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RGV's Vanishing Act: Fearless No More?

TPN, Avinash: Director Ram Gopal Varma (RGV), celebrated for his unfiltered opinions and audacious persona, has left his fans puzzled and concerned over his recent actions. Known for his controversial statements and fearless approach, RGV now seems to be dodging the spotlight, quite literally. A case was filed at the Ongole Rural Police Station against RGV for allegedly making derogatory remarks about Chandrababu Naidu, Pawan Kalyan, and Nara Lokesh during promotions for his film Vyooam. Initially, he sought an extension for questioning, which was granted.

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- Delhi visit sparks talks of key responsibilities for Pawan.
- Attending Maharashtra CM swearing-in as NDA partner.
- Possible role in NDA's southern expansion strategy.



TPN, Delhi: Andhra Pradesh Deputy Chief Minister Pawan Kalyan is becoming an increasingly pivotal figure in Indian politics. As a key ally of the NDA, Pawan's political trajectory is generating significant interest. His role in the Maharashtra election results has sparked widespread discussion, with the BJP alliance achieving a landslide victory in the state. Following these results, Pawan is set to visit Delhi at the suggestion of the BJP's top leadership, where he is expected to be entrusted with key responsibilities. Notably, he will also attend the swearing-in ceremony of Maharashtra's new Chief Minister. Deputy Chief Minister and Jana Sena leader Pawan Kalyan's visit to Delhi has gained political significance. Scheduled to meet BJP's senior leaders, the visit coincides with the beginning

of the Parliament session. Pawan's discussions with BJP leaders during this visit are expected to be politically consequential. Pawan's campaign efforts during the Maharashtra elections played a notable role in the BJP alliance's success in areas such as Solapur, Pune, Latur, Ballarpur, Kasabapet, Degulur, and Bhokar. This has made him a key subject of discussion in the aftermath of the Maharashtra election results. With the BJP gearing up for the general elections, there are indications that it plans to leverage Pawan's influence nationwide. Upcoming elections in Delhi and Bihar, as well as BJP's ambitions to strengthen its foothold in

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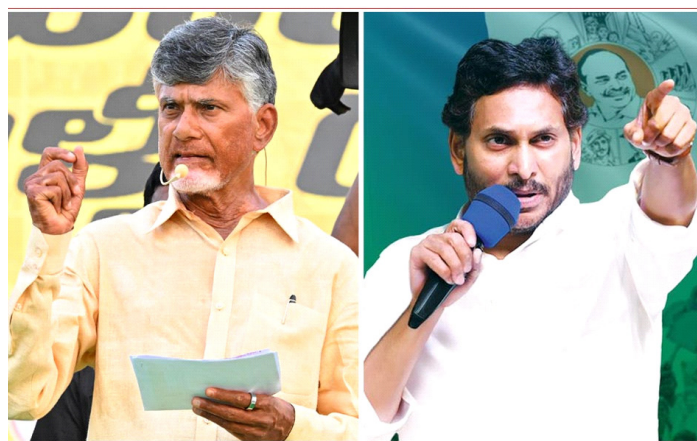


PM Narendra Modi's Visakhapatnam Visit Cancelled

TPN, Vizag: Prime Minister Narendra Modi's visit to Visakhapatnam, scheduled for the 29th of this month, has been cancelled. The Prime Minister's Office (PMO) revealed that the visit was called off due to the looming threat of a cyclone in Andhra Pradesh. During the visit, the Prime Minister was set to lay the foundation stone for the NTPC Green Hydrogen Hub and inaugurate several railway projects and national highways. He was also expected to hold a rally and a public meeting in Visakhapatnam, where the foundation stones for development projects were to be laid.

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Naidu's Toll Tax Plan Mirrors Jagan's Misstep with Garbage Tax



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Chandrababu Naidu-led government seems determined to introduce a toll tax on select state highways, but this move may prove politically costly. The initial phase proposes tolls on 18 roads spanning 1,307 kilometers, with plans to expand the policy to 68 roads covering 3,931 kilometers under a Public-Private Partnership (PPP) model. The ultimate goal appears to be the phased privatization of state highways. While the policy aims to enhance road maintenance by involving private entities, the political repercussions could be significant. Most of the roads identified for toll collection are in rural and agency areas, where toll revenues are expected to be minimal. However, the daily burden on commuters is likely to spark widespread dissatisfaction. Unlike periodic price hikes in fuel, which the state government can deflect as a central decision, toll taxes will directly impact citizens every time they travel on these roads, making the state government the target of their ire.

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Tourism Development Plan Unveiled by Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Andhra Pradesh government is crafting a comprehensive plan to boost the tourism sector and create job opportunities, Deputy Chief Minister and Forest and Environment Minister Shri Pawan Kalyan announced on Monday. Speaking at a meeting held at the camp office in Mangalagiri, he emphasized the state's potential to become a tourism hub, integrating temple, eco, adventure, and heritage tourism. The meeting, attended by Endowments Minister Shri Anam Ramnarayana Reddy, Tourism Minister Shri Kandula Durgesh, R&B Minister Shri B.C. Janardhana Reddy, and senior officials, explored strategies to enhance tourism while preserving cultural

and natural heritage. Shri Pawan Kalyan stressed coordinated efforts across departments to ensure the success of these initiatives under the guidance of Chief Minister Shri Chandrababu Naidu. He highlighted opportunities in adventure tourism, suggesting the establishment of theme parks in areas like Adoni, Dondapadu, and Siddavatam to attract students and generate employment. Heritage sites, including Gudimallam Temple, Koringa Mangrove Forests, and Gandikota Hills, need better promotion to increase public awareness. Drawing parallels to countries like New Zealand, he proposed using films to showcase the state's tourist spots effectively. The Deputy Chief Minister also stressed the

importance of protecting temple sanctity, suggesting village-level awareness programs to instill discipline and reverence among visitors. He called for the identification and preservation of heritage sites linked to historical figures, freedom struggles, and social movements, underscoring their cultural significance. The government aims to introduce initiatives like special trains for pilgrims, tourism policing, and improved facilities at key sites to attract domestic and international visitors. Shri Pawan Kalyan reaffirmed the government's commitment to promoting Andhra Pradesh as a premier tourist destination, balancing development with cultural preservation and safety for all tourists.



Cyclone Warning for AP, Heavy Rains Expected in Coastal and Rayalaseema Districts

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: A severe low-pressure area has formed in the Bay of Bengal, and the Meteorological Department has issued a warning that it is likely to develop into a depression today. The system is expected to strengthen into a cyclone, with significant impacts anticipated for coastal Andhra Pradesh and Rayalaseema in the coming days. The low-pressure system, which has intensified in the southeast Bay of Bengal, is moving west-northwest and is expected to enter the south Bay of Bengal by the 25th of November. It is forecast to reach the coasts of Tamil Nadu and Sri Lanka by the 27th and will likely intensify into a cyclone. From Monday Onwards, moderate to heavy rains are expected in several districts along the south coast and Rayalaseema. The cyclone will continue to strengthen and is expected to impact coastal Andhra Pradesh, with heavy rains predicted for Nellore and Prakasam districts on the 27th and 28th. On the 29th, Visakhapatnam, Anakapalle, Kakinada, and other districts in the region will experience heavy rainfall. As the system moves northwest towards Myanmar by the 30th, the rains will continue across the coastal areas and Rayalaseema. The Meteorological Department has alerted officials in the affected districts, emphasizing the need for preparedness against the possible impact of the cyclone. Authorities are monitoring the situation closely, and residents are advised to stay updated with the latest warnings and be prepared for heavy rains and potential disruptions.

RGV's Vanishing...

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However, when his legal appeal to dismiss the case was denied, things took a surprising turn. Despite being summoned for questioning today, RGV skipped the session, forcing Ongole police to visit his Hyderabad residence. To their surprise, the director was reportedly not at home and is believed to have gone into hiding. Adding another layer to this curious saga, RGV, through his lawyer, requested a virtual questioning session after two weeks but has yet to comment publicly on the situation. This unexpected behavior has sparked disappointment among his fans, who admired him for his boldness and willingness to face controversies head-on. Many now wonder if the man who famously thrives on conflict has met his match. "Didn't expect this from RGV," quipped one disheartened fan, echoing the sentiments of many. For a filmmaker who built his reputation on being unapologetically fearless, this episode seems more like a script for a suspense thriller than real life. Will RGV face the music, or will this turn into a long-running series of dodging the law? Only time will tell.

Pawan Kalyan's Rising Role in...

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southern states like Tamil Nadu, make Pawan's involvement particularly crucial. Despite the efforts of Tamil Nadu BJP chief Annamalai, the party did not achieve significant results in the recent parliamentary elections. As a result, there is speculation among BJP leaders in Delhi that Pawan may be tasked with enhancing the NDA's influence in the southern states, leveraging his popularity and strong support base in the region. Today (Tuesday), Pawan Kalyan is set to reach Mumbai to participate in the swearing-in ceremony of Maharashtra's new Chief Minister as a representative of the NDA. Discussions in Delhi are currently underway to finalize the CM's post, with names like Fadnavis, Shinde, and Ajit Pawar in the mix. Fadnavis is expected to be announced as the new Chief Minister later today. Amid speculations that Pawan will soon be given key responsibilities within the NDA, the political landscape is abuzz with anticipation about his next moves and decisions.

AP to Implement Single Window System for Building Permits from December 31



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Andhra Pradesh government has announced significant reforms to simplify the building and layout permit process, aiming to make it faster and more efficient. Starting December 31, building permits will be issued through a single-window system, eliminating the need for approvals from multiple departments such as Revenue, Fire, and Railways. Plans for structures up to 15 meters in height will no longer require municipal department approval. State Municipal Administration and Urban Development Minister P. Narayana shared that the reforms, approved by Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, were based on recommendations from seven committees that studied best practices across ten states. The new system will integrate the servers of relevant departments with the Municipal Administration Department, enabling streamlined online applications. Licensed surveyors will handle permit applications, with provisions for monitoring and strict

actions against irregularities. The minister also detailed policy updates, including adjustments to road allocation in layouts, permissions for cellars in buildings over 500 square meters, and setback guidelines for high-rise structures. A complete review of Transfer of Development Rights (TDR) issues will be conducted within 15 days. Additionally, under AMRUT 2.0, urban development projects are targeted for completion within two years, with new initiatives under the P-4 system for MEPM member development. Regarding Amaravati, Minister Narayana reaffirmed its status as the state capital, with iconic building projects set to begin soon. He noted that designs by Norman Foster & Partners, previously canceled, were reinstated through a re-tendering process. Steps are also underway to address arbitration-related issues and secure phased World Bank funding for the capital area's development.

Additional Income Can Be Earned Through Solar Power

TPN, Amaravati: Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu reviewed the progress of solar power generation in the state. During the meeting, the 'Surya Ghar' scheme, implemented by the central government, was discussed. Speaking on the occasion, he emphasized that every house and office should become a center for solar power generation. Under the solar power system, he explained that households could generate the electricity they require and sell the surplus to discoms, thereby earning additional income. He instructed officials to ensure that the people of the state derive maximum benefits from the PM Surya Ghar and Kusum schemes. Kuppam as a Pilot Project for Solar Village The concept of a solar village was also reviewed during the meeting. CM Chandrababu selected his own constituency, Kuppam, as a pilot project for achieving 100 percent solar power supply.

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Preparations were underway at the Andhra University Engineering College grounds for the Prime Minister's meeting. However, following the PMO's announcement, these arrangements have reportedly been halted. Meanwhile, the low-pressure system formed in the Bay of Bengal has intensified into a depression. Weather agencies predict that it is likely to develop into a cyclone, prompting the cancellation of the Prime Minister's visit.

Winter Session of Parliament Begins!!

TPN, Delhi: The winter session of Parliament began today, but proceedings in both the Lok Sabha and Rajya Sabha were disrupted by opposition protests. Both houses were adjourned for the entire day after opposition MPs raised slogans demanding a discussion on the Adani bribery case. The sessions will resume on Wednesday, following a recess on Tuesday for Constitution Day. As soon as the sessions commenced, opposition MPs started raising slogans. The proceedings were adjourned until 12 noon within minutes of starting. However, when the sessions resumed, the protests continued, prompting both houses to be adjourned for the entire day. A statement announced that no sessions would be held on Tuesday in observance of Constitution Day. Before the winter session began, floor leaders of the parties in the INDIA alliance met at Parliament House to strategize their approach. Congress MP Pramod Tiwari stated, "We have requested to raise the Manipur issue in both houses. We will discuss various issues, including law and order in Manipur, unemployment, and the pollution situation in North India." Additionally, the opposition has called for an extension of the Joint Parliamentary Committee's tenure, requesting Lok Sabha Speaker Om Birla to grant more time for a thorough investigation of key issues.



The winter session, scheduled to run until December 20, will include discussions on several critical bills. The government has listed 16 bills for consideration, including the Waqf Act (Amendment) Bill. The session is expected to be a crucial one, with key legislative and political debates on the agenda.

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Even if road conditions improve to match international standards, the recurring cost will dominate public perception. The move has drawn comparisons to Jagan Mohan Reddy's unpopular garbage tax, which contributed to his political setbacks. The "Chettha Pannu," though a relatively minor revenue stream, became a rallying point for opposition narratives and public resentment. Similarly, toll collection on state roads could create a constant reminder of government-imposed expenses, potentially becoming a potent political liability. While the government envisions this as a step toward better infrastructure, the daily financial pinch it imposes may overshadow any long-term benefits, amplifying public dissatisfaction and creating a narrative of governmental overreach. Naidu's toll tax plan could become a political Achilles' heel, much like Jagan's garbage tax, serving as a cautionary tale for the ruling party.

Balineni Challenges Chevireddy to Public Debate Over Allegations With SECI

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Janasena leader and former minister Balineni Srinivasa Reddy has challenged YSRCP leader Chevireddy Bhaskar Reddy to a public debate, asserting his commitment to value-based politics. Speaking at a media conference, Balineni expressed anger over Chevireddy's remarks, which alleged that Balineni's statements were aimed at pleasing Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan.



Balineni highlighted his political journey, stating that his admiration for the late YS Rajasekhara Reddy led him to give up his ministerial and MLA posts to join YSRCP. Questioning the YSRCP's stance on respecting the legacy of Rajasekhara Reddy's family, he asked whether leaders like Vijayamma and Sharmila should be ignored. Dismissing claims of working for anyone's praise, Balineni called on Chevireddy to acknowledge the facts instead of resorting to personal criticisms. Addressing allegations of corruption in power contracts during his tenure as power minister, he clarified that he

had no involvement in agreements with SECI or Adani, stating that the concerned files never reached him.

Balineni criticized internal practices within YSRCP, particularly regarding ticket allocation, and voiced dissatisfaction over attempts to impose external candidates in his region. He stated his readiness to work alongside Pawan Kalyan and the alliance, emphasizing his decision to leave YSRCP due to these disagreements.

"If you have the courage, Chevireddy should come for a public discussion," Balineni declared, challenging his political opponent to confront the issues openly.

Cancel The Permissions Given by Jagan to Adani

Sharmila's letter

to Chandrababu

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Andhra Pradesh Congress President YS Sharmila has alleged massive corruption in the power purchase agreements signed by former Chief Minister and YSRCP chief YS Jagan Mohan Reddy. In an open letter addressed to Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, Sharmila accused Jagan of accepting bribes amounting to ₹1,750 crore from industrialist Gautam Adani. She urged the government to cancel the agreement, claiming it would impose a financial burden of ₹1.5 lakh crore on the people of Andhra Pradesh over the next 25 years. Sharmila called for an immediate investigation into the alleged scam, demanding a probe by either the Central Bureau of Investigation (CBI) or a sitting judge. She stated that international evidence, including findings by U.S. agencies, has already exposed the corruption in the power purchase deal signed by Jagan's government in 2021. The Congress leader accused Jagan of exploiting the state's natural resources and jeopardizing



Andhra Pradesh's financial stability. She lamented that Jagan had tarnished the reputation of the Telugu people and held the state hostage through his corrupt practices. While praising Adani for elevating India's global stature as a successful businessman, Sharmila criticized Jagan for bringing disgrace to the people of Andhra Pradesh. She urged CM Chandrababu Naidu

to take swift action by investigating and nullifying the corrupt agreements.

YS Sharmila stressed that the Andhra Pradesh Congress Party views this deal as a ploy to loot the state's resources. She called on the state government to prioritize public welfare by eliminating the financial burden imposed by Jagan's alleged corruption.

Sharmila concluded her letter with a strong plea for justice, emphasizing the need to safeguard Andhra Pradesh's future from such damaging agreements.

Jagan and Adani's Arrest Inevitable, Says Gone Prakash Rao

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Senior political leader Gone Prakash Rao has claimed that YSRCP chief and former Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy is deeply implicated in the Adani bribery case linked to solar power deals in Andhra Pradesh. According to Rao, there is no possibility for Jagan to escape these allegations, predicting that both Jagan and industrialist Gautam Adani will be arrested in connection with the case.



Speaking to the media, Rao asserted that even Prime Minister Narendra Modi would not be able to prevent their arrests. "There is no escape for Jagan and Adani this time," he said, adding that the matter has gained international attention, with the New York Times reportedly publishing an article on the bribery allegations. Rao emphasized that once such a report appears in a globally respected newspaper, the situation becomes irreversible. The bribery case, registered in a U.S. court, accuses Adani of paying ₹1,750 crore to Ja-

gan Mohan Reddy's government as part of a solar power purchase agreement in Andhra Pradesh. This alleged corruption has triggered widespread controversy in Andhra Pradesh politics. Rao speculated that the arrests could take place within three to six months, further stating that the United States might be pressuring the matter to be resolved swiftly. He also highlighted how the case has tarnished Jagan's reputation and raised serious questions about his political future.

As the allegations continue to gain momentum, the political landscape in Andhra Pradesh has been thrown into turmoil, with opposition leaders calling for immediate investigations and action against those involved.

Prashant Kishor's Political Debut Falts in Bihar Bypolls

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Acclaimed poll strategist and psephologist Prashant Kishor, known for engineering numerous electoral victories for political parties across the nation, faced a significant setback in his home state of Bihar. Kishor's newly launched political outfit, Jan Suraj, made its debut in the recent by-elections but failed to leave any mark.

Jan Suraj contested four constituencies—Ramgarh, Tarari, Belaganj, and Imamganj—but none of its candidates managed to make an impression. All four suffered decisive defeats, unable to secure even second place in any constituency. This lackluster performance has come as a major blow to Kishor, whose strategies have been instrumental in the successes of several parties in the past. In Ramgarh, Jan Suraj's candidate Sushil

Kumar Singh garnered only 6,513 votes, landing in fourth position. Similarly, in Tarari, Kiran Singh managed just 5,592 votes. In Imamganj, Jitendra Paswan stood third with 37,103 votes, while in Belaganj, Mohammad Amjad also finished third with 17,285 votes. The constituencies were ultimately won by BJP, JDU, and Hindustani Awam Morcha, showcasing the dominance of established parties in the state. The underwhelming debut has cast doubts on the electoral viability of Jan Suraj as Kishor prepares for the 2025 Bihar general elections. Despite this initial stumble, Prashant Kishor remains optimistic about his party's future. He is reportedly holding strategy meetings and focusing on strengthening the party's grassroots presence to prepare for a larger battle in the coming years.



The stark contrast between Kishor's reputation as a master poll strategist and the results of his party has sparked debates about the challenges of transitioning from a behind-the-scenes strategist to a political frontrunner. Whether this setback marks the beginning of a difficult journey or a learning curve for Kishor remains to be seen.

Vijayasai Reddy Urges Swift Action to Address Cotton Farmers Struggles



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) Rajya Sabha MP Vijayasai Reddy has expressed serious concern over the challenges faced by cotton farmers in Andhra Pradesh. In a recent tweet, he highlighted the financial hardships caused by delays in cotton procurement and reduced market prices for the produce. Reddy pointed out that of the 31 Cotton Corporation of India (CCI) procurement centers across the country, only 20 are

currently operational. This limited capacity, he said, is leaving many farmers unable to sell their produce promptly, exacerbating their financial struggles. Urging immediate action, Vijayasai Reddy appealed to Union Textile Minister Giriraj Singh to intervene. He requested that the minister instruct the CCI to address these issues urgently, including allowing the procurement of cotton with some level of moisture content. Such a measure, he argued, would

provide much-needed relief to farmers who are already burdened by adverse market conditions.

The issue has brought attention to the broader challenges faced by cotton farmers in Andhra Pradesh, with many calling for increased government support and efficient procurement mechanisms to ensure fair prices and timely transactions. The situation demands swift action to safeguard the livelihoods of these farmers.

Is YSRCP Leveraging Allu Arjun's Stardom for Political Mileage?

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The YSR Congress Party (YSRCP) appears to be tapping into Allu Arjun's soaring popularity for political advantage, sparking debates among fans and political observers alike. Comments made by YSRCP leader Ambati Rambabu have led netizens to speculate that the party may be aligning itself with the star for strategic gains.



His remarks have reignited discussions about the rumored discord between the Allu and Mega families, stemming from Allu Arjun's open support for YSRCP candidate Silpa Ravi during elections. While both families have remained silent on these speculations, YSRCP's recent rhetoric seems aimed at exploiting the perceived rift to its political advantage.

In a recent media interaction, Ambati Rambabu defended Allu Arjun amidst rumors surrounding the release of Pushpa 2. "Some people are envious of Allu Arjun's meteoric rise and are trying to hinder the success of his film," Rambabu stated. He confidently added, "Good cinema will always find its audience. No one can stop a film like Pushpa 2 from achieving its deserved success. Allu Arjun's stardom is unstoppable, like the sun that can't be hidden by mere hands."

Rambabu also shared his excitement for Pushpa 2, praising the first installment and indirectly pointing fingers at Pawan Kalyan and the Mega family as those allegedly fueling envy.

Critics argue that YSRCP's sudden backing of Allu Arjun is less about promoting cinema and more about sowing divisions among fan groups, particularly between Mega family loyalists and Allu Arjun's supporters. This strategy risks alienating genuine movie enthusiasts and tarnishing the unity of Tollywood fan bases.

Despite YSRCP's apparent attempts to align with Allu Arjun, many believe such moves won't translate into box office numbers for Pushpa 2. Instead, the statements seem to be a calculated effort to inject politics into fandom, a tactic that may backfire by creating unnecessary friction within the Telugu film industry.

Buddha Venkanna Predicts Jagan May Never Return if Investigated in US

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Telugu Desam Party (TDP) leader Buddha Venkanna launched a scathing attack on YSRCP chief and former Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, claiming that if Jagan goes to the United States for an investigation into the alleged ₹1,750 crore bribe case involving Adani and power purchase agreements, he will never return to Andhra Pradesh.

Speaking to the media, Venkanna expressed outrage over recent comments made by Kodali Nani and Vallabhaneni Vamsi, accusing them of speaking with undue authority and lacking the moral right to criticize TDP chief Nara Chandrababu Naidu. "Such individuals need to be taught a lesson," Venkanna said. He also criticized actor and writer Posani Krishna Murali for his remarks, alleging that Posani's comments were evasive and influenced by individuals like Kodali Nani and Vamsi. Venkan-



na further stated that leaders like Kodali Nani, Vallabhaneni Vamsi, Posani, and Devineni Avinash are unforgivable for their actions.

"These individuals are opportunists who can be influenced for money," he alleged, contrasting them with himself and other TDP leaders who, he claimed, stood firm on principles. He emphasized that he had never spoken ill of Bharathi Reddy, Jagan's wife, and warned those making

derogatory comments about TDP leaders to beware of repercussions.

In a fiery statement, Venkanna declared that if TDP workers were provoked, they would retaliate, warning, "If anyone touches our workers, we won't hesitate to cut off their hands."

The remarks have intensified the political heat in Andhra Pradesh, with TDP and YSRCP leaders continuing to exchange sharp barbs as allegations of corruption dominate the discourse.

CM Chandrababu Naidu to Inaugurate Business Expo-2024 in Vijayawada

TPN, Vijayawada: The much-anticipated Business Expo-2024 will be held in Vijayawada from October 29 to November 1, organized by the Andhra Pradesh Chambers of Commerce and Industry (AP Chambers). Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu will inaugurate the event on the 29th, marking the first-ever Business Expo of its kind in the state. AP Chambers President Potluri Bhaskara Rao shared details about the expo during a press conference held at the local chambers office. He unveiled the event brochure alongside representatives of the organization. Rao stated that the Business Expo is being organized to accelerate industrial and business development in Andhra Pradesh, creating a platform for industrialists, entrepreneurs, and stakeholders to explore investment and growth opportunities. State Education and IT Minister Nara Lokesh will attend the closing ceremony on November 1. AP Chambers General Secretary B. Rajasekhara highlighted the coalition government's effective industrial policies, which have attracted significant interest from industrialists keen on investing in the state.



The expo will also feature seminars conducted by experts from various sectors, focusing on leveraging the state's resources for industrial development and exploring avenues for business expansion. The event promises to bring together industry leaders, policymakers, and investors, paving the way for economic growth and innovation in Andhra Pradesh. With the support of the state government, the Business Expo-2024 aims to strengthen Andhra Pradesh's reputation as a favorable destination for industries and entrepreneurship.

Dr. G. Lakshmi Sa Takes Charge as NTR District Collector, Pledges Development

TPN, Vijayawada: Lakshmi Sa officially assumed responsibilities as the NTR District Collector, expressing her commitment to leading the district toward comprehensive development across all sectors. Speaking on the occasion, she conveyed her gratitude to Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu and Deputy Chief Minister for entrusting her with this significant role. The day began with a visit to the Sri Durga Malleswara Swamyvarla Temple, where Dr. Lakshmi offered prayers and performed special pujas. Later, in the presence of Vedic scholars who bestowed their blessings, she took charge in the chamber of the Collectorate. In her address, Dr. Lakshmi vowed to work systematically, in alignment with the priorities of the state government, and in close coordination with public representatives and district officials. She emphasized her goal of ensuring the district remains a leader in implementing welfare and development programs. Inspired by her predecessors, she expressed her determination to continue



the legacy of progress and excellence in administration. The ceremony saw well-wishes pouring in from various officials, including Joint Collector Dr. Nidhi Meena, Assistant Collector Shubham Nokhwal, DRO M. Lakshmi Narasimham, Vijayawada RDO Kavuri Chaitanya, and other department representatives. Members of the Revenue Services Association and other district officials also extended their congratulations and support. Collector Lakshmi highlighted her resolve to bring the district to the forefront of welfare and developmental initiatives, fostering progress in line with the vision of the state government.

Minister Kandula Durgesh Leads Janavani Program

Promises Swift Resolution of Grievances

TPN, Mangalagiri: State Tourism, Culture, and Cinematography Minister Sri Kandula Durgesh participated in the Janavani program held at the Jana Sena Party Central Office in Mangalagiri. The program was aimed at addressing the grievances of citizens and ensuring their swift resolution through a direct interaction between the government and the public.



Minister Kandula Durgesh personally received petitions from people across various districts, actively engaging with them to understand their problems. Demonstrating a hands-on approach, he meticulously reviewed each petition and promptly forwarded them to the respective departments for necessary action.

Addressing the gathering, Minister Durgesh assured the public that resolving their issues remains a top priority for the coalition government. He emphasized that the gov-

ernment is committed to the dual objectives of ensuring the welfare of the people and driving development across the state. "The coalition government is dedicated to serving the people and addressing their concerns swiftly. I have instructed the officials to thoroughly examine each petition and take the necessary steps for quick resolution," Minister Durgesh stated.

The Janavani program, which has

been lauded for its citizen-centric approach, provided a platform for individuals to voice their grievances directly to the government. Citizens expressed their satisfaction with the initiative, highlighting the Minister's accessibility and willingness to address their concerns.

The program underscores the coalition government's commitment to transparency, accountability, and efficient governance, ensuring that the voices of the people are heard and acted upon effectively.

AIYF Demands Revival of Volunteer System with Unique Protest

TPN, Vijayawada: In a unique protest, volunteers under the Andhra Pradesh State Volunteer Association staged a dharna at Dharna Chowk, Vijayawada, demanding the continuation of the volunteer system. The protest, led by State General Secretary Lanka Govindarajulu, drew attention as some participants stood upside down, symbolizing how their lives had been upended under the current administration. Addressing the gathering, Govindarajulu accused Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu of failing to honor promises made to volunteers during the election campaign. He criticized the State Social Welfare Minister, Dola Bala Veeranjanya Swamy, for dismissing the volunteer system in legislative meetings and called on Naidu to fulfill his assurances. Govindarajulu highlighted the plight of thousands of volunteers who contributed to the electoral success of the ruling party, stating that promises of job security, honorarium payments, and the continuation of the system had been broken. He urged the government to pay pending dues for the last five months and ensure an honorarium of ₹10,000, as pledged during the elections.



He also called for reinstating volunteers who resigned due to political pressures and emphasized the need for a "humane approach" to their struggles. AIYF City President Kancharla Bhargava and other leaders, including District Organizing Secretary Lanke Sai and association representatives G. Mamatha, Sirisha, and Abdul, voiced their support. They stressed the importance of the volunteer system in bridging the gap between the government and citizens and urged immediate action to address the volunteers' concerns. The protest underscored the dissatisfaction among volunteers and their demand for the government to uphold its commitments, ensuring their livelihoods and dignity are protected.

Social Work Key to Combating Violence Against Women

Seminar Highlights on International Day

TPN, Vijayawada: A seminar on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women emphasized the importance of social work and open communication in addressing violence against women. The event, held at Mogalrajapuram Siddhartha Auditorium on Monday, was jointly organized by the SAFE Committee and Siddhartha Arts and Science College. Dr. G. Anitha, Assistant Professor from Nagarjuna University, highlighted that eliminating violence should begin at home, creating a space where women can freely express their problems. She noted that domestic violence has risen post-pandemic, with many women fearing repercussions if they speak out. Dr. Anitha stressed that addressing these concerns openly is essential for finding solutions. Siddhartha Law College Principal Babu underscored the equal opportunities guaranteed to women by the Indian Constitution. However, he expressed concern about how religious principles are sometimes misused to suppress women's rights. He called for promoting progressive values and upholding constitutional ideals to combat violence. All India Lawyers Union Working President Sun-



kara Rajendra Prasad noted that India ranks low on the global gender gap index, underscoring the urgent need for gender-sensitive policies. He emphasized raising awareness within the police force about women's issues and suggested that organizations like SAFE play a crucial role in advancing women's protection as a social responsibility. The event began with a tribute to SAFE founder-president Smt. Gullapalli Jyotsna and was chaired by Dr. T. Vijayalakshmi, Retired Principal of Siddhartha Women's College. The organizers announced a series of student engagement programs and initiatives aimed at fostering awareness over the next fortnight. The seminar concluded with cultural performances by students, leaving a lasting impression on attendees while reinforcing the message of women's empowerment and safety.

SERP Launches National Campaign Against Gender-Based Discrimination and Violence



TPN, Vijayawada: On the occasion of the launch of the National Campaign Against Gender-Based Discrimination, Sri G. Veerapandian, CEO of the Society for the Eradication of Rural Poverty (SERP), emphasized that gender-based violence and discrimination are not only women's issues but human rights issues that affect all individuals. The campaign, called New Awareness 3.0, was officially launched by Union Minister for Rural Development Shivraj Singh Chouhan and Union Minister of State for Rural Development Pemmasani Chandrasekhar at Rang Bhavan Auditorium in New Delhi. Veerapandian participated virtually from the SERP office in Vijayawada and unveiled campaign wall posters aimed at raising awareness about gender-based violence. He stated that everyone must take responsibility in fighting gender violence, supported by slogans like "Step Forward for Change" and "We Will No Longer Tolerate." He called for collective action against gender-based violence and emphasized the importance of individual responsibility in ending these harmful practices.

As part of this campaign, special awareness programs will be held across the state from November 25 to December 23. The first week will focus on the Gender-Based Violence Prevention Policy, while the second week will address Education for Girls. The third week will focus on Child Marriages, and the final week will discuss Domestic Violence. These programs will take place at the village, mandal, and district levels. A state-level core committee has been formed, including various government departments and NGOs to coordinate these efforts. A state-level workshop was organized to plan the campaign, which is supported by the Union Ministry of Rural Development. During the event, SERP staff, led by Additional Chief Executive Officer/Director of Finance, Mrs. G. Vijaya Kumari, took a Gender Pledge to eliminate gender inequalities and stand against violence, committing to protect and respect women's rights. The ceremony was attended by various key members of SERP and partner organizations.

Revenue Conferences to Address Land Issues Starting December 1st in AP

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Andhra Pradesh government has decided to hold revenue conferences starting December 1st to resolve ongoing land issues arising from the resurvey conducted during the YCP regime. While the resurvey aimed at clearing land records has not been completed, it has created new challenges, which have stalled further progress under the current coalition government. The state government plans to organize meetings at the village and mandal levels to address these complaints, with a commitment to resolving them within 45 days. Senior IAS officers will be appointed as nodal officers in each district to monitor the progress. Special attention will be given to issues such as land encroachments, border disputes, mutations, and changes in land records. In districts like Eluru, where the resurvey has been completed in 252 villages, numerous complaints are being received. To address these, village and mandal surveyors will be sent on deputation to resolve land-related issues. The Eluru Joint Collector, P. Thatthri Reddy, has issued orders for these measures. In addition, the government has decided to increase registration charges, effective December 1st. The registration charges, which are revised every year in cities and every two years in rural areas, will be adjusted based on the open market value of land and local development factors. Registration values in some areas were also increased during the previous YSRC regime. The new registration charges are expected to rise by 10 to 20 percent, though adjustments may be made in certain areas based on local conditions. A meeting will be held in two weeks to finalize the registration charges for the current year. Revenue officials reported that the state generated Rs. 10,000 crore from registration fees in the 2023-24 financial year, with Rs. 5,000 crore collected so far this year.

Vennela Prithvi Raju Embarks on Bicycle Pilgrimage to Sabarimala

TPN, Vizag: In a heartfelt demonstration of devotion and faith, Vennela Prithvi Raju, President of the Pinagadi Grama Party, embarked on a remarkable journey to the Sabarimala Ayyappa Temple by bicycle. The pilgrimage was undertaken to fulfill a vow made to Lord Ayyappa last year, where Prithvi Raju pledged to visit the temple upon becoming Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh in the 2024 elections.



Now, with Chandrababu Naidu serving as the Chief Minister, Prithvi Raju honored his commitment by undertaking this unique journey after completing 41 days of initiation and wearing the sacred garland of Lord Ayyappa.

The event marking the start of this pilgrimage was inaugurated by Gandhi Babji, Chairman of the APCOGL, who served as the chief guest. In his address, Gandhi Babji offered his blessings to Prithvi Raju, wishing him a safe journey and promising full support if any help was required along the

way. "Your devotion is inspiring. Go safely, return safely, and may Lord Ayyappa bless you throughout your journey," he said.

The program saw active participation from leaders of the Grama Telugu Desam Party, including Sabbavarapu Ram Kumar, Bandaru Harikrishna, Vennela Pentababu, and Odiboina Kanakaraj, who gathered to extend their support and encouragement to Prithvi Raju.

This pilgrimage not only reflects Vennela Prithvi Raju's dedication to his faith but also stands as an example of personal commitment and the power of belief in fulfilling promises made to the divine.

SP Vidyasagar Naidu Urges Parents to Monitor Children and Prevent Bad Habits



TPN, Kadapa/Annamayya: District Superintendent of Police (SP) V. Vidyasagar Naidu, IPS, has emphasized the crucial role of parents and guardians in guiding their children and preventing them from falling into harmful habits. He stated that cases will be registered against parents who allow minors to drive, and the vehicles involved will be seized. Strict action will also be taken against students displaying misbehavior in schools or colleges, with offenders being issued transfer certificates and barred from enrolling in other institutions.

SP Naidu urged parents to ensure their children attend school or college directly and return home without unnecessary roaming. He stressed the importance of closely monitoring their children's activities, friendships, and habits. Parents were advised to avoid providing minors with unsupervised access to phones or computers, to be cautious about online interactions, and to pay attention to their attire and behavior. Encouraging children to engage in physical activities and keeping them away from harmful addictions such as alcohol, marijuana, and drugs was highlighted as essential.

Expressing concern over the rise in drug abuse among youth, SP Naidu noted the devastating impact it has on families and the premature loss of young lives. He assured the public that the police are maintaining strict vigilance against drug-related activities and urged parents to instill values and spirituality in their children from a young age. He encouraged the public to report drug peddlers, assuring confidentiality for those providing information. SP Naidu cautioned parents against excessive indulgence that may lead to stubbornness and poor decision-making in children. He emphasized the shared responsibility of parents and society in shaping the youth and ensuring they remain on the right path, contributing positively to their families and communities.

Traffic Awareness Rally Conducted in Palnadu District to Promote Road Safety

TPN, Narasaraopet: A traffic awareness rally was organized on Monday in Narasaraopet under the guidance of Palnadu District SP Kanchi Srinivasa Rao. The rally, supervised by Narasaraopet DSP Nageswara Rao, aimed to educate the public on the importance of following road safety rules to prevent accidents. The rally commenced at the Municipal High School and proceeded through Mallamma Center to the clock tower, culminating in a human chain formation by school students at Mallamma Center.



Addressing the gathering, Traffic CI Ch. Lokanatham and Narasaraopet 2nd Town CI Haimarao emphasized key points: Primary Causes of Road Accidents: Reckless driving, fatigue from long-distance travel, wrong-side driving, lack of helmets and seat belts, overspeeding, and negligence during U-turns were highlighted as significant factors. Road Safety Awareness: Students were urged to adopt and promote road safety practices within their families and communities.

Accident Aftermath: The financial and emotional toll on families due to road accidents was discussed, urging the public to exercise caution. Emergency Response: Attendees were reminded of their collective responsibility to assist road accident victims and ensure timely medical aid.

Key Traffic Safety Guidelines:

- Avoid driving under the influence of alcohol.
- Wear helmets for two-wheelers and seat belts for all vehicles.
- Avoid mobile phone usage while driving.
- Obey speed limits and traffic signals.
- Follow lane discipline and exercise caution on highways.
- Use mirrors while overtaking and prioritize safety in every aspect of driving.

Municipal High School Principal Ravikanth and his staff were commended for their cooperation in organizing the rally. Traffic SI Venu, 1st Town SI Aruna, police personnel, and students actively participated in making the event a success, reinforcing the importance of road safety in Palnadu District.

74 Complaints Resolved at NTR District Police Grievance Program

TPN, NTR Dist: The weekly "Public Issues Resolution Platform" program at the N.T.R. District Police Commissioner's Office saw the resolution of 74 complaints on Monday. The initiative, held every Monday from 10:00 AM to 1:00 PM, aims to address public grievances efficiently and promptly. N.T.R. District Police Commissioner S.V. Rajasekhara Babu, IPS, along with DCP ABTS Udayarani, IPS, personally interacted with complainants during the program. Special attention was given to disabled and elderly individuals, with the officers directly inquiring about their issues and ensuring swift solutions. Commissioner Rajasekhara Babu contacted the SHOs of respective police stations over the phone to expedite resolutions, showcasing a proactive approach to problem-solving.



The program emphasizes the commitment of the N.T.R. District Police to addressing a wide range of issues, from land disputes and financial frauds to family and cyber-related grievances. DCP Udayarani and other officers provided assistance throughout the event, ensuring that every complaint received proper attention and action. The program reinforces the police department's dedication to public service and quick resolution of grievances. The initiative has been widely appreciated for its transparent and citizen-friendly approach, serving as a bridge between the police force and the public.

Breakdown of Complaints Addressed:

- Cash Transactions: 22
- Marital and Family Disputes: 10
- Women-Related Crimes: 05
- Land Disputes: 18
- Frauds: 06
- Cyber Crimes: 01
- Fights: 03
- Other Minor Disputes and Incidents: 09



Meet IPS Krishna Kumar Bishnoi

From a Rs. 30 Lakh Job to a Fearless Officer Fighting Crime

TPN, Uttar Pradesh: The name Krishna Kumar Bishnoi, or KK Bishnoi, resonates strongly in Uttar Pradesh, where he serves as a dynamic and courageous IPS officer of the 2018 batch. Known for his relentless pursuit of justice and commitment to public safety, he has tackled some of the most dangerous criminals in the state and emerged as a symbol of fear for wrongdoers.

Early Life and Education

Born in a small village in Barmer district, Rajasthan, Bishnoi is the youngest of six siblings. His early education took place in a government school, where his academic excellence shone through, earning him the district topper title in 8th grade. After completing his higher secondary education at Kendriya Vidyalaya in Jodhpur, he pursued a BA at St. Stephen's College, Delhi. Bishnoi's thirst for knowledge took him abroad, where he earned a master's degree in International Security from the Paris School of International Affairs in 2015. He further enhanced his credentials with studies at The Fletcher School, supported by a French government scholarship worth Rs. 40 lakh.

Career Before IPS

Before donning the IPS uniform, Bishnoi held a prestigious job at the United Nations Trade Center with an annual package of Rs. 30 lakh. However, driven by a desire to serve his country, he left this lucrative position to return to India, complete an MPhil at JNU, and work with the Ministry of External Affairs.

Becoming an IPS Officer

Bishnoi's determination led him to crack the UPSC exam in his second attempt at the age of 24. Since joining the IPS, he has been at the forefront of operations against hardened criminals. From demolishing mafia properties worth Rs. 800 crore in Gorakhpur to arresting notorious criminals like Badan Singh Baddo and Sushil Moch, Bishnoi has made significant contributions to maintaining law and order in Uttar Pradesh.

Current Role

Currently posted in Sambhal, Uttar Pradesh, Bishnoi is actively addressing communal tensions and ensuring peace in the region. His appeal to youth to avoid being misled by political agendas highlights his commitment to a better society. Krishna Kumar Bishnoi's journey from a humble village to becoming one of the most respected IPS officers is an inspiring tale of courage, dedication, and a deep sense of duty toward the nation.



MLA Venigandla Ramu Participates in Spiritual Programs in Dokiparru

TPN, Gudlalleru: Gudivada MLA Venigandla Ramu, along with AP SWC Chairman Ravi Venkateswara Rao, participated in various spiritual programs in Dokiparru village, Gudlalleru Mandal, on Monday.

Speaking on the occasion, MLA Ramu expressed his joy at witnessing the spiritual fervor during the holy month of Karthika. "It is a pleasure to see such divine programs being conducted. I wish prosperity and well-being for everyone with the blessings of Lord Mahadev," he said. The events included the foundation stone-laying ceremony for the Ramalaya Mandapam and the inauguration of the newly constructed Putlamma Thalli Devasthanam Mandapam. Devotees also took part in the Shikhar Prathista Puja of the Ganganamma Temple, organized by Vellanki Uma Shankar and his wife. SWC Chairman Ravi Venkateswara Rao highlighted the collective benefits of spiritual activities, stating, "Wherever divine programs are held, those regions flourish with divine blessings."

The programs saw the presence of Gudivada Jana Sena Party In-charge Booragadda Srikanth, BJP In-charge Davuluri Surendra Babu, and several TDP leaders, including Veera Machineni Siva Prasad, Ratnakar, Naga Jayaram, and Muralikrishna. Many other local leaders and a large number of devotees joined in the celebrations, making the events a grand success.



BJP's Victory in Maharashtra Alters Political Landscape, Strengthens National Position



The BJP-led Mahayuti's resounding victory in the Maharashtra elections has significantly reshaped the political landscape, both in the state and at the national level. Following a setback in the Lok Sabha elections, the Mahayuti coalition, consisting of the BJP, Shiv Sena, and the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), bounced back decisively to win a commanding majority in the 288-member Maharashtra assembly. This victory demonstrated the coalition's ability to analyze their losses critically and make effective course corrections within just five months.

While the results in Jharkhand, where the JMM-Congress-led alliance secured a victory, provided some relief to the I.N.D.I. Alliance, the scale of Mahayuti's triumph in Maharashtra overshadowed it. This massive win strengthened the BJP's position on the national stage, diminishing any concerns over the party's recent Lok Sabha performance. With renewed confidence, the BJP is now better equipped to push its legislative agenda in Parliament, free from the hesitation that might have come from past electoral setbacks.

One of the first outcomes of Maharashtra's victory will be felt in the winter session of Parliament. The government is set to advance its legislative agenda, including the controversial Waqf Bill, which will likely face strong opposition. Prime Minister Narendra Modi's recent remarks about the law's anachronistic existence signal the government's unwavering stance on this issue. The Select Committee examining the Bill is expected to report by the first week of the session, after which the government will seek Parliament's approval.

This victory also sets the stage for the BJP to push its core agenda, including the Uniform Civil Code, a key issue for the party. Another

critical piece of legislation on the BJP's agenda is the One Nation One Election proposal, which will spark significant debate. The proposed constitutional amendment, based on the recommendations of a committee headed by former President Ramnath Kovind, will face stiff opposition and intense scrutiny from across the political spectrum.

The political dynamics in Maharashtra give the BJP a solid foundation to push forward its Hindutva agenda with renewed vigor. The 'Batenge to Katenge' slogan, popularized by UP Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath, has become a template for the BJP's strategy to consolidate the majority vote. With PM Modi focusing on spreading the 'Ek Hain to Safe Hain' message and engaging RSS cadres in grassroots campaigning, this aggressive approach could become the norm for the party in the months ahead.

The BJP's victory sends a clear message to its allies in the NDA: the party remains the dominant force within the coalition. While smaller allies like the Telugu Desam Party and Janata Dal (United) have refrained from making vocal demands, Maharashtra's result will likely discourage any further attempts to alter the balance of power within the alliance. However, the results in Jharkhand also send a subtle reminder that the BJP cannot rest on its laurels, as the tribal population in the state rejected the BJP's narrative on Bangladeshi infiltrators, lending support to the welfare-driven approach of the JMM-led government.

Ultimately, while the Maharashtra outcome strengthens the BJP's position, it also serves as a reminder that the Opposition, led by the Indian National Congress, will need to regroup and strategize if they hope to challenge the BJP's dominance in the future.

November 26: A Landmark in India's Democratic Journey

November 26 marks a significant milestone in the history of independent India, as it was on this day in 1949 that the country adopted its Constitution. After nearly three years of tireless deliberations, the Constituent Assembly, comprising visionary leaders, finalized the Constitution. The Assembly worked diligently for two years, eleven months, and seventeen days, proposing a total of 7,635 amendments to the original draft. The result was the adoption of a document with 395 articles and eight schedules, which would serve as the guiding framework for the new democratic nation.



The adoption of the Constitution was not just a legal formality; it represented the culmination of a collective dream to build a democratic India. The founding fathers, deeply committed to the principles of justice, equality, and liberty, framed a document that would ensure freedom for all citizens and a system of governance that was both fair and accountable.

An important aspect of the Constitution was its commitment to free and fair elections, which were considered the foundation of a democratic country. What is less known is that 16 articles of the Constitution were enacted two months before it was fully operational. These included the pivotal Article 324, which laid the foundation for the creation of the Election Commission of India (ECI). This article gave the ECI the responsibility for the "superintendence,

direction, and control" of all elections in India, ensuring that the process would be transparent and impartial.

Remarkably, the Election Commission of India was established on January 25, 1950, just one day before India became a sovereign democratic republic. This was a crucial step in the country's journey to uphold democracy through regular and fair elections. The ECI has since played an essential role in maintaining the integrity of India's electoral process, overseeing elections at every level and ensuring that they are conducted in accordance with the law.

The adoption of the Constitution on November 26, 1949, marked not only the birth of India's democratic framework but also the beginning of a process that would continue to evolve and strengthen with each passing year. The Constitution, and the Election Commission it helped establish, remain central to India's continued growth as the world's largest democracy.

CoP29: A Shift Toward Climate Finance or a Repackaging of Neoliberalism?

In the early hours of November 11, I tuned in to my 14-inch screen to watch the opening plenary of CoP29. The CoP29 President, Mukhtar Babayev, delivered a bold statement, urging, "Let us act in solidarity for a green world." The term "Climate Finance CoP" was prominently used to emphasize the conference's goal to "enhance ambition and enable action." However, this phrasing raised an important question: had the notion of climate solidarity, historically linked to social justice and collective action, been co-opted by petro-states and neoliberal forces to reframe climate finance as mutual aid?



At the outset of CoP29, it was unclear what the presidency meant by "solidarity." While solidarity usually signifies collective responsibility and support, often within a justice-oriented framework, the CoP29 rhetoric seemed to suggest a more transactional approach, one that could open the door for private capital, multilateral banks, and fossil-fuel industries to play a significant role in climate negotiations. This shift raised concerns about whether the concept of solidarity was being hijacked to justify policies that prioritize market-driven solutions over equitable, justice-based approaches to climate action.

Rather than a true commitment to climate justice, the emphasis on climate finance appeared to be an attempt to put a positive spin on the neoliberal mechanisms that have long dominated climate policy discussions. Fossil-fuel industries, multinational corporations, and financial institutions have increasingly inserted themselves into critical dialogues, with the

promise of investment in renewable energy and carbon reduction. However, the question remains whether these stakeholders are genuinely committed to sustainable climate solutions or if they are simply looking to profit from the green transition.

CoP29's opening plenary presented a contrast: a call for global unity in the face of climate change, while simultaneously giving free rein to private interests in the decision-making process. This conflict between solidarity and the influence of powerful economic players at the table has left many questioning the true direction of the conference.

In summary, while the term "solidarity" evokes a sense of collective action for the common good, the CoP29 framing of climate finance suggests a different agenda. The growing influence of private capital and fossil-fuel interests in climate policy raises concerns about whether the summit will ultimately deliver meaningful, justice-driven climate action or merely reinforce existing power dynamics under the guise of mutual aid.



India's Potential Accession to RCEP and CPTPP: Legal Implications and Challenges

India's Chief Executive Officer of NITI Aayog, BVR Subrahmanyam, recently proposed India's accession to two major free trade agreements (FTAs)—the Regional Comprehensive Economic Partnership (RCEP) and the Comprehensive and Progressive Trans-Pacific Partnership (CPTPP). This suggestion is controversial, especially given India's previous withdrawal from RCEP in 2019 due to concerns over its economic impact. RCEP, which includes 15 countries, including China, and CPTPP, an 11-member agreement without China, represent two key mega FTAs that could shape global trade.

While the economic and foreign policy benefits of joining these agreements are frequently debated, it is equally important to consider the international legal implications for India. For RCEP, India has the advantage of not going through a formal accession process, as the treaty includes provisions for India to join on the same terms as the original 15 members. In contrast, joining CPTPP requires India to meet stricter conditions, deviating from existing legal frameworks.

India's current approach to FTAs primarily separates trade liberalization from investment protection, a practice that would change un-

der RCEP and CPTPP. Both agreements contain investment protection clauses that integrate trade and investment rules, something India has traditionally avoided. This shift could require India to depart from its preference for separate treaties governing investment protection.

Furthermore, the investment chapters in both RCEP and CPTPP contain provisions not present in India's 2015 Model Bilateral Investment Treaty (BIT). These include fair and equitable treatment (FET), most-favored-nation (MFN) principles, and the inclusion of taxation measures under investment protection. Moreover, CPTPP introduces an investor-State dispute settlement (ISDS) mechanism, allowing foreign investors to bypass local courts and sue governments in international tribunals. This could conflict with India's existing investment practices.

In conclusion, if India chooses to accede to these mega FTAs, it will face significant legal adjustments. The shift from its current investment treaty model would require careful consideration of both economic and legal consequences. The question remains: is India prepared for this shift?

AP To get India's largest green hydrogen hub, PM Modi to lay stone on Nov 29

Prime Minister Narendra Modi is set to lay the foundation stone for India's largest green hydrogen hub in Andhra Pradesh's Anakapalle district on Friday, November 29. The event will take place virtually from the Andhra University Engineering College Grounds in Visakhapatnam, where the Prime Minister will also address a large public gathering.

The green hydrogen hub, spearheaded by NTPC Green Energy Limited (NGEL), will be located in Pudimadaka in Atchutapuram mandal of Anakapalle district. Spanning 1,600 acres, this ambitious project aims to establish Andhra Pradesh as a green energy powerhouse and position India as a global leader in green hydrogen production.

The event will be attended by key political figures, including Governor Abdul Nazeer, Chief Minister N. Chandrababu Naidu, state ministers, MPs, and MLAs. This marks Prime Minister Mo-



di's first visit to the state since the formation of the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) government, which includes the Telugu Desam Party (TDP), Jana

Sena Party (JSP), and Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP). BJP leaders from the region are organizing a roadshow to welcome the Prime Minister. Preparations for the

ceremony are in full swing, with officials such as Visakhapatnam Collector MN Harendhira Prasad, Police Commissioner Sankarbrata Bagchi, and others overseeing the arrangements. Harendhira Prasad confirmed that the Prime Minister will arrive at INS Dega on the evening of November 29 and proceed to the venue via road or aerial route. A final decision regarding the roadshow is yet to be made, but if the Prime Minister travels by road, the route from Tycoon Hotel Junction to SP Bungalow will be used for the event.

Initially, the event was planned to take place closer to the project site in Anakapalle district, but due to logistical challenges and the forecast of adverse weather conditions in the Bay of Bengal, the venue was shifted to Visakhapatnam. The green hydrogen hub is poised to significantly impact India's energy future, reflecting the nation's commitment to sustainable development.



West Bengal to Table Resolution Opposing Waqf Amendment Bill, 2024

West Bengal Parliamentary Affairs Minister Sovandeb Chattopadhyay announced on Monday that a resolution opposing the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, 2024, will be tabled in the state Assembly. However, the date for this resolution has yet to be finalized. Chattopadhyay criticized the bill, calling it divisive and arguing that it could marginalize minorities and violate their rights.

Speaking on the opening day of the West Bengal Assembly's winter session, Chattopadhyay emphasized the TMC's strong opposition to the bill. The West Bengal government is united in its stance against the proposed changes, which it views as detrimental to minority communities. The Waqf (Amendment) Bill, which is part of the national legislative agenda for the winter session, aims to address issues in the administration of Waqf properties, originally governed by the Waqf Act, 1995. The bill proposes to improve the regulation and management of these properties, but critics, including the Trinamool Congress (TMC), argue that it may have negative implications for minority rights.

In support of the bill's opposition, Kolkata Mayor and West Bengal minister Firhad Hakim announced that the TMC's minority cell will organize a rally in Kolkata on November 30. The rally will focus on protesting the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, with TMC's JPC representative on the issue, Srirampur MP Kalyan Banerjee, set to deliver the main speech. The rally is scheduled to take place at Rani Rasmanni Avenue, with Hakim and other prominent TMC leaders from the minority cell also addressing the attendees.

This movement reflects the TMC's growing resistance to the bill, which it claims could disproportionately affect the rights and interests of minority communities in West Bengal. The upcoming rally and resolution aim to further highlight the party's opposition to the proposed legislative changes.

Himachal CM Calls for Ballot Paper Elections, Raises Doubts Over EVM

Himachal Pradesh Chief Minister Sukhvinder Singh Sukhu has called for elections to be held using traditional ballot papers instead of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs), citing concerns over the potential for technology to be hacked. Sukhu's comments came on Monday during an interaction with the media, where he expressed skepticism about the reliability of EVMs, particularly in light of allegations of irregularities in their functioning.

"The manufacturers of EVMs have ceased production, and if there is any doubt about their functioning, it is important that elections be held using ballot papers, as demanded by the public," Sukhu said. He further emphasized his concerns by referencing well-known figures in the tech world, including Elon Musk, who has also raised questions about the security of technology.

Sukhu's remarks echo long-standing doubts and suspicions surrounding EVMs, which have been voiced by various political leaders across the country. In particular, leaders from the Maha Vikas Aghadi (MVA) coalition, comprising Congress, Shiv Sena (UBT), and the Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), have alleged irregularities in the use of EVMs. These allegations are often accompanied by claims of tampering or malfunctioning, particularly in the context of large-scale elections. The chief minister's call for the return to ballot papers is part of a broader discussion about electoral transparency and fairness in India. Critics of EVMs argue that despite technological advancements, the machines are vulnerable to manipulation and can undermine public trust in the election process.

80,000 More People To Get Old-Age Pension In Delhi: Arvind Kejriwal



Delhi Chief Minister Arvind Kejriwal announced on Monday that an additional 80,000 people are now eligible for old-age pensions in the city, bringing the total number of beneficiaries to 5.3 lakh. This move follows the Delhi Cabinet's approval on Sunday and is part of the government's ongoing commitment to social welfare.

Speaking at a press conference, Kejriwal emphasized the importance of supporting the elderly and criticized the BJP for halting pensions during his imprisonment. He described it as "a sin to stop the pensions of old people." After his release, Kejriwal said, not only were the suspended pensions reinstated, but 80,000 more people have now been included in the program.

Additionally, the Delhi government has launched a new online portal where elderly citizens can apply for pensions, which has already received over 10,000 applications. Kejriwal further highlighted that Delhi offers the highest pension rates in the country, with ₹2,000 given to individuals aged 60-69 and ₹2,500 to those aged 70 and above.

During the press conference, Delhi Chief Minister Atishi and Minister Saurabh Bharadwaj also voiced their support for the government's welfare initiatives. Atishi reiterated the administration's commitment to public service, while Bharadwaj announced plans to extend ₹5,000 monthly pensions to differently-abled individuals in the near future.

India Supports Ceasefire, Two-State Solution in West Asia: Jaishankar

India has expressed its support for an immediate ceasefire in the ongoing conflict in West Asia, calling for a long-term solution based on a two-state framework for Palestinians and Israelis. External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar made these remarks during his address at the 10th edition of the Mediterranean Dialogue in Rome on Monday.

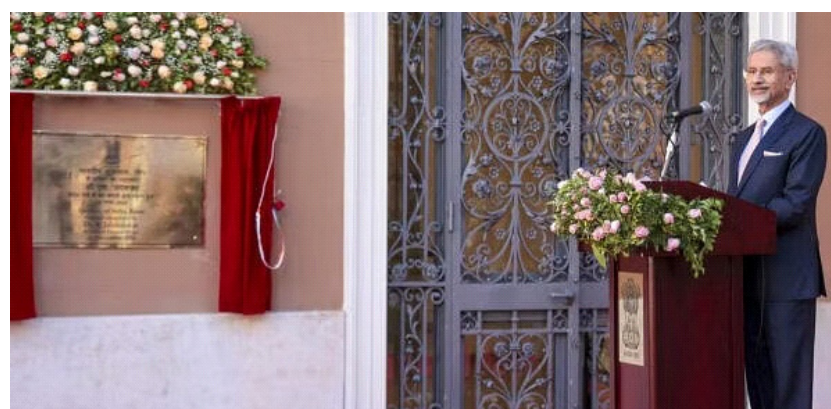
Jaishankar strongly condemned acts of terrorism, the taking of hostages, and the significant civilian casualties resulting from military operations. He emphasized the importance of adhering to international humanitarian law, stressing that large-scale civilian harm is unacceptable and must be prevented at all costs.

"In the immediate term, we must support a ceasefire to halt the ongoing violence," Jaishankar said. "In the long term, it is imperative that the future of the Palestinian people is addressed through meaningful negotiations. India remains firmly in

favor of a two-state solution, which respects the rights and aspirations of both the Israeli and Palestinian peoples," he added.

Jaishankar also raised concerns over the escalating tensions in the region, which have seen the conflict spread beyond its traditional borders. He highlighted that India has been in regular communication with both Israel and Iran at the highest levels, advocating for restraint and improved dialogue between the parties involved. India has consistently emphasized the need for peace and de-escalation, focusing on diplomatic solutions rather than military escalation.

The External Affairs Minister's statements came amidst ongoing international efforts to curb the violence and seek a sustainable resolution to the decades-long conflict. India's position aligns with its long-standing commitment to a peaceful and negotiated settlement, underpinned by respect for the rights of all peoples in the region.



Devendra Fadnavis Will Be Next Maharashtra Chief Minister, Claims BJP Ally

Union Minister and Republican Party of India-Athawale (RPI-A) chief, Ramdas Athawale, on Monday announced that Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister, Devendra Fadnavis, is set to become the next Chief Minister of the state, with the backing of Nationalist Congress Party (NCP) leader Ajit Pawar.

Athawale, after a meeting with Fadnavis at his residence, revealed that the decision regarding the Chief Minister's position would be finalized in the next two to three days, with the oath-taking ceremony following shortly. He also stated that RPI-A would be allocated a Cabinet berth. "In my discussion with Fadnavis, I was informed that the Cabinet formation will be decided shortly, and the oath-taking ceremony will take

place in the next two to three days. I have been assured that RPI-A will also be given a ministry," Athawale told IANS.

Confident in Fadnavis' leadership, Athawale emphasized that the BJP's victory with 132 seats, coupled with Ajit Pawar's support for 41 seats, positions Fadnavis as the next Chief Minister. "Discussions with Eknath Shinde are still ongoing," he added.

Athawale also suggested that Eknath Shinde, who led the Shiv Sena to 57 seats, should be recognized with a central position, and that the Shiv Sena should be offered a Deputy Chief Minister seat. He praised Shinde for his contribution, noting his notable developmental work

over the last two and a half years.

In the recent Maharashtra Assembly elections, the BJP emerged as the single-largest party, securing 132 seats, followed by the Shiv Sena faction led by Shinde with 57 seats, and Ajit Pawar's NCP with 41 seats. Together, the Mahayuti alliance won 230 of the 288 seats, achieving a historic victory.

The BJP's record-breaking performance strengthens Fadnavis' claim to the Chief Minister's position. Despite this, Fadnavis emphasized that leaders from all three parties would discuss and decide the chief ministership together. "The outcome is incredible and unprecedented. We are grateful for the trust the people have placed in us," he said.



"Could Start World War III": Joe Rogan Slams Biden, Zelensky

American podcaster Joe Rogan has sharply criticized both US President Joe Biden and Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky for their roles in escalating the Ukraine-Russia conflict, warning that their actions could lead to a global war. In a recent episode of his podcast, Rogan expressed concerns about Biden's approval of Zelensky's request to use American-made long-range missiles against Russian forces, calling the decision potentially catastrophic.

Rogan questioned how Biden, nearing the end of his presidency, could make such significant decisions that might provoke World War III. He emphasized the gravity of the situation, saying, "How are you allowed to do that when you're on your way out? There should be some sort of pause for significant actions that could potentially start World War III." Biden's approval of the Army Tactical Missile Systems (ATACMS) followed months of pressure from Zelensky, who had been advocating for advanced weapons to strengthen Ukraine's defense against Russia's ongoing invasion, which began in 2022. In response, the UK also allowed the use of its Storm Shadow missiles, further fueling tensions.

Moscow has reacted strongly to these developments, launching a



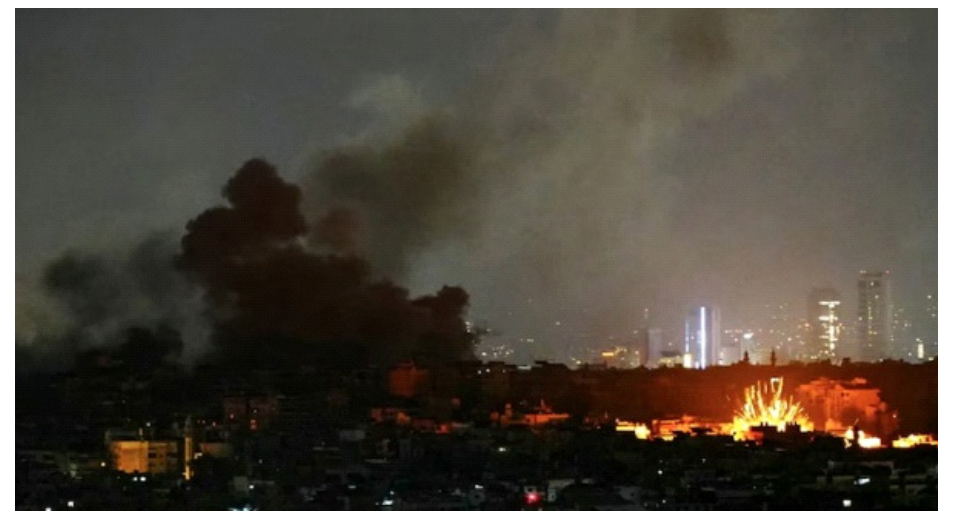
hypersonic missile at Ukraine, capable of carrying nuclear payloads. The Kremlin has also warned that the missile's range could extend to the US, heightening the threat of nuclear conflict.

Rogan, a UFC commentator, laid much of the blame for the escalating situation on Ukraine, dismissing Zelensky's claims that Russia was struggling with its faltering invasion and growing casualties. He criticized Zelensky's rhetoric, saying, "Zelensky says Putin is terrified... You people are about to start World War III."

The podcaster also voiced concern

about Biden's role in the crisis, calling the actions of his administration potentially devastating. He expressed hope that US President-elect Donald Trump could negotiate a peaceful resolution to the war, acknowledging that Trump had previously suggested a diplomatic solution that could involve Russia retaining occupied territories—a proposition firmly rejected by Zelensky and Ukraine.

Rogan's remarks are part of a growing number of public figures warning that the war's trajectory could lead to a broader, more dangerous global conflict.



Hezbollah Fires 250 Rockets Into Israel After Strike On Beirut

Intense fighting continued between Israel and Hezbollah on Sunday, with both sides exchanging heavy fire. Israeli forces struck Hezbollah's stronghold in south Beirut, while Lebanese media reported fierce clashes along the Israel-Lebanon border. In retaliation, Hezbollah, backed by Iran, launched approximately 250 rockets and projectiles into Israel, marking one of the group's most significant barrages in recent months. The attack resulted in at least seven injuries.

Israeli air defenses successfully intercepted several of the rockets fired by Hezbollah, though others caused damage to homes in central Israel. Some of the projectiles even reached as far as Tel Aviv, Israel's largest city.

In a statement, Hezbollah claimed responsibility for the aerial assault on Israel's Ashdod naval base, which marked the group's first-ever use of a drone swarm in an attack. Following this, Hezbollah announced that it had targeted multiple military sites within Israel. The militant group claimed to have launched a barrage of advanced missiles and drones at a military target in Tel Aviv, as well as missiles aimed at the Gilot army intelligence base located in the suburbs of the city. This is not the first time Hezbollah has reported strikes against the Gilot base.

The latest wave of attacks comes amid heightened tensions in the region, with both Israel and Hezbollah escalating their military actions. The ongoing conflict has drawn significant attention from the international community, with concerns growing over the potential for further escalation.



Philippine President Bans Offshore Gambling Operations Amid Rising Crime Concerns

President Ferdinand Marcos Jr. of the Philippines announced on Monday a ban on offshore gambling operations targeting international gamblers, including those from mainland China, following a surge in associated criminal activities. Marcos directed the country's gaming regulator to shut down these operations by the end of the year, citing the serious criminal issues linked to the industry.

In his State of the Nation address, Marcos emphasized that offshore gambling firms in the Philippines had been involved in a range of illegal activities such as financial scams, money laundering, prostitution, human trafficking, kidnapping, torture, and even murder. These activities, he said, have led to grave abuses and shown blatant disrespect for the country's legal system. "The grave abuse and disrespect to our system of laws must stop," Marcos stated, underscoring his government's commitment to ending such illegal practices.

Offshore gambling operations, known as Philippine Offshore Gaming Operators (POGOs), were introduced in 2016. They were primarily established to cater to foreign markets, with a focus on Chinese customers, where gambling is illegal. These operations have grown substantially, employing tens of thousands of Filipinos and foreign nationals. As of late 2023, government data indicated that nearly 25,000 Filipinos and 23,000 foreign workers were employed by the POGO industry.

Australia PM Albanese Plays Down Privacy Fears Of Social Media Ban For Children



Australia's Prime Minister, Anthony Albanese, announced on Monday that the government will enforce stringent rules requiring social media platforms to destroy personal data used for age verification. This move is part of a landmark proposal to ban under-16s from using major social media services. The proposed age-verification system could involve biometrics or government-issued identification to ensure compliance with the age limit, which is among the strictest controls imposed by any nation.

Albanese emphasized that privacy will be a top priority, stating that social media companies will be obligated to destroy any personal data provided once a user's age has been confirmed. This legislation will directly impact major platforms like Meta's Instagram and Facebook, TikTok, X (formerly Twitter), and Snapchat, all of which are expected to comply with the new rules.

Critics, including X owner Elon Musk, have argued that the legislation could serve as a backdoor attempt to control internet access in Australia. Musk criticized the bill on Friday, claiming it would restrict access to online services for Australians by imposing an age cut-off.

The proposed regulations would impose the highest age limit globally, with no exceptions for parental consent or for users with pre-existing accounts. Social media platforms that fail to adhere to these rules could face fines up to \$32 million.



Issue death sentence for Israeli leaders, not arrest warrants: Iran's Khamenei

Iran's Supreme Leader, Ayatollah Ali Khamenei, on Monday condemned the International Criminal Court's (ICC) recent decision to issue arrest warrants for Israeli leaders, calling instead for death sentences for those involved in the ongoing conflict in Gaza. Khamenei, whose country supports militant groups Hamas and Hezbollah, described the ICC's move as insufficient and demanded harsher consequences for Israeli officials.

The ICC's decision, made last Thursday, targeted Israeli Prime Minister Benjamin Netanyahu, former defense chief Yoav Gallant, and Hamas leader Ibrahim Al-Masri. The court stated that there were reasonable grounds to believe that Netanyahu and Gallant were responsible for war crimes, including murder, persecution, and the use of starvation as a weapon of war during Israel's operations in Gaza.

In response to the arrest warrants, Khamenei said, "They issued an arrest warrant, that's not enough... Death sentence must be issued for these criminal leaders." His comments reflect the ongoing tensions between Israel and Iran, with Khamenei calling the Israeli leadership "criminal" for their actions during the conflict.

Israel has strongly rejected the ICC's jurisdiction over its actions, stating that the court has no authority to investigate Israeli officials. Israel also denies committing war crimes in Gaza, maintaining that its military actions are in self-defense against Hamas, which governs the Gaza Strip.



Donald Trump Plans to Expel Transgender Individuals from US Military

Reports suggest that US President-elect Donald Trump is planning an executive order to remove transgender individuals from the US military. The order would see transgender service members medically discharged, deeming them "unfit" to serve. This move, according to The Sunday Times, could take effect on Trump's first day back in office, January 20.

Trump, who previously imposed a similar ban during his first term as president, had restricted transgender individuals from joining the military, though those already serving were allowed to remain. However, this new order would affect current transgender service members, potentially expelling them from the military entirely.

Currently, around 15,000 transgender individuals are actively serving in the US military. Under President Joe Biden, Trump's ban was lifted, allowing transgender people to serve openly. This policy change followed reports that approximately 2,200 service members had been diagnosed with gender dysphoria, with others identifying as a different gender than they were assigned at birth.

Trump has been vocal in his opposition to the inclusion of transgender individuals in the military and has made it a key part of his vision to eliminate what he perceives as "wokeness" and "left-wing indoctrination" in American institutions. He has also pledged to cut funding to schools teaching critical race theory and gender identity lessons and to keep transgender athletes out of girls' sports.

Trump's defense pick, Pete Hegseth, who is set to oversee the US military, has similarly expressed concerns about the inclusion of women and transgender individuals, arguing that these efforts undermine US security.

In a separate controversy, Trump's Vice President-elect, JD Vance, recently stirred debate with comments suggesting that some white children are choosing to identify as transgender to improve their chances of being accepted into Ivy League colleges. These remarks were made during a podcast with Joe Rogan.

Trump's plans and his allies' views have sparked significant reactions, particularly from the LGBTQIA+ community, raising concerns about the future of transgender rights in the US.

Markets Soar on BJP's Maharashtra Win and Positive Global Cues

Sensex Gains 992 Points, Nifty Up 314 Points

The domestic stock markets were shaken by the victory of the BJP alliance in Maharashtra. As expected, they ended with huge gains. There were also better signals from international markets. The benchmarks started with a huge gap-up. Although they fell slightly in the middle, they recovered again with a better opening in European markets. In the end, the Sensex and Nifty ended with a gain of 992 points and 314 points, respectively. However, they faced resistance at the 24350 level. Although the momentum is good at the moment, it is better for investors to be vigilant.



The BSE Sensex, which closed at 79,117 in the previous session, started at 80,193 today. It touched an intraday high of 80,473 in the beginning. Then it reached an intraday low of 79,765. Finally, it closed at 80,109 with a gain of 992 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 24,253, touched a high of 24,351 and a low of 24,135. It closed at 24,221, up 314 points. The Nifty Bank closed at 52,207, up 1,072 points.

43 companies gained and 7 lost in the Nifty. ONGC, BEL, LT, BPCL, Shriram Fin were the top gainers. JSW Steel, Tech Mahindra, Infi, Maruti, Bajaj Auto were the biggest losers. Today, the PSU Bank index rose by 4.16%. Realty, Finance, Bank, Auto, Media, Private Bank, Consumer Durables, Oil and Gas indices were the biggest losers.

Of the 2922 stocks traded on the NSE, 1955 gained and 886 lost. 77 shares touched a 52-week high. 48 stocks touched a 52-week low. The rupee strengthened by 17 paise to settle at 84.28 against the dollar. KEC International received orders worth Rs 1114 crore. Total Energies said it was stopping fresh investments in Adani group companies. 10 lakh shares changed hands in HDFC Bank. Muthoot Micro Finance and SBI will jointly provide loans. Adani Green Energy shares fell for the fifth consecutive session. Enviro Infra Engineers IPO received a response of 9.97 times on the second day. The government expects food inflation to come down

due to better production in the Kharif season. LTI Mindtree partners with Microsoft for AI solutions. HSBC maintains buy rating on M&M. RBI gives permission to Central Bank of India to enter insurance business. Man Infra shares rise on heavy volume.

Stock Recommendations:

1. Eris Lifesciences Ltd. (ERIS)

Eris Lifesciences is a leading pharmaceutical company in India, focusing on chronic and acute therapeutic areas such as cardiovascular, anti-diabetes, vitamins, gastroenterology, and gynecology. The company has shown consistent growth in sales over the past three years, with quarterly sales trending upward. Total assets have steadily increased during the same period. Eris has a Return on Equity (ROE) of 13.65% and a net profit margin of 13.95%, reflecting strong profitability metrics.



2. Elgi Equipments Ltd. (ELGIEQUIP)

Overview: Elgi Equipments is a global manufacturer of air

compressors and related equipment, serving various industries worldwide.



Financial Performance: The company has demonstrated consistent revenue growth and profitability over the years. Detailed financial results can be found on Equitymaster. Specific valuation metrics are not provided in the available sources. Investors should consider the company's financial health and market position when evaluating its valuation. Elgi Equipments has shown strong profitability, with a Piotroski F-Score of 7.0, indicating good financial health.

3. Larsen & Toubro Ltd. (LT)

Larsen & Toubro is a leading Indian multinational conglomerate with interests in engineering, construction, manufacturing, technology, and financial services. L&T has a robust financial track record, with consistent revenue and profit growth. Detailed financials are available on their official website. L&T maintains strong profitability ratios, reflecting efficient operations across its diverse business segments.



4. Torrent Power Ltd. (TORNTPOWER)

Torrent Power is a leading power utility company in India, engaged in the generation, transmission, and distribution of electricity. The company has shown consistent growth in revenue and profitability. Detailed financial ratings are available on MarketScreener. Torrent Power has demonstrated strong profitability, supported by its diversified energy portfolio and operational efficiency.



5. Polymed Therapeutics Ltd. (POLYMED)

Polymed Therapeutics is a pharmaceutical company specializing in the manufacture and marketing of medical devices and pharmaceutical products. Detailed financial information is limited in the available sources. Investors should review the company's annual reports and financial statements for comprehensive insights. Detailed profitability metrics are not available in the provided sources. Investors should assess the company's financial health through its financial statements.



Adani Group Reports Strong Financial Health with Robust Growth

The Adani Group has announced impressive financial results for the first half of FY25 and trailing twelve months (TTM), demonstrating strong growth despite external challenges. The group reported a 17% year-over-year (YoY) increase in its TTM EBITDA (Earnings Before Interest, Taxes, Depreciation, and Amortization), reaching USD 10 billion. Additionally, funds from operations (FFO) surged to USD 7 billion, reflecting a sustained annual growth of over 30% for the past five years.



The group's net debt-to-EBITDA ratio stood at 2.46x, well below its target range of 3.5x-4.5x, signaling a healthy balance between debt and earnings. Liquidity across Adani's portfolio companies remains strong, with adequate reserves to meet debt obligations for the next 12 months and beyond. The total asset base grew by USD 9 billion in H1 FY25, reaching USD 60 billion, while gross debt increased by just USD 2 billion. Equity now represents 63% of the group's total funding, highlighting its reduced reliance on debt.

Debt maturities up to the 2034 financial year are comfortably manageable, even under conservative assumptions of no growth. This financial stability supports the group's ambitious long-term plan to invest USD 100 billion over the next decade.

Adani Group's core infrastructure sectors—energy, transport, and utilities—remain key to its strong performance, contributing 86.8% of H1 FY25 EBITDA. The group's emerging businesses, including green energy, airports, and roads, have also seen impressive growth, with EBITDA rising by 70.1% YoY.

Adani Enterprises: A 6% YoY rise in airport passenger volumes and a 91% increase in solar module sales.

Adani Green Energy: A 34% YoY growth in operational capacity and the commencement of a 500 MW hydro pump storage project.

Adani Ports & SEZ: A 9% growth in cargo volumes and expanded operational capacity through acquisitions.

Adani Cements: Cement capacity increased to 97.8 million tonnes per annum.

The Adani Group reported cash reserves of INR 53,024 crore (approximately 21% of its gross debt) as of September 2024, ensuring liquidity for debt servicing over the next 28 months.

India's Economy Set for Stronger Growth in Q3 FY2025, Says ICRA Report

India's economy is projected to experience faster growth in the third quarter (October-December 2024) compared to the first half (April-September 2024), as positive economic indicators suggest an uptick in activity. According to a recent report by ICRA, emerging trends indicate a strong recovery in key sectors, fueling optimism for a higher GDP growth rate in Q3 FY2025.



The report highlights that preliminary data for November shows encouraging signs. Notably, electricity demand has increased, while the ongoing festive season continues to drive strong demand in vehicle registrations. These factors align with ICRA's expectation of a pickup in GDP growth in Q3, following slower growth in H1 FY2025.

A key area of improvement has been in mobility and transportation. Vehicle registrations saw a remarkable surge of 32.4% year-on-year in October 2024, recovering sharply from a contraction of 8.7% in September. This surge was primarily driven by strong demand for two-wheelers and passenger vehicles. Similarly, petrol consumption rose by 8.7% in October, compared to 3.0% growth in September, while domestic air passen-

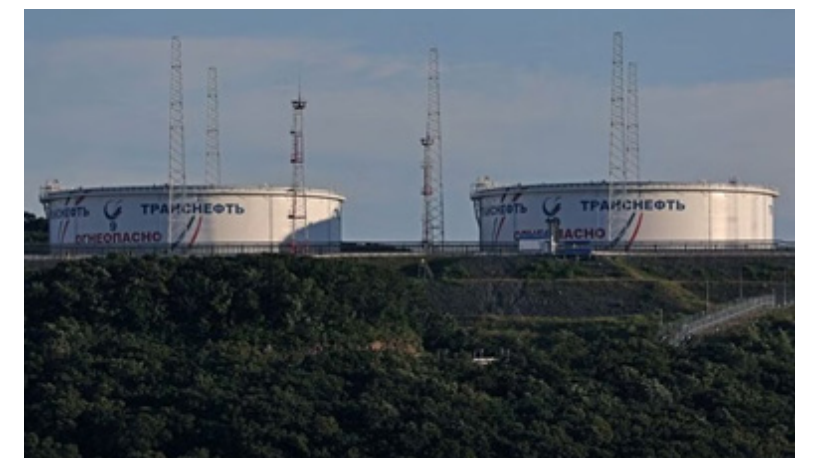
ger traffic increased by 9.6%, up from 6.4% the previous month.

Additional economic indicators show continued growth. Two-wheeler production grew by 13.4%, rail freight improved by 1.5%, and diesel consumption saw marginal growth of 0.1%, reversing the 1.9% contraction in September. Non-oil exports also posted robust growth, jumping 25.6% in October, led by high-value items like electronics, engineering goods, chemicals, and readymade garments.

The ICRA Business Activity Monitor, which tracks overall economic activity, reported a year-on-year growth of 10.1% in October, the highest in eight months, up from 6.6% in September.

These encouraging trends across various sectors reflect India's economic resilience, reinforcing expectations for stronger GDP growth in the coming months.

Oil prices ease, Russia, Iran tensions check losses



Oil prices edged lower on Monday, following a 6% surge in the previous week. While prices retreated, ongoing supply concerns, fueled by escalating tensions between Western nations and major oil producers Russia and Iran, continued to provide support for the market.

By 0705 GMT, Brent crude futures dropped 43 cents, or 0.57%, settling at \$74.74 per barrel. Meanwhile, U.S. West Texas Intermediate (WTI) crude futures fell by 51 cents, or 0.73%, to \$70.73 per barrel. Despite the dip, both crude contracts posted their largest weekly gains since late September last week, reaching their highest settlement levels since November 7.

The recent price surge was largely driven by geopolitical developments, notably Russia's launch of a hypersonic missile at Ukraine. This missile strike served as a warning to the United States and Britain in response to Ukrainian attacks on Russian targets using Western-supplied weap-

ons. These tensions have added a layer of uncertainty to global oil markets, as investors remain concerned about potential disruptions in oil supplies from key producers.

The supply worries have been further exacerbated by the ongoing conflict in the Middle East, where Iran's role in the energy market, along with Western sanctions, continues to play a significant part in shaping global oil prices. As these geopolitical tensions unfold, oil market participants remain watchful of any developments that could impact production or export levels from major oil-producing countries.

While prices slipped on Monday, the broader market remains underpinned by these ongoing supply-side concerns, with many analysts predicting that volatility in oil markets could persist if tensions between the West and Russia, Iran, and other key producers continue to escalate.

Threads App to Roll Out Key Updates Amid Bluesky Competition

Meta's Threads app is undergoing significant upgrades as it seeks to enhance its user experience and address the growing competition from Bluesky, which has seen a remarkable increase in user sign-ups in recent weeks. Adam Mosseri, the head of Instagram and a key figure behind the launch of Threads, announced that the platform is testing several new features aimed at improving the app's functionality.



The new updates are designed to offer users more precise search results and provide better tools for exploring trending topics. These changes are part of Meta's broader strategy to make Threads a more appealing alternative to other social media platforms, including Bluesky, which has gained traction due to its decentralized model and viral growth in recent times.

Mosseri described these improvements as "long-overdue," acknowledging that Threads has faced challenges in maintaining its user base since its initial launch in July 2023. Despite its early success, Threads has struggled to retain its position as a top social media platform, especially with increasing pressure from competitors like Bluesky, which offers a similar microblogging experience.

The new features being tested are expected

to enhance the app's search functionality, allowing users to more effectively find specific content and stay up-to-date with trending discussions. These updates are part of Meta's efforts to improve user engagement and differentiate Threads from other platforms in a crowded social media landscape.

As Meta continues to roll out these updates, the focus will be on improving the overall user experience and ensuring that Threads remains a competitive player in the fast-evolving social media market. With Bluesky gaining momentum, it remains to be seen whether these improvements will be enough to attract new users and keep the app relevant in an increasingly competitive space.

iPhone 17 to Keep Periscope Camera Exclusive to Pro Models

Although the iPhone 17 lineup is still over a year away from release, rumors about its camera features are already circulating online. A recent leak suggests that Apple will continue its strategy of keeping the advanced periscope camera exclusive to the Pro models of the iPhone 17 series. According to reports, LG Innotek, a key supplier of electronic components for Apple, is investing heavily in new facilities to support the camera modules for the iPhone 17 Pro models.

This year's iPhone 16 Pro and iPhone 16 Pro Max introduced a tetraprism 5x zoom lens, which was also featured in the iPhone 15 Pro Max. However, the iPhone 17 series is expected to refine these features, with the periscope 5x optical zoom lens being exclusive to the iPhone 17 Pro and iPhone 17 Pro Max models. The regular iPhone 17 and iPhone 17 Slim models will likely lack the 5x telephoto lens, a feature expected to remain limited to the higher-end versions of the device.

Korean publication DigiTimes reports that LG Innotek is planning to invest around KRW 375.9 billion (approximately Rs. 2 crore) to expand its production capabilities for camera modules. This investment seems to be aimed at meeting the camera component needs for next year's iPhone 17 Pro models, which are expected to feature a new periscope lens for enhanced zoom functionality.



While Apple is set to bring camera upgrades to the entire iPhone 17 series, it appears the folded zoom technology will be exclusive to the Pro models once again, continuing the trend established with this year's iPhone 16 series. This move suggests that Apple will continue to differentiate the standard and Pro models with more advanced camera features, likely maintaining a premium experience for the higher-end versions of the iPhone.

Pizza Hut China Launches Pizza Topped with Deep-Fried Frog



Pizza Hut in China has introduced a bold and unusual menu item: a pizza topped with a whole deep-fried bullfrog. This daring creation has sparked a flurry of reactions across the internet, as food enthusiasts and social media users react to the unique offering. Global food trend expert David Henke shared a photo of the pizza on X (formerly Twitter), revealing an advertisement for the limited-edition dish. Henke commented, "In proof that other countries/cultures prefer different types of proteins, Pizza Hut is offering a pizza topped with a frog for a limited time in China – and the frog is trending."

The pizza itself features a thick crust, topped with a red sauce base, a bed of parsley, and, most strikingly, a whole deep-fried bullfrog as its centerpiece. To make the frog even more eye-catching, the "eyes" are created from halves of hard-boiled eggs, each topped with a black olive, giving it a quirky and somewhat surreal appearance.

The availability of this frog-topped pizza is still unclear, as Pizza Hut has not provided specific details on its official website. However, according to a report by Korean news outlet Maeil Business Newspaper, the pizza is part of a limited-time collaboration with the popular game "Dungeons and Dragons", and is named "Goblin Pizza," inspired by one of the game's characters.

The unusual dish has certainly caught the attention of online communities, with several Reddit users sharing real-life photos of the pizza, fueling both curiosity and controversy. While some are fascinated by the concept, others have strongly reacted, calling it "pure blasphemy." This unexpected offering has made waves, prompting people to question whether this fusion of global food trends will find a place in more international markets.

Government Teacher In Bihar Also Works As A Food Delivery Rider

Amit Kumar, a 35-year-old physical education teacher from Bihar, is facing the harsh reality of earning a meagre salary despite holding a government position. With a monthly salary of just Rs 8,000, Amit teaches at Babu Pur Middle School in Bhagalpur district during the day but works as a food delivery rider at night to support his family.

Amit's story highlights the struggles faced by many government employees who receive inadequate pay. After securing a government job in 2022, following a long wait, he thought his family's financial situation would improve. He had cleared the exam in 2019, and when the results came in 2020, his family was overjoyed. However, the reality of his meager salary soon set in, leaving him with no choice but to find additional work.

Having previously worked at a private school, Amit lost his job due to the COVID-19 pandemic. After two and a half years of hardship, he finally landed the government role, but his salary remained fixed at Rs 8,000, with the government labeling him a part-time employee. This designation meant that Amit was not required to work full hours, but he still remained dedicated to his students and encouraged them to participate in sports. His efforts paid off when his students won medals, but despite his hard work, the salary did not reflect the value of his contributions.

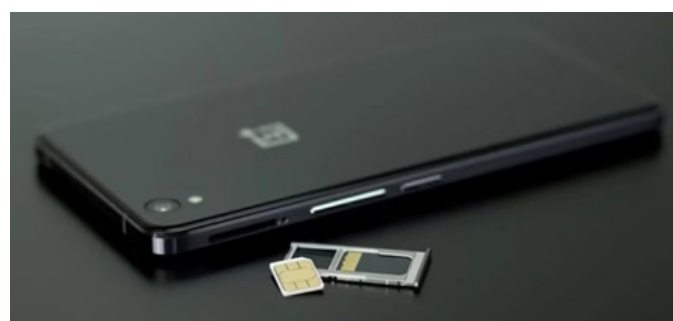


Amit expressed his frustration, saying, "Life has become difficult. Senior teachers at the school receive Rs 42,000, while we get only Rs 8,000." He further mentioned that the government had not raised their salaries or conducted eligibility exams, making it challenging for teachers like him to manage their finances. To make ends meet, Amit works tirelessly from 5 PM to midnight, delivering food after school hours. His story sheds light on the severe financial strain many teachers in Bihar face despite their dedication to their students.

TRAI Mandates Telecom Coverage Maps for Transparency

The Telecom Regulatory Authority of India (TRAI) has introduced new guidelines aimed at enhancing transparency regarding network coverage claimed by telecom operators. The guidelines, announced last week, require service providers to display geospatial network coverage maps, indicating the availability of services and signal strength. This initiative is designed to foster transparency, uniformity in wireless access services, and provide users with the information necessary to make more informed decisions.

Under these new rules, telecom providers in India are obligated to showcase coverage maps based on actual measurements obtained through physical checks or network analytics. Alternatively, they may use industry-standard prediction methodologies, but



any predictions must be verified against actual signal strength in sample areas. A correction factor must be applied to ensure that the predicted coverage closely aligns with the real user experience.

The coverage maps must clearly distinguish the different types of network technologies, such as 2G, 3G, 4G, and 5G, using a color-coding scheme. Each technology will have its

designated color, which must be represented accurately on the map:

Additionally, the signal strength must meet a minimum threshold at the outermost boundaries of the coverage area, with 50% load of the network's maximum capacity. Any areas falling below this prescribed signal strength will be considered as "no coverage" zones for that particular technology.

TRAI's move aims to make the telecom sector more accountable to its consumers by ensuring that the coverage information provided by operators is both accurate and accessible. This step is expected to empower users by offering clearer insights into network availability and helping them choose the best service based on their location and needs.

India Thrash Australia by 295 Runs to Take 1-0 Lead in Border-Gavaskar Trophy

India dominated Australia in the first Test of the ongoing five-match Border-Gavaskar Trophy, winning by a massive 295 runs on Monday, November 25, at Optus Stadium in Perth. Chasing a daunting target of 534, Australia was bowled out for just 238 runs in 58.4 overs, handing India a resounding victory and a 1-0 lead in the series.

Jasprit Bumrah, leading the Indian team in the absence of Rohit Sharma, was the standout performer with the ball, taking three crucial wickets in the second innings. Mohammed Siraj also played a key role, dismissing three Australian batters. The hosts began the fourth day's play at a precarious 12 for 3, and things quickly worsened as they lost Usman Khawaja early in the second over. Siraj removed the left-handed opener for just 4 runs off 13 balls, leaving Australia struggling at 16 for 4.

Mitchell Marsh and Travis Head briefly tried to rebuild, forming a partnership that gave the Australians some hope. However, their resistance was short-lived. Once both Marsh and Head were dismissed, the Indian bowlers tightened their grip, and the remaining Aussie batters were unable to hold off the Indian attack. India's fast bowlers, including Bumrah and Siraj, combined effectively to dismiss Australia for a low total, ensuring a dominant win for the visitors.

With this crushing victory, India has made a strong start in the Border-Gavaskar Trophy. The team's comprehensive performance in both batting and bowling gives them the advantage heading into the second Test, which will be crucial for Australia's comeback in the series.



Ivory Coast Sets Record for Lowest Ever T20I Score in Heavy Defeat to Nigeria

Ivory Coast recorded the lowest-ever score in a men's Twenty20 International (T20I) after they were bowled out for just seven runs in a stunning 264-run defeat to Nigeria in Lagos on Sunday. The result, part of the 2026 T20 World Cup regional qualifier, also marked the third-highest margin of defeat in a men's T20I match.



ters were dismissed for ducks, contributing to their record-breaking low total.

Nigeria won the toss and opted to bat first, setting an imposing total of 271 runs. The standout performer for Nigeria was Selim Salau, who scored a blistering 112 runs off 53 balls, leading his team to a commanding total. Salau's knock was supported by solid contributions from his teammates, giving Nigeria an unassailable target.

The previous lowest score in men's T20Is was 26, but Ivory Coast's performance shattered that record by a significant margin. The 264-run defeat also became the third-largest margin of defeat in T20I history, underscoring the one-sided nature of the match.

In reply, Ivory Coast's batting collapse was nothing short of disastrous. Opener Ouattara Mohamed top-scored for the team with just four runs, while Mimi Alex, Maiga Ibrahim, and Dje Claude each added a solitary run. A shocking six bat-

This crushing loss leaves Ivory Coast with much to reflect on, while Nigeria celebrates an extraordinary victory, led by Salau's outstanding individual performance. As the tournament progresses, both teams will aim to build on this result and improve their standings in the qualifier.

Ding Liren Defeats D Gukesh in World Chess Championship Opener

Indian Grandmaster D Gukesh suffered a setback in the opening game of the World Chess Championship, losing to defending champion Ding Liren of China on Monday. Gukesh, the youngest ever challenger for the world title at 18, faced a tough challenge after making some risky moves in the middle game.

The game began with Gukesh surprising Liren by pushing his king's pawn forward, a move that signals aggressive intentions. Liren, however, countered with the French Defense, a solid and popular response to such attacks. Gukesh's choice of the opening line was reminiscent of the strategy used by former World Champion Viswanathan Anand during his first world championship match against Alexei Shirov in 2001.



While the initial stages of the game were promising for Gukesh, who managed to gain a significant time advantage, the momentum shifted by the 12th move. Gukesh had about half an hour more on the clock, but by the 20th move, Liren had clawed back with several extra minutes, signaling that he had successfully navigated out of the opening complications.

steadily gaining control. By the time the game concluded after 42 moves, it was clear that Liren had outplayed Gukesh in the crucial middle phase.

The middle game saw Gukesh falter as Liren capitalized on the young Indian's missteps. The Chinese Grandmaster, known for his sharp positional play, took full advantage of the mistakes in Gukesh's game,

Despite the loss, Gukesh's bold approach in the opening and his status as the youngest ever challenger indicate that he will continue to be a formidable competitor in the ongoing championship. However, the game's result highlighted the importance of maintaining composure and precision, particularly in the middle game, where Liren's experience proved decisive.

Bayern Munich and PSG Face Off in Crucial Champions League Clash

Bayern Munich will host Paris Saint-Germain (PSG) on Tuesday in a highly anticipated Champions League matchup between two teams leading their domestic leagues but struggling to adapt to the new European format. After four matches, Bayern have lost twice, including a heavy 4-1 defeat to Barcelona under their former coach Hansi Flick. This leaves Bayern sitting 17th in the table, a position that would result in them being unseeded for the knockout stage play-offs. PSG are in an even worse situation, ranked 25th—just outside the knockout places.



For two teams that contested the Champions League final just four years ago and both lead their respective leagues by six points, their current rankings are a cause for concern. Bayern's struggles in the new format are a stark contrast to their dominant past in the group stages, where they maintained a 40-match unbeaten streak, with 36 wins and 4 draws, until a loss to PSG in 2017.

Thomas Mueller acknowledged PSG's capabilities, saying their position in the table "does not reflect their performance," and emphasized the importance of playing at home. PSG's 2020 Champions League final loss to Bayern, where Kingsley Coman scored the decisive goal, remains their closest attempt at European glory.

Despite Bayern's loss to Barcelona and whispers that new coach Vincent Kompany might face difficulties against top teams, Bayern have otherwise impressed, remaining unbeaten in the Bundesliga. Their only other defeat came in the Champions League, with a 1-0 loss to Aston Villa, echoing the 1982 European Cup final. For PSG, avoiding elimination in the league phase is crucial, as their poor start to the competition has raised doubts.

Bayern and PSG have met frequently in recent years, with Bayern winning four of their last five encounters, though PSG knocked them out in the 2020-21 quarter-finals. With both teams aiming for a top-eight finish to avoid the extra play-off round, Tuesday's clash promises to be a tense and decisive encounter.

Mohamed Salah Disappointed by Lack of New Liverpool Contract Offer

Mohamed Salah has expressed disappointment over Liverpool's failure to offer him a new contract, stating that as his current deal nears its end, he feels "more out than in." The 32-year-old Egyptian forward, who has been a key player for the club since joining in 2017, has not received any offers for an extension despite his pivotal role in Liverpool's success. Salah's current contract expires at the end of the 2024/25 season, and his comments suggest he may leave the club when his deal expires.



"We are almost in December and I haven't received any offers yet to stay at the club," Salah said. "I'm probably more out than in. I've been here for many years, and there is no club like this, but in the end, it's not in my hands."

Salah's frustration comes as he continues to perform at a high level, having scored 12 goals in all competitions this season, including two crucial goals in Liverpool's recent 3-2 win over Southampton. This victory put the club eight points clear at the top of the Premier League. Despite this, Salah revealed after the match that he has not received any proposals from Liverpool regarding a contract renewal.

aren't secured before then.

While Salah admitted his disappointment over the lack of progress in contract talks, he also reiterated his commitment to focusing on the current season, including Liverpool's hopes of winning the Premier League and Champions League. "I'm disappointed, but we will see," he added.

Dulquer Salmaan's 'Lucky Bhaskar' Set to Make Waves on OTT

Mollywood superstar Dulquer Salmaan's recent hit film *Lucky Bhaskar* has taken the box office by storm, continuing its success even in its fourth week of screening. Directed by Venky Atluri, the film, which deals with a scam in the banking sector, has already earned a record-breaking collection, grossing over Rs. 100 crores since its release on October 31. Featuring Meenakshi Chowdhary as the female lead, the movie has been widely appreciated for its engaging storyline and strong performances.

The film was released in multiple languages, including Telugu, Tamil, Hindi, Kannada, and Malayalam, and its success in theaters has been unprecedented. Now, *Lucky Bhaskar* is gearing up to make a big impact on the digital front as well. The film is set to premiere on Netflix on November 28, available in Telugu and other languages, offering those who missed the theatrical release a chance to watch it from the comfort of their homes.

The plot of *Lucky Bhaskar* revolves around Bhaskar Kumar, a man with a modest salary of Rs. 6,000, living on the brink of poverty. His wife, Sumathi, plays a crucial role in motivating him to break free from his circumstances, creating a powerful emotional foundation for the film. The character's journey, coupled with the dialogue "Buy whatever you want from



head to toe...as if you have earned it," has resonated deeply with audiences, adding to the film's hype and success.

Directed by Suryadevara Nagavanshi and produced under the banners of Sitara Entertainments and Fortune Four Cinemas, the film has also garnered attention for its music composed by GV Prakash Kumar. With a strong fan base and impressive box office collections, *Lucky Bhaskar* is now ready to capture the OTT audience's attention, and it will be interesting to see how the film performs in the digital space after its successful theatrical run.

Vennela Kishore's Srikakulam Sherlock Holmes to Release on Christmas Day

As the Christmas season approaches, a host of exciting films are set to make their way to the big screen, and Vennela Kishore's latest project, *Srikakulam Sherlock Holmes*, is ready to join the festive release race. The film has been officially announced for a release on December 25th, 2024, creating anticipation among moviegoers.

In the newly unveiled release date poster, Vennela Kishore is seen in the role of a detective, deep in thought and carefully examining a complex case. His magnifying glass is poised, giving a glimpse into the investigative nature of the film. What stands out most in the poster is an intriguing image—a tiny island on the detective's cap, with people casually strolling along the beach, including the detective himself. This quirky detail adds an air of mystery and raises curiosity about the plot, hinting at an unusual twist in the story.



The poster suggests that *Srikakulam Sherlock Holmes* will be a gripping thriller with a blend of detective intrigue and perhaps some light-hearted moments. Directed by Writer Mohan, the film is produced under the banner of Sri Ganapathi Cinemas. Joining Vennela Kishore in the lead roles are Ananya Nagalla and Siya Gautam, who play the leading ladies. The combination of a popular comic actor in a serious detective role, along with the intriguing premise, has generated considerable buzz around the film.

With the holiday season drawing near, *Srikakulam Sherlock Holmes* is poised to captivate audiences who are looking for a suspenseful and entertaining movie experience. The film's intriguing visuals and its promise of a thrilling mystery are sure to attract movie lovers, making it a key player in the Christmas release lineup.

Pushpa 2: The Rule Breaks Records with Historic US Pre-Sales

The anticipation surrounding *Pushpa 2: The Rule* is reaching fever pitch as the film gears up for its highly anticipated release on December 5, 2024. Directed by Sukumar, the sequel to the 2021 blockbuster *Pushpa: The Rise* is one of the most awaited films of the year, with fans eagerly counting down the days.

In an exciting update, *Pushpa 2* has already set a remarkable record at the US box office, surpassing 50,000 pre-sale tickets sold. This milestone marks the fastest-ever achievement for any Indian film in terms of ticket pre-sales, signaling a massive demand and fan following that stretches across borders. Moviegoers are now wondering what other records the film will shatter upon its release.

Rashmika Mandanna reprises her role as the female lead, while Fahadh Faasil, Anasuya Bharadwaj, Sunil, Jagapathi Babu, Satya, and Jagadish round out the stellar cast in pivotal roles. Produced by Mythri Movie Makers, *Pushpa 2* boasts an impressive musical ensemble, with Devi Sri Prasad, Thaman, Sam CS, and Ajaneesh Loknath contributing to the film's captivating score.

With a combination of high-octane action, gripping storytelling, and a talented ensemble cast, *Pushpa 2: The Rule* is already being hailed as a potential blockbuster, setting the stage for a grand cinematic experience. The film's pre-sale success only reinforces the excitement surrounding it, and fans are eagerly waiting to witness the next chapter in the *Pushpa* saga. Stay tuned for more updates as we approach its release!



Nithiin's Robinhood Set for December Release; First Single Coming Soon

Nithiin's much-awaited action-packed entertainer *Robinhood* is all set to hit theaters on December 25, 2024, with Sreeleela playing the female lead. Directed by Venky Kudumula, the film promises to be an exciting addition to the festive movie lineup this Christmas season.

In a recent announcement, the makers revealed that the first single from the film, titled *One More Time*, will be released on November 26, 2024, at 05:04 PM. The song is being promoted as a "love fusion track of the year," creating significant buzz among fans and music lovers.

The announcement was accompanied by a vibrant and beautiful poster featuring Nithiin and Sreeleela, further adding to the anticipation for the film.

Robinhood also boasts an impressive supporting cast, with Shine Tom Chacko,



Vennela Kishore, Rajendra Prasad, Mime Gopi, and others playing pivotal roles. Produced by Mythri Movie Makers, the film's soundtrack is composed by the talented GV Prakash Kumar, known for his chart-topping melodies. The music is expected to be one of the key highlights of the movie, building excitement for the first single and the rest of the album.

With the release date just around the corner, *Robinhood* has already captured the attention of audiences with its action-packed storyline, engaging music, and a promising star cast.

The combination of romance, action, and drama, along with the much-anticipated first single, makes this film one to watch out for this holiday season. Fans of Nithiin and Sreeleela are eagerly awaiting what promises to be an unforgettable cinematic experience.

Manchu Vishnu's 'Kannappa' Set for Grand Release in 2025

Tollywood actor Manchu Vishnu will be starring in the highly anticipated movie *Kannappa*, where he plays the title role of the legendary devotee of Lord Shiva. Directed by Bollywood filmmaker Mukesh Kumar Singh, the film also features an ensemble cast that includes some of the biggest names in the industry. Legendary actor Collection King Mohan Babu, global superstar Prabhas, Malayalam cinema icon Mohanlal, leading lady Nayanthara, veteran actress Madhubala, Sarath Kumar, Shivraj Kumar, and Aishwarya are all set to play key roles in the film.

The filmmakers have already unveiled the looks of the characters, which have taken the internet by storm, creating a significant buzz on social media. Fans eagerly await

the release of this grand project, which promises to be a visual spectacle. Recently, the makers also announced the release date for *Kannappa*, setting the worldwide release for April 25, 2025.

The movie will go head-to-head with another big release in April 2025—*Rajasaab*, starring Prabhas and directed by Maruti, which is scheduled for release on April 10. This has led to an exciting clash between the two films, further raising curiosity among moviegoers and industry watchers.

The teaser and posters for *Kannappa* have already been launched, and they are generating widespread excitement for the film. The roles of various characters like Tinnadu, Mundadu, Chandudu, Maremma, Pila-

ka-Gilaka have been a topic of discussion and have gone viral across social media platforms. Bollywood actor Akshay Kumar is set to portray the role of Lord Shiva, adding to the film's appeal.

The musical score for *Kannappa* is being composed by the renowned Manisharma, with Stephen Devasi also contributing to the background score. The film is produced under the banners of 24 Frames Factory and Ava Entertainment, with a screenplay by Paruchuri Gopalakrishna, Burra Saimadhav, and Thota Prasad. As Manchu Vishnu's first pan-Indian film, the expectations are high for *Kannappa*, making it one of the most eagerly awaited releases of 2025.

