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# Dy CM Pawan Kalyan's Busy Day in Delhi

## Key Meetings for Andhra Pradesh

- Discussed tourism projects and iconic centers with Union Minister Gajendra Singh Shekhawat.
- Dy CM Pawan Kalyan to meet PM Modi today in Parliament.
- Pushed for Andhra Pradesh Rural Roads Project restructuring with Finance Minister Sitharaman.
- Addressed Jal Jeevan Mission challenges with Union Jal Shakti Minister CR Paatil.
- Advocated for rural development and PMGSY expansion with Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan.
- Focused on strengthening local governance with Panchayati Raj Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh.
- Requested better rail connectivity and infrastructure with Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw.
- Highlighted Andhra's progress during a dinner hosted by Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar.
- Explored his literary passion with visits to Oxford and Fakir Chand bookstores.

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### Deep Technology Building in Amaravati on the Lines of Hi-Tech City

- CM instructs preparation of proposals for a Deep Technology Building
- Said the future lies in Deep Technology and Artificial Intelligence
- IT Minister Nara Lokesh attends the review meeting
- CM stresses govt employees should work smart, not long hours

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### Lokesh Slams IPS Officers' Absence at Constitution Day Event



## Former CID ASP Vijaypal Arrested in Raghurama Case

- Vijaypal accused of torturing Raghurama in custody
- Prakasam district SP appointed as the investigating officer in the case
- Vijaypal attends questioning and is arrested

TPN, Ongole: Former CID Additional SP Vijaypal has been arrested in connection with allegations of custodial torture against AP Assembly Deputy Speaker and former Narasapuram MP Raghuramakrishna Raju during the previous government's tenure. The CID officials are accused of torturing Raghurama while he was in custody. Vijaypal appeared for questioning at the Ongole SP office today. After hours of interrogation, the police arrested him.

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## Rajya Sabha By-Elections Scheduled for Vacancies in Four States, Including AP

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The Central Election Commission (CEC) has announced the schedule for by-elections to fill six vacant Rajya Sabha seats across four states, including Andhra Pradesh, Odisha, West Bengal, and Haryana. The vacancies have arisen due to resignations from the Upper House. According to the schedule released by the CEC, the notification for the by-elections will be issued on December 3, with the last date for filing nominations set for December 10. Scrutiny of the nominations will take place on December 11, while the last date for withdrawal of nominations is December 13. Polling for the by-elections is scheduled for December 20. Voting



will take place from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., followed by the counting of votes on the same day. In Andhra Pradesh, by-elections will be held for three Rajya Sabha seats left vacant following the resignations of Mopidevi Venkataramana, Beeda Mastan Rao,

and R. Krishnaiah. The announcement sets the stage for political parties in the respective states to finalize their candidates for these crucial by-elections, which will contribute to shaping the composition of the Rajya Sabha.

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## Minister Durgesh Highlights the Importance of Preserving the Constitution

**TPN, Amaravati:** State Tourism, Culture, and Cinematography Minister Kandula Durgesh emphasized the critical role of safeguarding the Constitution in shaping the country's future during Constitution Day celebrations in Amaravati on Tuesday. The event marked the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the Indian Constitution, a milestone that enshrined the values of liberty, equality, fraternity, and justice. Minister Kandula Durgesh, alongside Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, participated in the Constitution Day Diamond Jubilee celebrations held at Block 5 of the Velagapudi Secretariat. Senior government officials, departmental heads, and state secretariat staff were also present. The Minister underlined the Constitution as the lifeline of the nation and a guide to achieving a welfare state. Speaking at the event, Minister Durgesh highlighted the historical significance of November 26, 1949, when the Indian Constitution was adopted. He paid tribute to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, who led the drafting committee, and recognized the Constitution's emphasis on building a welfare state through equality, reservation for marginalized communities, equal pay, and women's rights.

## Deep Technology Building in Amaravati on the Lines of Hi-Tech City

**TPN, Amaravati:** The Andhra Pradesh government is set to build a Deep Technology iconic building in Amaravati, inspired by the success of Hyderabad's Hi-Tech City. Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu directed officials to initiate proposals for the project during a review meeting on the new IT policy held today. Highlighting the transformative impact of Hi-Tech City on Hyderabad's IT sector, Chandrababu stated that deep technology and artificial intelligence represent the future. He emphasized the importance of leveraging the opportunities provided by deep technology and announced plans for the construction of a dedicated Deep Technology building in Amaravati. The review meeting was attended by IT Minister Nara Lokesh, who supported the Chief Minister's vision for advancing Andhra Pradesh's IT infrastructure. In a separate discussion, CM Chandrababu Naidu urged government employees to adopt a culture of smart work. He stressed that employees should not remain in offices beyond 6 p.m., citing advancements in technology that eliminate the need for long working hours. The Chief Minister pointed out that the earlier culture of extended working hours is outdated and that effective results can now be achieved through smart work. These remarks were made during a Constitution Day gathering, underlining his commitment to fostering a modern and efficient work culture.

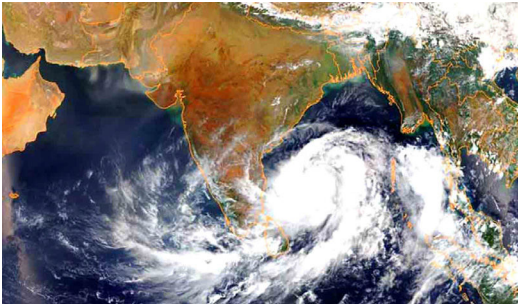
# Dy CM Pawan Kalyan Comments on RGV Absconding Issue

**TPN, Delhi:** Deputy Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Pawan Kalyan, who is currently in Delhi on a political mission to meet Union Ministers and discuss state matters, faced an intriguing line of questioning from the Telugu media about the ongoing Ram Gopal Varma (RGV) absconding controversy. When asked why the Andhra Pradesh police have been unable to apprehend RGV, despite accusations of sharing offensive morphed images targeting prominent leaders, Pawan offered a measured response. The reporter highlighted how the police, known for their efficiency during the previous YSRCP regime, appear less effective now, using the RGV case as a prime example. Pawan, taken aback by the observation, remarked, "That's an interesting perspective. However, as I am not the Home Minister, my domain lies in the Panchayat Ministry. Questions regarding the police department are best addressed by the Chief Minister or the Home Minister." He assured the media that he would bring this feedback to the cabinet for discussion. The media further pointed out another troubling issue: the individual accused of pelting stones at former Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu during the Nandigam incident has reportedly been released and is back in public. Pawan acknowledged the concern, vowing to raise the matter with the cabinet. The controversy has drawn attention to RGV, who remains elusive despite serious accusations. During the YSRCP's rule, RGV had stirred outrage by posting objectionable content about Chandrababu Naidu, Pawan Kalyan, and Nara Lokesh. While efforts to locate him continue, RGV appears to be evading capture with ease,



sparking further criticism of the current government's handling of such cases. Pawan's responses reflect his intention to address these issues within the government while emphasizing his focus on the responsibilities of his own ministry.

## Heavy Rains Predicted Across AP as Cyclonic Storm Intensifies



**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** The India Meteorological Department (IMD) has predicted heavy rainfall in several districts of Andhra Pradesh over the next 24-48 hours as a depression in the southwest Bay of Bengal intensifies into a severe cyclonic storm. As of Tuesday, the storm is centered 310 km southeast of Trincomalee, 590 km south-southeast of Nagapattinam, 710 km south-southeast of Puducherry, and 800 km south-southeast of Chennai. The system is moving north-northwestwards at a speed of 12 km per hour and is expected to develop into a cyclonic storm by Wednesday. The IMD forecasts that it will approach the coasts of Sri Lanka and Tamil Nadu over the next two days. In Andhra Pradesh, heavy rains are anticipated in districts such as Nellore and Tirupati within the next 24 hours, while moderate to heavy rains are expected in Annayamma, Prakasam, Chittoor, and other Rayalaseema and South Coastal districts over the next 48 hours. Northern coastal districts could also experience moderate to heavy rains starting November 30. Additionally, strong winds ranging from 35 to 45 kilometers per hour are likely along the south coast. Fishermen have been advised against venturing into the sea from November 27 to November 29, and a danger signal No. 1 warning has been issued across all state ports. In light of these developments, Andhra Pradesh State Disaster Management Authority (APSDMA) Managing Director Ronanki Kurmanath has urged district collectors to implement precautionary measures. Farmers are advised to take necessary precautions during paddy harvesting and other agricultural activities. With heavy rains and strong winds predicted, authorities are on high alert to mitigate potential risks and ensure the safety of residents.



## Lokesh Slams IPS Officers' Absence at Constitution Day Event

**TPN, Amaravati:** AP Minister Nara Lokesh proposed that the Indian Constitution should be made understandable to children. He announced plans to provide a simplified version of the Constitution to every student starting next year. The 75th Constitution Day celebration was held at the AP Secretariat, with Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and other ministers in attendance. Speaking on the occasion, Lokesh stated that the people of India attained true independence on November 26, 1949, with the adoption of the Constitution. He emphasized the importance of remembering the framers of the Constitution and highlighted the need to make it accessible to everyone, including children, as they represent the future of India. Minister Kandula Durgesh remarked that the Constitution has established India as a sovereign republic on the global stage. He stressed the shared responsibility of all citizens to uphold and implement the principles enshrined in the Constitution effectively. Nara Lokesh, Andhra Pradesh Minister, has expressed dissatisfaction with the conduct of IPS officers, a sentiment he had previously voiced during the YSRCP regime. Despite his party now being in power, Lokesh remains critical of their behavior. At the Constitution Day celebrations attended by Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu and senior IAS officers, the absence of IPS officers drew sharp remarks from Lokesh, who revealed that he had already complained to the Chief Minister about the issue. The Constitution Day event was attended by CM Chandrababu Naidu, Minister Lokesh, and several IAS officers. However, the absence of IPS officers from the state-level official program was conspicuous. Lokesh openly criticized the non-attendance of the IPS officers, stating that their absence was inappropriate for an event of such importance. He informed the media that he had brought the matter to the CM's attention, pointing out that only IAS officers had attended while IPS officers were notably absent.

## Forensic Report Clears Gudlavalleru College of Hidden Camera Allegations

**TPN, Gudlavalleru:** Allegations of hidden cameras in the ladies' hostel bathrooms of Gudlavalleru Engineering College sparked outrage, leading to a student protest on August 29. The students claimed that cameras were allegedly embedded in the showerheads, with videos purportedly being shared on social media. However, a recent forensic investigation has debunked these claims. Superintendent of Police R. Gangadhar Rao announced on Monday that the Forensic Science Laboratory (FSL) report and expert analysis confirmed that no hidden cameras were installed in the hostel bathrooms. During the investigation, police interrogated several individuals, including suspects, social media influencers, and students. After thorough questioning and analysis, it was concluded that no unauthorized recording devices were found, nor was any compromising video footage uploaded or shared from the college premises. District Collector D.K. Balaji also addressed the concerns, assuring students and parents that there was no cause for alarm. "We seized and analyzed nine laptops, 14 mobile phones, and one tablet as part of the investigation. The FSL scientists thoroughly examined these gadgets and found no evidence of hidden cameras or inappropriate video content," Balaji stated.

## Former CID...

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Prakasam District SP Damodar has been appointed as the investigating officer in this case. Vijaypal had earlier appeared for questioning on November 13, but the police reportedly could not gather any substantial information at that time. Following further investigation, Vijaypal was questioned again today, which led to his arrest. His anticipatory bail petition was earlier rejected by the AP High Court. A special leave petition was subsequently filed in the Supreme Court, but it was also dismissed. The rejection of these petitions cleared the way for Vijaypal's arrest.

## Dy CM Pawan Kalyan's...



**TPN, Delhi:** Deputy Chief Minister of Andhra Pradesh, Pawan Kalyan, spent an eventful day in Delhi, holding a series of impactful meetings with Union Ministers and dignitaries to address critical issues related to Andhra Pradesh's development. In his first meeting, Pawan Kalyan met Union Minister for Culture and Tourism, Gajendra Singh Shekhawat, to discuss advancing Andhra Pradesh's tourism sector. He sought central assistance for developing temple, eco-tourism, adventure, and heritage tourism. Key proposals included approval for iconic tourism centers at Gandikota, Akhanda Godavari, and Suryalanka under SASC; new circuits under Swadesh Darshan 2.0; PRASHAD projects for Arsavalli and Mangalagiri; and the establishment of Paryatak Bhavan in Amaravati. He also advocated for Blue Flag Beach certifications and a National Tourism University in Andhra Pradesh. Pawan presented the Union Minister with a copy of the 'Varahi Declaration,' a manifesto aimed at safeguarding Sanatana Dharma. Later, Pawan Kalyan met Union Finance Minister Nirmala Sitharaman to discuss the Andhra Pradesh Rural Roads Project (APRRP). He emphasized the need for extending the project timeline to December 2026 and restructuring the funding pattern to 90:10 (AIIB:GoAP), while retaining AIIB's \$455 million commitment. He stressed that this proj-



ect is critical for enhancing rural connectivity and infrastructure development. As an avid reader, Pawan Kalyan visited the Oxford Bookstore and Fakir Chand Bookstore, reflecting his enduring love for literature. Photos of his bookstore visits, exploring books on history and social issues, are widely circulating on social media. In another significant meeting, Pawan Kalyan discussed the Jal Jeevan Mission with Union Jal Shakti Minister C.R. Paatil. Key highlights included addressing unconnected households, non-functional taps, and inadequate water supply. Pawan called for sustainable water sources and requested ₹70,000 crore to ensure safe drinking water for all rural households. Further, Pawan met Panchayati Raj Minister Rajiv Ranjan Singh to discuss initiatives under RGSA, focusing on funding, rural infrastructure, and governance empowerment. He also met Union Railway Minister Ashwini Vaishnaw to propose key projects, including a ₹59.7 crore Rail Over Bridge in Pithapuram and a direct train from Latur to Tirupati. In a meeting with Rural Development Minister Shivraj Singh Chouhan, Pawan emphasized the need for increasing the labor budget, advancing watershed projects, and expanding rural connectivity under PMGSY. The day concluded with a cordial dinner hosted by Vice President Jagdeep Dhankhar, attended by AP MPs and officials. Today, Pawan Kalyan is set to meet Prime Minister Narendra Modi, marking the culmination of his significant political engagements in Delhi.



## Gadde Rammohan Rao Criticizes YCP Govt Over Dalit Sub-Plan Neglect

**TPN, Vijayawada:** MLA Gadde Rammohan Rao has strongly criticized the YSRCP government for neglecting the Dalit sub-plan scheme and undermining its importance. He was speaking at the foundation stone laying ceremony of Ambedkar Bhavan in Vijayawada East constituency.

**Gadde Rammohan Rao's Remarks:** Rammohan Rao pointed out that the SC sub-plan was brought into law by Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu. He claimed that the current

Chief Minister YS Jaganmohan Reddy failed to understand the significance of the sub-plan, which has affected its implementation. The TDP leader reminded the gathering that during Chandrababu Naidu's tenure, justice was delivered to Dalits, including a sanction of ₹3 crores for the construction of Ambedkar Bhavan. He emphasized that the funds were allocated under the Dalit sub-plan to benefit the community, but the YSRCP government had failed to fulfill its promises.



"The people have given a clear message to the YSRCP government for disrupting the system and neglecting the welfare of Dalits," Rammohan Rao said. He promised that under the TDP government, the Dalit sub-plan will be implemented effectively, with funds allocated on time. Furthermore, Rammohan Rao assured the people that the TDP would work closely with the Dalit community, providing modern facilities for Ambedkar Bhavan and ensuring timely support for their development.

## YS Sharmila Slams BJP and YSRCP, Demands Action Over Alleged Adani Bribery

**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** AP Congress President YS Sharmila launched a scathing attack on the BJP and YSRCP during a media conference held on Tuesday in Vijayawada. Leading a march titled "Bharat Rajyaran-gam March" from the Congress office to the Ambedkar statue on MG Road, Sharmila accused the BJP of undermining democratic values and the Constitution of India while also targeting YS Jagan Mohan Reddy over allegations of bribery involving Adani.

Sharmila emphasized Congress's role in the creation and preservation of the Constitution, stating, "Democracy is alive because of the Indian Constitution. Congress has always carried the Constitution on its shoulders, whether in power or not." She praised former CM YS Rajasekhara Reddy's legacy and expressed pride in his contributions as a Congress leader.

Accusing the BJP of imposing its own version of the Constitution, she said, "The BJP, under Narendra Modi, is trampling on people's rights, silencing dissent, and manipulating institutions like the Election Commission. States where BJP is not in power are being unjustly treated."

Sharmila criticized PM Modi's unfulfilled promises to Andhra Pradesh, including special status, accusing him of betraying the state for the past decade. She also demanded a caste census to ensure justice for all communities.



Targeting YS Jagan, Sharmila said, "MLAs are constitutionally obligated to represent the people in the Assembly. If they fail, they should resign. Bribery allegations involving Jagan and Adani have been confirmed by US investigative agencies. Why hasn't the BJP-led central government ordered a CBI or ED investigation? This is because the BJP protects its allies, including Jagan and Chandrababu Naidu." Sharmila further called for the cancellation of agreements allegedly burdening the state with ₹1.5 lakh crores and demanded a Joint Parliamentary Committee probe into the ₹1,750 crore bribery allegations. She declared Congress's commitment to fighting for justice alongside Rahul Gandhi, ensuring the protection of the Indian Constitution.

## I'm Ready for Any Consequences if YSRCP's Adani Deal is Proven - Gudivada Amarnath

**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** Former minister and YSRCP leader Gudivada Amarnath has refuted allegations that the YSRCP government entered into an agreement with Adani for purchasing solar power. Speaking during an event commemorating Constitution Day in Visakhapatnam, Amarnath clarified that the agreement in question was made with the Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI), a central government entity.

Amarnath challenged critics, stating, "If it is proven that the YSRCP government has entered into an agreement with Adani, I am ready for anything."

He also criticized opposition leaders, alleging that the "Red Book Constitution," attributed to TDP leader Nara Lokesh, is being implemented in the coalition government, undermining democratic values. Amarnath accused the opposition of depriving people of their right to question and said the current political



discourse is driven by false narratives. Highlighting achievements of the YSRCP government, he pointed to the installation of a statue of Dr. B.R. Ambedkar in the heart of Vijayawada and the allocation of 52 acres for railway building construction as examples of the government's commitment to development. Amarnath's remarks come amid a political storm over allegations of corruption involving the YSRCP government and Adani, which have gained traction following a complaint filed with the Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) by Nalamothu Chakravarthy, founder of the Center for Liberty.

YSRCP leaders, including Amarnath, have strongly defended the party's actions, dismissing the allegations as baseless and politically motivated. The controversy continues to stir debate in the state, with both sides intensifying their rhetoric.

## TDP Achieves Unprecedented Milestone with Membership Surge

**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** The Telugu Desam Party (TDP), long recognized as a grass-roots political powerhouse, has set a new benchmark with its latest membership drive. Known for its deep-rooted connection with the masses, TDP has achieved a historic milestone, enrolling an impressive 50 lakh new members in just 29 days.

With Andhra Pradesh's population estimated at 5.33 crore, this means approximately 10% of the state's residents have now officially registered as TDP members. Such overwhelming support reaffirms TDP's status as a dominant force not just in the South but also as a standout among India's regional parties.

What sets this achievement apart is the scale and speed of the campaign. TDP's drive has become a template of success, underlining its unparalleled organizational strength and loyal cadre base. The party, which already boasted a significant following, has further cemented its position as a people-centric political movement.

The credit for this remarkable feat is being attributed to Nara Lokesh, who spearheaded the innovative approach to attract members. The introduction of a Rs. 5 lakh health insurance benefit for



just a Rs. 100 membership fee proved to be a masterstroke, enticing people across demographics to join the party.

Buoyed by this massive success, TDP is setting its sights higher. The party has announced plans to expand its membership to 1 crore, a goal that, if achieved, will elevate it to an unmatched level of influence and organizational capacity on a national scale.

This wave of enthusiasm for TDP underscores a renewed sense of optimism and unity within the party, making it a political force to be reckoned with as it continues to connect with Andhra Pradesh's diverse populace.

## Case Filed Against Ex MLA Chevireddy Under POCSO and Atrocities Act

**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:**

A case has been registered against former Chandragiri MLA Chevireddy Bhaskar Reddy by the Yarravaripalem police following allegations of defamation and actions harmful to a minor girl's future. According to the complaint filed by the girl's father, Chevireddy allegedly spread false information about the minor, who was a victim of rape, thereby tarnishing her reputation and causing emotional distress to the family. Based on these allegations, the police have registered a case under the Protection of Children from Sexual Offences (POCSO) Act and the Atrocities Act. The victim's father claims that the misinformation propagated by Chevireddy not only defamed the family but also jeopardized the girl's future. Furthermore, the minor herself filed a com-



plaint, asserting that the former MLA's actions have caused significant harm to her prospects.

The Yarravaripalem police have initiated an investigation into the matter, aiming to uncover the circumstances surrounding the allegations and take appropriate legal action.

This development marks a significant escalation in the case, drawing public and legal attention to the gravity of defamation involving vulnerable individuals. It also highlights the broader issue of accountability for public figures in ensuring sensitivity and responsibility in matters affecting victims of sexual violence.

Further updates on the investigation and subsequent legal proceedings are awaited.

## TJR Sudhakar Babu Criticized Govt for Undermining Dalit Rights

**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:**

On Tuesday, media conference at Ycp Central Office Tadepalli, TJR Sudhakar Babu, president of the YSRCP SC/ST Cell, criticized the Telugu Desam Party (TDP)-led coalition government, accusing it of neglecting Dalit rights and democracy. He alleged that the coalition government has been hostile toward Dalit leaders, undermining their credibility and governance. Babu pointed out the silence of Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu when members of his own party claimed that the Dalit Home Minister was unfit to govern. He contrasted this with the tenure of YS Jagan Mohan Reddy, asserting that Dalits and weaker sections have been the largest beneficiaries of welfare schemes under YSRCP rule. He questioned Naidu's conscience, accusing him of depriving the poor of their rightful benefits during his previous tenure. "The coalition government has been gripped by a virus of insecurity," Babu stated, adding that it fears the YSRCP's



presence in the assembly despite having only 11 seats. He questioned the legitimacy of the coalition's victory, asking whether their win was supported by 56% of the people's votes or aided by EVMs.

Criticizing the coalition's celebration of Constitution Day, Babu accused Naidu of failing to uphold constitutional values. He alleged that the fundamental rights of the people are being suppressed under the coalition's rule, which he described as operating with "an iron fist." Referring to the governance under the coalition as a "Red Book Constitution," he claimed that it undermines the principles of the Indian Constitution.

He concluded by emphasizing the need for accountability, suggesting that citizens should have the power to recall leaders who fail to serve the people and protect democratic values.

The sharp critique highlights the YSRCP's ongoing opposition to the coalition government and its commitment to advocating for marginalized communities.



## Minister Nara Lokesh Holds 47th Day of Praja Darbar at Mangalagiri TDP Party Office



**TPN, Mangalagiri:** Education and IT Minister Nara Lokesh is actively working to address the issues brought forward during his Praja Darbar sessions. On the 47th day of the event, people from Mangalagiri and across the state gathered to voice their concerns. Minister Lokesh is coordinating with the relevant departments to ensure quick resolution of the problems raised. During the session, the minister took the initiative to ensure that the public's appeals were forwarded to the concerned departments for action. He also issued instructions to his staff to expedite the resolution process. Minister Lokesh assured the people that he would extend his full support to address their issues.

**Several people raised important matters during the Praja Darbar:**

- Pothireddy Indiramma, a resident of Pudiparthi village, complained that her 320 square yard land in Muthukur, Nellore district, was encroached upon by the Arugun-

- ta Srinivasulu Reddy family. She expressed her frustration that despite a favorable court verdict, illegal constructions were made on her land. Minister Lokesh assured her that he would look into the matter and ensure justice.
- Sariseti Sai Sunitha Kumari, a widow from Ravipadu, Narsaraopet mandal, requested a compassionate appointment for the job of a constable in the police department following her husband's untimely death. The minister promised to examine the case and take appropriate action.
- Taneti Rajeshwari, a junior assistant at Tanuku S.C.I.M. Government College, raised a grievance about sexual harassment by the college superintendent, KVS Rajesh, and the lack of action despite her complaints. She also expressed her distress over her illegal transfer to Chintalapudi. Minister Lokesh assured that the matter would be thoroughly investigated.

- Kummarasani Sudhakar from Kadiri constituency highlighted the illegal cases and land encroachments during the previous YSRCP regime. He appealed for the withdrawal of the cases and the return of the land. Minister Lokesh vowed to ensure justice in this matter.
- Sheikh Chinnabaji and T. Lakshma Reddy requested the NTR Agriculture Market Committee (Guntur Mirchi Yard) to grant commission agent licenses. The minister assured to investigate the issue and take necessary action.
- Land settlers from Indlasid-dhayapalle, who lost their lands for the Rayalaseema Thermal Power Project, sought justice and job opportunities as promised. Minister Lokesh assured that their requests would be addressed.

Through his proactive approach, Minister Lokesh is working diligently to resolve these issues and ensure that the public receives justice.

## State-Level Review Meeting of Commercial Taxes Department Held

### Meeting Was Graced by the Presence of Minister Payyavula

**TPN, Amaravati:** The State-Level Commercial Taxes Department Review Meeting was held on the 25th and 26th of November under the chairmanship of Shri A. Babu, IAS, Chief Commissioner of Commercial Taxes. The meeting was graced by the presence of Hon'ble Minister Shri Payyavula Keshav, representing the Finance and Commercial Taxes Departments, as the Chief Guest. Shri Piyush Kumar, IAS, Principal Secretary of the Finance Department, also attended the meeting. The meeting commenced with a mass reading of the Preamble to the Constitution to mark Constitution Day, reaffirming the commitment to uphold constitutional values. During the review, detailed discussions were held on strategies to strengthen the state's financial stability and reduce its debt burden, aligning with the vision of the Hon'ble Chief Minister. Shri A. Babu emphasized the need for curbing revenue leakages, particularly in the transportation of goods, and stressed the importance of leveraging technology to support honest taxpayers and prevent undue losses. The Chief Commissioner assured that the depart-



ment would work tirelessly to achieve the ambitious targets set by the Chief Minister to improve the state's financial position. He encouraged the adoption of innovative policies to enhance revenue collection, noting that the Commercial Taxes Department contributes the largest share to the state's revenue. Hon'ble Minister Payyavula Keshav highlighted the critical role of the department in driving the state's economic revival and urged officials to set high standards while implementing innovative practices. The meeting was attended by senior officials, including state-level officers, Joint Commissioners, and Deputy Commissioners. All employees were called upon to dedicate themselves to achieving financial resilience for the state and fulfilling its developmental aspirations. The two-day meeting concluded with a collective resolve to strengthen revenue systems and contribute to the state's growth trajectory.

## Constitution Day Celebrated By District Collector At Collectorate

### Urges Citizens to Uphold Constitutional Supremacy

**TPN, Vijayawada:** District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmi Shah emphasized the importance of protecting the supremacy of the Indian Constitution, which has been a guiding light for the nation for 75 years. Speaking at a special program organized at the Collectorate's Sri Pingali Venkaiah Samavesha Mandir on Constitution Day, Dr. Lakshmi urged everyone to follow the path outlined by the Constitution and strive to be responsible citizens. The event began with tributes to Dr. B.R. Ambedkar, the chief architect of the Constitution. Dr. Lakshmi garlanded Ambedkar's portrait, read the preamble to the Constitution, and administered an oath to the at-



tendees. In her speech, the Collector highlighted the significance of November 26, 1949, the day the Indian Constitution was adopted, calling it a historic milestone that established India as the world's largest democracy.

She remarked, "Each letter in the preamble reflects the uniqueness and aspirations of our Constitution. By understanding these ideals, we gain insight into the strength and greatness of our democracy." Dr. Lakshmi encouraged citizens to not limit their reverence for the Constitution to a single day but to celebrate its principles daily by embodying the values it represents. She urged the youth to draw inspiration from luminaries like Dr. Ambedkar, whose efforts in framing the Constitution set an unparalleled example of leadership and vision. The program saw active participation from DRO M. Lakshmi Narasimham, Collectorate AO S.

## Govt Achieves Record Procurement of 4.5 Lakh Metric Tons of Grain - Minister Nadendla

### Farmer's Welfare is Top Priority



**TPN, Krishna Dist:** Andhra Pradesh Food, Civil Supplies, and Consumer Affairs Minister Nadendla Manohar emphasized the state government's commitment to farmers during his inspection of Pundhipadu and Kolavennu Farmer Service Centers in Kankipadu mandal on Tuesday. He highlighted significant milestones in paddy procurement and initiatives aimed at resolving farmers' issues. This year, the government has procured an unprecedented 4.5 lakh metric tons of grain, surpassing last year's figures. Minister Manohar announced that the paddy purchase program has crossed the ₹1,100 crore mark, ensuring that 93% of payments are deposited into farmers' accounts within 24 hours. He acknowledged challenges posed by rains and logistical issues, instructing officials to prioritize hassle-free transport and procurement. Measures include arrangements to deliver paddy to the nearest mills within 24 to 48 hours and reforms

to simplify the process for farmers. The minister stressed the importance of addressing tenant farmers' concerns, ensuring no losses are incurred. "Every acre of paddy cultivated will be purchased to support farmers," he said, citing the government's dedication to farmer welfare under Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu's leadership and Pawan Kalyan's advocacy for tenant farmers. During his visit to Balaji Rice Mill in Davuluru village, Minister Manohar urged rice mill owners to cooperate with farmers and address their grievances. He reiterated that all government departments, including Revenue and Agriculture, are working collaboratively to resolve local issues and provide necessary support. The coalition government's goal, he stated, is to alleviate farmers' concerns, streamline procurement processes, and ensure a prosperous future for the agricultural community.

## Massive Rally Marks TDP Inductions at Kandrika Center

**TPN, Vijayawada:** In a significant event held at Kandrika Center on Tuesday evening, government whip and Central constituency MLA Bonda Umamaheswara Rao led a massive rally to welcome new members into the Telugu Desam Party (TDP). Over 2,000 activists, including Ravikumar, Ponnam Seshagiri Rao (Giri) Garla, Sri Saadam Srinath, Devi Reddy Chandrasekhara, Mandalara Rao, Saadam Venkateswara Rao, Nadikoppula Teja, Makham Sundar Rao, Raj Kumar, and others, participated in the event, reaffirming their support for TDP's vision. Speaking at the event, Bonda Umamaheswara Rao, the chief guest, emphasized the growing attraction of the TDP's principles and policies. "People from various parties are joining the Telugu Desam Party because they believe in the leadership of Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu, a leader committed to the welfare of the people," he said. Rao encouraged the new members to remain steadfast to the party's ideology, which he described as syn-



onymous with good governance and development. The event also saw the participation of several TDP leaders, including State Secretary Navaneetham Sambasiva Rao, Sai Harsha, Korada Ramana, Appalanaidu, Sk Babu, Ramana, Phani Kumar, Rajesh, Kanna, Jegadish, Sundar, and Raj Kumar. The enthusiasm of the participants underscored the growing momentum of TDP in the region as the party looks ahead to future political challenges. The rally and induction ceremony highlighted the TDP's efforts to strengthen its grassroots presence and reinforce its commitment to public welfare and inclusive governance.

## Strict Voter's List Revision Underway in NTR Dist

**TPN, NTR Dist:** State Animal Husbandry Department Secretary and District Voter List Observer M.M. Nayak has emphasized the importance of a flawless and transparent voters' list to ensure smooth elections. Speaking at a review meeting on the Special Summary Revision (SSR) of the Voters' List-2025 at the Collectorate on Tuesday, Nayak directed officials to maintain accuracy and transparency while preparing the voter list. Nayak instructed Electoral Registration Officers (EROs) and Assistant Electoral Registration Officers (AEROs) to resolve claims and objections by December 24 and finalize the voters' list by January 6, 2025. He urged officials to focus on registering eligible new voters, particularly those aged 18-19, by activating electoral literacy clubs in colleges and conducting SWEEP (Systematic Voters' Education and Electoral Participation) programs. Political party representatives should also be involved in the voter registration process, he added. He stressed the importance of raising awareness about online voter registration and correcting demographic or logical errors in the voter list. Nayak also called for careful monitoring of the gender and voter-to-population ratios, ensuring accura-



cy in these critical metrics. DRO M. Lakshmi Narasimham provided a detailed update on the SSR-2025 process, noting that as per the draft list published on October 29, 2024, the district had 17,04,611 voters, with an Elector-Population (EP) ratio of 703 and a gender ratio of 1052. Special camps were conducted on November 9-10 and November 23-24 to address claims and complaints. Officials assured that steps are being taken to ensure a transparent and accountable application process before publishing the final voter list. The meeting was attended by Thiruvur ERO K. Madhuri, Vijayawada East ERO K. Chaitanya, Nandigama ERO K. Balakrishna, Election Cell Superintendent Ramakrishna, and other key officials.



# Social Justice Through the Constitution, TDP Leaders Highlight Its Importance



**TPN, Amaravati:** Social justice in India is achievable only through the Constitution, said TDP leaders during the Constitution Day celebrations held at the party's central office on Tuesday. The event marked the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the Indian Constitution, the world's largest written constitution, which was approved

on November 26, 1949.

Leaders and participants paid tributes by garlanding portraits of Dr. Babasaheb Ambedkar, the principal architect of the Constitution, Mahatma Gandhi, and Nandamuri Taraka Rama Rao. Speaking on the occasion, the leaders emphasized the Constitu-

tion's role in ensuring India's sovereignty, socialism, secularism, and democracy.TDP Polit Bureau member Varla Ramaiah praised Ambedkar's vision and the collective efforts of intellectuals who created a framework that accommodates India's diverse races, religions, and castes. He noted that the survival and coexistence of such diversity are testaments to the strength of the Constitution.

The speakers also highlighted the Constitution's role in upholding the spirit of democracy and preserving fundamental rights. They applauded the leadership of Prime Minister Narendra Modi in institutionalizing Constitution Day celebrations since 2015 to honor its enduring legacy.

Former Minister Devineni Umamaheswara Rao and other TDP leaders reiterated the need to remember the sacrifices and dedication of philosophers and leaders who shaped the nation through the Constitution. They called for renewed efforts to uphold its values in governance and society.

The program saw active participation from prominent TDP figures, including Prathipadu MLA Burla Ramanjaneyulu, MLC Parchuri Ashok Babu, and Lidcap Chairman Pilli Manikyarao, among others. The leaders concluded by urging everyone to strive for social justice and equality as envisioned by the framers of the Constitution, ensuring its principles guide future generations.

## ACB Raids GVMC Zone-II Commissioner Simhachalam's Properties for Alleged Corruption

**TPN, Visakhapatnam:** The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) has launched a major raid on the properties of GVMC Zone -II Commissioner Simhachalam in connection with allegations of illegal accumulation of wealth beyond his known income. The raids were conducted on the orders of the court after complaints were filed accusing Simhachalam of acquiring assets disproportionate to his legal earnings. The ACB's operation began early in the morning with a search of Simhachalam's residence in Madhurwada Mithilapuri Vuda Colony. In a simultaneous operation, the ACB also conducted inspections at the Zone -II office, as well as at properties linked to the commissioner in Hyderabad and Srikakulam, which were allegedly owned by his relatives. The raid was led by ACB Deputy Superintendent of Police (DSP) Nagewswara Rao, with the participation of CI Kishore Kumar and other staff members. The team is currently investigating the illegal assets and financial discrepancies as part of a broader probe into corruption within the Greater Visakhapatnam Municipal Corporation (GVMC). The ACB's move is seen as part of a larger crackdown on corrupt officials and is expected to bring significant developments in the case as investigations continue.



## MLA Venigandla Ramu Addresses Traffic and Sanitation Issues at Market Center

**TPN, Gudivada:** On the second day of his visit to the market center in Gudivada town, MLA Venigandla Ramu addressed key concerns regarding traffic and sanitation. He emphasized that fruit vendors must not encroach beyond the road margins. He warned that any carts placed on the road in a manner that disrupts traffic will be completely removed.



MLA Ramu urged vendors to cooperate with traffic staff and conduct their businesses only in the designated areas. He also stressed the importance of maintaining cleanliness around business areas, advising vendors to dispose of garbage in designated places and avoid making the surroundings unclean by pouring water without cleaning it up afterward.

The MLA highlighted that traffic control and sanitation in Gudivada are collective responsibilities, involving both citizens

and local authorities. He engaged with the traffic staff, including S.I.G. Prasad, ASI S. Shankar Rao, T. Ratna Raju, and Head Constable Rama Chandra Rao, and offered suggestions to address traffic issues effectively. Ramu assured the public that steps would be taken to ensure no traffic-related problems affect residents or visitors in Gudivada. He committed to discussing necessary arrangements with higher authorities to improve the situation further.

## Rift Between Nellore Leaders Over City Development Plans

**TPN, Nellore:** Nellore District witnessed a heated exchange of opinions as Nellore Rural MLA Kotamreddy Sridhar Reddy expressed strong disapproval of orders issued by Municipal Affairs Minister Dr. Ponguru Narayana concerning tax collection and the regulation of road-margin traders in the city.Nellore city, governed by the Nellore Municipal Corporation, encompasses 52 divisions, equally split between the Nellore City and Rural constituencies. Minister Narayana, representing the Nellore City constituency, has been proactive in pushing forward his vision of transforming Nellore into a smart city. As part of this effort, he has been conducting regular review meetings with officials to oversee developmental plans.

Recently, Minister Narayana ordered the collection of pending taxes to fund city improvements, urging municipal staff to prioritize the recovery of arrears. This led to immediate action by the municipal employees, who began visiting households with tax dues and reportedly warning residents about potential penalties, including disconnection of water and electricity services.

These measures sparked discontent among residents in the rural areas, who voiced their concerns to MLA Kotamreddy Sridhar Reddy. In response, Sridhar Reddy convened a meeting with City Corporation officials and



later addressed the media. He criticized Minister Narayana's approach, emphasizing that the burden of tax collection should not disproportionately impact poor and middle-class families.Sridhar Reddy argued for a more humane approach, suggesting that notices be issued as per legal protocols, and arrears collected in installments to alleviate financial pressure on struggling families. He also opposed the eviction of small roadside traders, stating that they rely on their businesses for survival and should not be forcibly removed.

The divide between the two leaders, who belong to the same political party but represent different constituencies within Nellore, highlights tensions over the implementation of development strategies. The outcome of this dispute may significantly influence the pace and nature of Nellore's transformation into a smart city.

## Chakravarthi Filed a Case Against Jagan to ACB Over Adani Bribery Allegations

**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** The alleged receipt of a ₹1,750 crore bribe by former Chief Minister YS Jagan Mohan Reddy in a solar power purchase agreement with Adani during the YSRCP government has sparked a major controversy in Andhra Pradesh.

The issue gained international attention after a case was registered in a US court over an alleged investment scam linked to the deal. Building on this, Nalamothu Chakravarthi, founder of the Center for Liberty, has filed a formal complaint with the Andhra Pradesh Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB), urging a detailed investigation into the matter.In his complaint, Chakravarthi alleged that Jagan received bribes in connection with the Solar Energy Corporation of India (SECI) deal under the YSRCP regime. He has demanded a thorough probe to expose the details surrounding the transactions and bring transparency to the case.

The allegations have created a political stir in the state, with calls for accountability and justice. Opposition parties have seized the moment, questioning the integrity of the YSRCP leadership and its dealings with major corporations.As the ACB begins its preliminary inquiries, the case has drawn significant public attention, given its potential ramifications for state politics and governance. Further updates on the investigation are awaited as the authorities delve deeper into the claims.

## Free Mega DSC Training Program Launched in Kadapa

**TPN, Kadapa:** A free mega DSC (District Selection Committee) training program was inaugurated yesterday at the Andhra Pradesh BC Welfare Building in Kadapa City, Old RIMS, with the participation of TDP Polit Bureau members and District President Reddeppa Srinivas Reddy. The training initiative comes in response to a notification issued by the coalition government for over 16,000 DSC posts. The program aims to provide free coaching to students aspiring to apply for these positions. The first session of the training camp began on Tuesday, with 120 students enrolled for the program. These students will be divided into two batches, receiving guidance from expert teachers in preparation for the DSC exams.

The BC Welfare Department is organizing the training to ensure that students from Kadapa district benefit from the opportunity to secure jobs. Authorities encouraged all students in the district to make use of the free training camp and enhance their prospects for employment in the state.



## MLA Thangirala Soumya Urges Officials to Ensure Clean Drinking Water for Public

**TPN, Nandigama:** During a review meeting with Rural Water Supply (RWS) officials on Tuesday at the State Government Whip's office in Kakani Nagar, Nandigama town, MLA Smt. Thangirala Soumya emphasized the importance of providing clean drinking water to the public.

She directed the officials to regularly monitor the cleanliness of water filters to ensure quality drinking water. Additionally, she instructed them to take proactive measures to prevent water shortages during the upcoming summer season, prioritizing public convenience.The meeting was attended by officials, coalition leaders, and other participants. The MLA reiterated her commitment to addressing the community's needs and ensuring the efficient functioning of public utilities.







# Discovering Saudi Arabia: A Glimpse into Modern Life and Changing Culture

Curious about what Saudi Arabia is really like, I decided to explore the country firsthand in early November, taking advantage of a newly launched direct route between Hong Kong and Riyadh. The connection between these two financial hubs has been strengthening recently, with both nations deepening economic ties, investing in each other, and offering exchange-traded funds on their respective stock exchanges. Cathay Pacific Airways, for instance, began flying direct routes late last month, signaling growing international interest in the region.

Before embarking on the trip, my friend and I spent considerable time worrying about what to wear, anxious that we might be stopped on the street for not adhering to the conservative dress code. We were also slightly apprehensive about the road trip ahead, given that women were only granted the right to drive in Saudi Arabia in

mid-2018. Once we arrived, however, our concerns seemed misplaced. Saudi Arabia warmly welcomed its visitors, and we found ourselves blending in just as easily as we would in other cosmopolitan cities like Abu Dhabi or Dubai. Surprisingly, we didn't encounter the much-feared religious police, which had been a significant symbol of strictness in the past. The atmosphere felt relatively relaxed and modern, far from the oppressive environment some might expect.

Our exploration took us to Medina, where we unwittingly wandered into the courtyard of the Prophet's Mosque, a sacred space reserved for Muslims. When a policeman kindly informed us of the mistake, his tone was apologetic, and we were quickly escorted out without issue.

Saudi Arabia has undergone a remark-

able transformation in recent years. With a median age of just 30, the country's entertainment landscape has flourished, offering much more than it did just a few years ago. The desert heat doesn't seem to dampen the enthusiasm for nightlife. In Riyadh, for instance, Boulevard City, a massive commercial development, boasts an amusement park, outdoor cinemas, and a variety of retail outlets. Meanwhile, in Jeddah, the Red Sea waterfront draws crowds seeking entertainment and relaxation.

This expansion in entertainment and leisure is a reflection of Saudi Arabia's broader shift toward modernization, making it an increasingly dynamic place for both locals and tourists alike. What struck me most was how rapidly the country is changing, offering a balance between tradition and modernity that is reshaping perceptions of the Kingdom.



# By-Election Results Show Favorable Trend for Ruling Parties

The recent by-elections in 46 seats across 13 states have shown a trend of favoring the ruling parties, a pattern similar to previous Assembly elections in Haryana, Maharashtra, and Jharkhand. By-elections often favor incumbent governments, and this time, the trend seems even more pronounced.

The overall results have been politically challenging for the Congress and the I.N.D.I.A. bloc, even though there were some gains in individual states. For instance, Congress lost three sitting seats to the Aam Aadmi Party (AAP), but it did manage to take one seat from the AAP in Punjab. Similarly, the I.N.D.I.A. bloc, which includes the Congress, lost three seats, including an RJD stronghold, to the National Democratic Alliance (NDA) in Bihar.

The Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) performed well in states where it is in power, particularly in Uttar Pradesh (UP), Rajasthan, and Assam. The victory in UP is particularly significant for the BJP, as the state had been a major factor in its loss of majority in the 2019 Lok Sabha elections. The party had faced setbacks in the state, leading to questions about Chief Minister Yogi Adityanath's leadership.

However, the by-election results in UP were a confidence booster for the BJP, as it won six out of the nine seats contested. This is a major improvement compared to the four seats it previously held. In contrast, the Samajwadi Party (SP), which had performed well in the Lok Sabha elections, managed to win only two out of the nine seats it contested in the state.

Overall, the by-election results suggest that ruling parties, especially the BJP, are maintaining their political dominance, while the opposition struggles to make significant inroads. This outcome will likely influence the political landscape in the run-up to future elections.

# The Adani Saga: A Global Scrutiny of Business Ethics and Leadership



Business history, much like any other, is marked by both triumphs and disasters. On one hand, businesses continuously innovate, making our lives better. On the other, there are instances when companies engage in practices that tarnish their reputation. In such moments, business leaders often find themselves at a crossroads, having to defend their credibility and chart a way forward. These challenges can define a legacy of moral leadership and provide valuable lessons for future generations.

The Indian business world is currently at a significant juncture, with the ongoing controversy surrounding the Adani Group. Despite various allegations, Indian courts and the Securities and Exchange Board of India (SEBI) have yet to take definitive action. This has raised concerns about the effectiveness of local regulatory frameworks in addressing serious charges.

Interestingly, the issue has attracted the attention of U.S. authorities, who have recently indicted top leaders of the Adani Group for bribery. While U.S. regulators, including the Securities and Ex-

change Commission (SEC), did not find any wrongdoing within the U.S., they have alleged violations based on the company's practices outside the U.S., notably in India. This stark contrast between the actions of Indian and U.S. authorities raises important questions about accountability and the application of regulations across borders.

The case first emerged in March 2023, yet Indian regulators and courts have not taken significant action, leaving the allegations largely unaddressed. The fact that U.S. authorities have identified issues when Indian bodies did not is puzzling. How is it that foreign regulators have uncovered potential wrongdoing, while local agencies have failed to do so?

This discrepancy underscores the growing global scrutiny of business practices and calls into question the transparency and effectiveness of India's regulatory framework. As the saga unfolds, it highlights the need for robust business ethics and stronger leadership to restore credibility and trust in the business environment.

# The Road Ahead for the Democratic Party: Will They Learn from Defeat?

If you think the second stunning loss to Donald Trump – Donald Trump, no less – will push the Democratic Party to re-evaluate its approach to voters, you might be in for disappointment. Despite the apparent urgency of such a shift, it's doubtful that party leaders and strategists will fully grasp the need for change anytime soon.

While it may seem clear to casual observers and those outside of the political establishment that the Democratic Party must adjust its message, their core experts seem reluctant to accept this reality just yet. The party's intellectual elite and strategists are likely to dismiss the idea of a major shift in their approach, pointing to a variety of complex factors that led to the defeat.

To be fair, the party is still grappling with the reasons behind its disappointing performance. The failure to secure a win, particularly in a year when they were expected to have the advantage, has sent ripples through Democratic circles. Many are questioning what went wrong and how they could have better positioned themselves to win. Yet, the answers to these questions are far from clear, and the conclusions reached may not always lead to an honest reevaluation of their approach.

Part of the issue stems from the fact that, in closely divided elections like the ones we see in the United States, the reasons behind defeat are often over-simplified or over-determined. Analysts, pundits, and party insiders are prone

to attributing the loss to a myriad of factors, whether it be a shift in voter sentiment, the influence of external events, or the peculiarities of the electoral system. These explanations can make it difficult for the party to identify a clear and actionable plan for change.

In the end, multiple setbacks may be necessary before the Democratic Party truly confronts its weaknesses and changes its course. The fact remains that unless they experience a series of crushing defeats or an ongoing trend of losing, it's unlikely they will adopt a new direction that truly resonates with the American electorate. Until then, voters may continue to find themselves stuck with the same party strategies, regardless of how well or poorly they align with their needs.





# PM Modi Greets Nation on 75th Anniversary of Constitution Adoption

Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Tuesday extended his greetings to the nation on the 75th anniversary of the adoption of the Indian Constitution. The Constitution was adopted by the Constituent Assembly on November 26, 1949, at the Central Hall of Parliament, and it came into force on January 26, 1950. The day of adoption is commemorated as Samvidhan Divas (Constitution Day).

The government has planned a year-long celebration to mark this historic anniversary, with the festivities kicking off with an address by President Droupadi Murmu to a joint sitting of parliamentarians. This marks the beginning of a series of events that will highlight the significance of the Constitution and its role in shaping India's democracy.

Prime Minister Modi is also expected to speak at another event in the evening, where he will likely emphasize the Constitution's vital role in India's progress and its role in ensuring justice, equality, and unity for all citizens. His message is expected to focus on reaffirming India's commitment to upholding constitutional values.



The anniversary comes amidst political tensions, with both the ruling BJP and opposition parties engaged in a war of words. Each side has accused the other of undermining the core principles of the Constitution, making the day of celebration also a point of political contention. BJP leaders, including Union Minister Amit Shah, have called for a renewed commitment to the Constitution, stressing the importance of building a "strong and self-reliant" India. On the other hand, opposition leaders, such as Congress's

Mallikarjun Kharge, have raised concerns about what they perceive as the government's disregard for constitutional ideals.

The commemoration of Constitution Day offers an opportunity for reflection on India's democratic journey and the ongoing importance of the Constitution in guiding the country's future. As the nation celebrates this milestone, the political discourse surrounding the Constitution's role in governance continues to unfold.



## CM MK Stalin reviews cyclone preparedness in Tamil Nadu's Delta districts

Tamil Nadu Chief Minister MK Stalin chaired an urgent meeting at the Secretariat on November 26 to assess the state's preparedness for the impending cyclonic storm 'Fengal,' predicted by the India Meteorological Department (IMD) to form from a deep depression over the Southwest Bay of Bengal by November 27. The meeting was attended by senior ministers, government officials, and district collectors from the Cauvery Delta region, which is expected to bear the brunt of the storm.

The Delta districts of Thanjavur, Tiruvarur, Nagapattinam, Myladuthurai, Tiruchirappalli, Perambalur, Pudukottai, and Cuddalore are likely to experience heavy rain and strong winds over the next few days. In light of this, Chief Minister Stalin instructed officials to ensure that relief centres are ready and that residents from vulnerable, low-lying areas are evacuated to safety ahead of the storm. He stressed the importance of safeguarding lives, property, and livelihoods, and minimising disruption to normal life.

Stalin also directed that precautionary measures be taken to protect agricultural crops from the potential damage caused by the heavy rains and strong winds. In addition, he urged for uninterrupted electricity supply in the affected areas and asked for quick coordination among relevant departments to address any power outages or other emergencies.

District collectors from the Delta region assured the Chief Minister that adequate relief camps were in place in their respective areas. Multi-departmental teams, medical units, and essential equipment such as boats, JCB machines, generators, motor pumps, and woodcutters were also mobilised for emergency response.

As part of the state's preparedness, teams from the State Disaster Response Force (SDRF) and the National Disaster Re-

## "Let Us Pledge To Build Strong India": Amit Shah On Constitution Day

Union Home Minister Amit Shah greeted the nation on Constitution Day on Tuesday, highlighting the importance of India's Constitution in strengthening the country's democracy. Speaking on the occasion, Shah emphasized that the Constitution is the cornerstone of India's democracy, providing the foundation for national unity and integrity. He remarked that it ensures justice and equal rights for all citizens, serving as a guiding principle for the nation's progress.



On November 26, 1949, the Constituent Assembly adopted the Constitution in the Central Hall of Parliament, and it came into effect on January 26, 1950. This year marks the 75th anniversary of the Constitution, and the country is celebrating this milestone with great enthusiasm, reflecting on the contributions of the Constitution's framers.

In his message on the occasion, Shah wrote on 'X' (formerly Twitter) in Hindi, "The strength of democracy in a vast country like India lies in our Constitution, which provides the mantra of national unity and integrity by ensuring justice and equal rights to every individual." He also used the hashtag #75YearsOfConstitution to mark the occasion.

Shah further explained that the Constitution is not merely a symbolic document to be displayed, but a powerful tool that, when internalized with full devotion, enables individuals to make significant contributions to public life.

# Eknath Shinde meets Governor, resigns as Maharashtra Chief Minister

Maharashtra Chief Minister Eknath Shinde tendered his resignation on Tuesday morning following the results of the recent Assembly elections. Shinde met Governor CP Radhakrishnan at Raj Bhavan, accompanied by Deputy Chief Ministers Devendra Fadnavis and Ajit Pawar. The outgoing CM's resignation came as the term of the Maharashtra Assembly ended on November 26, and the state awaits the formation of a new government.

Despite a significant victory by the ruling Mahayuti alliance, which includes the BJP, Shinde-led Shiv Sena, and Ajit Pawar's NCP, the question of who will take the helm as the next Chief Minister remains unresolved. The coalition secured a landslide victory, winning 230 seats in the 288-member Maharashtra Assembly, but internal discussions have failed to reach a consensus on leadership.

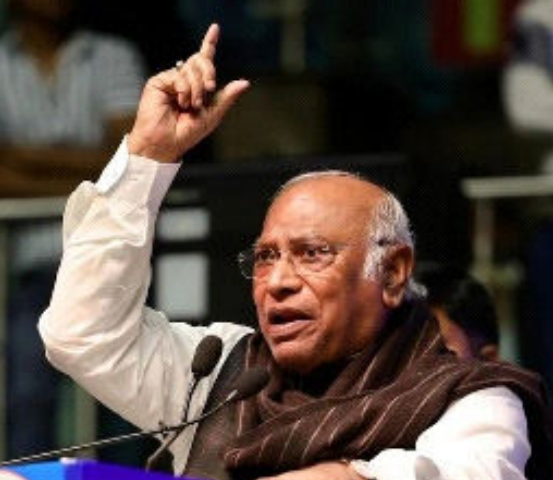


Governor Radhakrishnan has asked Shinde to continue as a caretaker Chief Minister until the new govern-

## "Don't Want EVMs, We Want Ballot Paper": Kharge After Maharashtra Loss

Smarting from Congress' crushing defeat in Maharashtra, following a similar loss in Haryana, Congress president Mallikarjun Kharge voiced strong opposition to the use of Electronic Voting Machines (EVMs) and called for a return to the traditional ballot paper system. Speaking at the 'Samvidhan Rakshak Abhiyaan' event at Talkatora Stadium in Delhi, the 82-year-old leader expressed his frustration with the current voting mechanism.

"We should all unite and move forward together and push them aside," Kharge said, referring to EVMs. "I do not wish to dwell on elections, but I will say this — the votes of the poor and oppressed communities are being wasted. They should demand voting by ballot paper," he added. Kharge's comments came on the heels of Congress's disappointing performance in the recent state elections, where the party was left questioning the integrity of the election process.



Kharge's call for a return to ballot paper voting is significant, considering the ongoing debate around the reliability and transparency of EVMs in India. "Let them keep the EVMs, but we don't want them. We want voting on ballot paper," Kharge asserted, emphasizing that a return to the paper-based system would better reflect the true position of the voters.

Interestingly, Kharge's comments come on the same day the Supreme Court dismissed a petition requesting a return to ballot paper voting, reinforcing the legal standing of EVMs in the electoral process. Despite this, Kharge pushed for a nationwide movement to bring back ballot paper voting, likening it to the scale of Rahul Gandhi's Bharat Jodo Yatra.

"We should start this campaign from our party to make everyone aware that they should demand the return of ballot papers," Kharge suggested. He further urged Rahul Gandhi to lead such a movement, stating, "We should begin a campaign like the Bharat Jodo Yatra to bring back ballot papers."

Kharge's call reflects the deep frustration within Congress after recent electoral setbacks and highlights the party's growing skepticism about EVMs.

## CM Atishi Accuses Modi Govt of Manipulating Delhi Electoral Rolls

Delhi Chief Minister Atishi accused the central government of attempting to manipulate the upcoming Delhi Assembly elections by removing Aam Aadmi Party (AAP) supporters from the electoral rolls. Addressing a press conference on Tuesday, Atishi alleged that the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) was using unfair tactics to secure a victory in the elections, fearing a defeat in the capital.

"The central government is trying to win the Delhi elections through unfair means. They are orchestrating the removal of voters from the electoral rolls, particularly those who are aligned with AAP," Atishi claimed. However, the BJP did not immediately respond to the allegations.



Atishi pointed to an order issued on October 28 by the Lieutenant Governor of Delhi, which transferred 29 Sub-Divisional Magistrates (SDMs), as the first step in this alleged plot. She suggested that the transfers were part of a larger strategy to influence the election process.

Additionally, Atishi accused a District Magistrate (DM) overseeing seven assembly constituencies of instructing officials to remove 20,000 voters from the rolls. She argued that this action was part of an effort to disenfranchise voters who were likely to support AAP in the upcoming polls.

The claims by Atishi have sparked concerns about the integrity of the election process, with AAP asserting that these actions are an attempt to tilt the electoral landscape in favor of the BJP. The allegations come ahead of the crucial Delhi Assembly elections, which are expected to be closely contested.

would be formed at the earliest. He also expressed that while every political worker hoped the next CM would come from their respective party, the final decision would rest with Prime Minister Narendra Modi and Home Minister Amit Shah, and it would be accepted by all.

Kesarkar further stated that Shinde had already communicated to senior BJP leaders that whatever decision they make regarding the next CM would be acceptable to him. This ongoing uncertainty underscores the power dynamics at play within the Mahayuti alliance, as it navigates internal divisions despite its overwhelming electoral success.

As Maharashtra's political landscape continues to evolve, all eyes remain on the BJP leadership, which is expected to finalize the choice for the new Chief Minister in the coming days.

ment is sworn in. Deepak Kesarkar, a minister in the Shinde cabinet, confirmed the resignation and reassured that the new government



# Jaishankar Discusses Global Issues and India’s Role at G7 Meeting

External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar recently shared his views on global issues in an interview with Italian daily *\*Corriere della Sera\** while attending the G7 meeting in Fiuggi, Italy. During the discussion, Jaishankar emphasized the importance of India's relationship with Italy, particularly in terms of its engagement with the European Union (EU), which remains India's largest trade partner and a significant investor. He also highlighted the Joint Strategic Action Plan, announced by the Prime Ministers of India and Italy, as a key step in strengthening bilateral ties.

Jaishankar noted the complexities in EU-India trade relations, particularly with the EU's tendency to introduce non-trade issues in negotiations. He explained that these additional considerations make negotiations more challenging than typical free trade agreements (FTAs). Despite these challenges, Jaishankar stressed the importance of continued cooperation between India and the EU on trade matters.

On the topic of India's purchase of discounted oil from Russia, Jaishankar defended the decision, arguing that every country has its own strategic interests. "If everything is a matter of deep principle, then Europe itself



should have cut off all its business with Russia, but it doesn't do that," he pointed out. He further stressed that nations must consider how their actions will impact their interests, suggesting that such decisions are not always as clear-cut as they may seem.

Turning to the ongoing Russia-Ukraine conflict, Jaishankar emphasized the importance of diplomacy in resolving the crisis. He reiterated that a solution will not come from the battlefield and stressed the need for negotiation. "At some stage, people will come to the

table. The sooner they do it, the better, because the rest of the world is affected," Jaishankar said. India, he noted, is actively engaging with both sides in an effort to mediate and encourage dialogue.

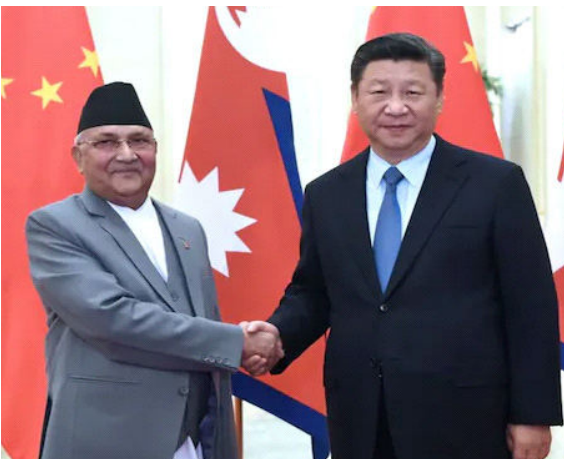
Jaishankar also highlighted the global stress caused by ongoing conflicts, urging nations not to be passive observers but to take initiative in finding common ground, particularly in Ukraine and West Asia, to move toward a more peaceful and stable world order.

## Nepal PM Clarifies No Loan Agreement with China During Upcoming Visit

Nepal Prime Minister KP Sharma Oli is set to embark on a five-day visit to China on December 2, but he has made it clear that no loan agreements will be signed during the trip. His statement comes amid growing speculation within Nepal's ruling coalition about the signing of Belt and Road Initiative (BRI) projects involving loan components.

During a recent meeting with former prime ministers and foreign ministers, Oli emphasized that the BRI deal with China was not a loan-based agreement. He dismissed concerns about taking loans from China, asserting that Nepal would only seek loans or grants based on its national interests and needs, and that such decisions would not be influenced by rumors. "We should not be swayed by baseless rumors that loans are being taken to entrap the country," he said.

Oli also reassured that Nepal's sovereignty, independence, and national welfare would remain top priorities in his foreign policy decisions. He underscored that Nepal's international relations would be guided by a commitment to global welfare alongside national interests.



Oli's comments come at a time when there is internal disagreement within Nepal's ruling coalition. While the Nepali Congress, led by Sher Bahadur Deuba, favors receiving grants from China as part of the BRI, the Communist Party of Nepal-Unified Marxist Leninist (CPN-UML), led by Oli, is more inclined to pursue loans under the same initiative.

The visit to China is a significant departure from the tradition of newly elected Nepali leaders visiting India first, which has typically been seen as a gesture of goodwill toward Nepal's southern neighbor. However, the Prime Minister's office has justified this shift, stating that the visit to Beijing was scheduled recently and that India had not yet extended an official invitation to PM Oli.

## "Urge Bangladesh To Ensure Minorities' Safety": India On Arrest Of Hindu Priest

India has strongly condemned the arrest of Chinmoy Krishna Das Brahmachari, a Hindu priest and leader of the religious minority community in Bangladesh, following his detention at Dhaka airport on Monday. The Ministry of External Affairs (MEA) expressed deep concern over the incident and called on Bangladeshi authorities to ensure the safety and security of Hindus and other minority groups in the country.

Chandan Kumar Dhar, known as Chinmoy Krishna Das Brahmachari, is a prominent former leader of the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) in Bangladesh. He was also the spokesperson for the Bangladesh Sammilit Sanatan Jagran Jote, a platform advocating for the rights of Hindus and other religious minorities. On Tuesday, a Dhaka court denied him bail, further escalating concerns over his arrest.



In its statement, the MEA expressed its deep concern about the arrest and the denial of bail, linking it to a broader pattern of attacks against Hindus and other minorities in Bangladesh. "This incident follows multiple attacks on Hindus and other minorities by extremist elements in Bangladesh," the Ministry stated, emphasizing the growing vulnerability of these communities.

The MEA also highlighted several documented instances of violence, including arson, looting, and the destruction of minority-owned homes and businesses. There have also been cases of theft, vandalism, and desecration of religious temples and deities.

## Joe Biden and Jill Biden to Attend Donald Trump's Inauguration in January

US President Joe Biden and First Lady Jill Biden will attend Donald Trump's inauguration in January, a White House spokesperson confirmed on Monday. The decision to be present at the swearing-in of Trump, the winner of the 2024 presidential election, was described as a "demonstration of commitment to our democratic values and to honouring the will of the people."

This move marks a significant contrast to the actions of then-President Trump, who refused to attend Biden's inauguration in January 2021. Trump had repeatedly claimed that the 2020 election was stolen from him, alleging widespread voter fraud without providing credible evidence. His supporters, in line with his claims, stormed the US Capitol on January 6, 2021, in an unprecedented attack on the nation's democratic institutions.

Biden's decision to attend Trump's inauguration highlights a commitment to the principles of democracy and national unity. The White House emphasized that this act underscores Biden's respect for the democratic process, regardless of political rivalry. It also signals Biden's willingness to put the interests of the nation above partisan divisions, demonstrating a commitment to a peaceful transition of power—a hallmark of American democracy.



Despite the tensions surrounding the 2020 election, Biden has expressed that his focus remains on working for the betterment of the American people, which includes honoring the process that ultimately led to Trump's victory. The Bidens' attendance is expected to be a significant moment, not only marking a peaceful transfer of power but also sending a message of respect for the electoral system and the nation's democratic ideals.

## Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara to Visit China After India Trip

Sri Lankan President Anura Kumara Dissanayake is set to visit China following his official trip to India, according to Cabinet spokesman Nalinda Jayathissa. The visit is expected to occur after Dissanayake's proposed trip to India in mid-December.

On November 18, Sri Lanka's Foreign Minister Vijitha Herath confirmed that Dissanayake would travel to India at the invitation of the Indian government. The visit to India follows a significant diplomatic exchange, as Indian Foreign Minister S. Jaishankar had visited Sri Lanka in October to meet with the newly elected National People's Power (NPP) government, which Dissanayake leads, after taking office on September 23.



This visit marks an important step in strengthening diplomatic ties between Sri Lanka and its neighboring countries. Dissanayake's planned visit to China, following the trip to India, highlights Sri Lanka's commitment to maintaining strong relations with both regional giants. Sri Lanka's diplomatic approach is seen as a balance between nurturing ties with India and China, two key players in the region.

The NPP government, under Dissanayake's leadership, has expressed a desire to enhance Sri Lanka's strategic position in the global political landscape, and these visits are part of the broader efforts to ensure strong bilateral relations with both India and China. As these trips unfold, attention will be on how Sri Lanka navigates its foreign policy in light of regional dynamics, particularly in balancing its engagement with two major economic powers. Dissanayake's diplomatic outreach comes at a critical time as Sri Lanka seeks to strengthen its economic recovery and political stability.

## "Keep Calm, Gobble On": Joe Biden Holds Last Turkey Pardon As US President



US President Joe Biden delivered a lighthearted message to Americans during his final Thanksgiving turkey pardon ceremony at the White House on Monday, ahead of Donald Trump's return to the White House. Biden, 82, spared two turkeys, Peach and Blossom, from the Thanksgiving dinner table in a long-standing presidential tradition.

In a series of witty remarks to a large crowd on the South Lawn, Biden described Peach as living by the motto "keep calm and gobble on," while Blossom's philosophy was "no fowl play." He noted that during their journey to Washington from the Minnesota farm, both birds stayed calm and kept gobbling, much to the amusement of those in attendance.

However, Biden's lighthearted words took a more reflective turn as he acknowledged that this would be his last Thanksgiving ceremony as president. Biden expressed gratitude for his time in office, saying, "Let me say to you, it's been the honor of my life, I'm forever grateful."

The ceremony marked a poignant moment for Biden as he prepares to leave the White House on January 20, with Republican Donald Trump set to assume office once again after defeating Vice President Kamala Harris in the November election. Trump, who continues to push unfounded claims about the 2020 election, has promised significant policy changes, including mass deportations and large tariffs on foreign imports, creating uncertainty both at home and abroad.

Despite their political differences, Biden confirmed that he and First Lady Jill Biden will attend Trump's swearing-in ceremony in January as a demonstration of respect for democratic values. As Biden prepares to leave office, attention will also turn to presidential pardons, with Biden quipping about the 2,500 people reportedly seeking clemency. However, Biden made it clear that he would not pardon his son, Hunter Biden, who faces charges related to gun possession and tax evasion.



# Markets Slip Amid Profit Booking and Weak Global Signals

## Banking and Auto Sectors Drag Indices



Domestic stock markets closed with slight losses on Tuesday as investors booked profits. Investors are on alert as negative signals from Asian and international markets and foreign institutional investors continue to sell. Moreover, the Sensex faced resistance at 80500 and the Nifty at 24,350. Selling pressure continued on shares of banking and finance sectors. However, IT companies showed strength. The indices may remain at the same levels for a few more days.



The BSE Sensex, which closed at 80,109 in the previous session, started today with moderate gains at 80,415. The index, which reached a high of 80,482, gradually fell and touched an intraday low of 79,798. Finally, it closed at 80,004, with a loss of 105 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 24,343, touched a low of 24,125 and a high of 24,243. It eventually closed at 24,194, down 27 points. The Nifty Bank lost 16 points and settled at 52,191.

In the Nifty50, 23 stocks gained while 27 lost. Shriram Finance, Britannia, Asian Paints, BEL, and Infy were the top gainers. Adani Enterprises, Adani Ports, Ultratech Sem, Bajaj Auto, and Sun Pharma were the top losers. Auto, Pharma, Healthcare, Oil and Gas indices lost the most today. FMCG, IT, Media, and Metal indices were in a state of turmoil.

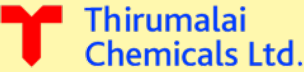
Of the 2886 stocks traded on the NSE, 1638 ended in gains and 1168 in losses. 76 stocks hit 52-week highs. 37 stocks hit 52-week lows. The

rupee weakened by 5 paise to settle at 84.33 against the dollar. Restaurant Brands Asia shares rose the most in 9 months today. RVNL received a letter of acceptance from South Central Railway. Enviro Infra Engineering IPO was subscribed 65.07 times by noon on the third day. SEBI granted certificate of registration to Angel One Mutual Fund. Moody's gave negative rating to 7 companies in the Adani Group. Triveni Turbines shares rose 27.5% in two sessions. Block deal was done in Power Grid. 50 lakh shares changed hands. Reliance Power challenges SEC's debarment notices. LT Foods opens new office in Riyadh. Tata Teleservices jumps 13% on higher trading volumes. Bima Sugam approves Rs 50 million investment.

## STOCK RECOMMENDATIONS:

### 1. Tirumala Chemicals Ltd.

Manufacturer of chemicals used in various industries such as food, agriculture, and industrial applications. The company has shown stable revenue growth, but like many chemical companies, it is impacted by raw material price fluctuations and global supply chain issues. Offers good dividend yields but with moderate earnings growth over the last few years. Investors should review its margins and return ratios in light of raw material volatility.



### 2. Nazara Technologies

Nazara Technologies is a leading player in the gaming and sports media industry, known for its presence across interactive gaming, eSports, and gamified learning ecosystems. Here's an overview of its current financial and operational position: The company operates across several segments, including eSports, subscription-based gaming, and gamified early learning. Notable intellectual properties include Kiddopia, World Cricket Championship, and SportsKeeda While headquartered in Mumbai, Nazara has expanded to markets in North America, Africa, and the Middle East, enhancing its international footprint



### 3. Biocon

A leading biotechnology company specializing in biosimilars, novel biologics, and generics. Biocon's revenue has been growing steadily, driven by its biosimilars segment. However, margins have been under pressure due to high R&D investments. Strong global footprint in biosimilars, with partnerships enhancing its reach. The company is poised for long-term growth due to its innovation pipeline and expanding addressable market.



### 4. Apollo Tyres

Manufacturer of tyres for various vehicle segments, including passenger cars, commercial vehicles, and off-road vehicles. Revenue growth driven by robust demand in Europe. EBITDA margins impacted by rising raw material costs. P/E ratio indicates relatively high valuation compared to earnings. Strong global presence, innovation in product offerings, and focus on high-performance tyre segments.



### 5. PolicyBazaar (PB Fintech)

The company has a strong growth trajectory with increasing digital adoption in financial services. However, it is in a competitive space with reliance on marketing and technology investments. The focus on customer acquisition and expanding product offerings positions it well for long-term growth, but profitability remains a challenge in the near term.



# Indian Rupee Strengthens Amid Regional Gains and MSCI Rebalancing



The Indian rupee surged to its strongest level in over two weeks on Monday, bolstered by a rebound in regional currencies and expected dollar inflows linked to MSCI's equity index rebalancing. As of 11:00 a.m. IST, the rupee was trading at 84.30, up 0.1% from its previous close of 84.4450, marking its highest value since November 7.

The local currency had recently touched an all-time low of 84.5075, prompting intervention by the Reserve Bank of India (RBI). However, a pullback in the dollar index and U.S. Treasury yields provided some respite on Monday. The dollar index fell by 0.5% to 106.9, while the 10-year U.S. Treasury yield dropped by 6 basis points to 4.35%.

Markets gained confidence following U.S. President-elect Donald Trump's nomination of veteran investor Scott Bessent as Treasury Secretary, which contributed to the dollar's decline. Meanwhile, most Asian currencies saw gains, with the Korean won leading the pack, appreciating by 0.4%.

The rupee also benefitted from dollar sales by at least two major foreign banks, likely acting on behalf of custodial clients, according to a trader at a state-run bank. The rupee's rise was further supported by anticipated passive inflows into Indian equities, estimated to be around \$2.5 billion, driven by MSCI's equity index rebalancing, which was set to take effect after market close on Monday.

Despite the rupee's recent strength, it has faced significant pressure in recent months, requiring frequent RBI interventions to avoid sharp depreciation. These interventions, along with valuation losses, have contributed to India's foreign exchange reserves falling to a four-month low of \$657.89 billion as of November 15.

The rupee's recovery on Monday, aided by favorable regional trends and MSCI-related inflows, provided some relief after a period of volatility. However, the currency's future performance will continue to depend on global economic developments and ongoing RBI actions.

# India Expects Slower Food Inflation and Cautious Economic Growth

India is optimistic that food inflation will ease in the coming months, supported by a bumper summer crop harvest, according to a government report. The report suggests that the kharif (summer crop) harvest is expected to help bring down food inflation, which has been a concern for the country recently.

In October, India's retail inflation hit a 14-month high, primarily due to soaring vegetable prices. However, the report notes that favorable monsoon conditions, adequate reservoir levels, and higher minimum support prices are expected to boost winter crop sowing and production. These factors should further support food price stabilization in the coming months.

"Early November trends indicate moderation in key food prices," the report stated, adding that geopolitical factors could continue to influence domestic inflation and supply chains. Despite these external risks, the government remains



"cautiously optimistic" about India's economic growth in the near future.

The report also highlights a rebound in several high-frequency economic indicators in October, following a brief period of weaker momentum. While persistently high inflation has impacted India's middle class, slowing urban consumption, the economy is still projected to grow at a

rate of 6.5%-7% in the financial year ending in March.

However, the report warns that India's export recovery could face headwinds due to declining demand from developed markets. On the other hand, trade in services continues to show strong momentum, providing some support to the broader economy.

The report also points out that geopolitical developments, along with policy decisions by the incoming U.S. administration, will be crucial in shaping the future of trade and capital flows, potentially impacting India's export and economic growth prospects.

Overall, while challenges remain, India's government maintains a cautious optimism about the country's economic outlook in the face of both domestic and global pressures..

# NTPC Green Energy Forms JV with MAHAGENCO for Renewable Parks

NTPC Green Energy Limited (NGEL) has established a 50:50 joint venture (JV) with Maharashtra State Power Generation Company Limited (MAHAGENCO) to develop, operate, and maintain renewable energy parks in Maharashtra. The announcement was made through a filing with the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on Tuesday, November 26.

The newly formed joint venture is named Mahagenco NTPC Green Energy Private Limited (MNGEPL). According to the filing, MNGEPL will focus on the development of renewable energy parks in Maharashtra under the Umbrella Scheme for Renewable Energy Parks (UMREPP), and will be responsible for allotting parks for the development of renewable energy projects in the



state.

NTPC Green Energy is a wholly-owned subsidiary of NTPC Ltd, a state-run energy giant, while MAHAGENCO is a government-owned entity

controlled by the Government of Maharashtra. The partnership between these two entities will enable the state to harness renewable energy more effectively, aligning with India's renewable energy goals.

This JV comes just ahead of the initial public offering (IPO) of NTPC Green Energy, scheduled to launch on November 27. The IPO has already shown strong demand, with the Qualified Institutional Buyers (QIBs) and retail investor segments fully subscribed during the three-day public subscription. The QIBs subscribed 3.32 times the shares offered, while retail investors over-subscribed their portion by 3.44 times. However, the Non-Institutional Investor (NII) segment subscribed to only 81% of the shares on

offer, according to BSE data.

As part of the joint venture's formation, NTPC Green Energy has acquired 50,000 equity shares at a face value of ₹10 per share in MNGEPL, holding a 50% equity stake in the venture. The announcement regarding the JV was made after market hours on Tuesday, and NTPC Ltd's stock closed 1.90% lower at ₹361.65.

The partnership between NTPC Green Energy and MAHAGENCO is a significant step towards accelerating the development of renewable energy infrastructure in Maharashtra, and is expected to contribute to the state's growing renewable energy capacity.



# Scientists Find Possible Flaw in Einstein’s Theory of Space-Time



A recent study by researchers from the Universities of Geneva and Toulouse has uncovered a small inconsistency in the predictions made by Albert Einstein’s general theory of relativity, suggesting potential limitations in our understanding of the universe’s expansion.

For over a century, Einstein’s general relativity has been a cornerstone of modern physics. However, this new research challenges the theory’s ability to fully explain certain cosmic phenomena. The study, which focused on the universe’s accelerating expansion—a discovery made 25 years ago—indicates some discrepancies between Einstein’s predictions and actual observations during various cosmic epochs.

Researchers from the University of Geneva and Toulouse III - Paul Sabatier analyzed data from the Dark Energy Survey to explore the accelerated expansion of the universe. Their findings, published in *Nature Communications*\*, revealed subtle variances that could point to issues with Einstein’s equations, particularly in the context of extrasolar events. While these discrepancies do not directly disprove Einstein’s theory, they suggest that there may be gaps in our

understanding of space-time and dark energy.

The study’s authors examined the evolution of the Weyl potential using the first three years of data from the Dark Energy Survey. Their results have sparked fresh debates in the scientific community about the limitations of general relativity and the forces that drive the universe’s expansion.

According to Einstein’s theory, the fabric of space-time is curved by the presence of mass, creating gravitational wells. These wells bend the path of light, a phenomenon known as “gravitational lensing,” which can be observed as light from distant stars or galaxies appears to change direction as it passes near massive celestial bodies. While this effect has been widely observed, the new study’s results suggest that there might be unknown factors influencing cosmic expansion that general relativity has yet to account for.

This groundbreaking research could lead to new insights into the nature of dark energy and space-time, and further examination may provide a clearer understanding of the universe’s mysterious acceleration.

# Ancient Fish-Trapping System Uncovered in Belize



An extensive fish-trapping network, believed to be over 4,000 years old, has been uncovered in Belize, offering new insights into how the ancient Maya civilization sustained its growing communities. The discovery reveals how the Maya engineered a complex system of ponds and earthen channels to channel fish and other aquatic species into controlled areas, securing vital food resources. This system is thought to have supported the nutritional needs of up to 15,000 individuals annually, contributing to the development of early Maya settlements.

The groundbreaking research, published in *Science Advances*\* on November 22, was led by archaeologist Eleanor Harrison-Buck from the University of New Hampshire. Using advanced remote sensing techniques, the team identified 167 shallow channels and nearly 60 ponds in Belize’s Crooked Tree Wildlife Sanctuary. These features were mapped during the 2017 dry season, and the study suggests they were originally constructed by local hunter-gatherers around 4,200 to 3,900 years ago, during a period of drought. This environ-

mental shift prompted the community to adapt by moving away from a maize-based diet to one that included fish, turtles, mollusks, waterfowl, and amaranth seeds.

The fish-trapping system was in use from approximately 3,200 to 1,800 years ago, a time when larger Maya urban and ceremonial centres were emerging. One of the channels identified by the team connects directly to the Maya centre of Chau Hiix, indicating that the system played an important role in feeding nearby populations.

Ongoing research will focus on further excavation of pre-Maya settlements in the area and the exploration of additional canal systems in Belizean wetlands and southern Mexico. This discovery highlights how early human societies modified their environments to ensure food security, ultimately supporting the growth of the Maya civilization. The research sheds light on the resource management strategies that helped sustain large populations and facilitated the rise of complex societies.

# Is Frozen Food Really Healthy? The Truth Behind Your Frosty Stash

Freezing food has long been a convenient way to preserve fresh ingredients, save time, and reduce waste. Whether you’re storing seasonal fruits like mangoes or preparing meals in advance, the freezer is a kitchen ally. But is frozen food as healthy as we think it is? If you often rely on frozen peas or ready-made frozen meals, it’s time to take a closer look at the pros and cons. Let’s break it down.

The answer depends on how the food is frozen. According to nutritionist Shalini Sudhakar, there’s a significant difference between freezing food at home and purchasing pre-packaged frozen items. When you freeze fresh vegetables yourself, they retain their nutrition. “It’s safe, and freezing doesn’t cause any nutrient loss,” Sudhakar explains. The freezing process prevents bacterial growth, making it a good way to keep food fresh.

However, store-bought frozen foods can be a different story. Many processed frozen items contain added sodium, preservatives, and other chemicals to prolong their shelf life. If they aren’t frozen under the right conditions, bacteria could creep in, making them less safe to eat. So, while home-freezing gets a thumbs up, packaged frozen foods



might not be the healthiest choice.

While fresh produce is often considered the gold standard, don’t dismiss frozen foods just yet. Fitness coach Ralston D’Souza points out that some frozen fruits and vegetables can actually be more nutrient-dense than their fresh counterparts. Frozen peas, for example, retain more vitamin C, B vitamins, and antioxidants compared to fresh peas, which lose nutrients as they sit on store shelves. In fact, frozen corn might even have higher levels of vitamin C and carotenoids than fresh corn.

It’s not the freezing process that reduces your food’s nutrients—it’s how you handle it. Repeatedly thawing, reheating, and refreezing food causes it to lose its nutritional value. Sudhakar warns that improper handling is the real culprit when it comes to nutrient loss. So, if you use frozen food often, make sure you store and reheat it properly to preserve its health benefits.

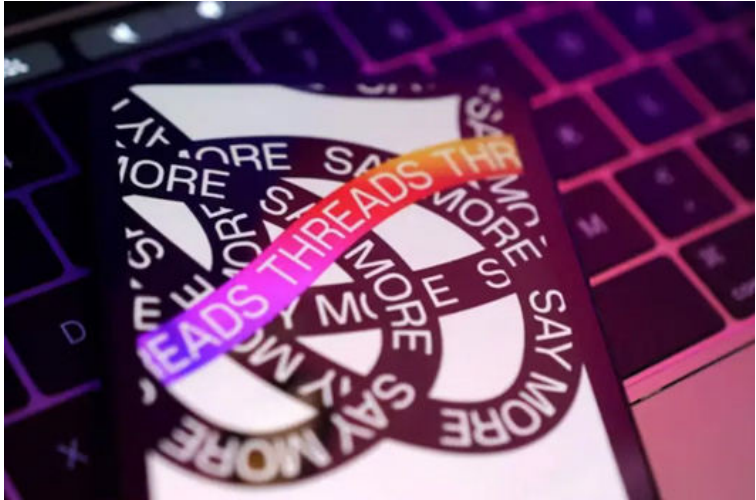
In conclusion, frozen foods can be both convenient and healthy, as long as you’re freezing them yourself and following proper storage practices.

# Meta’s Threads Tests New Default Feed Feature for Users

Meta’s microblogging platform, Threads, a competitor to X (formerly Twitter), is testing a new feature that allows users to choose their default feed, CEO Mark Zuckerberg announced on Monday. This feature, currently in the test phase, aims to enhance user experience by offering more control over the content they see, with the added option of setting a custom feed as the default, alongside the existing “For You” and “Following” feed options.

Zuckerberg shared the news on Threads, explaining that users will now have the ability to select their default feed, giving them more flexibility in how they engage with the platform. The “For You” feed, which is based on an algorithm that curates content, will remain an option, while the “Following” feed will display posts from accounts users actively follow. The new custom feed option allows users to create a personalized stream based on specific preferences or filters. Zuckerberg also mentioned that the option to choose and view the default feed will be made more visible in the Threads app interface, making it easier for users to navigate.

This feature is part of a series of updates designed to improve user interaction on the platform. Threads had recently introduced a custom feed feature, which allows users to create feeds tailored to specific topics of interest. By searching for a topic and tapping the “Create new feed” option, users can curate a feed focused on their interests. Additionally, users



can expand their feeds by visiting relevant pages and adding more topics or profiles to their custom feed via the three-dot menu.

Meta’s move to offer users more control over their content feeds follows recent changes in the platform’s algorithm, which emphasizes showing more posts from users’ followed accounts. The new default feed feature builds upon this shift, further personalizing the user experience on Threads and offering a unique approach to content consumption.

# Instagram Adds New DM Features: Nicknames and Location Sharing

Instagram has introduced several new features to enhance the direct messaging (DM) experience, making it more personalized and expressive for users. Announced on Monday, the updates include a nickname customization feature for chats and a new location-sharing option similar to Snapchat’s, aimed at improving how users connect with friends.

The new nickname feature allows users to personalize their DMs by adding custom nicknames for people in their chats. By tapping on a person’s profile within a conversation, users can set a nickname that is visible only within that chat, without affecting the person’s username anywhere else on Instagram. Users can also control who can edit the nicknames, with three options available: everyone in the chat, people you follow, and only yourself.

In addition to nicknames, Instagram is rolling out a location-sharing feature that enables users to share their real-time location with friends. This feature is particularly useful for meeting up in crowded places or letting loved

ones know where you are. It aims to enhance user connection, making it easier to find and track friends in busy locations.

These new features build upon recent updates to Instagram’s messaging system, which include organizing message requests in DMs with filters and eliminating automatic feed refreshing. These enhancements reflect Instagram’s continued efforts to improve

communication and personalization, making it easier for users to engage with friends in more meaningful ways.

As of now, the nickname feature is available on the Instagram Android app, though it has not yet been rolled out to iOS users. The location-sharing feature is also gradually being introduced, with the rollout expected to expand in the coming weeks.





# IPL Mega Auction 2024: Complete Team Squads Revealed

The much-awaited IPL Mega Auction concluded over two action-packed days in Jeddah, Saudi Arabia. The auction saw ten franchises spend a staggering ₹639.15 crore, acquiring a total of 182 players, including 62 overseas stars. Eight players were also retained by teams using the Right to Match (RTM) option. Punjab Kings emerged as the most active team with 23 new acquisitions, while Rajasthan Royals added the least, with 14 players joining their squad. Here's a complete breakdown of the teams and their final squads:



The Mumbai Indians secured 23 players, including 8 overseas stars.

**Batsmen:** Suryakumar Yadav (retained), Rohit Sharma (retained), Tilak Varma (retained), Bevan-John Jacobs

**Wicketkeepers:** Robin Minge, Ryan Rickelton, Krishnan Sreejith

**All-rounders:** Hardik Pandya (pace; retained), Naman Dhir (spin; RTM), Will Jacks (spin), Raj Angad Bawa (pace), Vignesh Puttur (spin)

**Spinners:** Allah Ghazanfar, Karn Sharma, Mitchell Santner

**Fast bowlers:** Jasprit Bumrah (retained), Deepak Chahar, Trent Boult, Ashwani Kumar, Reece Topley, Satyanarayana Raju, Arjun Tendulkar, Lizad Williams

## Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB)

RCB acquired 22 players, including 8 overseas stars.

**Batsmen:** Virat Kohli (retained), Rajat Patidar (retained), Tim David, Manoj Bhandage, Devdutt Padikkal, Swastik Chikara

**Wicketkeepers:** Phil Salt, Jitesh Sharma

**All-rounders:** Liam Livingstone (spin), Krunal Pandya (spin), Swapnil Singh (spin), Romario Shepherd (pace), Jacob Bethell (spin), Mohit Rathi (spin)

**Spinners:** Suyash Sharma, Abhinandan Singh

**Fast bowlers:** Josh Hazlewood, Bhuvneshwar Kumar, Yash Dayal (retained), Rasikh Salam, Nuwan Thushara, Lungi Ngidi



SRH bolstered their squad with 20 players, including 7 overseas.

**Batsmen:** Travis Head (retained), Abhinav Manohar, Aniket Verma, Sachin Baby

**Wicketkeepers:** Heinrich Klaasen (retained), Ishan Kishan, Atharva Taide

**All-rounders:** Abhishek Sharma (spin; retained), Nitish Kumar Reddy (pace; retained), Kamindu Mendis (spin)

**Spinners:** Adam Zampa, Rahul Chahar, Zeeshan Ansari

**Fast bowlers:** Mohammed Shami, Pat Cummins (retained), Harshal Patel, Simarjeet Singh, Jaydev Unadkat, Brydon Carsey, Ishan Malinga

## Kolkata Knight Riders (KKR)

KKR acquired 21 players, including 8 overseas stars.

**Batsmen:** Rinku Singh (retained), Rovman Powell, Angkrish Raghuvanshi, Manish Pandey, Luvinith Sisodia, Ajinkya Rahane

**Wicketkeepers:** Quinton de Kock, Rahmanullah Gurbaz

**All-rounders:** Venkatesh Iyer (pace), Andre Russell (pace; retained), Sunil Narine (spin; retained), Ramandeep Singh (pace; retained), Anukul Roy (spin), Moeen Ali (spin)

**Spinners:** Varun Chakravarthy (retained), Mayank Markande

**Fast bowlers:** Harshit Rana (retained), Vaibhav Arora, Anrich Nortje, Spencer Johnson, Umran Malik

## Punjab Kings

Punjab Kings acquired 25 players, including 8 overseas stars.

**Batsmen:** Shreyas Iyer, Shashank Singh (retained), Nehal Wadhera, Harnoor Singh Pannu, Priyansh Arya, Paila Avinash

**Wicketkeepers:** Josh Inglis, Vishnu Vinod, Prabhsimran Singh (retained)

**All-rounders:** Glenn Maxwell (spin), Marcus Stoinis (pace), Marco Jansen (pace), Harpreet Brar (spin), Azmatullah Omarzai (pace), Aaron Hardy (pace), Mushir Khan (spin), Suryansh Shedge (pace)

**Spinners:** Yuzvendra Chahal, Praveen Dube

**Fast bowlers:** Arshdeep Singh (RTM), Lockie Ferguson, Yash Thakur, Vijay Kumar Vaishak, Kuldeep Sen, Xavier Bartlett

## Lucknow Super Giants (LSG)

LSG assembled a squad of 24 players, including 6 overseas players.

**Batsmen:** Aiden Markram, David Miller, Ayush Badoni (retained), Himmat Singh, Matthew Britzke

**Wicketkeepers:** Rishabh Pant, Nicholas Pooran (retained), Aryan Jewell

**All-rounders:** Abdul Samad (spin), Mitchell Marsh (pace), Shahbaz Ahmed (spin), Yuvraj Chaudhary (spin), Rajvardhan Hungergekar (pace), Arshin Kulkarni (pace)

**Spinners:** Ravi Bishnoi (retained), M Siddharth, Digvish Singh

**Fast bowlers:** Mayank Yadav (retained), Mohsin Khan (retained), Akash Deep, Avesh Khan, Akash Singh, Shamar Joseph, Prince Yadav

## Chennai Super Kings



CSK added 25 players, including 7 overseas stars.

**Batsmen:** Ruturaj Gaikwad (retained), Rahul Tripathi, Sheikh Rashid, Deepak Hooda, Andre Siddharth

**Wicketkeepers:** Devon Conway, MS Dhoni (retained), Vansh Bedi

**All-rounders:** Ravindra Jadeja (spin; retained), Shivam Dube (pace; retained), Ravichandran

Ashwin (spin), Sam Curran (pace), Rachin Ravindra (spin; RTM), Vijay Shankar (pace), Anshul Kamboj (pace), Jamie Overton (pace), Kamlesh Nagarkoti (pace), Ramakrishna Ghosh (pace)

**Spinners:** Noor Ahmed, Shreyas Gopal

**Fast bowlers:** Matheesha Pathirana (retained), Khaleel Ahmed, Mukesh Chowdhury, Gurjapneet Singh, Nathan Ellis

## Delhi Capitals

Delhi Capitals acquired 23 players, including 7 overseas stars.

**Batsmen:** Jake Fraser-McGurk (RTM), Harry Brook, Tristan Stubbs (retained), Faf du Plessis, Karun Nair

**Wicketkeepers:** KL Rahul, Abhishek Porel (retained), Donovan Ferreira

**All-rounders:** Axar Patel (spin; retained), Ashutosh Sharma (spin), Sameer Rizvi (spin), Darshan Nalkande (pace), Vipraj Nigam (spin), Ajay Mondal (spin), Manwant Kumar (pace), Tripurana Vijay (spin), Madhav Tiwary (pace)

**Spinners:** Kuldeep Yadav (retained)

**Fast bowlers:** Mitchell Starc, Mukesh Kumar, T. Natarajan, Mohit Sharma, Dushmantha Chamereera

## Rajasthan Royals

Rajasthan Royals picked up 20 players, including 6 overseas stars.

**Batsmen:** Yashasvi Jaiswal (retained), Shimron Hetmyer (retained), Shubham Dube, Vaibhav Suryavanshi

**Wicketkeepers:** Sanju Samson (retained), Dhruv Jurel (retained), Kunal Singh Rathore

**All-rounders:** Riyan Parag (spin; retained), Nitish Rana (spin), Yudhveer Singh (pace)

**Spinners:** Wanindu Hasaranga, Mahesh Theekshana, Kumar Karthikeya

**Fast bowlers:** Jofra Archer, Sandeep Sharma (retained), Tushar Deshpande, Akash Madhwal, Fazalhaq Farooqi, Kwen Mafaka, Ashok Sharma

## Gujarat Titans

Gujarat Titans acquired 25 players, including 7 overseas stars.

**Batsmen:** Shubman Gill (retained), Sai Sudarshan (retained), Rahul Tewatia (retained), Sherfane Rutherford

**Wicketkeepers:** Jos Buttler, Kumar Kushagra, Anuj Rawat

**All-rounders:** Rashid Khan (spin; retained), Washington Sundar (spin), M Shahrulkh Khan (spin; retained), Mahipal Lomror (spin), Nishant Sindhu (spin), Arshad Khan (pace), Jayant Yadav (spin), Glenn Phillips (spin), Karim Janat (pace)

**Spinners:** Manav Sutar, Sai Kishore

**Fast bowlers:** Kagiso Rabada, Mohammed Siraj, Prasidh Krishna, Gerald Coetzee, Gurnoor Brar, Ishant Sharma, Kulwant Khejroliya

With this mega auction, IPL teams have geared up for an electrifying 2024 season!

## Team India Regains Top Spot in World Test Championship

Team India has reclaimed the top position in the World Test Championship (WTC) standings (2023-25) after a comprehensive 295-run victory over Australia in the Test match held in Perth. With this win, India has taken a 1-0 lead in the five-Test series. Australia, which held the top spot prior to this match, has now slipped to second place. To secure a spot in the World Test Championship final scheduled for June next year, India must win this series with a margin of at least 4-0.

India currently leads the WTC table with a points percentage of 61.11. The team has played 15 Tests so far, winning nine, losing five, and drawing one, accumulating a total of 98 points. Australia, now in second place, has a percentage of 57.69. The Aussies have played 13 matches, winning eight and losing four. Before this match, Australia topped the table with 62.50 percent, while India followed with 58.33 percent. However, India's latest win has shifted the dynamics significantly.

In the updated WTC standings, Sri Lanka holds fourth place with 55.56 percent, followed by New Zealand at 54.55 percent, and South Africa at 54.17 percent, completing the top five. With this victory, India is on a strong trajectory in the World Test Championship, reaffirming its dominance in Test cricket.

## IPL Auction 2024: Contrasting Fortunes for Shaw, Thakur, and Rising Star Suryavanshi

The IPL Mega Auction 2024 concluded with mixed fortunes for players, as young Vaibhav Suryavanshi created history while experienced players like Prithvi Shaw and Shardul Thakur went unsold. Suryavanshi, 13, became the youngest-ever player to secure an IPL contract, fetching ₹1.10 crore from Rajasthan Royals. Known for his effortless six-hitting, Suryavanshi impressed scouts at the Royals' High-Performance Center, marking him as a talent to watch. In contrast, former IPL stalwarts Shaw and Thakur faced a grim outcome. Thakur, once bought for ₹10.75 crore in 2022, found no takers this year, with experts citing his high base price of ₹2 crore and the diminishing value of all-rounders under the Impact Player rule. Similarly, Shaw, often hailed as one of the most talented young batters, went unsold amid concerns over his fitness and discipline. Once compared to Sachin Tendulkar, Shaw's unfulfilled potential and recent omission from Mumbai's Ranji team have raised doubts about his future. Franchise strategies this year focused

heavily on six-hitters and specialized bowlers. As one senior coach noted, teams are increasingly prioritizing players capable of quick power-hitting and bowlers with precision in either attacking or defensive deliveries. Mumbai Indians celebrated the return of their winning bowling duo, Jasprit Bumrah and Trent Boult, while Punjab Kings highlighted the meticulous preparations by coach Ricky Ponting and their analysts. The auction showcased the IPL's dynamic nature, where youth like Suryavanshi can shine, while established players face the harsh realities of form, fitness, and shifting team strategies. As franchises finalize their squads, the upcoming season promises a mix of fresh talent and tactical intrigue.

## Disagreements in the Australian Team?

### Hazlewood's Comments Spark Debate

Are there disagreements within the Australian team following their crushing defeat to India in Perth? Former Aussie legend Adam Gilchrist has raised doubts, questioning whether the players are making collective decisions in the dressing room. These speculations arose after pacer Josh Hazlewood made a curious remark during a press interaction. When asked about the game plan for the fourth day of play, Hazlewood responded, "What can we plan other than the batsmen? I can rest, or maybe I'll wait for the next Test." His comments, made after India completely dominated the third day of the Test, have sparked discussions about potential rifts in the dressing room. Gilchrist, speaking to 'Fox Sports,' expressed concern, stating that Hazlewood's remarks could hint at disagreements among the players, although he acknowledged that he might be overinterpreting the situation. Gilchrist further commented on the fourth day of play, saying, "I think the batsmen are stick-

ing to their strategies. They will likely discuss their plans in the morning, talk about how to approach the match, and how to improve." Seeking further clarity, Gilchrist directed his question to former opener David Warner. Warner, in response, advised Hazlewood to be more responsible as a senior player representing the team. He emphasized the importance of unity, especially when the batsmen underperformed in the Perth Test. Warner remarked, "As a senior bowler, Hazlewood should support the team. His comments don't inspire much confidence and might be misinterpreted as pointing fingers at the team. However, I don't believe there are actual differences in the dressing room." While Hazlewood's comments have raised eyebrows, both Gilchrist and Warner agree that team discussions and collective efforts are crucial to overcoming challenges. Whether or not the remarks reflect underlying tensions, the Australian team will need to regroup and refocus as they prepare for the next Test.





## Akhil Akkineni Gets Engaged to Zainab Ravdjee

Akhil Akkineni, the popular actor from the Akkineni family, is officially engaged to Zainab Ravdjee. The exciting news was shared by his father, Nagarjuna Akkineni, on social media, where he expressed the family's happiness in welcoming Zainab into their lives. Nagarjuna's post has sparked a wave of celebration among fans, who have been sending their heartfelt congratulations and blessings to the couple.

Akhil Akkineni, known for his charming presence in Tollywood, has been in the limelight for his acting career, and now his personal life is grabbing attention with this happy announcement. Zainab Ravdjee, who is a private individual, has been embraced warmly by Akhil's family, and the couple's engagement has quickly become a topic of joy among their well-wishers.

Nagarjuna's heartfelt message on social media reflected the family's excitement, and fans were

quick to express their support. The engagement marks a significant milestone in Akhil's life, and the news has received overwhelming responses from both the Akkineni family's fans and the wider Telugu film industry.

The couple's engagement ceremony, though a private affair, has been a joyous occasion for both families. Akhil and Zainab's love story has captured the hearts of many, and the couple is now preparing for the next chapter in their journey together. With blessings pouring in from fans, friends, and colleagues, Akhil and Zainab are set to begin this new chapter surrounded by love and support.

As the couple embarks on their journey towards marriage, the news of their engagement has added to the festive atmosphere among fans of Akhil and the Akkineni family, who have expressed their excitement for the couple's future together.

## Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3 Achieves Historic Success with Record-Breaking Box Office Feat

Kartik Aaryan has once again proven his superstar status in Bollywood with the massive success of *\*Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3\**, the third installment in the popular horror-comedy franchise. Directed by Anees Bazmee, the film hit theaters on November 1 and has taken the industry by storm with its record-breaking box office collections. The film, which also stars Vidya Balan, has become a historic blockbuster, crossing the Rs. 400 crore mark at the global box office.

*\*Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3\** sees Kartik Aaryan reprise his role in a thrilling mix of suspense, romance, comedy, and horror. The film has captivated audiences with its unique blend of genres, keeping moviegoers on the edge of their seats. Vidya Balan's stellar performance in a crucial role has further elevated the movie, adding an extra layer of intensity and intrigue that has been widely praised by critics and fans alike.



The film's success is not only a testament to its gripping storyline but also to Kartik Aaryan's immense popularity and star power. His ability to overcome significant challenges and deliver a hit film once again has solidified his position as one of Bollywood's top actors. *\*Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3\** has resonated with a wide audience, blending humor and horror in a way that has proven to be a winning formula at the box office.

With its incredible success, *\*Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3\** continues to dominate discussions in the industry, breaking records and setting new benchmarks for Bollywood films. Alongside Kartik Aaryan and Vidya Balan, the film's talented ensemble cast, including Trupti Dimri, has played a key role in making the movie an unforgettable cinematic experience. This historic achievement further cements *\*Bhool Bhulaiyaa 3\** as one of the biggest blockbusters in recent years.

## Kannappa Set for a Major Box Office Battle in Summer 2025



Manchu Vishnu has officially announced the much-awaited release date for his ambitious mythological action drama, *\*Kannappa\**. The film is set to hit theaters on April 25th, 2025, just a week after Prabhas' much-anticipated film, *\*Raja Saab\**, which will release on April 10th. This puts both Manchu Vishnu and Prabhas on a collision course at the box office in the same month, marking a high-stakes rivalry in the industry.

*\*Kannappa\**, directed by Mukesh Kumar Singh, who previously helmed the epic television series *\*Mahabharat\**, is being mounted on a grand scale and will have a pan-India release. With big names like Akshay Kumar, Prabhas, and Mohanlal attached to the film, *\*Kannappa\** is poised for a massive release across the country. The film's scale and star power will undoubtedly make it one of the most anticipated releases of 2025.

However, it won't be an easy ride for *\*Kannappa\**. Prabhas' *\*Raja Saab\**, also a pan-India film, is releasing just two

weeks earlier on April 10th. Directed by Maruthi, *\*Raja Saab\** promises to be another big-budget action drama, adding more fuel to the summer box-office competition. It is expected that *\*Raja Saab\** will dominate the screens across the nation, with People Media Factory handling its massive release.

In addition to *\*Raja Saab\**, the month of April will see the release of other major films, including Dhanush's *\*Idli Kadai\** in Tamil and the third installment of the *\*HIT\** franchise, *\*HIT 3\**, which is expected to hit theaters a week after *\*Kannappa\**.

As the summer season begins, several other Telugu films are also eyeing the April-end slot, ensuring that *\*Kannappa\** will face tough competition at the box office. Despite the intense rivalry, Manchu Vishnu and his father Mohan Babu are leaving no stone unturned to ensure *\*Kannappa\** stands out in the crowded marketplace. Fans are eagerly awaiting the clash of these big-ticket films in the summer of 2025.

## Tamil Suspense Film \*Maharaja\* to Make Historic Debut in China

The Tamil suspense film *\*Maharaja\** is set to become the first Indian film to be released in China after the normalization of diplomatic relations between the two countries. This follows the recent agreement to resolve the standoff in Eastern Ladakh. The film, which has already begun pre-screenings, will be released on Friday, coinciding with major competition from Hollywood's *\*Gladiator II\** and the local Chinese film *\*Her Story\**. *\*Maharaja\** currently holds an impressive rating of 8.7/10 on the popular Chinese review site Douban and is considered one of the highest-rated Indian films in recent years.

Directed by Nithilan Swaminathan, *\*Maharaja\** stars Vijay Sethupathi, Anurag Kashyap, Mamta Mohandas, and Natty Natraj. The film was a major hit when it was released in India on June 14. Its release in China marks a significant cultural moment, as it comes after a breakthrough agreement between India and China to disengage troops along the Line of Actual Control (LAC), easing tensions that had escalated after the deadly 2020 Galwan Valley clash.



Indian films have enjoyed success in China, with Aamir Khan's *\*Three Idiots\**, *\*Dangal\**, and *\*Secret Superstar\** resonating strongly with local audiences. With over 86,000 theaters across the country, China

boasts the largest cinema market in the world, and *\*Maharaja\** is expected to perform well.

Chinese critics highlight the film's unique narrative style, which cleverly misleads viewers before revealing key truths at the climax, creating a strong sense of suspense. This approach has been praised for breaking cultural and language barriers, making the film accessible to Chinese audiences. Critics also note that the film's blend of social issues and religious themes offers a fresh perspective on Indian culture, appealing to viewers seeking intellectual stimulation and deeper cultural understanding.

In contrast to Western suspense films, which focus on psychological elements, *\*Maharaja\** offers a moral core rooted in traditional Indian values, setting it apart from Hollywood blockbusters like *\*Gladiator II\**. Its distinct cultural and philosophical themes give it a unique appeal in the global market, especially for those seeking diverse and profound storytelling.

## Vetrimaaran's Double Treat: Viduthalai Part 2 Trailer and Audio Launch Announced

Kollywood director Vetrimaaran, known for his powerful storytelling, is gearing up for the release of *\*Viduthalai Part 2\**, the much-anticipated sequel to *\*Viduthalai Part 1\**. The first part of this franchise, which was released in Telugu as *\*Vidudhala Part 1\**, received immense appreciation from audiences, thanks to the gripping narrative and the stellar performances of the cast, including Vijay Sethupathi. Fans of the film series are eagerly awaiting the continuation of this epic saga, which has generated significant buzz in the film industry.

*\*Viduthalai Part 2\** sees the return of Vetrimaaran as the director, and it promises to bring even more intense drama and action. The sequel stars Vijay Sethupathi, who plays the role of Perumal Wathiyar, a character who stands in solidarity with the tribal people. New additions to the cast include Manju Warrier, who plays a pivotal role in the sequel, alongside Suri, who portrays another significant character.



The makers of the film recently shared exciting news with fans: the audio and trailer launch for *\*Viduthalai Part 2\** is scheduled for today at 8 PM. This announcement has stirred up anticipation, especially since legendary music composer Ilaiyaraaja is

providing the soundtrack for the film. Known for his exceptional compositions, Ilaiyaraaja's music is expected to enhance the emotional depth and intensity of the movie, further raising expectations among audiences.

*\*Viduthalai Part 2\** is set to hit theaters worldwide on December 20, making it one of the most highly anticipated releases of the year. The film's storyline revolves around the ongoing conflict between the tribal people, who are often referred to as the "children of the forest," and the oppressive police forces. As the narrative unfolds, the film will explore themes of resistance, survival, and the struggle for justice, with the backdrop of a fierce battle for the rights of the indigenous tribes.

With the combined talents of Vetrimaaran, Vijay Sethupathi, Manju Warrier, and Ilaiyaraaja, *\*Viduthalai Part 2\** is shaping up to be a cinematic experience that will leave audiences captivated and eager for more.