the No.1 ranking, previously achieving this position after the 2023 ICC Men's T20 World Cup.

Pandya wasn't the only Indian player to make significant strides. Rising star Tilak Varma, who was named Player of the Series, jumped 69 spots in the T20I batter rankings, reaching third place after his two centuries and 280 runs during the series. Varma is now India's high-

est-ranked T20I batter, overtaking Suryakumar Yadav, who dropped to fourth.

Sanju Samson, another standout from the series, climbed 17 places to 22nd in the T20I batter rankings after scoring two centuries. South African players also saw improvements, with Tristan Stubbs moving up three places to 23rd and Heinrich Klaasen gaining six spots to tie for 59th.

Other notable improvements include Sri Lanka's Kusal Mendis, who rose to 12th, and West Indies' Shai Hope, who surged 16 places to 21st. Australian all-rounder Marcus Stoinis also climbed 10 spots to 45th.

In the T20I bowler rankings, Australia's Adam Zampa and Nathan Ellis saw significant upward movement, while India's Arshdeep Singh gained three places, reaching a career-high ranking of 9th after his impressive series against South Africa.



## Mohanlal's Directorial Debut 'Barroz' Trailer Unveiled

The highly anticipated trailer for \*Barroz\*, Mohanlal's directorial debut, has been released, giving audiences a glimpse into the world of this fantasy adventure film. The movie, a children's fantasy drama featuring a ghost and a hidden treasure, marks a new creative chapter for the iconic Mollywood star, who takes on the dual role of director and lead actor.

Set to be a visual treat, \*Barroz\* is a VFX-heavy production designed to captivate viewers of all ages. Mohanlal has chosen a larger-than-life fantasy theme for his first venture behind the camera, promising to transport audiences into a world of magic and mystery. The film is set to release on December 25 in 3D and multiple formats, making it an ideal holiday season treat.

Mohanlal, known for his exceptional acting career, collaborates once again with producer Antony Perumbavoor on this am-



bitious project. Filming for \*Barroz\* began in March 2021, with shooting taking place across various locations, including Kochi, Goa, Bangkok, and Chennai. The decision to shoot in 3D was a deliberate choice, aligning with the movie's target audience of young viewers and its fantastical premise.

The theatrical trailer, released on the evening of November 19, has already garnered immense attention, racking up over 2.5 lakh views in just two hours. Fans of Mohanlal and film enthusiasts alike have responded positively to the sneak peek, eager to see how the legendary actor's directorial skills will shine on the big screen.

As \*Barroz\* prepares to make its debut this Christmas, expectations are high for a film that combines fantasy, adventure, and a touch of nostalgia. With its engaging storyline and cutting-edge visuals, \*Barroz\* is set to be a standout movie this festive season.

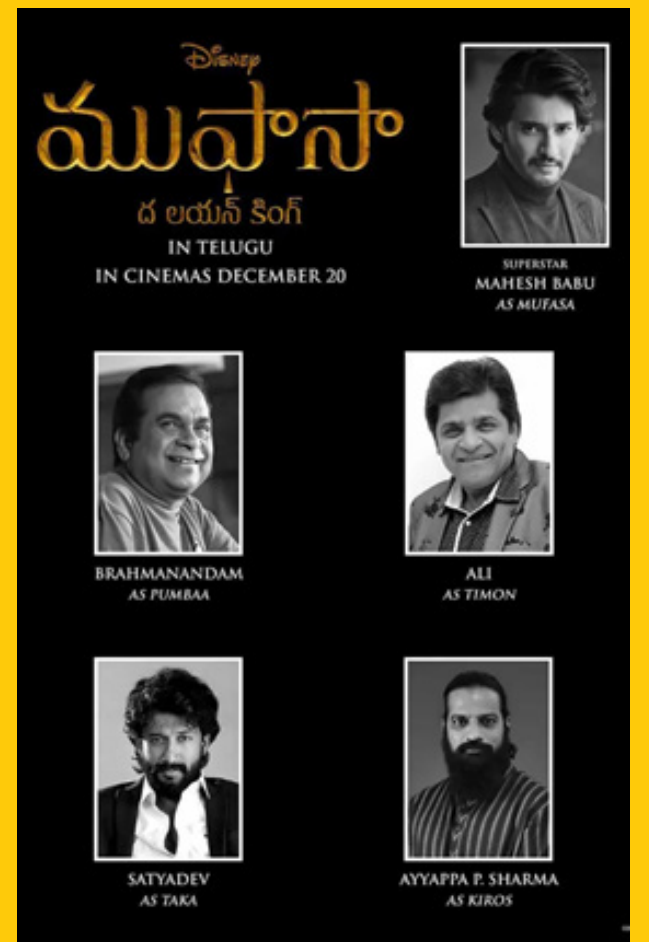
## Mahesh Babu, Brahmi & Ali Joins Mufasa: The Lion King Telugu Cast

The upcoming Telugu-dubbed version of \*Mufasa: The Lion King\* is creating a significant buzz, especially with the inclusion of superstar Mahesh Babu in a pivotal role. The actor will be lending his voice to the iconic character of Mufasa, a role that was originally voiced by James Earl Jones in the 2019 \*The Lion King\* remake. The release of the trailer, featuring Mahesh Babu's voice, has already garnered a positive response from fans, who are excited to hear the superstar's distinct voice in this major Hollywood production.

Alongside Mahesh Babu, several other prominent actors have been brought on board for the film. Legendary comedians Brahmanandam and Ali will be returning to lend their voices to beloved characters from the franchise. Brahmanandam will voice Pumbaa, the lovable warthog, while Ali will bring to life Timon, the witty meerkat. Their presence adds a layer of comedy and charm to the film, making it even more appealing to Telugu-speaking audiences.

In addition to these stars, actors Satyadev and Ayyappa P Sharma will be voicing the characters of Taka and Kiros, respectively. These fresh additions to the cast are sure to enrich the film's storytelling, ensuring an engaging experience for viewers.

Directed by Barry Jenkins, \*Mufasa: The Lion King\* is a photorealistic animated film that serves as both a prequel and sequel to the 2019 \*The Lion King\* remake. The film explores the backstory of Mufasa, revealing his journey before becoming the mighty king of the Pride Lands. With the involvement of such a talented ensemble cast, the Telugu version is set to offer a unique and mem-



orable viewing experience.

The film is scheduled to hit theaters on December 20, 2024, and fans can expect Mahesh Babu to play a significant role in the promotional campaign leading up to the release. With its star-studded voice cast and groundbreaking animation, \*Mufasa: The Lion King\* promises to be a must-watch for Telugu audiences.

## Bhagyashri Borse Lands Lead Role in Ram Pothineni's RAPO22

Bhagyashri Borse, who made her acting debut in the Hindi film \*Yaariyan 2\*, faced a series of setbacks with her initial roles. The film, unfortunately, ended up as a flop, and her subsequent performances in \*Chandu Champion\*, opposite Kartik Aaryan, and in her Telugu debut \*Mr Bachchan\* with Ravi Teja, also failed to make an impact at the box office. Despite these disappointments, Bhagyashri has continued to rise in the industry and is now set to star in one of the most awaited projects of her career.

Bhagyashri has been confirmed as the leading lady in Ram Pothineni's upcoming film, \*RAPO22\*, directed by Mahesh Babu P. The official announcement came today, marking an exciting new chapter for the actress. While her earlier ventures didn't bring the desired success, Bhagyashri has earned praise for her looks, performances, and dancing skills, especially among the younger audience. This may explain why she has received several offers despite the setbacks.



In addition to \*RAPO22\*, Bhagyashri is also the female lead in two major films—\*VD 12\* starring Vijay Deverakonda and \*Kaantha\* with Dulquer Salmaan. Both projects are high-profile films with big stars, providing Bhagyashri with more opportunities to showcase her talent.

Director Mahesh Babu P, known for crafting strong roles for actresses, particularly Regina Cassandra in \*Ra Ra Krishnayya\* and Anushka Shetty in \*Miss Shetty Mr Polishetty\*, is expected to give Bhagyashri a substantial role in \*RAPO22\*. His track record suggests that Bhagyashri's character in this film will be pivotal, providing her a chance to make a significant impact.

Given these exciting opportunities, \*RAPO22\* looks set to be a major turning point for Bhagyashri Borse's career. Audiences are eagerly anticipating her performance, hoping to see the best of her talent in this promising project.

## Allari Naresh's Bacchala Malli Set for December Release

Allari Naresh is all set to step into a new, gripping role in his upcoming rural action drama, \*Bacchala Malli\*. Known for his comedic roles, Naresh will showcase a completely different side of his acting talent in this film, marking a significant departure from his usual performances. The movie has already caught the attention of movie buffs with its intriguing first-look poster and teaser, offering a glimpse of Naresh in a stunning new avatar.

The makers have officially confirmed that \*Bacchala Malli\* will be released on December 20, 2024, just in time for Christmas. Fans are eagerly awaiting this hard-hitting yet relatable drama, which promises to offer a fresh and intense narrative. In a recent social media post, Allari Naresh described the film as the most

relatable and powerful one he has ever been a part of, hinting at a story that will strike a chord with audiences.

Directed by Subbu Mangadevi, \*Bacchala Malli\* also stars Amritha Aiyer as the female lead. The film will feature a talented ensemble cast, including Rao Ramesh, Hari Teja, Praveen, and others, all playing pivotal roles. The film is produced by Rajesh Danda and Balaji Gupta under the banner of Hasya Movies, with Vishal Chandra Shekar composing the music.

With its intense storyline and a transformation in Allari Naresh's character, \*Bacchala Malli\* is shaping up to be an exciting release this holiday season. Fans of the actor and the genre can expect a gripping rural action drama that promises to be a memorable cinematic experience.



## Vijay Sethupathi's 'Maharaja' Set for Record Release in China

Vijay Sethupathi's \*Maharaja\*, also known as Makkal Selvan 50 (VJS50), is making waves once again, this time with an unprecedented release in China. Directed by Nithilan Saminathan, renowned for his work on \*Kurangu Bommai\*, \*Maharaja\* had a grand theatrical release on June 14 and quickly became a box office hit. The film's success didn't stop there; after its 28-day theatrical run, it made its digital debut on Netflix on July 12, where it rapidly climbed the global charts, capturing the attention of audiences worldwide.

Now, \*Maharaja\* is set to make history with a massive release in China, one of the largest movie markets in the world. The film is set to hit over 40,000 screens across the country on November 29, a feat that is rare for an Indian film. This monumental release has generated excitement in both the Indian and Chinese film industries, as it marks a significant milestone for Vijay Sethupathi and Indian cinema in the international market.

The film's Chinese release is being made possible through a partnership between Yi Shi Films and Alibaba Pictures, two major players in China's film industry. Their collaboration aims to make \*Maharaja\* the largest Indian film

release in China, which is a significant achievement, considering the country's massive film industry and high standards for foreign films.

There is keen interest in how the Chinese audience will respond to \*Maharaja\*. While the film is a Telugu-language production, its compelling storytelling and Vijay Seth-



upathi's strong screen presence are expected to transcend language barriers and captivate viewers. The film's international success on Netflix has already built up a solid fan base, making it a promising venture for both Indian and Chinese moviegoers.

With its release on a record number of screens, \*Maharaja\* is poised to make a significant impact in the global film market, further cementing Vijay Sethupathi's status as one of India's most celebrated actors.