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Lagacharla Farmers Taught Revanth Reddy a Hard Lesson

TPN, Mahabubabad: The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) staged a massive protest, termed the 'Maha Dharna,' in support of the farmers of Lagacharla village, where lands are allegedly being forcibly acquired for the proposed Pharma Village in Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy's Kodangal constituency.

Led by BRS working president KT Rama Rao (KTR), the dharna at Manukota in Mahabubabad district saw the participation of senior BRS leaders Satyavathi Rathod, M. Kavitha, E. Dayakar Rao, Madhusudhana Chary, RS Praveen Kumar, and a large number of party workers.

KTR criticized the Congress government, accusing it of forcibly acquiring lands belonging to Scheduled Castes, Scheduled Tribes, and Backward Classes.

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We Wrote to Adani Asking Him Not to Give Rs. 100 Crore

- CM rejects the donation of Rs. 100 crore amidst criticism.
- CM emphasizes that any organization has the right to do legal business.
- Clarifies visit to Delhi was for Speaker's daughter's wedding.

TPN, Telangana: Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy revealed that the government has written a letter to Adani, requesting him not to deposit the Rs. 100 crore donation meant for Skill University into the government account. Speaking at a media conference in Delhi, the CM announced the decision to reject the donation in light of criticism surrounding Adani and the ongoing case in the United States. He appealed to the public and media not to drag Telangana into unnecessary controversies.

"We reject the Rs. 100 crore donation"

The CM clarified that the Telangana government has not received any funds from Adani and stated that the donation was part of Adani's Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) initiative for Skill University. He highlighted that no money has been deposited into the government account. "There has

been a national discussion regarding Adani for the past few days, particularly since the case in the US. In light of this, we decided not to accept the Rs. 100 crore donation to avoid controversy," he said.

Revanth Reddy added that investments in Telangana are made legally and constitutionally, with tenders and projects awarded transparently. He affirmed that any company, including Ambani, Adani, Tata, or others, has the legal right to do business in Telangana. "However, in the current situation, the government has chosen to decline this donation," he reiterated.

Visit to Delhi for Wedding, Not Politics

The CM clarified that his visit to Delhi was to attend the wedding of the Lok Sabha Speaker's daughter. He dismissed claims that his trip was politically motivated. He assured that his meetings with MPs and Union



ministers tomorrow would focus solely on the state's issues.

Some critics have alleged that he has visited Delhi multiple times for political reasons, but Revanth firmly stated, "I don't

come to Delhi for bail or other personal matters. I come here to ensure Telangana receives what is due from the Center. I will visit Delhi as many times as necessary to achieve this goal."

Winter Session of Parliament Begins!!

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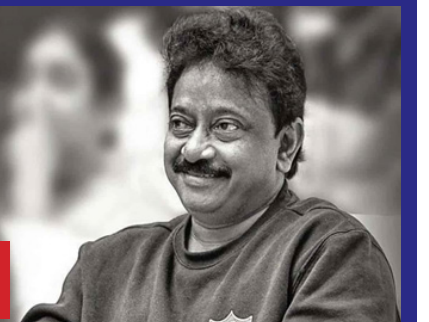


RGV's Vanishing Act: Fearless No More?

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 Vyooham.

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Telangana BJP to Likely Get New President by January

TPN, Hyderabad: The Telangana unit of the BJP is expected to see new leadership by January, ahead of the appointment of the party's new national president. With the Maharashtra and Jharkhand elections concluded, the party's State leaders anticipate that the leadership will soon begin the process of selecting a new president for the State unit.

The BJP had previously extended the tenures of its national and several State unit presidents, including Telangana. The upcoming selection of the State president is part of a larger organizational restructuring, which will include elections at the booth, State, and national levels. Each booth committee will have 11 members, and active party members will play a crucial role in forming the new committees.

The race for the Telangana BJP president has drawn significant attention, with several names emerging as contenders. Among them is Malkajgiri



MP Eatala Rajender, seen as a strong OBC leader with proven organizational capabilities. His appointment could consolidate the OBC vote bank, but his relatively recent switch from the BRS to the BJP has raised questions about his acceptance within the party.

Nizamabad MP Arvind Dhar-

mapuri, a two-time MP with a history of defeating high-profile opponents, is another prominent contender. Representing the influential Munuru Kapu community, Arvind is believed to have strong support from Prime Minister Narendra Modi, Union Home Minister Amit Shah, and senior RSS leaders.

Medak MP M Raghunandan Rao is also being considered. His supporters claim that his leadership could weaken the influence of the BRS due to his deep understanding of the political strategies employed by both the Congress and BRS.

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He alleged that farmers in Lagacharla and surrounding villages have been protesting against the land acquisition for nine months, claiming the project is being developed for the chief minister's son-in-law.

"The farmers of Lagacharla have shown their strength by revolting against Revanth Reddy. If the chief minister himself had visited the village, farmers would have thrashed him," KTR remarked.

He warned that the issues in Lagacharla could happen elsewhere in Telangana, urging a united fight against what he described as the exploitation of SCs, STs, and BCs. "Farmers in Delhi forced Prime Minister Modi to repeal three black agricultural laws. Revanth Reddy is now messing with farmers, and the time has come to teach him a lesson," KTR stated.

KTR accused Revanth Reddy of neglecting his constituency, claiming he has visited Delhi 28 times while ignoring the problems of his people. He also alleged that the Congress government, despite promising six guarantees, failed to deliver on even one, labeling their manifesto as "420 promises."

Highlighting the achievements of former Chief Minister KCR, KTR said farmers under the BRS regime received timely financial support through Rythu Bandhu, enjoyed 24-hour power supply, and benefited from the Rythu Bima insurance scheme.

The BRS leader announced that similar protests would be staged across all 119 Assembly constituencies to stand with the oppressed communities and fight against injustice.

New President by January

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Former MLC N Ramchander Rao has also entered the fray, banking on his clean image, seniority, and strong reputation within the RSS. His supporters, including the party's veteran members, see him as a preferable choice over newer entrants to the BJP.

Party insiders suggest that the high command, including Modi and Shah, will ultimately decide on a leader capable of unifying the party and improving its performance in the 2029 elections. Political observers are keenly watching the developments, as the decision is likely to shape the party's future in Telangana.

RGV's Vanishing Act: Fearless No More?

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Initially, he sought an extension for questioning, which was granted. 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.

What about the agreements worth ₹12,400 crore signed in Davos?

TPN, Hyderabad: Telangana's Senior BRS MLA Harish Rao took a sharp dig at Chief Minister Revanth Reddy following his decision to return the ₹100 crore donation made by Gautam Adani to Young India Skill University. Rao raised several questions about the Congress-led government's past dealings with Adani.

"The state government has decided to return ₹100 crore donated by Adani to Skill University. But what about the agreements worth ₹12,400 crore signed with Adani in Davos? Isn't this hypocrisy?" Harish Rao questioned.

He accused the Congress government of conspiring to privatize the state's power distribution companies (discoms) and hand them over to Adani. "While Rahul Gandhi calls Adani corrupt and demands a Joint Parliamentary Committee (JPC) probe into his dealings, the Telangana Congress is rolling out the red carpet for him," Rao alleged.

Referring to an earlier instance, Rao stated that when Adani proposed a 20,000 MW thermal plant, the BRS government "politely met, had tea, and sent him away." He accused the Congress of following double standards by simultaneously criticizing Adani at the national level and partnering with him in the state.

Rao pointed out that while Rahul Gandhi is vocal against Adani in Delhi, Revanth Reddy has made agreements with him in Telangana. "Now that Adani's alleged corruption is under the spotlight, the Chief Minister is changing his stance and returning donations," he said.

Demanding consistency, Harish Rao urged the Telangana government to cancel all agreements made with Adani if it truly believes in the allegations of corruption. "This hypocrisy of the Congress is evident, and the people of Telangana deserve answers," he added.



Speculation Surrounds Telangana Cabinet Expansion Four New Members Likely



TPN, Telangana: As the Congress-led Telangana government approaches the completion of its first year in power, speculation is rife about a potential cabinet expansion. While no official announcement has been made, reports suggest that Chief Minister Revanth Reddy is preparing to induct four new members into his cabinet. Sources indicate that the expansion could take place before the end of November, following consultations with party leadership in Delhi. Cabinet Expansion on the Cards? Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, currently in Delhi, is said to have met senior Congress leaders, including Rahul Gandhi, to discuss the state government's achievements and future plans. Reports suggest the cabinet expansion may be scheduled for November 29, coinciding with celebrations marking the government's one-year milestone. The timing is seen as an opportunity to solidify the Congress's standing ahead of the local body elections.

Unconfirmed reports suggest significant portfolio changes and new appointments might be part of the reshuffle. Prominent among these is the Home Ministry, which could be handed over to Sitakka. Additionally, the Education Ministry might be allocated to one of the new entrants. Names doing the rounds for the cabinet include Maktal MLA Vakiti Srihari, Komatireddy Rajagopal Reddy, Gaddam Vivek, and

Bodhan MLA P. Sudarshan Reddy. Srihari's induction is being linked to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's promise during the Lok Sabha election campaign to provide representation to the Mudiraj community. Furthermore, there is speculation about including a representative from the minority community, given their absence in the current cabinet.

The Congress government is reportedly aligning the cabinet expansion with new policy announcements. Among the expected moves are steps towards implementing pending promises, such as the highly anticipated pension hike. These measures are seen as a strategic effort to boost public confidence and demonstrate the government's commitment to its electoral guarantees.

Political analysts believe the cabinet reshuffle is part of a larger strategy to address regional and community representation while gearing up for local body elections. However, the possibility of a broader cabinet reorganization remains, with some reports hinting at a potential overhaul after the elections.

While these developments have yet to be officially confirmed, the buzz surrounding the cabinet expansion underscores the Congress's intent to consolidate its position in Telangana and address governance challenges as it enters its second year in power.

Verdict Reserved on Patnam Narender Reddy's Petition in Lagacharla Incident

- Police registered three separate FIRs in the Lagacharla incident.
- Narender Reddy challenged the registration of separate cases in the High Court.
- The High Court reserved its verdict after the hearing.



TPN, Vikarabad: The Telangana High Court has concluded the hearing on the petition filed by former Kodangal MLA and BRS leader Patnam Narender Reddy, who was arrested and is currently in jail in connection with the Lagacharla incident. The court has reserved its verdict.

In the Lagacharla attack incident, the police registered multiple FIRs. Patnam Narender Reddy challenged the registration of separate cases, arguing that all the FIRs pertain to the same incident. His legal counsel cited Supreme Court rulings, which stipulate that multiple FIRs should not be registered for the same incident. On the other hand, the Additional Advocate General (AAG) presented detailed explanations to the court, justifying the reasons for registering separate cases. After hearing arguments from both sides, the High Court has reserved its verdict on the matter.

GHMC Commissioner Attends Prajavani, Receives 126 Grievance Applications

TPN, Hyderabad: Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) Commissioner Ilambarti attended the Prajavani public hearing program at the GHMC headquarters on Monday, November 25, where he received 126 applications from citizens on various grievances. The commissioner directed officials to address the complaints promptly and ensure timely resolutions. Grievances Breakdown by Departments
Of the 126 applications submitted, a department-wise breakdown revealed the following:

grievances
• Health and Family Welfare Department: 5 grievances
• Electrical Department: 4 grievances
• Sports, Chief Engineer Maintenance, Estate, Labour, and Housing Departments: 2 grievances each
• Vigilance Department: 1 grievance
Zonal-Based Complaints
Eighty of the complaints were zone-specific:
• Kukatpally Zone: 33 grievances
• LB Nagar Zone: 14 grievances
• Secunderabad Zone: 21 grievances
• Serilingampally Zone: 9 grievances

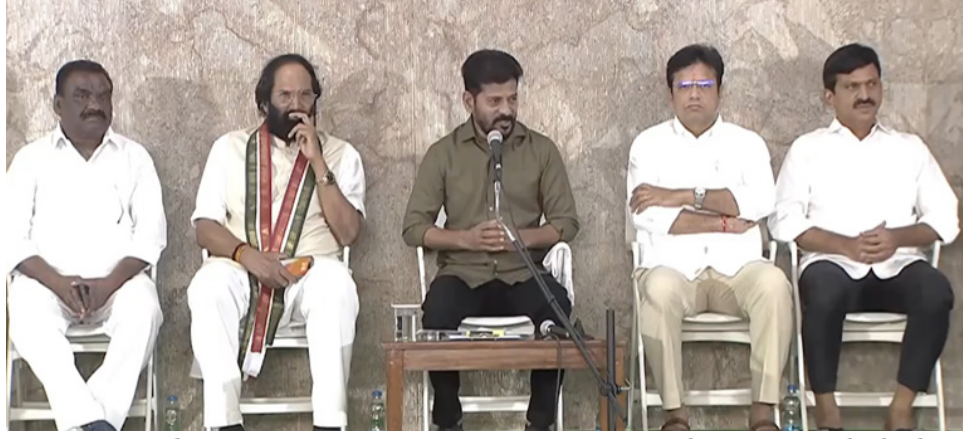
• Charminar Zone: 3 grievances
Notably, no grievances were submitted for the Khairatabad zone.
Phone-In Grievances
Three complaints were received via the Prajavani phone-in program and forwarded to the respective departments for resolution.
Previous Prajavani Session Highlights
During the Prajavani session held on November 29 at Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Praja Bhavan in Hyderabad, a total of 614 applications were received. Key departments addressed included:
• Backward Class Welfare Depart-

ment: 210 complaints
• Panchayati Raj and Rural Development Department: 112 complaints
• Power Department: 75 grievances
• Revenue-Related Issues: 65 complaints
• Home Department: 38 complaints
• Pravasi Prajavani: 2 complaints
The event was attended by state planning commission vice-chairperson Dr. Chinna Reddy, who reviewed the grievances in person. This initiative reflects GHMC's commitment to ensuring citizen grievances are heard and resolved efficiently, contributing to better governance and public trust.

KTR believes that going to jail is a stepping stone to becoming CM

TPN, Telangana: Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy launched a scathing attack on BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao (KTR), claiming that KTR believes he could become Chief Minister if he goes to jail. However, Revanth remarked, KTR's younger sister Kavitha had already "ruined that chance" by being jailed first. Speaking at a media conference in Delhi, the CM accused the KCR family of competing fiercely for the CM position and ridiculed their aspirations.

Revanth alleged that the BRS government, during its tenure, had collaborated with Adani in various projects,



questioning the party's recent criticism of the industrialist. He challenged the BRS to agree to an investigation into the projects linked to Adani during their rule.

"KTR seems eager to go to jail. I read in the papers that he believes going to jail is a stepping stone to becoming CM. But even if that's true, his younger sister Kavitha has already taken that chance away from him. The KCR family is in turmoil because of internal competition for the CM post," Revanth said, adding that KTR, despite his education in America and a decade as a minister, should be more thoughtful in his statements.

Revanth also downplayed the BJP's recent victory in Maharashtra, stating that Congress won in two Lok Sabha by-elections and that BJP failed to

secure victories in Karnataka's three assembly by-elections and six constituencies in West Bengal.

"What does the BJP have to celebrate? Yes, they retained power in Maharashtra, but the Congress retained its government in Jharkhand. There's no extraordinary achievement here," Revanth asserted.

The Telangana CM's remarks highlight the intensifying political rivalry ahead of upcoming elections, as well as the ongoing debates surrounding alliances, governance, and internal dynamics within prominent political families.

Revanth Reddy Went to Delhi 28 Times, Didn't Bring Even Rs. 28

- Criticism that the CM goes for weddings but brings nothing for Telangana
- "It is our responsibility to question if funds are not secured," says KTR
- KTR asserts, "We are not slaves to Delhi leaders."

TPN, Telangana: BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) launched a scathing attack on Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, accusing him of making 28 trips to Delhi without securing any funds for Telangana. "He went to Delhi 28 times but didn't bring even Rs. 28 for the state," KTR remarked.

He criticized Revanth Reddy's visits to Delhi, claiming that they were for personal reasons rather than benefiting Telangana. "The Chief Minister goes to Delhi for weddings, naming ceremonies, and even funerals, but he hasn't brought anything for Telangana. It is our responsibility to question why no funds have been secured for the state," KTR stated.

KTR also responded to Congress leaders' allegations that he was "hiding" in Delhi. "Everyone knows who pleaded in a five-star hotel to avoid ED raids. Your big boss and small boss's affairs are not a secret," he said.

Highlighting the party's commitment to Telangana's welfare, KTR said, "Struggle is in the blood of BRS, the party that fought for Telangana's statehood. Unlike others, we do not act as slaves to Delhi leaders. We have a history of sacrificing positions for Telangana, while Revanth Reddy has a history of remaining silent for the sake of positions."

KTR accused Revanth of trying to embarrass Telangana's government, which was established after years of struggle. "This is the history of someone who attempted to trade votes for currency. Telangana will not forget or forgive such actions," he added.

Telangana Governor's Decision on KTR's Arrest Fuels Political Speculation

TPN, Hyderabad: The political landscape in Telangana is abuzz with speculation over whether the state Governor will grant permission to arrest BRS working president K.T. Rama Rao (KTR). Union Minister G. Kishan Reddy recently clarified that the Governor would seek legal opinion before making any decision.

Amid these developments, Congress leaders have accused KTR of trav-

eling to Delhi to shield himself by negotiating with the BJP. However, no conclusive action has been taken yet, leaving the situation in limbo. Kishan Reddy dismissed allegations of a covert alliance between the BJP and the BRS, reiterating that there is no connection between the two parties.

Nizamabad BJP MP Dharmapuri Arvind criticized Congress for ques-

tioning the necessity of the Governor's approval for KTR's arrest. Referring to KTR's earlier remark, "I am ready to go to jail for three months, do yoga, and become fit," Arvind mocked the BRS leader's comments, adding a sharp edge to the political discourse.

Meanwhile, BRS leaders have intensified their attacks on both the BJP and Congress, accusing them of

manipulative tactics. They are using the delay to rebuild public trust, particularly as local body elections loom. A BJP leader, speaking on condition of anonymity, acknowledged that the delay could harm the party's credibility. He noted that there is a widespread perception that Governors often act in alignment with the central government's directives, potentially influencing public opinion ahead of the elections.

Prashant Kishor's Political Debut Falts in Bihar Bypolls

TPN, Telangana: 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.

Congress MP Kiran Kumar Reddy Questions EVM Credibility

TPN, Hyderabad: Bhongir MP and Congress leader C. Kiran Kumar Reddy has raised concerns over the credibility of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and called on the Election Commission to reconsider their use in elections.



Speaking in an interview, Reddy accused the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) of coming to power through questionable means and expressed doubts about the transparency of the election process. "Whether it is in Haryana or Maharashtra, the BJP has a habit of coming to power by any means. Our leaders are suspicious of election processes," he said.

Highlighting the Congress party's skepticism, Reddy stated that the use of EVMs has created confusion about the democratic process. He suggested the need for a discussion on alternatives to ensure transparency and trust in elections.

"If any political party does not trust EVMs, we must deliberate

and find a solution. The Election Commission should consider whether to continue with this technology or adopt practices from other countries that have reverted to traditional ballot papers," Reddy remarked.

The Congress MP's comments come amid a broader discourse on the integrity of electoral systems in the country, with various political parties voicing concerns over the use of EVMs in recent elections.

MLC Kavitha Submits 35-Page Report on BC Welfare in Telangana

TPN, Hyderabad: Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) MLC K Kavitha, along with representatives from Telangana Jagruthi and the United Phule Front, presented a comprehensive 35-page report on Backward Class (BC) welfare to BC Dedicated Commission Chairman Busani Venkateswara Rao on Monday, November 25.

The report, drawing on findings from the ongoing caste survey in Telangana, emphasized the need for enhanced BC reservations in local body elections, proposing an increase from the current 23% to 42%. This recommendation aligns with the Backward Classes Declaration, which also pledged to allocate 42% reservations for BCs in government civil construction and maintenance contracts within six months of taking office.

Based on district-level consultations with BC leaders, intellectuals, journalists, and other stakeholders, the



report advocates for a holistic approach to improving the social and economic status of BCs. Kavitha reiterated her party's commitment to ensuring equitable development and

representation for BC communities.

Speaking after the submission, Kavitha urged the Congress-led state government to ensure the caste sur-

vey is comprehensive and withstands legal scrutiny. She criticized the lack of resources provided to the BC Dedicated Commission, pointing out that while the Commission was constituted after BRS protests, it has not been granted sufficient funds or staff, hampering its independence.

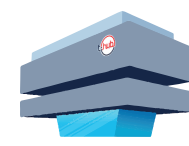
"The Commission must not be reduced to a political tool. Its recommendations should extend beyond political reservations and address broader issues of education, employment, and social welfare," she stated. Kavitha also stressed the need for clarity on whether the ongoing caste survey could hold up in court and demanded transparency from the government to dispel doubts among BC communities.

Kavitha further pressed the government to implement the Kamareddy Declaration in its entirety. This declaration, made during the last As-

sembly elections, promised statutory status for the Mahatma Jyotiba Phule BC sub-plan, Rs 1 lakh crore for BC welfare over five years, and the establishment of a Most Backward Classes (MBC) Welfare Department with dedicated corporations for BC caste groups.

The MLC indicated plans to mobilize a movement for BC rights, similar to past efforts for women's reservation. Kavitha argued that BCs have not received their due constitutional rights, asserting that regional parties have historically delivered greater social and economic justice to these communities.

In her closing remarks, Kavitha reaffirmed BRS's priority to uplift BCs and ensure their integral role in Telangana's progress while holding the Congress government accountable for delivering on its promises.



Hyderabad Witnesses Surge in Property Registrations in October



TPN, Hyderabad: Hyderabad's real estate market experienced significant growth in October 2024, with property registrations surging by 20 percent month-on-month (MoM). According to a report by Knight Frank India, 5,985 residential units were registered during the month, generating home sales worth Rs. 3,617 crore.

On a year-on-year (YoY) basis, the city recorded a two percent growth in the number of units registered and a 14 percent increase in the value of reg-

istrations. The Hyderabad residential market spans four districts—Hyderabad, Medchal-Malkajgiri, Rangareddy, and Sangareddy—encompassing both primary and secondary real estate markets.

Shifting Demand Towards High-Value Properties

A notable trend in October was the increasing demand for high-value homes. While properties priced under Rs. 50 lakh have traditionally dominated registrations, homes priced at Rs. 1 crore and above accounted for 14 percent of the total sales, up from 10 percent last year. Registrations for high-value properties grew by 36 percent YoY, reflecting growing confidence among buyers in Hyderabad's real estate market.

Evolving Buyer Preferences

In terms of unit sizes, properties ranging from 1,000 to 2,000 square feet

accounted for 70 percent of all registrations, highlighting continued interest in mid-sized homes. Additionally, registrations for larger properties exceeding 2,000 square feet rose from 12 percent to 14 percent compared to the same period last year, indicating a rising preference for spacious living spaces.

The overall registration figures demonstrate a steady upward trend:

Volume (Number of Units)	Registration Value (Rs. Crore)
2023	5,799
2024	5,894
YoY Growth (%)	2
MoM Growth (%)	20

The surge in registrations and higher demand for premium properties underscore the resilience and attractiveness of Hyderabad's real estate sector, bolstered by evolving buyer preferences and confidence in the city's economic growth.

Arijit Singh to Perform Live in Hyderabad on December 7

TPN, Hyderabad: Hyderabad is all set to host one of the most eagerly awaited musical events of the year, as Arijit Singh, the beloved voice behind countless chartbusters, prepares to perform live on December 7, 2024, at the GSM Arena. The concert, presented by HSBC and organized by Insider. in and Fever Live, promises to be a spectacular evening featuring Arijit's iconic songs, including Tum Hi Ho, Channa Mereya, and Phir Le Aya Dil.



Arijit Singh, celebrated as one of India's most soulful and versatile singers, enjoys immense popularity nationwide. With millions of fans and the distinction of being the most followed artist on Spotify in India, his return to the live stage after two years is generating considerable excitement.

The artist's success extends beyond his musical talent, as he is also one of the highest-paid performers in the country. Reports suggest that Arijit earns between Rs. 18 to Rs. 20 lakh for every Bollywood song, and his live

performances bring in a staggering Rs. 5 crore per concert. His monthly income is estimated at Rs. 6 crore, translating to an impressive yearly income of Rs. 72 crore. Arijit also owns his music label, Oriyon Music, further demonstrating his commitment to promoting music and nurturing talent.

Tickets for the Hyderabad concert are already selling rapidly, with prices ranging from Rs. 5,000 for the Silver Zone to Rs. 60,000-Rs. 80,000 for premium seats. Fans are advised to secure their spots early to witness this unforgettable musical extravaganza.

Mercedes Benz Crashes into Road Median in Banjara Hills, Drunk Driving Suspected

TPN, Hyderabad: A Mercedes Benz car crashed into a road median near City Center Mall in Banjara Hills in the early hours of Monday, with police suspecting drunk driving as the cause of the mishap. Fortunately, no injuries were reported.

According to initial reports, the vehicle, driven by a woman, lost control while navigating a turn. It is suspected that the driver was under the influence of alcohol. The car veered off course and struck the median, with its front end crashing through a wall and hanging precariously.

The airbags in the luxury vehicle deployed immediately, preventing any major injuries. Motorists passing by stopped to assist the driver, who was reportedly intoxicated.

Upon receiving information, the Banjara Hills police, along with traffic personnel, rushed to the spot. Using a crane, they removed the damaged vehicle from the scene.

The Banjara Hills police have initiated an investigation into the incident, with further details awaited.

Law Student Found Dead in Office, Family Alleges Foul Play

TPN, Hyderabad: A 20-year-old law student, Islavath Shravya, was found dead under suspicious circumstances in an office room at Moosarambagh, Malakpet, on Monday. While police suspect suicide, her family has raised allegations of foul play.

Shravya, who worked at the front office of a private firm, was discovered hanging from a ceiling fan in the office hall. She appeared to have used her dupatta to commit the act. Upon receiving information, the Malakpet police reached the scene and initiated an investigation. Her body was sent to Gandhi Hospital for a post-mortem examination.

Mild tension erupted at the police station as Shravya's family and relatives staged a protest, claiming that she would not have taken her own life. The family demanded a comprehensive investigation into the circumstances surrounding her death.

The police assured the protesters of a detailed inquiry, stating that all angles, including the possibility of homicide, will be explored. Investigators are awaiting the autopsy report to ascertain the cause of death and proceed with further action.

New Flyovers Set to Transform Traffic Flow in Hyderabad's Old City

TPN, Hyderabad: Hyderabad's Old City is gearing up for a major transformation in traffic management with the near completion of new flyovers and a Road Under Bridge (RuB), aimed at alleviating long-standing congestion issues and enhancing connectivity for residents and commuters.

Aramghar to Nehru Zoological Park Flyover

One of the most ambitious projects is the six-lane bi-directional flyover connecting Aramghar to Nehru Zoological Park. Spanning 4.04 kilometers, this is the second-longest flyover in Hyderabad and is set to ease traffic at five major junctions, including Aramghar, Shastripuram, Kalapathar, Darul Uloom, Shivrampally, and Hassannagar. The flyover will significantly reduce bottlenecks along the busy corridor, ensuring smoother traffic flow between Aramghar and the zoo.

Nalgonda Crossroads to Santoshnagar Flyover

Another significant project near-



ing completion is the 3.38-kilometer four-lane bi-directional flyover connecting Nalgonda Crossroads to Santoshnagar. Starting at the Government Printing Press in Chanchalguda, the flyover features ramps leading to Yadagiri Theatre in Santoshnagar and towards Champapet. This project is expected to relieve congestion at key intersections, including IS Sadan, Saidabad, and Chanchalguda, improving access to important resi-

dential and commercial hubs.

Malakpet Road Under Bridge (RuB)

Adding to these developments is the Malakpet Road Under Bridge (RuB), designed to further streamline traffic. Adjacent to the existing RuB, the new structure spans 37 meters in length and 11 meters in width, with approach roads to create a seamless connection

between Nalgonda Crossroads and Kanchanbagh Road. This long-awaited project promises to resolve traffic challenges for commuters traveling between Dil-sukhnagar and Koti.

These infrastructure projects are more than just traffic solutions. They are pivotal in improving connectivity to critical institutions such as the Defence Research and Development Organisation (DRDO), Defence Electronics Research Laboratory (DLRL), Advanced Systems Laboratory (ASL), and Bharat Dynamics Limited (BDL). Enhanced access to these locations will benefit thousands of employees and contribute to the region's overall development.

With the Aramghar to Nehru Zoological Park flyover ready for inauguration and other projects progressing rapidly, Hyderabad's Old City is poised for a transportation revolution. Once operational, these flyovers and the Malakpet RuB will usher in a new era of improved connectivity and reduced traffic congestion, significantly enhancing the quality of life for the city's residents.

Exotic Snakes Seized by Customs Officials at RGIA Airport



TPN, Hyderabad: In a surprising discovery, customs officials at Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA), Shamshabad, seized two exotic snakes from the luggage of two women passengers who had arrived from Bangkok on Sunday night.

The incident caused a stir at the airport, which is more commonly associated with

the seizure of gold, drugs, and occasionally ammunition.

Upon inspecting the passengers' luggage, customs officials were shocked to find the snakes stored in a separate basket. These reptiles, believed to be exotic and possibly venomous, were confiscated, and the two women were detained for questioning.

Authorities are investigating whether the women acted alone or were part of a larger smuggling operation. The snakes have been safely rescued, and further inquiries are underway to determine the purpose of their transportation and any potential violations of wildlife and customs regulations.

Six Injured in Lift Crash at Old City Apartment

TPN, Hyderabad: Six people sustained injuries after a lift malfunctioned and plummeted at an apartment building in Chandulal Baradari, Old City, on Sunday evening.

The incident occurred when the lift suddenly gave way, trapping the six occupants inside. According to local residents, one individual suffered a severe leg injury, while the other five escaped with minor injuries.

Hearing a loud crash, residents of the building rushed to the scene and managed to rescue the victims. Ambulances were promptly called, and the injured were taken to a nearby hospital for treatment.

Local police arrived at the site and initiated an investigation to determine the cause of the crash. Preliminary findings suggest that poor maintenance and violations of safety protocols at the apartment building may have contributed to the accident.

Further inquiries are underway to establish accountability and ensure compliance with safety standards in the future.

Lagacherla, Rotibanda thanda villagers traumatised after attack: SC, ST Commission

TPN, Sangareddy: Telangana SC and ST Commission chairman Bakki Venkataiah on Monday condemned the police actions in Lagacherla and Rotibanda Thanda villages, stating that farmers in the region were left traumatised by the November 12 incident and its aftermath. The commission's observations came after a visit to both the villages and the district jail in Sangareddy.

Speaking to reporters, Venkataiah accused the police of indiscriminate attacks on farmers, women, and individuals from Scheduled Castes (SC) and Scheduled Tribes (ST), following an alleged attack on Vikarabad District Collector Prateek Jain. While condemning the assault on the Collector, he noted that it was unlawful for the police to harm innocent people or take the law into their own hands.

The SC and ST Commission found that several innocent villagers had been imprisoned without due cause. Venkataiah said he directed Vikarabad Collector and Superintendent of Police (SP) to withdraw



charges against innocent individuals and ensure they are granted bail immediately. He also sought a detailed report from the officials on the episode.

The chairman further announced that the commission plans to meet Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy to request the exploration of alternative land acquisition meth-

ods for the proposed project. He stressed the need to protect the livelihoods of the poor farmers in Lagacherla and Rotibanda Thanda, who depend on agriculture for their survival. The SC and ST Commission vowed to ensure justice through legal means and emphasized that law enforcement must act within the bounds of the law.

Three BRS MLAs Reportedly Considering Party Switch



TPN, Telangana: Party defections might soon resume in Telangana, with reports suggesting that some Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) MLAs are in contact with the Congress following a recent High Court verdict. An appeal was filed in the High Court regarding party defections, and the court ruled that while the Speaker is not bound by a specific time frame for disqualifying MLAs, a decision should be made within a reasonable period. This ruling has reportedly paved the way for MLAs contemplating a change in party allegiance.

Telangana Pradesh Congress Committee (TPCC) President Mahesh Kumar Goud has hinted at possible defections, stating that some BRS MLAs close to him have been in touch. He further claimed that these MLAs would soon join the Congress. Reports suggest that three prominent leaders from the Pink Party are preparing to switch sides, with two of them being Greater Hyderabad-based MLAs. Meanwhile, BRS MLAs, concerned about the party's weakening position, are said to be negotiating internally to prevent defections.

Several BRS leaders have al-

ready defected to the Congress, including Station Ghanpur MLA Kadiyam Srihari, Khairatabad MLA Danam Nagender, Bhadrachalam MLA Tellam Venkat Rao, Rajendranagar MLA Prakash Goud, Serilingampally MLA Arikepudi Gandhi, Patancheru MLA Gudem Mahipal Reddy, Jagityal MLA Sanjay, and Gadwal MLA Bandla Krishnamohan Reddy. With local body elections on the horizon, the Congress is reportedly ramping up its efforts to bolster its ranks by targeting BRS MLAs, particularly from the Greater Hyderabad region. The Congress appears to be adopting a strategy similar to that of the BRS during its first tenure, where the party strengthened its presence by bringing in TDP MLAs. To incentivize defections, the Congress is rumored to be offering ministerial posts to one or two MLAs willing to switch parties.

Among the MLAs allegedly considering defection, one is reportedly embroiled in allegations related to the sheep distribution scheme, while another owns educational institutions. Both believe that switching to Congress could protect them from potential legal and political troubles.

Winter Grips Telangana

Sirpur (U) Records 8.3°C as Cold Wave Intensifies



TPN, Kumram Bheem Asifabad/Adilabad: Winter has tightened its grip over Telangana, with mercury levels plunging further in Kumram Bheem Asifabad and Adilabad districts. The chilly weather continued to intensify on Mon-

day, with minimum temperatures dropping significantly in several mandals. In Kumram Bheem Asifabad district, Sirpur (U) mandal center recorded a biting low of 8.3°C, a sharp drop from 9.4°C registered on Sunday. Lingapur mandal headquarters followed with a minimum temperature of 10.1°C.

Several other mandals, including Kerameri, Wankidi, Asifabad, Tiryani, Rebbena, Jainoor, Kagaznagar, and Bejjur, experienced minimum temperatures ranging from 10.2°C to 13.0°C, making it one of the coldest spells of the season.

Meanwhile, Adilabad district also experienced a steep drop in temperatures. Bela mandal center recorded a chilly 9.9°C, while Bazarhathnour and Boath mandals reported minimum temperatures of 10°C each. Other mandals such as Bheempur, Jainad, Neradigonda, Adilabad Rural, Mavala, Tamsi, Talamadugu, Indraveli, Gadiguda, Sirikonda, Adilabad Urban, and Gudithnour registered temperatures between 10.1°C and 13.0°C.

The persistent cold wave has left residents bundling up to stay warm as winter makes its presence felt across the region.

ACB Traps Irrigation AE Accepting Bribe in Peddapalli



Peddapalli: In a swift operation, the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) apprehended an Assistant Engineer (AE) of the Irrigation Department on Monday while accepting a bribe of ₹20,000 from a contractor.

According to ACB officials, the AE, identified as Narsinga Rao, had demanded the bribe from contractor Thammasaboina Srinivas Yadav for recording the Measurement Book (MB) of the work completed by Yadav.

Unwilling to pay the bribe, Yadav reported the matter to the ACB, who then laid a trap to catch the official in the act. The AE was caught red-handed accepting the bribe on the roadside in Peddapalli. ACB sleuths, who were stationed nearby, moved in swiftly to detain Rao. Following his arrest, the ACB took Narsinga Rao to the Executive Engineer's office for further questioning and to examine relevant records. Investigations are ongoing.

Debt Crisis Drives Five Farmers in Telangana to Suicide in a Single Day

TPN, Telangana: Telangana witnessed a tragic day on Sunday as five farmers, burdened by mounting debts and crop failures, took their own lives in different parts of the state. These incidents have sparked fresh concerns over the worsening plight of farmers and the inadequate support systems available to them. In Bijjirsharef village of Jammikunta mandal, 26-year-old Challa Sivasagar, who was cultivating cotton on seven leased acres, took a loan of ₹5 lakh to sustain his farming activities. With a poor crop yield and mounting pressure to repay the loan, Sivasagar hanged himself at his home on Sunday.

In Tungaturthi village of Kethapalli mandal, 45-year-old farmer Uppula Mallaiiah succumbed to debt-related stress. Mallaiiah, who owned three acres, had sold

two to clear debts incurred for agricultural purposes and his daughter's wedding. Despite this, he still owed ₹9 lakh. Unable to bear the burden, Mallaiiah consumed pesticide and passed away on Sunday.

A farmer couple, Masula Yadappa (42) and his wife Masula Jyoti (38), from Nagasamandar village under the Yalala police station limits, ended their lives by consuming pesticide. The couple had taken out loans to fund their daughter's wedding and to support their farming activities. Overwhelmed by their financial struggles, they took the extreme step on Sunday morning.

In Narsapur mandal's Kanchanapalli village, 49-year-old farmer Chandi Shekhulu consumed pesticide and later died during treatment. Shekhulu had taken out a

₹4 lakh loan two years ago for his son's wedding and borrowed an additional ₹1 lakh two months ago to dig a well, which turned out to be futile as no water was found. With no yield from his crops and no means to repay his mounting debts, Shekhulu was driven to despair.

These tragic incidents underline the deep-rooted issues faced by Telangana's farmers, including inadequate crop yields, the burden of social obligations like weddings, and insufficient institutional support. The suicides have reignited demands for immediate interventions to address the financial and mental health challenges faced by the farming community. The state government and farmer associations are now under pressure to respond swiftly to this growing crisis and prevent further loss of lives.

Two Killed, One Injured in Bus-Bike Collision in Adilabad

Adilabad: In a tragic incident, two individuals were killed, and one sustained injuries when a Telangana State Road Transport Corporation (TSRTC) bus collided with a two-wheeler in Jainath mandal on Monday.

According to the Jainath police, the deceased were identified as Shaik Ali (60) and Shaik Rehan (13), both residents of Khanapur Colony in Adilabad town. The accident occurred near a temple in Jainath mandal headquarters when the TSRTC bus from the Utanoor depot, en route to Chandrapur, struck the motorbike.

Both Ali and Rehan suffered severe injuries and died on the spot. Another individual traveling on the bike escaped with minor injuries.

The police have registered a case against the driver of the bus following a complaint filed by Ali's family members. Investigations into the incident are underway.

Class X Student Dies of Fever in Karimnagar School Staff Face Negligence Allegations

TPN, Karimnagar: A Class X student of Kasturba Gandhi Balika Vidyalyaya (KGBV) in Jammikunta tragically passed away on Sunday while undergoing treatment at Warangal's MGM Hospital. Following a complaint by the girl's parents, police have registered a case against three school staff members.

The deceased, identified as 15-year-old Nityasree from Mulkalapalli village in Mogullapalli mandal of Jayashankar Bhupalapalli district, was a student at the residential school in Jammikunta. Nityasree, who had recently gone home, returned to the school on November 18. However, she started experiencing a fever and returned home

on November 21. The next day, she was taken to a hospital in Parkal for treatment.

Her condition worsened, leading to treatment at a private hospital in Hanamkonda on November 23. She was later shifted to MGM Hospital in Warangal, where she succumbed to

her illness.

The girl's father, Ravi, has alleged that negligence by the school staff contributed to his daughter's untimely death. He claimed the staff failed to inform him of her health condition despite her suffering from fever.

Based on Ravi's complaint, the Jammikunta police have registered a case against the school ANM Prabhavathi, teacher Anusha, and special officer Supriya. The police are investigating the matter, and further action will be taken based on the findings.



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.

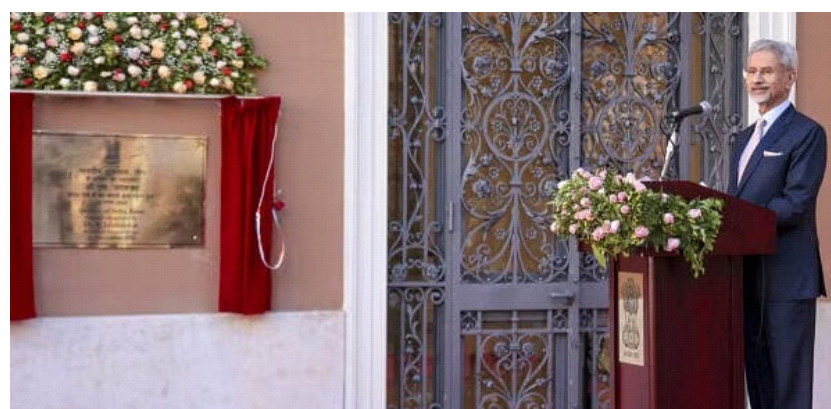
Jaishankar strongly condemned acts of terrorism, the taking of hostages, and the significant civilian casualties resulting from military operations. He emphasized the importance of adhering to international humanitarian law, stressing that large-scale civilian harm is unacceptable and must be prevented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

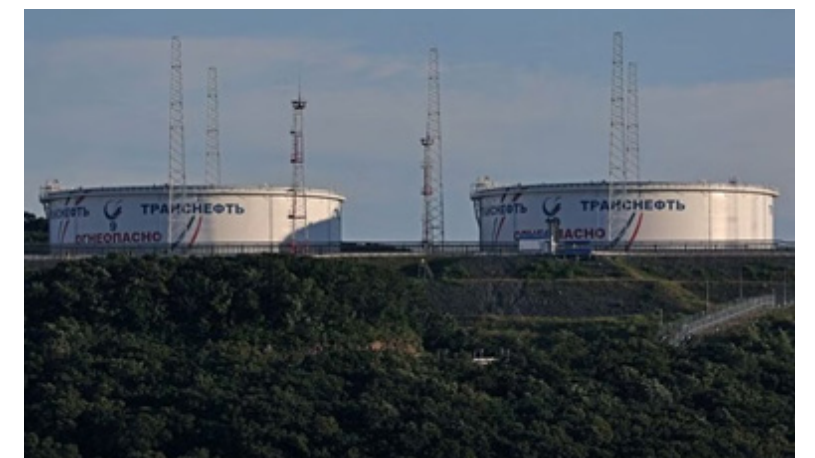
ger traffic increased by 9.6%, up from 6.4% the previous month.

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 geo-spatial 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.

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-

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.

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.

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,



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.

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.

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.



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.

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 is not the only key Liverpool player approaching the end of their contract. Virgil van Dijk and Trent Alexander-Arnold are also set to become free agents at the end of the season, which means all three players could negotiate with overseas clubs in January if new deals

aren't secured before then. 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.

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 Chowdary 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.

