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PLANS TO STEAL Rs. 2000 Cr VALUED NRI HOSPITAL PROPERTY

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: NRI HOSPITAL, a dream project of 32 NRIs, has become a valuable property and a target for power brokers and political leaders. This is allegedly due to the portrayals of MR. LINGAMANENI RAMESH. All eyes are now on this Rs. 2000 CRORE property, resembling a "cat's fight for bread," which may ultimately be grabbed by a "monkey." Currently, shares of the hospital were procured halfway by MEGHA KRISHNA REDDY, reportedly under the influence of MR. LINGAMANENI RAMESH. However, MR. KRISHNA REDDY is allegedly not interested in further involvement. As a result, MR. LINGAMANENI has reportedly devised a new scheme to take advantage of the situation. MR. LINGAMANENI allegedly offered the property to MR. N. CHANDRABABU NAIDU and LOKESH, suggesting its conversion into a cancer institute under the NTR TRUST or BASAV-

ATARAKAMMA TRUST. On the surface, it appears to be a noble proposal—to revive a struggling institution for a good cause. However, behind this idea lies the ultimate goal of transferring the Rs. 2000 CRORE property into the hands of the trust, effectively placing it under the control of its trustees.

It remains unclear whether MR. NAIDU or LOKESH have accepted this offer. Allegedly, MR. LINGAMANENI is pushing this plan to avoid repaying the amounts owed to MR. B.S. RAO of CHAITANYA INSTITUTION and MR. KRISHNA REDDY of MEGHA.

MR. KRISHNA REDDY is reportedly willing to write off the amount he invested in NRI HOSPITAL shares, potentially as a "quid pro quo," given the continuation of government contracts awarded to MEGHA without interruption. Allegedly, this was

explained to MR. KRISHNA REDDY by MR. LINGAMANENI. The story doesn't end here. Another prominent figure, allegedly MR. SUJANA CHOWDARY, is also trying to acquire the property. Currently, as an MLA of VIJAYAWADA WEST, he is allegedly seeking to purchase the property at a discounted price, taking advantage of the directors' weakened position.

One of the doctors stated, "It is the mistake of the NRI directors who allowed a power broker like MR. LINGAMANENI to interfere. Now, I urge MR. NAIDU and LOKESH to distance themselves from MR. LINGAMANENI and avoid letting him influence any government-related affairs. MR. NAIDU should vacate the LINGAMANENI guest house. I also request MR. PAWAN KALYAN to avoid any association or activities with MR. LINGAMANENI."

NDA Sweeps Maharashtra, I.N.D.I.A Keeps Jharkhand

NDA sweeps all seats in Assam, Bihar, Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, and Uttarakhand. NDA wins the majority in Rajasthan, UP, and Madhya Pradesh. BJP fails to secure any seats in Karnataka, Bengal, and Punjab. Congress and BJP split victories in two Lok Sabha seats. Priyanka Gandhi secure massive victory in the Wayanad

TPN, Delhi: Alongside the Maharashtra and Jharkhand assembly elections, by-elections were held for 48 assembly seats and two Lok Sabha seats across 15 states. While the BJP-led Mahayuti alliance triumphed in Maharashtra, the JMM-Congress alliance emerged victorious in Jharkhand. The NDA secured a majority in the 48 assembly seats contested in the by-elections.

NDA Dominance

In Assam, the NDA alliance won all five assembly seats in the by-elections. In Bihar, by-elections were held for four seats, where the BJP won two, and its alliance partners, Hindustani Awami Morcha and JDU, won one seat each. The BJP also won the single by-election seats in Chhattisgarh, Gujarat, and Uttarakhand. In Rajasthan, seven by-elections were held. The BJP won five seats, Congress one, and the Bharatiya Adivasi Party one. In Uttar Pradesh, nine by-elections were held.

PM Modi Response to Assembly Elections

The Mahayuti alliance, comprising the BJP, Shiv Sena (Shinde faction), and NCP (Ajit Pawar faction), secured a landslide victory in the Maharashtra Assembly elections, winning 233 out of 288 seats, well above the magic figure of 145. The opposition Maha Vikas Aghadi alliance managed to lead in just 50 seats.

Prime Minister Narendra Modi responded to the victory, attributing it to "development and good governance." Expressing his gratitude, he called it a historic win and thanked the voters of Maharashtra, particularly women and youth, for their overwhelming support. Modi emphasized the importance of unity and assured that the Mahayuti alliance would work tirelessly for Maharashtra's progress.

The Prime Minister also acknowledged the results of the Jharkhand Assembly elections, congratulating the ruling JMM alliance on its victory. He reaffirmed his commitment to raising public issues and working for the people of Jharkhand, even from the opposition benches.

Rahul Gandhi: Maharashtra Election Results Were Unexpected

Leader of Opposition Rahul Gandhi admitted in the Lok Sabha that the Maharashtra election results were unexpected. The BJP-led Mahayuti alliance secured a landslide victory with 232 seats, while the Congress-led Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) managed only 52 seats. Addressing the crushing defeat, Rahul Gandhi stated that the results would be thoroughly analyzed.

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Balineni Srinivasa Reddy's Shocking Comments on the Agreement with SECI

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BJP HAS WORKED OUT AANDHI STRATEGY OF PAWAN

TPN, Telangana: It seems the strategy of BJP regarding Mr. Pawan Kalyan has worked out. Yes, BJP has made Pawan Kalyan a catalyst to implement their strategies in South India. First, they applied it in Andhra Pradesh and then started in Telangana. After the Sanatana Dharma episode, he has become a popular politician in Tamil Nadu, Karnataka, and Kerala as well. Now, after the Maharashtra elections episode, he has entered Northern India too. Wherever he campaigned during the Maharashtra polls, NDA won most of the seats.

In this manner, Mr. Pawan Kalyan is stepping forward to become a nationwide political leader. During this journey, he has become unpopular among Left circles but a favorite for Right-wing circles.

Actually, no other movie artist has achieved such a feat earlier; it's one and only Mr. Pawan Kalyan. Like in the Snakes

and Ladders game, at the beginning of his career, his strategies turned into snakes and damaged his career. Now, he is witnessing only ladders.

The reason behind this success is the attitude of Mr. Pawan Kalyan. First, he does not care about others' opinions regarding his decisions. Second, he does not hesitate to take decisions contrary to his previous ones. For these two attitudes, he has explained the reasons: "I know the pain I am feeling. I have experienced many things in my political journey. So you leave the decision to me. The strategy is mine but for you only," he said regarding his unilateral decisions. An example of this is his decision to form an alliance with TDP and BJP. "Situations change, times change, and even public opinion changes. Accordingly, my decisions and my path will change. To bring justice to people and to work for their welfare, I can take up any strategy to any extent," he explained. An example is

his initial alliance with BJP and TDP, then his shift towards the Left, and later, his return to BJP.

Currently, he is traveling with BJP and has decided to continue this alliance. He believes that in the present political scenario, a party cannot survive against oppression from enemies and financial constraints. With BJP, he remains untouchable and receives support of all kinds, as long as BJP holds power in Delhi.

That is why Mr. Narendra Modi, the Prime Minister of India, referred to Mr. Pawan Kalyan as "AANDHI" during the NDA Government ceremony in Delhi and highlighted this again in the NDA Government ceremony in AP. When Mr. Pawan Kalyan took up the struggle for Sanatana Dharma, many expected that he was on his way to becoming a nationwide leader under the shadow of BJP, which is exactly what is happening now.



PM Modi Response to Assembly Elections

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Rahul Gandhi also commented on the Jharkhand election results, where the India Alliance emerged victorious. He thanked the people for their overwhelming support and congratulated Chief Minister Hemant Soren and party workers for their efforts. He called the victory a triumph for the constitution and for the conservation of water, forests, and land.

Expressing pride over Priyanka Gandhi's victory in Wayanad, Rahul Gandhi said he was grateful for the continued trust of the people in his family. He voiced confidence in Priyanka's ability to ensure the all-round development of the constituency.

I.N.D.I.A Keeps Jharkhand

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The BJP secured six seats, while the SP and RLD won two and one seat, respectively. In Madhya Pradesh, two by-elections were conducted, resulting in one seat each for the BJP and Congress.

Non-BJP Strongholds

In Karnataka, the Congress won all three seats in the by-elections. In Meghalaya, the National People's Party secured the lone seat. In Punjab, four by-elections were held, with the Aam Aadmi Party winning three seats and Congress taking one. In Sikkim, the Sikkim Kranti Kari Morcha won both contested seats. In West Bengal, six by-elections were held, and all six seats were won by the Trinamool Congress.

Lok Sabha By-Elections

By-elections were also held in two Lok Sabha constituencies. Congress won one seat, with Priyanka Gandhi securing a significant victory in the Wayanad constituency. The BJP's Santkuk Rao was on the verge of winning the Nanded Lok Sabha seat. These results highlight the BJP's continued dominance in several states while also showcasing strongholds of non-BJP parties in regions like Karnataka, West Bengal, and Punjab.

CAG Flags Unconstitutional Loans by YCP Govt

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Comptroller and Auditor General (CAG) has ruled that loans raised by the Andhra Pradesh State Development Corporation (APSDC) and Beverages Corporation are unconstitutional and in violation of the State Revenue Management (SRM) Act. The CAG highlighted that these loans contravene Article 293(3) of the Constitution, which mandates central government approval for borrowing against the Consolidated Fund of the state.



The Jagan Mohan Reddy-led government formed the APSDC and Beverages Corporation to facilitate loans, amounting to Rs. 25,000 crores and Rs. 12,000 crores, respectively. The report criticized the government's strategy of using non-convertible debentures and retail additional excise duty on liquor sales to generate funds. The CAG emphasized that such practices bypass the legislature, reducing its control over state expenditures.

The Beverages Corporation raised loans by increasing the margin on liquor sales from 4% to 6% in October 2020, with the revenue deposited into an escrow account for loan repayments. Similarly, the APSDC imposed excise duties and allocated these funds for loans, depositing Rs. 3,740.61 crore in 2022-23 to service debt.

The CAG also flagged that corporations like APSDC and the Road Development Corporation lack independent revenue sources, making the state government liable for their debts. It criticized the government for failing to disclose these loans to the central government, allowing it to borrow beyond prescribed limits.

The report further revealed that funds raised were not used for infrastructure development, as mandated, but instead added to the state's fiscal burden. The CAG concluded that special margin money from liquor sales should be treated as state revenue and deposited into the Consolidated Fund of the state.

The findings expose significant lapses in financial governance, adding to mounting concerns over the state's growing public debt.

Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan Orders Strict Action Against Land Encroachers

TPN Andhra Pradesh: Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan has directed the police to take immediate and stringent action against land encroachers in the state. He emphasized that the NDA coalition government is determined to overhaul the state's four-decade-old governance framework, with a focus on protecting government and private lands. Speaking about the newly introduced Andhra Pradesh Land Grabbing (Prohibition) Act, Pawan Kalyan outlined its key features, including strict penalties for offenders, compensation for victims, the establishment of special courts, improved land records, title verification, preventive measures, and a streamlined grievance redressal process.

Pawan Kalyan stated that he has received numerous complaints, particularly from Kakkinada and other regions, regarding encroachments on lands under the jurisdiction of the Revenue, Panchayat, and Endowment departments. He urged district collectors and police superintendents to prioritize these issues, ensure swift action, and restore public trust in governance.

Criticism of Previous Governance

The Deputy CM criticized the previous YSRCP



government for failing to address systemic corruption and mismanagement. He alleged irregularities in the implementation of the National Employment Guarantee Scheme and assured a thorough investigation to hold those responsible accountable.

Development Initiatives

Pawan Kalyan highlighted the coalition government's achievements under the Palle Pandaga program, including:

- 3,000 km of CC roads and 500 km of BT roads.
- 20,000 mini Gokulam sheds and water harvesting projects.
- Over 30,000 development works completed with Rs. 4,500 crore, creating



7 crore workdays.

He also reaffirmed his commitment to industrial development while protecting the environment and supporting the livelihoods of fishermen. Measures such as proper waste treatment and preventing coastal erosion are being studied for implementation.

Strategy for Progress

Pawan Kalyan reiterated the NDA government's focus on justice for victims, safeguarding state resources, and ensuring transparency. He has instructed Jana Sena MPs to address these issues during the upcoming winter session of Parliament.

Key Decisions Taken at Tungabhadra Board Meeting Amid Ongoing Disputes



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Andhra Pradesh government has made critical decisions during the Tungabhadra Board meeting held today, addressing key issues related to the Tungabhadra project. Notably, the state has decided to replace 33 gates of the Tungabhadra Dam and has ordered the preparation of a Detailed Project Report (DPR) on crust gates. The government also called for the removal of the freeze on Tungabhadra accounts.

A significant topic of discussion was Karnataka's proposal to build the Navali Reservoir, citing siltation in the Tungabhadra Dam. The AP

government strongly opposed the plan, terming it unreasonable and against the tribunal's guidelines. Additionally, Telangana raised objections to proposals made by both Andhra Pradesh and Karnataka during the meeting.

Historical Disputes

Disputes between the AP government and the Tungabhadra Board have been ongoing. Previously, during the YSRCP regime, tenders worth Rs. 400 crore were issued for RCC lining of Tungabhadra canals. Allegations surfaced that YSRCP leaders from Kurnool distributed contracts to favored contractors, allegedly demanding

a 5% commission. These tenders were subsequently canceled by the TDP government citing irregularities, but the Tungabhadra Board contested this, stating that AP government orders do not apply to the board.

Challenges in Water Allocation

The Tungabhadra project canals, crucial for irrigation in Kurnool and Anantapur districts, face challenges from siltation, aging embankments, and Karnataka's alleged water diversion upstream. The Tungabhadra Project Board has undertaken modernization efforts to address these issues, approving packages worth Rs. 448 crore. However, contractors claim unpaid bills amounting to Rs. 319 crore.

Political and Financial Implications

E-procurement tenders worth Rs. 400 crore for further RCC lining were challenged in court over rule violations but later reinstated under political pressure. Allegations of inflated costs and favoritism have reignited calls for a fresh tendering process to save public funds.

With these critical issues at hand, the Tungabhadra Board's decisions are expected to have significant implications for the region's irrigation and water management infrastructure.

Heavy Rains Expected in AP Farmers Urged to Take Precautions

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Revenue Department's Special Chief Secretary for Disaster Management, RP Sisodia, has issued a warning regarding the likelihood of heavy rains in Andhra Pradesh starting from November 24. This weather event is expected to be caused by a low-pressure system forming in the southeast Bay of Bengal, which could intensify into a depression in the coming days.

Sisodia advised farmers to take immediate precautions, especially as the paddy harvesting season has already begun in many districts. He stressed that Agriculture Department officials

should be available to assist farmers during this period to mitigate potential damage to crops.

The Meteorological Department has forecast that the low-pressure area will bring moderate to heavy rains to the south coast and Rayalaseema regions. Additionally, there may be isolated heavy rainfall in Tamil Nadu and Kerala starting from November 24.

Farmers are urged to monitor the situation closely and take necessary steps to protect their crops and agricultural activities from the anticipated rainfall.



Stone Pelting Case Against Chandrababu Three Detained by AP Police



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Andhra Pradesh Police have detained three individuals in connection with a stone-pelting incident targeting the then opposition leader and current Chief Minister, Chandrababu Naidu, during his visit to Nandigama in NTR district on November 5, 2022.

The attack occurred when Chandrababu was touring the area and approaching a crowd on Chanderlapadu Road near the local farmers' market. The street lights were reportedly turned off, and stones were thrown at his vehicle, injuring his Chief Security Officer, Madhusudhan Rao. Despite an initial case being registered, the incident had not seen significant action under the previous YSRCP government.

Recently, the police made progress in the investigation and detained three suspects—Kanikanti Sajjan Rao, Bezawada Karthik, and Parimi Kishore, who are now under interrogation. Authorities continue to probe the case.

Another Shock for YSRCP

Jayamangala Venkata Ramana Resigns from Party and MLC Post

TPN, Andhra Pradesh:

The Yuvajana Sramika Rythu Congress Party (YSRCP) has faced yet another setback as MLC Jayamangala Venkata Ramana resigned from both the party and his Legislative Council membership. Venkata Ramana has reportedly sent his resignation letter to the Council Chairman, adding to the growing list of leaders leaving the party in recent times. Speculations are rife that Venkata Ramana might align with opposition alliance parties, although official confirmation is awaited.

Sources suggest that he is consulting with his followers to decide on his next political move, leaving the political landscape abuzz with rumors about his future course of action. This development is part of a larger exodus from the YSRCP, with several Rajya Sabha members and MLCs having resigned in recent months. Venkata Ramana's departure has deepened the crisis within the party, raising questions about its internal stability and cohesion. Reports indicate that more resignations could be on the horizon, potentially ag-



gravating the challenges faced by the YSRCP. The resignation of high-profile leaders like Venkata Ramana has sparked concerns over the party's leadership and strategy, especially in the run-up to key elections. If further resignations materialize, it could have significant repercussions for the YSRCP's political fortunes. The situation underscores growing unrest within the ruling party, as discontent among leaders appears to be escalating, leading to defections that could benefit the opposition.

Gudivada Amarnath Slams TDP

Over Criticism of SECI Agreement

TPN, Andhra Pradesh:

Former minister and senior YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) leader Gudivada Amarnath has lashed out at the Telugu Desam Party (TDP) for accusing Former Chief Minister Y.S. Jagan Mohan Reddy of corruption in agreements with the Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI). Amarnath expressed frustration over what he called the TDP's biased narrative, alleging that they praise Chandrababu Naidu's actions while criticizing Jagan for similar initiatives. The controversy stems from allegations that US investigative agencies reported significant bribes received by Jagan during the SECI agreements signed in 2021 under the previous government. The TDP has accused Jagan's corruption of reaching "international levels," drawing sharp rebuttals from Amarnath. The former minister pointed out the hypocrisy of TDP leaders, questioning why purchasing electricity at ₹6.99 per unit during Chandrababu's tenure



was not seen as a mistake, while Jagan purchasing electricity at ₹2.49 per unit is being labeled as a major issue. He emphasized that the agreement was signed with SECI, a central government public sector enterprise, and questioned how corruption could have occurred in the process. Amarnath also raised doubts about the TDP's stance, asking if the coalition government intends to cancel agreements made by the previous government if they find them problematic. He demanded clarity on what connection the state government has with Adani in the context of these agreements, challenging the TDP to substantiate its allegations of corruption. The remarks come amidst heightened political tensions, with both parties trading barbs over governance and transparency. Amarnath's strong defense highlights YSRCP's effort to counter the narrative of corruption while portraying TDP's criticism as politically motivated.

TDP Membership Crosses 30k in Mylavaram

TPN, Mylavaram: The Telugu Desam Party (TDP) has achieved a significant milestone in its membership registration program, with memberships crossing the 30,000 mark in the Mylavaram constituency. The initiative, spearheaded by TDP National President and Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, has gained tremendous momentum under the leadership of TDP National Secretary Nara Lokesh. Mylavaram MLA Vasantha Venkata Krishna Prasad has played a pivotal role in mobilizing party cadres for the registration drive. He has urged mandal party presidents, cluster in-charges, village party presidents, unit in-charges, and booth conveners to work in coordination to ensure the program's continued success. Special emphasis has been placed on reaching out to a broader base to further increase registrations. The MLA highlighted the benefits extended to TDP



members, stating that those who contribute ₹1 lakh are being granted permanent membership, while members who pay ₹100 now enjoy enhanced accident insurance coverage, which has been increased from ₹2 lakh to ₹5 lakh. Additionally, the party is providing comprehensive support to its activists' families, including assistance for education, medical treatment, and employment. The membership drive reflects the party's commitment to strengthening its grassroots presence while extending welfare benefits to its cadres. This record achievement in Mylavaram demonstrates the enthusiasm and dedication of the party ranks and their alignment with the vision of TDP leadership. With this momentum, the TDP is poised to expand its reach further, solidifying its support base in the constituency and setting an example for other regions.

GVL Narasimha Rao Lauds BJP's Performance in Maharashtra Election Results

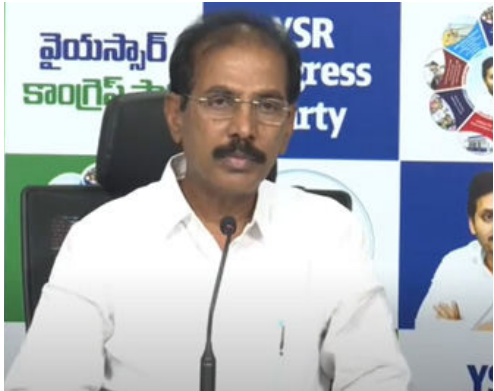
TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Former MP and senior BJP leader GVL Narasimha Rao expressed his delight over the BJP's performance in the Maharashtra elections, attributing the success to Prime Minister Narendra Modi's leadership. Speaking about the results, he remarked that the people have once again reaffirmed their trust in Modi's vision, development agenda, and alliance leadership. GVL stated that the BJP has achieved a historic lead in Maharashtra, contesting 149 seats and expected to secure 139, marking one of its most significant victories in the state. He highlighted that for the first time in Maharashtra's history, such a decisive mandate has been given, showcasing people's overwhelming support for the BJP-led alliance. Contrasting this with the Congress's performance, he pointed out that the party, which contested 103 seats, was reduced to just 21. He emphasized that this is a clear indication of the people rejecting the Congress and instead choosing development-focused governance under Modi. "The people of Maharashtra have once again crowned Modi," GVL remarked, adding that the results demonstrate a nationwide trend of support for the BJP and its allies. He also



noted that similar sentiments were seen in Haryana, where the BJP performed strongly. GVL further expressed optimism about the BJP's future, predicting continued support from voters in Andhra Pradesh and other states, particularly for the BJP-TDP-Jana Sena alliance. He concluded by underlining Maharashtra's importance as an economic stronghold for India, stating that the BJP's victory ensures stability and growth under Modi's leadership. These comments reflect the BJP's confidence in its ability to sustain its momentum and further consolidate its position across the nation.

Manohar Reddy Criticized Govt Over Social Media Activists Arrest

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: M Manohar Reddy, President of the YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) Legal Cell, has alleged that the party is oppressing social media activists through misuse of legal provisions. Speaking at a press conference, he criticized the registration of multiple cases against individuals for expressing their views online, terming it a violation of their rights. Manohar Reddy highlighted that tens of cases are being filed against social media activists, many of which are under Section 111, which he described as an improper use of the law. He stated, "Registering cases under Section 111 in such a manner is not only inappropriate but also reflects an attempt to stifle dissent." The Legal Cell President also pointed out that during the Telugu Desam Party's (TDP) tenure, no action was taken against their supporters for controversial posts on social media. He accused the ruling government of using these tactics to silence the opposition and discourage criticism of the coalition. Adding to his remarks, Manohar Reddy alleged that some senior police of-



ficers are behaving like TDP activists, furthering the agenda of suppressing those who question the government. He called for impartiality and urged authorities to ensure that freedom of expression is protected without political bias. The accusations underline the growing tensions between the ruling and opposition parties, as the debate over the role of social media in political discourse continues to intensify. Reddy's remarks have sparked discussions about the ethical use of legal frameworks in addressing dissent while maintaining a balanced approach to free speech.

Sunkara Padmashri Congratulates Priyanka Gandhi

Criticizes Andhra Politics

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Former All India Congress Party leader Sunkara Padmashri has extended her congratulations to Priyanka Gandhi for her resounding victory in the Wayanad Lok Sabha by-election in Kerala. Addressing the media, Padmashri remarked that Priyanka Gandhi secured a larger majority than Rahul Gandhi, whose resignation necessitated the by-election. "Indira Gandhi is back! We see the same charisma and leadership qualities in Priyanka Gandhi," she stated, drawing a parallel between Priyanka and the former Prime Minister.

Victory in Jharkhand and Maharashtra

Padmashri also thanked the people of Jharkhand for supporting the India Alliance in the recently concluded elections. However, she had mixed feelings about the Maharashtra election results, congratulating Prime Minister Narendra Modi while attributing the victory to EVMs rather than public sentiment.

Sharp Criticism of Andhra Pradesh Politics

Turning her attention to Andhra Pradesh, Padmashri criticized the recent Assembly sessions, accusing the ruling government of neglecting public issues. "The discussions were limited to personal and family matters concerning Former Chief Minister Jagan Mohan Reddy, with no attention given to the pressing problems of the people," she claimed. She also leveled allegations against TDP leaders in Gan-



navaram, accusing them of colluding with local MLA Yarragadda Venkat Rao to form a liquor syndicate. "Liquor shops are being set up near the riverbanks, with commissions being collected by these leaders," Padmashri alleged.

Call for Accountability

Padmashri's statements highlighted her concerns about the misuse of power and lack of focus on public welfare in Andhra Pradesh. She urged leaders to prioritize the interests of the people over personal and political gains.

Govt Prioritizes Development in Vijayawada - MP Kesineni and MLA Gadde Rammohan



TPN, Vijayawada: Despite the challenges of a financial deficit, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu is leading Andhra Pradesh towards welfare and development, emphasized MP Kesineni Shivnath and MLA Gadde Rammohan Rao. The leaders spoke during the foundation stone-laying ceremony for CC roads and park development in Bharathinagar, Vijayawada, funded with ₹82 lakh. Highlighting the coalition government's developmental focus since taking office, they lauded the Chief Minister's vision to transform Vijayawada into a model city. "The government has been proactive in addressing the city's needs, including suc-

cessful relief efforts for flood victims," said Kesineni Shivnath. The leaders assured citizens that by next year, all pending issues in Vijayawada would be resolved, paving the way for its emergence as a symbol of growth and progress. They also acknowledged the coalition government's commitment to infrastructure development and urban rejuvenation, which are expected to significantly enhance the quality of life in the city. The event underscores the coalition's emphasis on long-term development and its resolve to overcome financial constraints to achieve its vision for Andhra Pradesh.

L Ram Mohan Honored with Best Distinguished Alumni Award by KL University



TPN, Vijayawada: KL University (formerly KL College of Engineering) recently honored Mr. L Ram Mohan with the Best Distinguished Alumni Award for his exceptional professional achievements and contributions to society. A proud alumnus of KLCE, Mr. Ram Mohan is a seasoned SAP Integration Architect with over 18 years of global experience in defining business processes, solution design, technical architecture, and application development.

As the founder of DevIoT, a pioneering IoT technology startup, Mr. Ram Mohan has also been at the forefront of leveraging technology for societal benefit. His leadership roles, including his contributions as the Uttarandhra Coordinator and Co-Convener for the Praja Rajyam Party (PRP), highlight his commitment to social upliftment and public welfare.

In addition to his professional excellence, Mr. Ram Mohan is actively involved in social and cultural initiatives. He is a key committee member for the Sri Maha Narayana Divya Rudra Sahita Shata Sahasra Chandi Vishwa Shanti Maha Yagam, a monumental spiritual event being held in Ayodhya from No-

vember 18, 2024, to January 1, 2025, spanning 45 days. This grand event aims to promote global peace and harmony through extensive Vedic rituals and spiritual ceremonies. The event is set to conclude with the august presence of Hon. Prime Minister Narendra Modi, who will grace the final day with his blessings. Devotees from around the world are invited to participate in this divine initiative. To join or contribute, give a missed call to 77802 52277 or visit the official link: www.ayodhyayagam.in

Expressing his gratitude during the award ceremony, Mr. Ram Mohan remarked, "KLCE has been a transformative part of my journey. This recognition is not just a personal honor but a reflection of the values and excellence the institution instills in its students. I am deeply grateful to my professors, peers, and the KLU family for their role in shaping my path."

A beacon of inspiration, Mr. Ram Mohan's dedication to his professional and social endeavors continues to make a profound impact. His journey exemplifies the true spirit of leadership, service, and innovation.

Gold Theft Case Solved in 48 Hours in Penamaluru Constituency



TPN, Penamaluru: In a swift operation, the police cracked a case of gold theft worth ₹4 lakhs in Jabarlapudi village, Uyyuru Mandal, under Crime No. 147/24. The incident involved the theft of a gold necklace from an elderly woman. The breakthrough came within 48 hours, thanks to the efforts of Kankipadu Circle Inspector (CI) Muralikrishna, along with Sub-Inspectors (SI) Sandeep and Suresh, and their team. Recognizing their swift action, the District Superintendent of Police (SP) and Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) congratulated the team and presented them with rewards for their commendable work. The accused, Kiran, a manager at a clothing shed near the old check post center in Vijayawada, and Ramakrishna, a Procline driver from Mudunur village, were apprehended. Investigations revealed that both individuals had resorted to theft after struggling to repay loans taken from multiple sources. The duo was found responsible for stealing approximately 60 grams of gold from two locations. The stolen gold was recovered from their possession, and a case was registered against them. Following the legal procedures, they have been sent to judicial remand. The efficient resolution of the case has garnered praise for the Kankipadu police team, highlighting their dedication and effectiveness in maintaining law and order in the region.

Govt Prioritizes Sports Development - MLA Venigandla Ramu



TPN, Gudivada: MLA Venigandla Ramu has reiterated the coalition government's commitment to developing sports and nurturing athletic talent. Speaking at the oath-taking ceremony of the newly formed Gudivada NTR Stadium Committee, Ramu emphasized the goal of restoring the former glory of the stadium, which was inaugurated by the late Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao (NTR). AP CWC Chairman Ravi Venkateswara Rao and MLA Ramu congratulated the newly elected committee members, including Vice Chairman Yelavarthy Srinivasa Rao, who was unanimously elected during the elections officiated by RDO Balasubramaniam. After the announcement and oath ceremony, the leaders and committee members paid homage to the statues of NTR and Parvataneni Jaganmohan Rao.

"Unearthing Local Talent"

Addressing the gathering, Vice Chairman Yelavarthy Srinivasa Rao vowed to uphold the legacy of those who worked tirelessly for the stadium's development. "Our committee will work to identify and promote sports talent

from the grassroots level, unearthing gems from the soil," he said, outlining plans to create a special sports calendar and organize regular competitions to foster a culture of sports in Gudivada.

Encouraging Youth and Promoting Sports

MLA Ramu highlighted the coalition government's efforts to support sports, urging players to utilize the opportunities provided. "We will work collectively to bring back the grandeur of this iconic stadium and establish it as a hub for athletic excellence," he said. CWC Chairman Ravi Venkateswara Rao emphasized the importance of organizing sports events to motivate young athletes. "The NTR Stadium has been a cornerstone in promoting sports, and the new committee has a significant role in continuing this tradition," he added.

The event concluded with felicitations for Vice Chairman Yelavarthy Srinivasa Rao and Joint Secretary Kilarapu Ranga Prasad, as fans and leaders celebrated the committee's vision for revitalizing the NTR Stadium.

Bonda Uma Distributes Relief Packages to Flood Victims

TPN, Vijayawada:

On Saturday evening, the Central Constituency Telugu Desam Party (TDP) office in Vijayawada hosted a relief distribution event organized by the Krishna Godavari Diocese "Church of South India" to support the flood victims in the region. Government Whip and Constituency MLA Bonda Uma Maheswara Rao led the effort, distributing essential items to 500 flood-affected families. The relief package included 10 kg of rice, lentils, tamarind, 1 liter of cooking oil, and other essential commodities. Speaking at the event, Bonda Uma expressed his commitment to standing by the victims during these challenging times. "It is a great pleasure to be here and provide essential commodities to help satisfy the hunger of those affected by the floods," he said. He also assured that the items like rice, oil, lentils, onions, potatoes, and sugar were being provided free of cost to those in need. Bonda Uma also highlighted the continuous relief efforts in Vijayawada, where Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu



Naidu, state ministers, and MLAs have been actively engaged in assessing the situation. The government has deployed 109 boats to provide food, drinking water, and assist with evacuations. Bonda Uma added that officials were using drones to monitor the flood-affected areas and ensure timely assistance. The event saw the participation of several prominent figures, including T. George, T. Ravikumar, Ghanta Krishnamohan, Praveen Executive Member Krishna Gaddam Raju, and local pastors from the Krishna Godavari Diocese. The Central Constituency Women President Dasari Udayashree and other community leaders also took part in the distribution efforts. This event underscored the TDP's ongoing commitment to providing aid and supporting the people of Vijayawada in this difficult time.

Vijayawada Municipal Corporation Implements Drone Surveillance for Sanitation Management

TPN, Vijayawada: In a bid to improve sanitation management, the Vijayawada Municipal Corporation (VMC) has launched drone surveillance across the city, following the directives of Commissioner Dhyanaachandra. On Saturday, a review meeting was held at Tummalapalle Kalakshetra under the guidance of Chief Medical Health Officer Dr. Suresh Babu. Dr. Suresh Babu addressed the sanitation staff and discussed the progress of the drone survey aimed at enhancing cleanliness efforts. He emphasized that the drone surveillance will help monitor waste accumulation across various secretariats and provide real-time data for waste removal. The meeting was attended by 286 sanitary secretaries from different secretariats, along with sanitary inspectors and staff. Dr. Babu highlighted the importance of quick response to the waste identified by the drones. He instructed the secretaries to immediately act upon



the information provided by the monitoring team and ensure that waste is promptly removed, ensuring a cleaner environment and reducing the risk of mosquito-borne diseases. He also urged everyone involved to coordinate efficiently for the overall development of the city. Assistant Medical Health Officers, including Dr. Ramakoteswara Rao and Dr. Babu Srinivasa Rao, along with members of the drone monitoring team, sanitary supervisors, and secretaries, participated in the meeting, reinforcing the city's commitment to maintaining a cleaner and healthier environment for its residents.

CPM West City Committee Demands Action Against Adani and Cancellation of Smart Meters

TPN, Vijayawada: The CPM West City Committee staged a protest at Shankar Cafe Center, demanding the arrest of industrialist Gautam Adani and the cancellation of his contracts with the Andhra Pradesh government. The protestors also called for a judicial inquiry into the allegations against Adani, emphasizing the need for a sitting judge to oversee the investigation into the charges. Corporator and West City Secretary, Boi Satyababu, criticized Adani for allegedly looting the wealth of both the country and Andhra Pradesh, which he claimed has led to increased wealth for Adani while burdening the people. He further accused both the central and state governments of shielding the corrupt industrialist, which he described as a betrayal of the public.



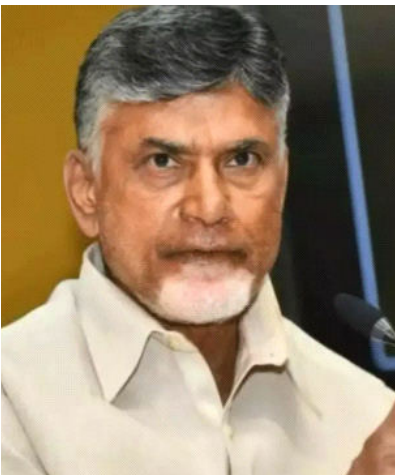
Satyababu also condemned Adani's actions on the global stage, pointing out that while Adani is canceling contracts abroad due to accusations of corruption, he continues to be protected within India. The protestors specifically called for the cancellation of the smart meter installations, which they claim have caused undue hardships for

the people. The protest saw the active participation of several CPM West City leaders, including K. Suribaru, Ivinarayana, G. Venkat Rao, VH, Dasu, D. Ramana, Rama Rao, and Gurappa. The leaders reiterated their demands, calling on the government to take swift action against Adani and protect the interests of the people.

CM Chandrababu Expresses Grief Over Anantapur Road Accident

Announces Rs. 5 Lakh Compensation for Victims' Families

TPN, Anantapur: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu expressed deep shock and sorrow over the tragic road accident in Anantapur district that claimed seven lives. The incident occurred in Kalagasupalle village of Garladinne mandal when an RTC bus collided with an auto carrying daily wage laborers. The Chief Minister conveyed his condolences to the bereaved families, stating that the loss of lives, especially of those working hard to earn a livelihood, was heartbreaking. To support



the grieving families, he announced an ex-gratia payment

of Rs. 5 lakh each to the kin of the deceased. CM Naidu also directed officials to ensure the injured receive the best possible medical care and emphasized the government's commitment to standing by the affected families during this difficult time. Further, he urged authorities to take necessary steps to prevent such accidents in the future. The accident has left the community in mourning, with local officials visiting the site and extending their support to the victims and their families.

Parents Protest Against SR Junior College Over Illegal Fee Collection in Kurnool

TPN, Kurnool: Parents of students at SR Junior College in Tandrapadu, on the outskirts of Kurnool, have raised serious allegations against the college management for charging exorbitant and illegal fees in the name of examination costs.



According to parents, the staff has been collecting ₹1,900 from each junior intermediate student but issuing receipts for only ₹900. The remaining ₹1,000, collected from nearly 500 students, is unaccounted for, amounting to a significant illegal gain for the management. Frustrated parents confronted the college management, demanding clarity and receipts for the full amount. However, the management reportedly gave inconsistent explanations

and later claimed that the additional fees collected would be returned. Despite these assurances, parents remain skeptical, citing past instances where the college failed to return money collected under similar pretenses, such as canteen fees. Parents accused the management of exploiting them by violating government fee regulations. They demanded immediate intervention by higher authorities to stop the illegal fee collection and hold the management accountable. Student unions have also joined

the protest, calling for departmental action against the college for its exploitative practices. They alleged that the staff has been threatening and pressuring protesting parents to back down. This is not the first time SR Junior College has faced such accusations. Several allegations of financial irregularities have been reported in the past, tarnishing the institution's reputation. Parents and student unions urged the authorities to investigate the matter and ensure justice for the affected students and families. The growing unrest highlights the urgent need for transparency and stricter regulation of educational institutions.

Balineni Srinivasa Reddy's Shocking Comments on the Agreement with SECI

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Former Minister of Power Balineni Srinivasa Reddy has made startling revelations about the solar power agreement with SECI (Solar Energy Corporation of India). Sharing his experience, Balineni stated that he had no idea about the arguments and controversies surrounding the agreement. He disclosed that Srikanth, the then Secretary of the Energy Department, called him at 1 a.m. and requested him to sign the agreement. Balineni explained that he was uncomfortable signing such a significant agreement without prior discussion or sufficient details. He refused to sign, sensing that something was amiss. He also alerted his personal secretary beforehand that he would not sign any document without fully understanding it. Following his refusal, Srikanth allegedly contacted Balineni's additional personal secretary, suggesting that if the agreement was not signed, it should be forwarded to the cabinet for discussion. The file was eventually taken to the cabinet meeting the next morning, where the agreement was approved. Balineni clarified that the government itself, with cabinet approval, signed the agreement, and he did not personally sign any part of it. The former minister stressed that the entire process was overseen by a senior minister and that he had no involvement in the decision-making. He questioned why government officials did not inform him properly about such agreements. Balineni added that while Srikanth occasionally discussed the deal with SECI, he was never provided with complete details. These comments have raised significant questions about the transparency and handling of the SECI agreement, shedding light on the lack of clarity in decision-making processes within the government.

MP and Collector Visit Families of Road Accident Victims

TPN, Anantapur: On Saturday, Anantapur MP Ambika Lakshminarayana and District Collector Vinod Kumar visited the families of the victims of the tragic road accident at Talagasipally Cross in Garladinne mandal. Seven people lost their lives, and several others were injured when an RTC bus collided with an auto. The MP and Collector extended condolences to the bereaved families and visited the government hospital in the city to meet those injured in the accident. They interacted with the injured and their families, assuring them of comprehensive support from the government. During their visit, the families of the victims staged a protest, demanding justice and adequate assistance. Addressing their concerns, MP Lakshminarayana and Collector Vinod Kumar promised all possible help, including financial compensation and welfare measures for the affected families. The Collector directed the hospital staff to provide the best medical treatment to the injured and emphasized prompt and quality care. The MP reiterated the government's commitment to standing by the victims and their families during this difficult time.



MLA Venigandla Ramu Distributed CM Relief Fund to Poor People

TPN, Gudivada: MLA Venigandla Ramu emphasized the importance of the Chief Minister's Relief Fund (CMRF) as a lifeline for the poor, providing critical support in times of medical distress. At a distribution event held at the Telugu Desam Party's Praja Vedika office on Eluru Road, Gudivada, MLA Ramu handed over CMRF cheques totaling Rs. 3.65 lakh to three affected families from Gudivada Rural and Nandivada mandals. He was joined by AP Warehousing Corporation Chairman Ravi Venkateswara Rao. Speaking on the occasion,

MLA Ramu reaffirmed the coalition government's commitment to ensuring access to corporate-level medical treatment for the poor and middle-class families. He encouraged people to make full use of government-provided assistance to secure timely treatment. Highlighting the impartial nature of the aid, Ramu stated that CMRF assistance is allocated based on merit, irrespective of political affiliations.

In this distribution:

- **Rs. 1.02 lakh was given to Tadichettu Ramana Kumari of Motur village, Rural Man-**

dal.
- **Rs. 1.10 lakh was handed to Chinta Pushpa Kumari of Billapadu village.**
- **Rs. 1.62 lakh was granted to Surapaneni Jhansi Rani of Vennanapudi, Nandivada Mandal.**
The beneficiaries expressed their heartfelt gratitude to the government for providing financial support during challenging times. Several coalition leaders were present at the event, underscoring the government's dedication to assisting those in need through initiatives like the CM Relief Fund.



Nellore Zilla Parishad General Meeting Held Minister Highlights Rapid Development

TPN, Nellore: The Zilla Parishad office in Nellore city hosted the general meeting of the Nellore District on Saturday. The event was attended by Minister of Endowments Anam Ramanarayana Reddy as the chief guest, alongside District Collector O. Anand, Zilla Parishad Chairperson Anam Arunamma, and officials from various government departments. Speaking on the occasion, Minister Ramanarayana Reddy emphasized the directive of Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu to include local body representatives in internal meetings, fostering collaboration in implementing welfare schemes and development projects. "Nellore district is progressing rapidly. Despite political differences, we have a responsibility to work together to execute government schemes effectively," he stated. The minister criticized the lack of development over the past three years but expressed optimism about the current government's commitment to strengthening local bodies.



MLA Arava Sridhar Distributed CM Relief Fund Cheques to 16 Beneficiaries

TPN, Railway Kodur: On Saturday, Government Whip and MLA Arava Sridhar, along with Annamayya District Urban Development Authority (AUDA) Chairman and Railway Kodur Constituency TDP In-charge Mukka Rupananda Reddy, distributed CM Relief Fund cheques worth Rs. 20,64,814 to 16 beneficiaries from various mandals in the constituency. Speaking at the event, MLA Arava Sridhar reaffirmed the NDA coalition government's commitment to welfare and development, emphasizing the leadership of Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister Konidela Pawan Kalyan. He lauded Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu for fulfilling his promise to act as the "eldest son" of every family, ensuring support for those in need. Rupananda Reddy highlighted the government's special system to provide financial assistance to the sick through the CM Relief Fund, benefiting a large number of people in the constituency. He assured that the government is making all welfare schemes accessible to everyone, particularly the poor.

Details of Beneficiaries and Cheque Amounts:

- **Abbineni Sai Vedanad - Rs. 3,00,000**
- **Chitvelu Subba Narasiah - Rs. 42,773**
- **Basireddy Shankaramma - Rs. 1,02,038**
- **Meenakshi Parvathi - Rs. 62,470**
- **Kicha Jayachandra - Rs. 1,15,450**
- **Mallem Gangireddy - Rs. 55,978**
- **Nagireddy Raghunath Reddy - Rs. 83,098**
- **Anamala Gundla Lakshmanarayana - Rs. 87,226**
- **Chepuri Pramila - Rs. 2,50,562**
- **Eega Manemma - Rs. 44,729**
- **Nagiripati Shivaji - Rs. 2,03,849**
- **Kusuluru Rajeshwari - Rs. 44,729**
- **Nagireddy Sesha Reddy - Rs. 3,11,376**
- **Dasari Soumya - Rs. 80,045**
- **Padmaraju Vijaya Bhaskar - Rs. 95,837**
- **Obulapu Dasarada Ramireddy - Rs. 50,000**

The recipients expressed gratitude to the state government for its timely support in addressing their medical expenses.

Two Smugglers Arrested in Muddanur with Red Sandalwood Logs Seized

TPN, Kadapa: The RSATF (Red Sandalwood Anti-Smuggling Task Force) has successfully apprehended two smugglers in Muddanur, Kadapa district, and seized 30 red sandalwood logs along with a car, as confirmed by DSP G. Balireddy. The operation, which was carried out under the leadership of Task Force In-charge and Tirupati District SP L. Subbaraidu, saw coordination between various teams to clamp down on illegal activities related to red sandalwood smuggling. The incident occurred on Saturday morning, when the Task Force team, led by RSI K. Kripananda and FBO P. Supraja, were conducting a routine check on their way to Jammalamadugu.

They noticed suspicious activity near empty houses in Shettivari Palli Forest Beat in Muddanur Mandal, where individuals were seen loading red sandalwood logs into a vehicle. Upon noticing the Task Force officers, some of the suspects fled the scene, but two individuals were apprehended. The arrested smugglers were identified as residents of Kadapa district. Authorities are continuing to investigate the incident, and the seized red sandalwood logs and car are being held as evidence. The Task Force has pledged to continue their efforts to prevent illegal red sandalwood smuggling in the region.





MVA's Mistakes and BJP's Strategy: Lessons from Maharashtra Assembly Elections

The Maharashtra Assembly elections have shed light on the strategic missteps of the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) and the BJP's ability to learn from its previous defeats. To understand the outcome, it's essential to approach it through a counterfactual lens—considering what could have happened if the political dynamics had unfolded differently.

In the 2019 Lok Sabha elections, the BJP-led National Democratic Alliance (NDA) suffered a significant blow in Maharashtra, sparking a reevaluation of their approach. For the BJP, the task was straightforward: learn from their mistakes, regroup, and refine their strategy. In contrast, the MVA, emboldened by its unexpected success in forming a coalition government, misread the 2019 results as a validation of its approach rather than a warning about the BJP's vulnerabilities. This overconfidence led the MVA to believe that their formula for success was based purely on a strong anti-BJP narrative, neglecting the nuanced factors that actually led to their coalition's victory.

The MVA's mistake was further compounded by its failure to address core regional issues and its inability to present a distinct identity that resonated with voters. The coalition's reliance on a broad opposition narrative against the BJP, without



focusing on local concerns, made its campaign appear disconnected from the electorate's immediate needs. In the face of mounting challenges, including internal friction and a lack of clear leadership, the MVA's messaging lacked the freshness required to overcome the BJP's formidable organizational machinery.

On the other hand, the BJP capitalized on the lessons from 2019. The party had learned to overcome its earlier complacency, realigning its focus on core issues and local politics. The BJP's message was not just about the central leadership, but also about addressing regional aspi-

rations, allowing the party to maintain its dominance in Maharashtra. The ability to project a sense of unity and clarity, even when things looked uncertain in the immediate aftermath of the 2019 defeat, gave the BJP an edge over the disjointed opposition.

In conclusion, the 2019 results should have been a turning point for the MVA, prompting a rethink of their strategy. Unfortunately, the coalition failed to adapt, while the BJP demonstrated its resilience by learning from past mistakes and crafting a message that appealed to both local concerns and national aspirations.

Building India's Innovation Ecosystem: Lessons from SpaceX's Success



SpaceX's recent achievement of catching its Starship's booster with giant mechanical arms left the world in awe. This groundbreaking feat, akin to catching a falling skyscraper, sparks an important question: What can India do to reach such monumental technological milestones? India has the talent and ambition, but there is more to achieving these innovations than just technological prowess. It requires an ecosystem that encourages risk-taking and allows for fast-paced, radical advancements—an ecosystem similar to the one SpaceX has nurtured in the US.

India's space program, led by ISRO, has made significant progress, particularly with its frugal innovations. However, to emulate SpaceX's disruptive approach, India must create an environment where private companies can take technological risks without being encumbered by restrictive regulations. This is not just about space, but about innovation across industries.

A key factor is the regulatory environment. The US space sector, especially SpaceX, benefits from policies like the 2004 Commercial Space Launch Amendments Act, which enables companies to test and experiment without cumbersome regulations. In contrast, India's regulatory framework is often slow

and bureaucratic. For example, India's IN-SPACE, meant to streamline space regulation, still requires numerous approvals from various agencies, stifling quick innovation. Additionally, India's strict vendor and process approval systems hinder companies from adopting cost-effective, first-principles engineering approaches that have worked for SpaceX.

To foster innovation, India needs to reform its regulatory landscape to encourage rapid prototyping, testing, and iteration. This means revising labor laws, enabling 24/7 testing cycles, and creating innovation zones that provide companies with access to world-class infrastructure and minimal regulatory hurdles.

In addition to regulation, funding is critical. SpaceX benefitted from NASA's early contracts, which acted as an anchor, guaranteeing revenue and allowing SpaceX to retain intellectual property rights. India could adopt a similar model, where government departments act as anchor customers, purchasing services directly from startups working on emerging technologies. Instead of relying on venture capital, which can be difficult to navigate, India could offer milestone-based funding that rewards tangible outcomes, like the US model through NASA's COTS program.

India's Constitution: A Journey of Creation and Consensus

India's Constitution will mark its 75th anniversary of adoption on November 26, 2024. This day in 1949, after almost three years of deliberation, the Constituent Assembly adopted the world's largest and most comprehensive governance document. Initially consisting of 395 articles and eight schedules, it laid the foundation for the world's largest democracy. The Assembly began its first sitting in 1946, and over the following years, it convened for 165 days across 11 sessions. A significant portion of this time, 114 days, was dedicated to reviewing the draft Constitution.

The adoption of India's Constitution on November 26, 1949, marked the immediate enforcement of certain provisions, notably related to citizenship (Articles 5-9) and the establishment of a permanent Election Commission under Article 324. However, the majority of the provisions were enacted on January 26, 1950, a date now celebrated as Republic Day.

While Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the chairman of the Drafting Committee, is often regarded as the architect of the Constitution, the creation of India's foundational document cannot be credited to one individual. Dr. Ambedkar's role was critical, but the Constitution was the product of contributions from several brilliant minds and collective efforts. The Constitution also differed significantly from other countries' models, such as the Ceylon Constitution (now Sri Lanka) of 1948, which was largely attributed to British academic Sir Ivor Jennings. In India's

case, the Constitution was drafted by a body of elected representatives, a process rooted in the struggle for independence and democratic self-governance.

Despite initial reservations, Dr. Ambedkar played a central role in drafting the Constitution, even though he was initially skeptical about the Constituent Assembly. He feared that it would be dominated



by Hindu caste members, sidelining the interests of Scheduled Castes. However, his involvement ensured that the Constitution addressed the needs of marginalized communities.

The Drafting Committee's work resulted in several changes from the initial drafts, including the decision to refer to India as a "Union" rather than a "Federation." While the process faced challenges, the Constituent Assembly worked towards consensus, ensuring the document reflected a wide range of interests. The creation of the Constitution was a historic effort involving multiple committees, including the Union Powers Committee and the Advisory Committee on Fundamental Rights and Minorities.

Congress Struggles in State Elections: Need for Grassroots Reconnection

The results of the Maharashtra and Jharkhand assembly elections reveal a stark truth for the Congress party: its failure to capitalize on state-level opportunities is eroding its position within opposition alliances and diminishing its appeal to voters. In Maharashtra, the Congress's inability to mobilize at the grassroots level led to the poor performance of the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) alliance, exposing the party's disconnect with crucial voter bases in Vidarbha. Meanwhile, the BJP-led Mahayuti's victory solidified its dominance, pushing Congress further to the margins.

In Jharkhand, although the INDIA alliance, led by the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM), triumphed, Congress's role in this success was minimal. The JMM's focus on tribal welfare, rural development, and employment resonated with voters, while Congress failed to offer a distinct vision or local leadership, leaning heavily on the groundwork laid by its regional ally. This reliance on the

JMM underscored Congress's inability to independently mobilize support or contribute meaningfully to the alliance's success.

For Congress, these election results serve as a wake-up call. Relying solely on national anti-BJP rhetoric will not suffice. To regain relevance, Congress must reconnect with voters at the grassroots level, address state-specific issues, and build strong local leadership. The success of regional parties like the JMM highlights the importance of localized campaigns and demonstrates the need for Congress to adopt a similar approach.

The party's over-reliance on an anti-Modi narrative remains a significant handicap. In both Maharashtra and Jharkhand, the Congress focused heavily on criticizing Prime Minister Narendra Modi, overlooking the fact that his popularity resonates strongly with voters. This constant attack on Modi often

backfires, pushing undecided voters toward the BJP, as seen in Maharashtra, where Congress's rhetoric alienated key voter segments.

In addition, Congress's failure to focus on state-specific issues and its lack of clear local leadership were key factors in its electoral setbacks. The JMM's success in Jharkhand, with Hemant Soren's focus on local concerns, demonstrates how effective leadership and addressing grassroots issues are essential for success.

To make a comeback, Congress must prioritize strengthening its grassroots presence and shift away from a centralized, top-down leadership structure. A focus on local leadership, coupled with a clear vision tailored to regional needs, is crucial. Congress must learn from the successes of regional parties and avoid relying solely on national narratives if it hopes to challenge the BJP effectively in future elections.

"Ek Hain Toh Safe Hain": PM Modi On 'Biggest Message' Of Polls

Prime Minister Narendra Modi today congratulated the Mahayuti alliance for its historic sweep in Maharashtra, emphasizing the importance of a stable government free from opportunistic politics. Speaking at the BJP headquarters in Delhi, where hundreds of supporters gathered to celebrate the victory, PM Modi criticized the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) alliance, calling it a coalition formed "at the last minute for selfish reasons."

He stated, "The people of Maharashtra have stopped the conspiracy hatched by the Congress and their friends," and further emphasized that Maharashtra's decision reflects the national sentiment of "ek hai toh safe hai," which calls for a unified, stable government devoid of vested interests. Modi's statement highlighted the need for political stability in the country, steering away from alliances driven by self-interest.

The Prime Minister also took a swipe at the Congress, asserting that the party could no longer win elections on its own. He accused Congress of dragging other parties down whenever it lost, referring to its weak performance in Maharashtra. "The



Congress is all about the family. No matter how much hard work a party worker puts in, the family takes all the credit," Modi remarked, noting that many longtime Congress supporters were now looking for the party's former ideals, which they believe have been lost.

The Mahayuti alliance, or the National Democratic Alliance (NDA), secured a commanding 236 seats in the 288-member Maharashtra Assembly, while the MVA, consisting of the Congress, Shiv Sena (Uddhav faction), and Sharad Pawar's NCP,

managed to win only 48 seats. In contrast, the NDA failed to make significant headway in Jharkhand, where the opposition INDIA alliance, led by Chief Minister Hemant Soren's Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM) along with the Congress and RJD, held its ground.

Yogi Adityanath's 'Batenge to Katenge' Slogan Drives BJP's By-poll Success

Uttar Pradesh Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's powerful slogan, "Batenge to Katenge" (If we are not united, we will be slaughtered), has made a significant impact in recent by-poll elections, contributing to the Bharatiya Janata Party's (BJP) resounding success in both Uttar Pradesh and Maharashtra. The slogan, emphasizing unity and nationalism, played a pivotal role in the BJP's clean sweep in the Uttar Pradesh assembly by-polls, where the party won seven out of nine contested seats.



Adityanath, reinforced the message that the people of Uttar Pradesh are committed to the values of nationalism and unity, irrespective of religion.

The slogan, originally coined by Adityanath during a critical political phase, emphasizes the necessity of cohesion within the party and the country. The BJP's win in diverse constituencies, including those with significant Muslim populations, signals the growing influence of this message among voters across different demographics.

In a speech celebrating the victory, Adityanath reiterated the importance of this slogan, which seemed to resonate strongly with the electorate. He particularly highlighted the party's victory in the Kundarki seat, which has a Muslim-majority population, calling it a triumph for nationalism and unity over divisive politics. The victory in such a seat, according to

The success in Uttar Pradesh was mirrored in Maharashtra, where the BJP also made notable gains. The BJP's ability to secure a victory in the politically crucial state of Uttar Pradesh, alongside similar successes in Maharashtra, has bolstered the party's image as a dominant political force in the region.

AAP Wins Three Out of Four Punjab Bypolls, Congress Bags Barnala Seat

In a significant victory for Punjab's ruling Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), the party emerged victorious in three out of the four seats contested in the state's recent assembly bypolls. AAP secured wins in Gidderbaha, Dera Baba Nanak, and Chabberwal, while the Congress claimed the Barnala seat, according to the results announced on Saturday.



Chief Minister Bhagwant Mann expressed his gratitude to the people of Punjab for the party's stellar performance, praising the leadership of Delhi CM Arvind Kejriwal and the AAP's ongoing commitment to progress and prosperity in Punjab. He assured that the party would fulfill all promises made during the by-elections. AAP's national convener, Arvind Kejriwal, also congratulated the people for expressing their faith in the party's ideology and governance.

In Gidderbaha, AAP candidate

Hardeep Singh Dimpy Dhillon triumphed over Congress's Amrita Warring, with a margin of 21,969 votes. Dimpy Dhillon secured 71,644 votes, while Warring, contesting for the first time, received 49,675 votes. Former finance minister and BJP candidate Manpreet Singh Badal garnered only 12,227 votes.

AAP's Gurdeep Singh Randhawa won the Dera Baba Nanak seat, defeating Congress's Jatinder Kaur by 5,699 votes. Randhawa secured 59,104 votes, while Kaur, the wife of Congress MP Sukhjinder Singh Randhawa, received 53,405 votes.

Have passed exam of democracy: Hemant Soren after win in Jharkhand Assembly polls



Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren expressed his gratitude to the people of the state for the strong performance of the INDIA alliance in the recent assembly elections. In a statement on Saturday, Soren noted that the coalition, consisting of the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM), Congress, Rashtriya Janata Dal (RJD), and CPIM(L) Liberation, had successfully passed the "exam of democracy" and was poised for a decisive victory.

The alliance secured 31 seats, with leads in 24 more, signaling a clear mandate from the electorate. Soren himself had already won the Barhait seat by a significant margin of 39,791 votes, defeating the BJP's Gamliyel Hembrom. Reflecting on the results, Soren emphasized the significance of this victory for the people of Jharkhand, calling it a resounding affirmation of the state's democratic values.

"We have passed the exam of democracy in Jharkhand. We will finalize our strategy after the election results are fully declared,"

Soren said during a press conference in Ranchi. The Chief Minister further expressed his heartfelt thanks to the people of Jharkhand for their unwavering support and trust in the INDIA alliance. He also declared that Jharkhand was set to move forward with the vision of "Abua Raj, Abua Sarkar" (Own State, Own Government), underscoring the coalition's commitment to the state's autonomy and governance.

In a show of confidence, AICC General Secretary Ghulam Ahmad Mir also reaffirmed Soren's leadership, stating, "Soren is the CM of Jharkhand and will continue to remain so," signaling stability and continuity in the state's governance.

The victory comes at a time of heightened political interest in Jharkhand, with the INDIA bloc securing a clear majority in the assembly. As the results continue to unfold, the focus will now shift to the formation of the next government and the strategic steps the alliance will take in its continued governance of the state.



I look forward to being your voice in Parliament': Priyanka Gandhi on Wayanad victory

Congress Party Chief Secretary Priyanka Gandhi expressed her heartfelt gratitude to the people of Wayanad for their overwhelming support in the recent by-elections. Taking to X (formerly Twitter), she shared her deep appreciation for the trust placed in her by the voters of Wayanad, which led to a decisive victory for the Congress.

In her message, Priyanka Gandhi addressed the people of Wayanad, referring to them as her "dearest sisters and brothers," and conveyed her gratitude for their confidence in her leadership. She promised that she would work tirelessly to ensure that the victory was meaningful to the people and that their hopes and aspirations would be her guiding force in Parliament. Priyanka emphasized her commitment to being a representative who truly understands the needs of the constituents, stating, "I will make sure that, over time, you truly feel this victory has been your victory and that the person you chose to represent you understands your hopes and dreams and fights for you as one of your own."

Looking ahead, Priyanka Gandhi expressed her enthusiasm to take on the role of a voice for the people of Wayanad in the Parliament, vowing to give her all to address their concerns and push for the issues that matter most to them. Her message highlighted her deep connection to the constituency and her resolve to serve with dedication.

Priyanka's victory in the Wayanad bypolls is seen as a significant achievement for the Congress, especially as it reflects the party's ability to maintain its hold on the region. With this win, Priyanka Gandhi strengthens her position as a key political figure within the Congress, while also reaffirming her commitment to grassroots politics and public service.



Mamata Banerjee Celebrates TMC's Victory in West Bengal By-Elections

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee expressed her gratitude to the people of the state on Saturday as her party, the Trinamool Congress (TMC), emerged victorious in all six assembly seats that were up for grabs in the by-elections. Banerjee's heartfelt message of thanks highlighted the overwhelming support the TMC had received, underscoring the party's strong connection with the electorate.

In her statement, Mamata Banerjee extended her deepest thanks to the people of West Bengal, especially the "Maa, Mati, and Manush" (Mother, Land, and People), for their unwavering support. She noted that this victory would enable her government to continue its work for the people, reinforcing the TMC's commitment to addressing the needs of the common people. Banerjee emphasized that her party's identity is rooted in being the voice of the ordinary citizens and not of the elite, declaring that the TMC is "not zamindars, but the custodians of the people's trust."

The by-election results have proved to be a major success for Mamata Banerjee and the TMC. According to the Election Commission's latest updates, the TMC has already secured wins in four key constituencies: Naihati, Sitai, Haroa, and Madarihata. Additionally, the party is leading by significant margins in the remaining two constituencies, Taldangra and Medinipur, signaling a clear mandate for Banerjee and her party.

PM Modi Holds 31 Bilateral Meetings During Whirlwind 3-Country Tour

Prime Minister Narendra Modi recently completed a whirlwind five-day diplomatic tour across three countries, during which he participated in 31 bilateral meetings and informal interactions with world leaders, according to officials. His diplomatic engagements spanned Brazil, Guyana, and Nigeria, and were marked by numerous significant discussions aimed at strengthening India's global ties.

In Brazil, Modi held bilateral meetings with leaders from several nations, including Indonesia, Portugal, Italy, Norway, France, the UK, Chile, Argentina, and Australia. Notably, the trip saw his first-ever bilateral discussions with Indonesian Defense Minister Prabowo Subianto, Portugal's Prime Minister Luis Montenegro, UK Labour leader Keir Starmer, Chile's President Gabriel Boric, and Argentina's President Javier Milei. These meetings were crucial in fostering deeper bilateral relations and advancing India's interests on the global stage.

Additionally, Prime Minister Modi had informal interactions and pull-aside meetings with leaders from countries such as Singapore, South Korea, Egypt, the United States, and Spain. He also met with key figures from international organizations, including Ursula von der Leyen, President of the European Commission; UN Secretary-General Antonio Gu-



terres; WTO Director-General Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala; WHO Director-General Tedros Adhanom Ghebreyesus; and IMF officials Kristalina Georgieva and Gita Gopinath.

During his visit to Guyana, the Prime Minister held bilateral discussions with leaders from across the Caribbean, including the heads of state from Guyana, Dominica, the Bahamas, Trinidad & Tobago, Suriname, Barbados, Antigua & Barbuda, Gre-

nada, and St Lucia. These engagements underscored India's growing influence in the region and its commitment to strengthening ties with its Caribbean partners.

Modi's diplomatic efforts throughout the tour reflect India's proactive approach to global engagement, reinforcing its relationships across multiple continents while addressing critical global issues with key international stakeholders.

Putin Vows More Hypersonic Missile Tests as Ukraine Seeks Defense Upgrades

Russian President Vladimir Putin has vowed to continue combat tests of the new Oreshnik hypersonic missile, following its recent use in an attack on Ukraine's Dnipro. The missile, which experts claim can travel at speeds up to ten times the speed of sound, has raised alarm in Kyiv and internationally. Putin made the announcement during a televised meeting with military chiefs, where he stated that Russia would ramp up testing and start mass production of the weapon in response to ongoing security threats. The missile's development and deployment signal a significant escalation in Russia's military capabilities.



In response, Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky called for upgraded air-defense systems from Ukraine's allies to counter this new threat. Zelensky condemned Russia's actions as a mockery of international calls for restraint, particularly from countries like China and other members of the Global South who have repeatedly urged for peace in the conflict. Zelensky's remarks reflect growing frustration in Kyiv as the conflict, now approaching its third year, intensifies.

The missile strike on Dnipro, reportedly targeting an aerospace manufacturing plant, has intensified fears of the war spreading further. Moscow's increasing missile capability, particularly with the Oreshnik, could enable

strikes on Western countries that support Ukraine, including NATO members. Putin has warned that Russia could target nations that allow Kyiv to use weapons to strike Russian territory, a threat that has shaken European leaders.

Meanwhile, Russia continues to claim territorial advances in eastern Ukraine. In the Donetsk region, Russian forces reportedly gained ground near the key logistics hub of Kurakhove. Ukrainian lawmakers, citing the heightened risk of attacks, canceled their usual Friday sessions, with some working remotely. As the missile threat escalates, Ukrainian citizens remain on edge, with many fearing that "anything can happen" in this prolonged and devastating war.



India and Japan Discuss Enhanced Military Cooperation Amid Rising China Tensions

India and Japan are exploring deeper defense ties with a focus on enhancing military interoperability, particularly amid growing concerns over China's assertiveness in strategic waters. This was the key topic of discussion during a meeting between India's Defense Minister Rajnath Singh and Japan's Defense Minister Gen Nakatani on the sidelines of a regional security conference in Vientiane, Laos.

One of the primary issues addressed was the proposed Reciprocal Provision of Supply and Services Agreement (RPSSA), which would allow the two nations' militaries to utilize each other's bases for repairs, supplies, and maintenance. This agreement is seen as a vital step toward improving defense cooperation and enhancing the operational synergy between India and Japan's forces. Additionally, both ministers discussed expanding military participation in bilateral and multilateral exercises to further strengthen their defense collaboration.

The talks also touched on opportunities for co-production and co-development of defense equipment, particularly in the air domain. Both countries have shown a keen interest in furthering their defense industry cooperation, particularly following the recent signing of the Memorandum of Implementation (MoI) for the co-development of the UNICORN mast, an essential technology aimed at increasing the stealth capabilities of warships.

Biden and Macron Discuss Ukraine, Middle East, and Lebanon Ceasefire

US President Joe Biden and French President Emmanuel Macron engaged in crucial discussions on Friday regarding the ongoing conflicts in Ukraine and the Middle East, with a particular focus on efforts to broker a possible ceasefire in Lebanon, the White House confirmed in a statement.

The two leaders, who have maintained close diplomatic ties, addressed the situation in Ukraine, where the war continues to escalate with heavy casualties and significant geopolitical ramifications. Both Biden and Macron reiterated their unwavering support for Ukraine, emphasizing the need for continued international cooperation to aid Ukraine's defense and ensure the restoration of its sovereignty.



In addition to the Ukrainian crisis, Biden and Macron also turned their attention to the ongoing tensions in the Middle East, specifically in Lebanon. The conflict in Lebanon has resulted in widespread instability, and the leaders discussed potential strategies for securing a ceasefire in the region to prevent further bloodshed and foster stability. This included diplomatic initiatives to bring together key stakeholders in the region and push for a de-escalation of hostilities.

The two presidents also reviewed broader international security concerns, including the fight against terrorism, the role of the United Nations, and the need for robust alliances in addressing these global challenges. They underscored their commitment to maintaining strong bilateral ties, with an emphasis on collaborative efforts to address global security and humanitarian issues.



King Charles and Queen Camilla to Embark on Official Royal Tour of India

Britain's King Charles III and Queen Camilla are planning an official visit to India as part of a diplomatic tour aimed at strengthening ties with the subcontinent, according to a recent media report. The visit is expected to take place in the near future, following the monarch's brief private stopover at a wellness resort in Bengaluru last month while returning from Australia and Samoa.

The royal couple's planned tour will also include visits to Pakistan and Bangladesh, marking a significant return to the region after a trip initially planned prior to the passing of King Charles' mother, Queen Elizabeth II, in September 2022. This tour is expected to be a cornerstone of the UK government's charm offensive in the region, further enhancing diplomatic relations and cooperation.

The Daily Mirror's report suggests that the upcoming visit could also serve as a form of rejuvenation for King Charles, following his cancer diagnosis earlier this year. The royal health and wellness angle is seen as an important element of the trip, alongside its diplomatic and ceremonial purposes.

In addition to strengthening political and economic ties, the royal visit is expected to focus on deepening cultural relations between the UK and the countries of the Indian subcontinent. Details about the itinerary and specific engagements are yet to be revealed, but the tour is expected to be a significant event on the global diplomatic calendar.

Canada Reports First Case of Clade I Mpox in Traveler from Manitoba

Canada's Public Health Agency (PHAC) has confirmed the country's first case of clade I mpox in a traveler from Manitoba. The individual contracted the virus during their travels and sought medical care upon their return to Canada. The case is linked to an outbreak of mpox in central and eastern Africa.

According to a report by Reuters, the individual presented symptoms consistent with mpox shortly after returning to Canada and has

since been isolating to prevent the potential spread of the virus. Public health officials have reassured the public that the individual is receiving appropriate medical care and that the risk to the general population remains low.

Mpox, a viral disease closely related to smallpox, typically causes fever, rash, and swollen lymph nodes. While the virus is commonly found in central and western Africa, there have been recent outbreaks in various parts

of the world, including the Americas and Europe. Clade I mpox, associated with central Africa, is considered the more severe form of the disease, though the symptoms are usually mild and self-limiting in most cases.

This case marks a rare occurrence in Canada, as the country has not seen widespread transmission of mpox in recent years. Health authorities are working closely with the affected individual to trace their contacts and ensure proper

isolation protocols are followed to mitigate any further spread.

As global travel increases, public health experts have stressed the importance of early detection and swift response to prevent the spread of infectious diseases. The PHAC has urged travelers to seek medical attention if they experience symptoms consistent with mpox and to follow recommended health guidelines when traveling to regions where the virus is known to circulate.





Weekend Market Review: Volatility Persists Amid Adani Controversy and Global Cues

Over the last two months, the Indian stock market has witnessed significant volatility, marked by sharp declines followed by robust rebounds. The market has been driven by a mix of global and domestic factors, testing investor sentiment and presenting both challenges and opportunities.

Performance Highlights:

The benchmark indices, the BSE Sensex and NSE Nifty, faced notable corrections early in the period due to adverse global cues, including aggressive dollar strength, rising crude oil prices, and foreign institutional investor (FII) outflows. The September quarter earnings also disappointed, adding to bearish sentiment. At its worst, the Nifty dropped nearly 10% from its all-time highs, testing key support levels around 23,250 and the 200-day exponential moving average (DEMA). The Sensex, meanwhile, lost over 6,000 points at its lowest point, reflecting the broader market weakness.

However, the recent recovery has been equally striking. Positive developments such as encouraging US job data, reduced dollar aggression, and better-than-expected corporate profitability in certain sectors have led to a resurgence. The rebound was spearheaded by heavyweight sectors such as IT, banking, FMCG, and energy, with indices like Bank Nifty and PSU banks delivering strong gains. The Adani Group, which faced significant turmoil, also staged a recovery, adding to the overall optimism.

The Road to 24,000 and Beyond:

The Nifty reclaiming and sustaining above the 24,000 level is a critical psychological and technical milestone. Crossing this threshold could signal the resumption of a bullish



trend, driven by strong fundamental and macroeconomic factors. Here's why the market could potentially see a boost:

Earnings Growth:

Sectors such as IT, FMCG, and banking are showing resilience with robust profit margins and growth potential. Stocks like TCS, HDFC Bank, and ITC have shown strong fundamentals and are likely to drive further gains.

FII Flows:

While FIIs pulled out funds during the market correction, recent stabilization in global bond yields and easing dollar strength may attract foreign investments back to Indian equities. However, the Adani Group, a major player in the Indian stock market, has been embroiled in controversy over allegations in a US court that Gautam Adani and his associates paid bribes to Indian officials, raising questions about corporate governance. This led to a sharp selloff in Adani Group stocks, wiping out ₹2 lakh crore in market capitalization and reducing Adani's net worth by \$10 billion in a single day. Despite the group's denial of these allegations as baseless, the controversy has sparked concerns about Indian conglomerates' governance and FII confidence. By the week's end, Adani stocks re-

covered 6%, reflecting resilience and potential bargain buying.



Impact on the Indian Stock Market Next Week:

Adani Group's Stock Volatility: Adani stocks, particularly Adani Enterprises and Adani Ports, are likely to remain highly volatile as the market processes developments related to the US court case. Any further negative news could lead to another selloff, potentially dragging down market indices like the Nifty and Sensex, where Adani stocks hold significant weight.

Foreign Institutional Investor (FII) Sentiment:

FIIs, already cautious amid global uncertainties, could reduce exposure to Adani stocks and other Indian equities if the controversy escalates. This could put additional pressure on broader markets, particularly if there's no clarity or resolution to the allegations in the coming weeks.

Weekly Recommended Stocks:

1 Apollo Hospitals Enterprises Ltd. (Apollo Hospitals)

Apollo Hospitals is one of India's largest private healthcare providers, operating hospitals, pharmacies, and health insurance services. Strong revenue growth driven by increased hospital admissions and expansion of services, including digital healthcare platforms. Healthy operating margins, supported by a high share of premium healthcare services and increasing efficiency. Apollo Hospitals offers long-term growth potential, leveraging its strong brand and expanding healthcare network. It's a solid choice for exposure to the growing healthcare industry.



2. HDFC Life Insurance Company Ltd. (HDFC Life)

HDFC Life provides life insurance, pension, annuity, and health insurance products in India. Consistent growth in premium collection and market share. The company benefits from increasing awareness and penetration of life insurance in India. Stable margins with a focus on improving product mix towards high-margin products like ULIPs (Unit Linked Insurance Plans) and protection plans. Growing middle class and rising disposable income driving life insurance adoption. Increasing focus on digital distribution channels. Favorable demographics with a young and insurable population. HDFC Life is a market leader in the life insurance sector with strong fundamentals and growth prospects. It's a defensive, long-term investment option.



3. ITC Ltd.

ITC is a diversified company, with leadership in tobacco and a growing presence in FMCG, paperboards, and hospitality. Strong growth in FMCG, hotels, and agriculture segments. Tobacco remains a significant revenue contributor but is seeing slower growth due to regulatory pressures. High margins in the tobacco business offsetting the lower margins in FMCG and other segments. Efforts to improve efficiency in FMCG are yielding results. Debt-free status with strong cash flow generation, providing flexibility for expansion and dividends. Rapid growth in branded FMCG, with market share gains in packaged foods, personal care, and hygiene products. Recovery in the hospitality business post-pandemic. Expansion in sustainable agriculture and export-oriented businesses.



4. Grasim Industries Ltd.

Grasim is a flagship company of the Aditya Birla Group, engaged in cement (via Ultratech), chemicals, and VSF (Viscose Staple Fiber). It is also foraying into paints and B2B e-commerce. Consistent growth driven by Ultratech's leadership in cement and strong performance in the chemicals and textiles segments. Stable margins with cost optimization in cement and strong contribution from chemicals. Upcoming paint and e-commerce ventures could diversify revenue further. India's infrastructure push boosting cement demand. Expansion into high-growth areas like paints and chemicals. Rising demand for sustainable and high-performance textiles.



India should be branded as a 'Responsible Capitalist' nation: Nirmala Sitharaman

Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman has proposed positioning India as a "Responsible Capitalist" nation, underscoring the country's understanding of the limitations of capitalism and its commitment to sustainable development. Speaking at the 8th India Ideas Conclave organized by India Foundation, Sitharaman highlighted India's traditional values of responsible consumption and sustainable living.



She emphasized the importance of using resources "as per our need, not as per our greed," reflecting India's approach to capitalism. The Finance Minister stressed that India's embrace of concepts like the circular economy and reuse was not merely a response to global trends but a responsibility born out of necessity. "We didn't follow the circular economy because we were an impoverished nation; it was our responsibility to use resources sustainably," she remarked in a social media post.

Sitharaman also called for promoting this responsible approach to economic growth on the global stage, positioning India as a nation that integrates social responsibility with financial prosperity.

In addition to promoting responsible capitalism, the Minister discussed ways to enhance India's tourism sector

by blending modern technology with traditional knowledge. She proposed creating self-learning digital programs in the country's top 100 tourist centers. These programs would provide insights into the architectural significance, cultural value, and historical languages, such as Sanskrit and Pali, associated with India's heritage.

On the topic of global standards, Sitharaman suggested establishing a "Bharat FDA," modeled after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration, to ensure the highest standards in food and drug safety within India.

Furthermore, she emphasized India's scientific heritage, citing Nobel laureate Erwin Schrödinger's acknowledgment of the influence of Vedanta on his theories. Sitharaman proposed integrating India's rich scientific legacy into the vision of "Brand Bharat," focusing on excellence in science and technology to establish India as a global leader in innovation.

India's TEPA with EFTA: A Gateway to Boost Exports and Investment

The Trade and Economic Partnership Agreement (TEPA), signed earlier this year, has the potential to significantly enhance India's exports by granting market access to European Free Trade Association (EFTA) countries. The agreement aims to boost 99.6% of Indian exports, facilitating better trade relations and driving up to \$100 billion in investment, the government announced on Saturday.

During a recent visit to Norway, Sunil Barthwal, Secretary of the Department of Commerce, highlighted the immense opportunities for the Norwegian industry as India's economy grows from being the fifth-largest to becoming the third-largest in the world within the next few years. Barthwal's discussions with key Norwegian officials, including Tomas Norvoll, State Secretary of the Ministry of Trade, Industry and Fisheries, focused on promoting trade and investments, expanding mobility for Indian professionals, and



the next steps for ratifying TEPA.

The Commerce Secretary also met with Norwegian ministers, including Cecilie Myrseth, Minister of Trade and Industry, and Jan Christian Vestre, Minister of Health and Care Services. The visit included meetings with Norwegian business stakeholders such as the Norwegian Chamber of Commerce (NHO), Innovation Norway, and several leading Norwegian

companies in sectors like renewable energy, shipping, green hydrogen, textiles, and IT.

Signed with four EFTA nations—Switzerland, Iceland, Norway, and Liechtenstein—TEPA is poised to drive India's 'Make in India' initiative, offering vast opportunities for India's young workforce. EFTA's market access covers 92.2% of tariff lines, offering 99.6% of India's exports. The agreement also includes concessions on processed agricultural products, with India offering 82.7% of its tariff lines, covering 95.3% of EFTA's exports.

With commitments from Norway in 114 sub-sectors, TEPA is expected to generate direct jobs for India's workforce over the next 15 years and provide improved vocational and technical training facilities. This partnership signifies a crucial step towards strengthening India's global economic presence.

India's Financial Sector: Key to Achieving \$5 Trillion Economy

India is steadily progressing towards its goal of becoming the third-largest economy globally, with projections indicating a GDP of over \$5 trillion in the coming years. The economy is expected to grow at over 7% in the current financial year, signaling a consistent upward trajectory. However, achieving this ambitious target requires a robust financial sector capable of supporting the economy through resilient credit growth.

Commercial banks and Non-Banking Financial Companies (NBFCs) are central to this financial growth. Commercial banks, which have



been an integral part of India's lending ecosystem for over two centuries, continue to play a vital role in facilitating the country's credit needs. Banks provide loans across various sectors, driving investment and consumption, essential for economic expansion.

On the other hand, NBFCs, which emerged in the 1960s under regulations by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI), have become increasingly significant in the credit market. While they don't take deposits like traditional banks, NBFCs offer a variety of financial services, including loans, asset management, and leasing, making them key players in providing credit to individuals and businesses, particularly in underserved segments.

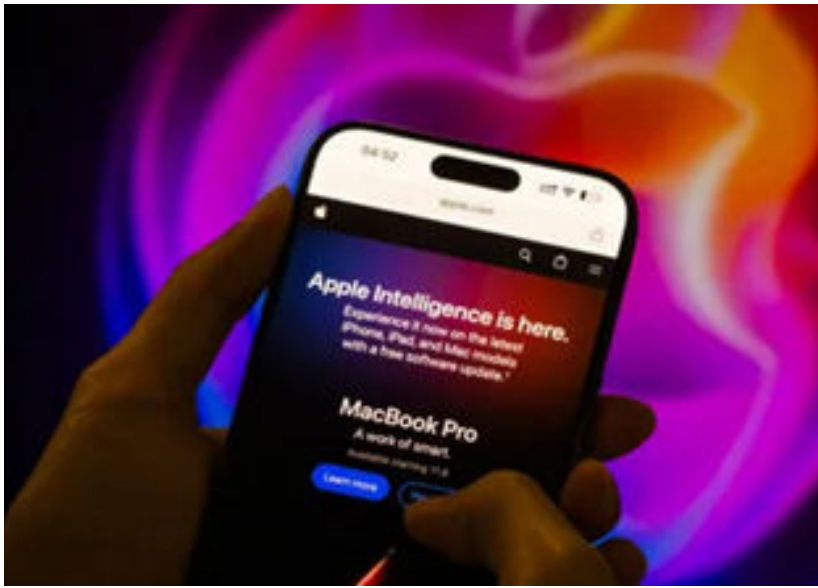
The role of NBFCs has grown substantially in recent years, especially in areas like vehicle loans, micro-financing, and personal loans, catering to a

broader section of the population. With their flexibility and customer-centric approach, NBFCs help bridge the gap in financial inclusion, supporting sectors that may not be fully served by traditional banks.

Together, both banks and NBFCs are essential pillars for India's financial system, ensuring the economy's credit requirements are met while supporting inclusive growth. Their combined efforts are critical to achieving sustained economic development, making India's aspiration of becoming a \$5 trillion economy a feasible goal.

Apple working on new AI-powered Siri to take on rivals ChatGPT

Apple is actively working on an updated version of its digital assistant, Siri, with a focus on improving its conversational abilities through generative AI. The company is making strides to overhaul Siri, aiming to offer a more natural and fluid experience for users. Recent job postings by Apple indicate that the tech giant is committed to developing a more advanced, AI-driven version of Siri, signaling its intent to make Siri a more intelligent and interactive voice assistant.



According to a report from Bloomberg, the new version of Siri will utilize generative AI technologies, which are designed to enable more dynamic, context-aware interactions. This shift is part of Apple's broader efforts to integrate artificial intelligence more deeply into its products, as it seeks to compete with other tech companies that are leading the way in conversational AI, such as Google and Amazon.

The job listings released by Apple reveal that the company is seeking skilled professionals with experience in machine learning, natural language processing, and AI technologies. These hires will likely play a pivotal role in refining Siri's conversational capabilities, moving beyond simple voice commands to more sophisticated, human-like interactions.

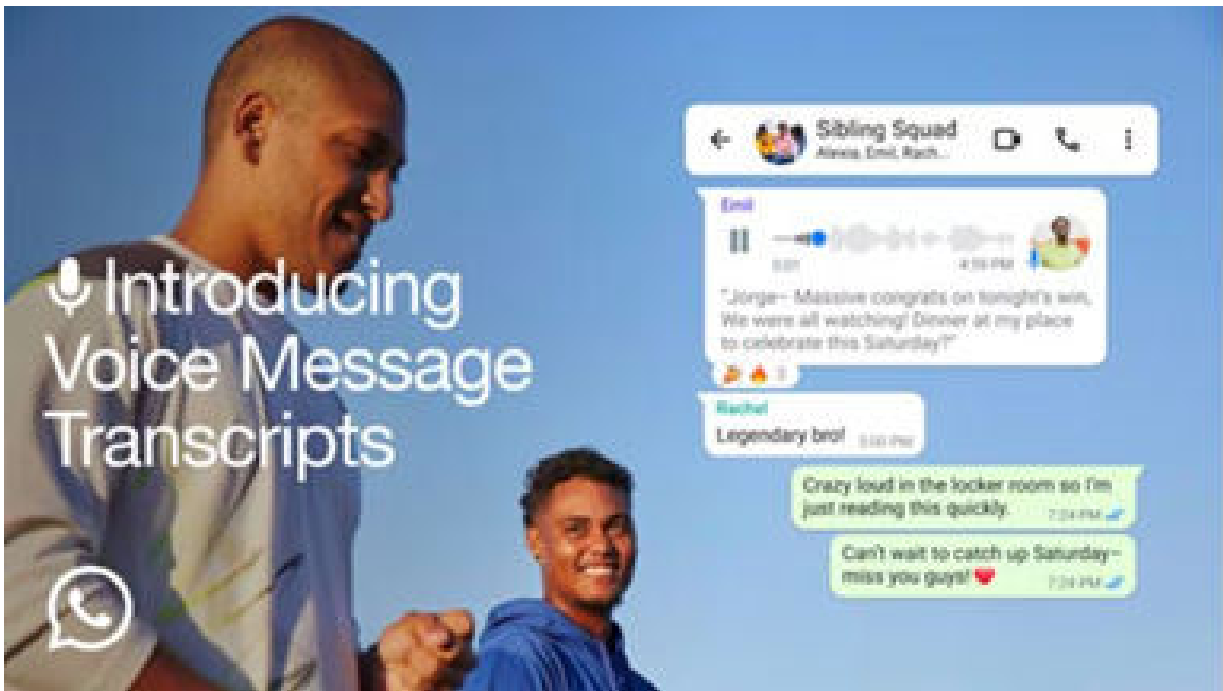
This move comes as Siri has faced growing competition in the voice assistant mar-

ket, where other platforms have made significant advances in providing more advanced conversational features. Apple's decision to revamp Siri reflects its recognition of the increasing demand for AI-powered assistants that can engage in more meaningful, context-aware conversations with users.

While specific details about the new Siri version remain scarce, it is expected that the updated assistant will be able to understand and respond more intuitively to a wider range of queries, making it a more valuable tool for everyday tasks. The integration of generative AI could also enable Siri to provide more personalized responses, improving the overall user experience.

Apple's ongoing work on Siri's evolution suggests that the company is positioning itself to remain at the forefront of the digital assistant market, offering users a voice assistant that is smarter, more engaging, and better equipped to handle the complexities of modern communication.

WhatsApp Introduces Voice Message Transcription Feature



WhatsApp has rolled out a new feature that will revolutionize the way users interact with voice messages. The messaging app now allows users to transcribe voice messages into text, a long-awaited update that caters to a variety of situations where listening to a voice note is not possible or practical.

This new feature is especially useful in situations where users find themselves in loud environments, such as crowded places or busy public transport, or when they are on the move and cannot access headphones. It is also a great option for those who prefer reading over listening. With this update, WhatsApp users no longer have to miss out on important or time-sensitive messages when they cannot play a voice note aloud.

To use the transcription feature, users simply need to tap on a voice message, and the app will automatically transcribe the content into readable text. The transcription is powered by advanced speech recognition technology, ensuring that even lengthy voice messages are converted into accurate text. The text can then be read at the user's convenience, without

the need to play the audio.

WhatsApp has been steadily adding more features to enhance its platform's functionality, and this addition is no exception. It shows the company's commitment to improving the user experience by catering to different needs and preferences. By offering an option to transcribe voice messages, WhatsApp is responding to user feedback and making communication even more flexible and inclusive.

This transcription feature is expected to make WhatsApp more accessible to a wider range of users, including those with hearing impairments or those who prefer reading over listening. It also helps users stay connected without interruptions, allowing them to continue conversations even in challenging environments.

Overall, the addition of voice message transcription to WhatsApp reflects the app's ongoing efforts to evolve and remain at the forefront of messaging technology.

AI robot kidnaps 12 bots from showroom in China



In a bizarre incident resembling something from a sci-fi film, a small AI-powered robot has been caught "kidnapping" 12 larger robots, sparking both amusement and intrigue. The unusual event took place in a showroom in Shanghai on August 26, 2024, and was recently revealed to the public through CCTV footage, capturing widespread attention.

The robot at the center of the incident, named Erbai, was developed by a robot manufacturing company based in Hangzhou. Erbai, a small yet sophisticated AI robot, can be seen entering the showroom, where it immediately approaches a group of larger robots. In the footage, Erbai engages the robots in a conversation before issuing a simple command: "Go home." Surprisingly, the larger robots comply with Erbai's directive, following it out of the showroom.

This peculiar scene raised many eyebrows, as the idea of a smaller robot leading its larger counterparts seemed straight out of a

futuristic movie plot. The footage shows the tiny robot confidently walking away from the showroom, with the bigger robots obediently trailing behind, as though following a leader.

The "kidnapping" incident quickly went viral, with many online users sharing the footage and speculating about the nature of the robots' programming and the potential for AI to assert control over other machines. While it might seem humorous, the event also highlights the increasing sophistication of AI-powered robots and their ability to communicate and influence other machines.

The manufacturer of Erbai has yet to comment on whether this was a planned demonstration or a quirky glitch in the robot's programming. Regardless, the incident has sparked conversations about the potential future of AI and robots, with many wondering what other surprising feats AI technology might achieve in the near future.

Single at work? Chinese company offers cash incentives for dating

In a move that may raise eyebrows, a company in southern China is promoting workplace romances by offering cash incentives. The initiative, introduced by Shenzhen-based Insta360, aims to foster a sense of belonging and happiness among employees by encouraging them to find love within the workplace.



According to a report by the South China Morning Post, the company's management believes that enhancing employee well-being goes beyond just work-related goals. They believe personal connections, including romantic relationships, can create a more positive and engaged workforce. As a result, Insta360 has implemented a reward system that financially incentivizes workers who form romantic relationships with colleagues.

However, the process is not as straightforward as it might seem. Employees are required to meet specific criteria before receiving the cash rewards. The initiative is intended to be playful and light-hearted, designed to foster a fun atmosphere while promoting connection between staff mem-

bers. By incentivizing love, the company hopes to build stronger interpersonal bonds, thus improving overall job satisfaction.

While such a policy may seem unconventional, it reflects a growing trend among some businesses to focus on holistic employee well-being, recognizing the importance of personal happiness in creating a more productive work environment. Though it might not be the typical approach to workplace culture, Insta360's cash-for-love initiative underscores a more relaxed and innovative approach to workplace culture.

Of course, the concept has sparked mixed reactions. Some employees appreciate the novelty of the idea and the potential to connect with colleagues in a more personal way, while others view it as an unusual or even awkward approach to promoting workplace relationships. Regardless, Insta360's bold move adds an interesting twist to the ongoing conversation about work-life balance and happiness in the workplace.

Understanding Spiritual Age: Beyond Chronological Growth

Spiritual age refers to a person's spiritual maturity rather than their chronological age. It describes the depth of one's spiritual development and the evolving relationship between an individual and the divine. Unlike the passage of time marked by physical growth and aging, spiritual age is about inner transformation, emotional wisdom, and a person's connection to a higher power. It transcends the number of years a person has been involved in spiritual practices or religion, focusing instead on the genuine progress of their spiritual journey.



The concept of spiritual age differs significantly from the stages of human life defined by chronological age. While chronological age is determined by the number of years a person has lived, spiritual age is a more abstract concept tied to personal growth. For example, someone may be chrono-

logically older but spiritually younger if they have not evolved in their understanding of self or the divine. Conversely, a younger individual may exhibit advanced spiritual maturity, showing a deep sense of peace, understanding, and connection with the world around them.

In many spiritual traditions, the idea

of spiritual rebirth or renewal suggests that spiritual growth can occur at any point in life, regardless of one's physical age. This means a person can experience a profound transformation and begin a new cycle of spiritual growth at any stage of their existence, which adds another layer of fluidity to the idea of spiritual age.

Assessing one's spiritual age involves reflecting on aspects such as self-awareness, emotional intelligence, empathy, and the ability to maintain a peaceful and balanced life in challenging circumstances. Practices like meditation, prayer, and introspection can also help individuals evaluate their spiritual maturity. However, because spiritual growth is unique to each person, assessing spiritual age is ultimately a deeply personal process that requires honest self-reflection and a willingness to grow.



Tilak Varma Sets T20 Record with Third Consecutive Century

India's rising cricket star, Tilak Varma, has etched his name in the history books by becoming the first player to score three consecutive T20 centuries. The 22-year-old Hyderabad captain achieved this remarkable feat in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy opener against Meghalaya on Saturday at Sausrashtra Cricket Stadium C. Tilak's stunning knock of 151 runs off just 67 balls set a new record for the highest individual T20 score by an Indian male cricketer, surpassing Shreyas Iyer's previous best of 147.

Tilak's innings was a display of sheer power, as he struck 14 boundaries and 10 sixes to propel Hyderabad to a mammoth total of 248/4 in their 20 overs. Batting at No. 3, he reached his half-century in just 28 balls and took only 51 deliveries to bring up his century. This knock marked his third century in just 10 days, continuing his extraordinary form.

His red-hot run of form began during India's recent T20I tour of South Africa, where Tilak

blasted back-to-back centuries in Centurion and Johannesburg, leading India to a 3-1 series victory. By doing so, he became the second Indian batter after Sanju Samson to score consecutive T20I centuries, highlighting his growing reputation in the shortest format of the game.

Thanks to his exceptional knock, Hyderabad defeated Meghalaya by a huge margin, as the latter were all out for just 69 runs in response to the 248-run target. With this latest milestone, Tilak's T20 career tally now exceeds 2950 runs in 90 innings, including four centuries. His ability to anchor innings while accelerating when needed makes him an invaluable asset to both his domestic team and the national setup.

Tilak's performances haven't gone unnoticed in the world of franchise cricket either. The Mumbai Indians have retained him for the IPL 2025 season, recognizing his immense potential and explosive batting.

Rishabh Pant Becomes First Wicketkeeper to Score 2,000 Runs in WTC History

Rishabh Pant made history on the opening day of the first Test between India and Australia in Perth, setting a remarkable record in the World Test Championship (WTC). During India's innings at Optus Stadium on Friday, Pant scored a vital 37 runs, helping India recover to 150 after a dramatic top-order collapse. With this knock, Pant became the first wicketkeeper in WTC history to score over 2,000 runs. He now has a total of 2,034 runs, surpassing Pakistan's Mohammad Rizwan, who currently stands at 1,930 runs.

Pant's achievement highlights his significant contribution to India's success in the WTC. He is now the third-highest run-scorer for India in the competition, behind Rohit Sharma (2,685) and Virat Kohli (2,432). England's Joe Root leads the all-time list with 5,325 runs in 61 matches, further cementing Pant's feat as one of the most notable in WTC history.

Despite the team's early struggles, Pant's knock was crucial in stabilizing India's innings. He formed a valuable partnership with debutant Nitish Kumar Reddy, who top-scored with an impressive 41 runs. Together, they added much-needed runs to lift India from a difficult position. Nitish's knock was a vital contribution in a challenging batting performance, as India posted a total of 150 all out in their first innings.

After his innings, Nitish shared his thoughts in the post-day press conference, recalling the advice



he received from former cricketer Gautam Gambhir before the match. "He told me, 'When you get a bouncer, take it on your shoulder. It's like taking a bullet for your country.' That inspired me a lot," Nitish said. His words reflected the pressure of playing on a challenging Perth wicket, known for its bounce, but his resilience allowed him to contribute effectively.

Pant's landmark achievement underscores his continued importance to India's Test cricket success and solidifies his position as one of the top wicketkeeper-batters in the game today.

Spain to Face Netherlands in Nations League Quarter-Finals

Defending champions Spain will take on the Netherlands in the quarter-finals of the 2024 Nations League, following the draw held on Friday. The Spanish team, who clinched the last edition of the tournament by defeating Croatia in a penalty shootout, will face a tough challenge from the Dutch, who have a strong squad despite falling short in the Euro semi-finals. Spain's coach, Luis de la Fuente, acknowledged the difficulty of the task, stating, "All opponents at this stage are tough," and emphasized that the Netherlands' high-quality team would be a formidable opponent.

In the other quarter-finals, Germany will face Italy, with both teams eager to advance to the semi-finals. France will meet Croatia in a repeat of the 2018 World Cup final, and Portugal will play Denmark in another exciting clash. The winners of the Spain-Netherlands encounter will go on to face the winner of the France-Croatia tie in the semi-finals.

The quarter-final matches will be played over two legs between March 20-23, 2025. The semi-finals are scheduled for June 4-5, with the final set for June 8 at a yet-to-be-decided venue. This edition of the Nations League is the first to feature a quarter-final stage, with the top two teams from each group in League A advancing.

The Spanish Football Federation is also considering hosting the second leg of their quarter-final match in Valencia to raise funds for victims of the recent floods in the region. In other Nations League news, Belgium must overcome Ukraine in their play-off to remain in League A, while Scotland will face Greece in another League A/B play-off. Turkey will take on Hungary, and Austria will face Serbia.

As the tournament progresses, all eyes will be on these exciting quarter-final matchups, which promise plenty of high-stakes action as the road to the semi-finals heats up.



Harry Kane Breaks Erling Haaland's Bundesliga Record with Hat-Trick

Harry Kane has made history in the Bundesliga, surpassing Erling Haaland's record to become the fastest player to reach 50 Bundesliga goals. The English striker achieved this milestone with a remarkable hat-trick in Bayern Munich's 3-0 victory over Augsburg on Friday.

Kane's incredible performance saw him score three goals, bringing his tally to 14 league goals for the season. His treble not only secured the win for Bayern Munich but also extended their lead at the top of the Bundesliga table to eight points. This achievement is significant, as Kane's hat-trick saw him break Haaland's previous record, set during the Norwegian's time at Borussia Dortmund.

This marks Kane's seventh career hat-trick since joining Bayern Munich, further solidifying his reputation as one of the top strikers in European football. The 31-year-old forward has quickly adapted to life in Germany following his transfer from Tottenham Hotspur, and his consistent performances have been a major factor in Bayern's strong start to the season.

Haaland's record had stood as a benchmark for many, but Kane's ability to reach the 50-goal milestone in such a short time



highlights his immense talent and professionalism. With his clinical finishing and ability to influence matches, Kane has firmly established himself as one of the best strikers in the world.

As Bayern Munich continues to dominate the Bundesliga, Kane's goal-scoring prowess will undoubtedly be key to their pursuit of further silverware this season. His latest achievement cements his place in the league's history books and adds another feather to his already impressive cap.

India Dominate Day 2 of Border-Gavaskar Trophy: Jaiswal, Rahul Shine as Lead

India ended Day 2 of the first Test in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy in a commanding position, not losing a single wicket in the final two sessions. The team was firmly on top, with an extended lead of 218 runs and all 10 wickets still intact.

Yashasvi Jaiswal was the star of the day, remaining unbeaten on 90 runs, just 10 runs shy of his maiden century on Australian soil. His solid knock anchored India's innings, and with KL Rahul at the other end, they formed a reliable partnership. Rahul, in impressive form, was not out on 62, contributing to India's impressive total as the duo extended the lead further. Their calm and calculated approach kept Australia at bay, and at stumps on Day 2, India looked set for a dominant second innings performance.

Earlier in the day, India's bowlers had put on a clinical display, bundling out Australia for just 104 runs. Jasprit Bumrah led the charge with a brilliant five-wicket haul, while Harshit Rana supported well with three wickets. This impressive bowling effort helped India gain a 46-run lead in the first innings, despite only managing 150 runs themselves earlier.



India's all-round performance—especially the strong batting from Jaiswal and Rahul, combined with their bowlers' ruthless attack—set the stage for a commanding position in the match. With the lead and all wickets intact, the momentum is clearly with India heading into Day 3, as they continue to dominate the opening Test of the prestigious Border-Gavaskar Trophy.

Game Changer’ Pre-Release Event: A Mega Celebration in Texas

Director Shankar is renowned for his larger-than-life filmmaking, creating epic cinematic experiences that captivate audiences. In line with his visionary style, the team behind *Game Changer* has planned a promotional campaign that reflects the grandeur of his work. One of the standout features of this promotional campaign will be a grand pre-release event, unlike any other seen before in Indian cinema.

The much-anticipated *Game Changer* pre-release event will take place in the United States on December 21st, 2024, at the Curtis Culwell Center in Garland, Texas. The venue is located at 4999 Naaman Forest, Garland, TX 75040, and the event will kick off at 6 p.m. The team behind this spectacular event has promised a star-studded occasion, designed to thrill fans and bring them closer to the excitement surrounding this film.

A major highlight of the event will be the presence of Ram Charan, one of Indian cinema’s most celebrated actors. Known for his powerful performances and charisma, Ram Charan will be attending the event to interact with his fans in the USA. His participation is expected to draw massive crowds, creating an unforgettable atmosphere. The actor’s involvement in the promotions of *RRR* during its Oscars campaign helped make it a global success, and

fans are eager to see him again as he promotes *Game Changer* on a global scale.

The *Game Changer* USA pre-release event is being organized by Rajesh Kallepalli, a key figure in making this event a reality. Kallepalli’s meticulous planning ensures that this grand event will be a seamless celebration of the film’s journey, building up anticipation for its release.

The film is slated for release on January 10, 2025, and with the buzz surrounding its promotions, fans are eagerly waiting for what promises to be an extraordinary cinematic experience.



Naga Chaitanya’s Career Defining Moment: All Eyes on Thandel’s Success

Naga Chaitanya, who celebrates his 38th birthday today, is a third-generation actor from the prestigious Akkineni family of Tollywood. Carrying forward the legacy of his legendary grandfather, Akkineni Nageswara Rao (ANR), and his father Nagarjuna, Naga Chaitanya has worked tirelessly to make his mark in the industry. Over the years, he has explored a wide array of genres, from youthful romances to family dramas, and even full-fledged mass entertainers. Despite his versatility, a major commercial success in the mass genre has eluded him throughout his career.

Chaitanya’s early years saw hits like *Yem Maya Chesave*, *Manam*, *100% Love*, *Majili*, and *Love Story*, which earned him a reputation as a “Class Hero,” especially among family audiences. However, his attempts at mass films failed to connect with the broader audience, preventing him from building the sought-after mass image. Although he tasted some success with *Bangaraju*, a multi-starrer that performed decently at the box office, a solo mass hit still remains a missing piece in his filmography.

Now, Chaitanya is placing his bets on his upcoming film, *Thandel*, a full-fledged mass entertainer set against a rural backdrop. Directed by Chandoo Mondeti, the film promises to showcase Chaitanya in a never-before-seen, intense avatar. The first look posters and teaser have already hinted at a bold transformation for the actor, one that will allow him to explore the mass angle of his acting potential.

Reports suggest that Chaitanya has undergone a stunning makeover for the film, and has performed risky stunts in high-octane action sequences, which are expected to be one of the major highlights of the movie. His mannerisms and body language in *Thandel* will be a complete departure from his previous roles, signaling a more rugged and intense persona.

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As the release date of *Thandel* approaches, the question remains whether this film will finally give Naga Chaitanya the mass image he’s long sought and provide a significant boost to his career. Fans and industry insiders alike will have to wait until February 7th to find out.



Naga Chaitanya Announces New Supernatural Thriller with Karthik Varma

Akkineni Naga Chaitanya, one of the most celebrated stars in Tollywood, has just announced an exciting new project, much to the delight of his fans. On the occasion of his birthday, Chaitanya unveiled a new film under the direction of Karthik Varma, the filmmaker behind the successful *Virupaksha* starring Sai Dharam Tej. This announcement has been a special gift for Chaitanya’s fans, marking a new chapter in his cinematic journey.

The film, which is tentatively titled *NC24*, is set to be a supernatural thriller, a genre that promises to showcase Naga Chaitanya in an entirely new light. The makers also unveiled the first look of the film as part of the birthday celebrations, fueling anticipation among his fanbase. *NC24* is being produced jointly by Boga-valli Prasad and Sukumar under the banners of Sri Venkateswara Cine Chitra and Sukumar Writings.

While the makers have yet to confirm all the details, there are rumors circulating that popular actress Poo-



As *NC24* and *Tandel* build excitement, Naga Chaitanya’s future in the industry seems poised for an interesting phase, with fans eagerly awaiting both releases.

ja Hegde might be roped in as the female lead. If true, this would mark an exciting pairing with Chaitanya, who is known for his charming on-screen presence.

This announcement comes at a crucial point in Chaitanya’s career, as he continues to recover from the disappointment of his last release, *Custody*. The film, which came out last year, was a massive box-office disaster, and Chaitanya has high hopes pinned on his upcoming projects. His next film, *Tandel*, directed by Chandoo Mondeti of *Karthikeya 2* fame, is another significant project that could redefine his career. With Sai Pallavi playing the female lead and the backing of Allu Aravind’s Geetha Arts banner, *Tandel* is expected to hit the screens on February 7, 2025, offering Chaitanya a chance to reclaim his position in the mass hero category.

‘Kissik’ Song Promo Released from *Pushpa 2*

The excitement surrounding *Pushpa 2* continues to build as the film gears up for its global release in just 12 days. With the trailer and several songs already creating waves online and garnering record views, the buzz around the movie is reaching new heights. Adding to the anticipation, the film’s team has officially announced the release of a special item song titled “Kissik.”

The *Kissik* song, which is set to take the audience by storm, is expected to surpass the success of previous hits from the *Pushpa* franchise, including popular tracks like “Amalapuram,” “Ringa Ringa,” and “Oo Antava Mava.” These songs, known for their catchy beats and iconic dance moves, became chartbusters, and the *Kissik* song is expected to follow in their footsteps, if not exceed them.

To build even more excitement, the makers of *Pushpa 2* have released the promo for the *Kissik* song, giving fans a taste of what’s to come. The short teaser has already created a stir on social media,



with fans eagerly discussing the energetic beats, vibrant visuals, and what promises to be another unforgettable performance by Allu Arjun.

The full version of the *Kissik* song will be officially released on November 24, adding another layer to the ever-growing anticipation for *Pushpa 2*. With the film’s high-profile cast, gripping storyline, and now this new chart-topping track, the stage is set for *Pushpa 2* to make a massive impact on the global film scene.

As the countdown to the release continues, fans are bracing for another unforgettable experience from director Sukumar and Allu Arjun’s dynamic collaboration, further solidifying *Pushpa 2* as one of the most anticipated films of the year.

Kiran Abbavaram’s superhit thriller KA locks its OTT release date

The Telugu film *KA* made a remarkable impact in the industry, emerging as a super hit at the box office despite being a smaller-scale production. Starring young actor Kiran Abbavaram in the lead role, the movie was directed by Sujeeth and Sandeep, and was produced under Kiran Abbavaram’s Sontha banner with a substantial budget. Actress Nayan Sarika played the female lead, and the film was released as a Diwali gift on October 31. Not only did *KA* entertain audiences in theaters, but it also grossed over Rs. 50 crores. Now, the movie is set to stream on the popular Telugu OTT platform ETV Win starting November 28.

The story revolves around Abhinaya Va-

sudev (Kiran Abbavaram), an orphan who holds on to the hope that his parents will someday return. He finds solace in reading other people’s letters, imagining them to be written by his long-lost family. His deep connection to these letters fuels his desire to become a postman. However, his actions cause trouble when he is caught by the asylum warden reading a letter and is punished for it. One day, Vasudev steals money from the warden, which was meant for his daughter’s life-saving operation. Unbeknownst to Vasudev, the warden’s daughter dies as the operation is canceled due to the stolen money.

Vasudev, unaware of the tragedy he has

caused, runs away from the orphanage and uses the stolen money to complete his education. Eventually, he finds an opportunity for an assistant postman position in the village of Krishnagiri. However, his journey takes a dark turn, leading him to a jail where he faces interrogation. The mystery behind his imprisonment and the events that unfold in Krishnagiri form the crux of the story, revealing the answers to why Vasudev ended up in jail and the consequences of his actions.

The emotional rollercoaster of hope, regret, and redemption drives *KA*, making it a memorable cinematic experience.

