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## Centre Backs Telangana's Airport Expansion

Warangal Airport to Be Completed Under AAI Supervision Feasibility Studies Planned for Peddapalli and Bhadradi Kothagudem

Strategic Importance of Adilabad Airport Highlighted Centre Assures Full Support for Telangana's Aviation Plans



TPN , New Delhi: In a positive development for Telangana, Union Minister for Civil Aviation Rammohan Naidu announced full cooperation in the establishment and development of airports across the state. The announcement came after Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy met the Union Minister in Delhi on Tuesday, accompanied by Deputy CM Bhatti Vikramarka, Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy, and other officials.

During the meeting, CM Revanth Reddy discussed the need for multiple airports in Telangana to enhance connectivity and boost regional development. Minister Rammohan Naidu assured that the Centre would provide full support to this initiative and revealed plans to expedite the completion of Warangal Airport.

The Union Minister stated that feasibility studies would be conducted for airports proposed in Peddapalli, Bhadradi Kothagudem, and Adilabad districts. He added that if the feasibility reports for Bhadradi Kothagudem and Peddapalli are positive, the process of land acquisition would commence. Regarding Adilabad Airport, which falls under the purview of another department, Naidu assured that necessary approvals would pave the way for its development. He emphasized the strategic importance of Adilabad Airport, situated near the borders of Chhattisgarh and Maharashtra, and its potential benefits for the region.

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## KTR Accuses Revanth of Misleading Telangana

Question: What if the CM speaks with lack of understanding Angry that the projects given by the Center to Adani are being attributed to them Chitti Naidu's chip seems to have been stolen

TPN , Hyderabad: Telangana IT Minister and BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) launched a scathing attack on Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, accusing him of making baseless allegations and misleading the public over projects tied to industrialist Gautam Adani. Speaking at a media conference in Hyderabad, KTR criticized Revanth Reddy for attributing central government projects to state initiatives and questioned his understanding of governance.

KTR claimed that former Chief Minister K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) had previously rejected proposals from Adani, contrary to Revanth Reddy's allegations of collusion. "When we showed Adani the red signal, Revanth Reddy rolled out the red carpet," he said.

Dismissing Revanth Reddy's recent press statements as "disappointing and apathetic," KTR alleged that the Chief Minister was engaging in false propaganda. He accused Revanth of attempting to mislead the public by claiming that projects granted by the

central government's Defense Department were facilitated by his administration. "What is Rajnath Singh doing if these are state-granted projects?" KTR questioned, adding that such statements undermine public trust.

KTR also criticized Revanth Reddy for allegedly hosting a secret meeting with Adani, contrasting it with his own transparent engagements with global investors, such as Microsoft. He called it "ridiculous" for the Chief Minister to conflate a Microsoft data center with an Adani project, asserting that Revanth's lack of subject knowledge diminishes Telangana's reputation.

Highlighting a past incident, KTR reminded the public that Revanth Reddy himself had shared a photo of his meeting with Adani during the World Economic Forum in Davos. He alleged that unlike Revanth's private discussions, his own dealings were above board.



The BRS leader further criticized Revanth for neglecting grassroots concerns, mentioning the alleged suicide of a former sarpanch in Kondareddyapalli who had supported Revanth's election. KTR labeled Revanth Reddy as a "sadistic Chief Minister" who prioritizes personal gains over public welfare.

The fiery remarks underline the growing tension between the BRS and Congress leadership as political rivalries intensify in Telangana.

## Food Poisoning Strikes Maganur School Again



30 people who had lunch fell ill... Students treated at Maktal Hospital More people should bear the brunt of the Congress government's negligence Harish Rao serious about the food poisoning incident again

TPN , Narayanpet: Another alarming case of food poisoning occurred at Maganur Zilla Parishad High School in Narayanpet district on Tuesday. Around 40 students fell seriously ill after consuming lunch at the school. By 3:30 pm, several students complained

of severe stomach pain, vomiting, and diarrhea. The school staff, along with concerned parents, immediately rushed the affected students to the Primary Health Center (PHC) in Maganur.

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## CM Revanth Reddy Appeals to Centre for Key Telangana Projects



TPN , New Delhi/Hyderabad: Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy met Defence Minister Rajnath Singh in New Delhi on Tuesday as part of his ongoing efforts to secure central support for state projects.

During the meeting, CM Revanth requested the allocation of 222 acres of defence land to the Telangana government for developmental purposes. He stressed the importance of the land for infrastructure improvements that would benefit the state.

Additionally, the Chief Minister proposed the installation of a statue of Mahatma Gandhi at Bapughat in Hyderabad, seeking the Centre's assistance to honor the Father of the Nation and promote his values. CM Revanth was accompanied by Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka and Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy. The discussions reflect Telangana's focus on collaboration with the Centre to advance key initiatives for the state's growth and cultural heritage.

## Major Drug Racket Busted in Yadagirigutta

Ephedrine Manufacturing Uncovered at Yadadri Chemical Factory

Police Seize Drugs Worth ₹24 Crores at Toll Plaza

Key Accused Arrested; Search On for Five Fugitives



TPN , Yadagirigutta: A massive drug racket operating out of the Sri Yadadri Life Sciences Chemical Factory in Ramajipet, Yadagirigutta Mandal, has been uncovered by the Yadadri Bhuvanagiri district police. A total of 120 kg of narcotics, valued at approximately ₹24 crores, was seized, and three accused have been taken into custody. The gang was intercepted at the Gudur Toll Plaza in Bibinagar Mandal while transporting 100 kg of Ephedrine, a dangerous narcotic, from Yadagirigutta to Hyderabad. Following the arrest, inspections at the factory led to the discovery of an additional 20 kg of the drug.

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# Telangana CM and Deputy CM Congratulate Priyanka Gandhi



**TPN , Hyderabad:** Telangana Chief Minister A. Revanth Reddy, along with Deputy Chief Minister Mallu Bhatti Vikramarka, congratulated Priyanka Gandhi on her significant victory in the recent Wayanad bye-election. The Congress-led UDF triumphed by a massive margin of over 4.1 lakh votes, defeating her closest rival, CPM's Sathyan Mokeri. Priyanka's victory surpassed her brother Rahul Gandhi's margin of 3.65 lakh votes, marking a successful electoral debut.

Rahul Gandhi had vacated the Wayanad seat after winning both Wayanad and Raebareli in the May General Elections, opting for Raebareli, which led to the bypoll in Kerala. CM Revanth Reddy, who had predicted Priyanka's victory by

a record margin, had accompanied her during her nomination filing on October 23.

On Monday, Revanth Reddy lauded the Congress victory in the Wayanad and Nanded bypolls, stating that the results reflect the public's acceptance of Rahul Gandhi's leadership and rejection of Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

Later, Revanth Reddy met AICC President Mallikarjun Kharge and attended the Samvidhan Rakshak Abhiyaan organized by the Congress on Constitution Day at Talkatora Stadium in New Delhi. He was accompanied by several other leaders, including Irrigation Minister Uttam Kumar Reddy and Telangana Assembly Speaker Gaddam Prasad Kumar.



## Airport Expansion

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The Minister also committed to developing Warangal Airport entirely under the Airports Authority of India (AAI), ensuring high standards of construction and operations.

This meeting is a significant step toward realizing the vision shared by CM Revanth Reddy, who recently highlighted the need for additional airports in Telangana during a public address. Telangana currently has only one operational airport, and the demand for improved connectivity has been a long-standing aspiration of its people.

In a noteworthy gesture, Minister Rammo-han Naidu personally greeted the Telangana delegation, reflecting the Centre's proactive approach to state-level collaboration. With the Union Minister's positive response, the groundwork for Telangana's airport expansion is expected to gather momentum, bringing the state closer to fulfilling its long-cherished dream of enhanced air connectivity. The establishment of these airports will not only boost economic growth but also improve accessibility across the state, creating new opportunities for businesses and tourism.

## Maganur School Again

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However, many of them, in critical condition, were transferred to the Maktal Government Hospital for further treatment. This is the third such incident in the same school within a week, sparking outrage among parents and locals. They criticized the authorities for their failure to ensure food safety in government schools, calling the repeated cases of food poisoning unacceptable.

BRS leader and former minister Harish Rao expressed serious concerns over the incident. He pointed out that it is alarming to see 100 students falling ill within ten days due to food poisoning in schools and Gurukuls across the state. He criticized the Congress government for its inaction and negligence, stating that the Chief Minister's earlier promises to ensure food safety and penalize offenders have remained mere words.

Rao questioned how many more students would need to be hospitalized or lose their lives before the government takes effective measures. He called for immediate and strict action to address the issue, ensuring the safety and well-being of children in government schools. Parents and locals have demanded swift intervention and accountability to prevent further incidents, urging the government to prioritize food safety in educational institutions.

## Yadagirigutta

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Bhuvanagiri DCP Rajesh Chandra, who led the operation, revealed that the accused—Nethi Krishna Reddy, Faizan Ahmed, and Sunil—have been remanded. However, five others, including Vasudeva Chari, Bhanu Prakash, and Salman Salim, are absconding.

The police seized 120 kg of narcotics, four cell phones, and two cars. Investigations are ongoing to apprehend the remaining suspects and dismantle the network transporting drugs to Hyderabad and Mumbai.

# KTR: This Is Tyranny, Not Governance



**TPN , Hyderabad:** The Bharat Rashtra Samithi (BRS) has strongly crit-

icized the Congress government for its alleged hi in addressing the tragic deaths of 48 students in Gurukul schools across Telangana. Party working president K.T. Rama Rao (KTR) condemned the administration's inaction, particularly highlighting the case of Sailaja, a student from Wankidi village who died after battling food poisoning for 20 days.

Speaking at Telangana Bhavan on Tuesday, KTR lashed out at the government for its handling of the situation, accusing it of resorting to undemocratic measures to suppress dissent. "What governance is this - illegal detentions, me-

dia blockades, and internet shutdowns? This is not democracy; it's tyranny," he remarked.

KTR criticized the authorities for erecting barricades and restricting public access to Sailaja's funeral in Wankidi mandal. He also condemned the house arrests of leaders, including MLA Kova Lakshmi, Anil Jadav, and Johnson Naik, who had attempted to visit the grieving family and offer condolences.

The BRS leader called the government's actions oppressive and accused it of prioritizing damage control over addressing the root causes of the issue. He demanded account-

ability and immediate measures to ensure student safety in Gurukul schools.

The death of Sailaja and other students has sparked outrage, with opposition leaders and civil society groups demanding better infrastructure, nutrition, and health-care in residential schools. The BRS pledged to stand by the affected families and continue raising the issue until justice is served.

The Congress government, meanwhile, is yet to respond to these allegations and mounting criticism from opposition parties.

## Minister Reddy Calls for Opposition Cooperation in Development

**TPN , Hyderabad:** Telangana Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy expressed frustration over the opposition parties' behavior, accusing them of obstructing progress and engaging in unwarranted attacks on bureaucrats. Speaking at a meeting to review national highway developments at the Telangana Secretariat, Reddy emphasized the importance of opposition cooperation for the state's advancement. He urged the opposition to support government initiatives and act in the best interest of the state.

Reddy criticized the opposition for attempting to disrupt land acquisition efforts aimed at compensating farmers for their land and for hindering the government's development programs. He claimed that



the opposition's actions are contrary to democratic principles and called for a more constructive approach.

Addressing the progress of national highways, Reddy stated that the government is working diligently to accelerate the completion of de-

veloped projects, particularly national highways, which have been stagnant for years. He blamed previous administrations for neglecting these crucial projects, resulting in a financial burden now on the state.

He also discussed the delays in land acquisition for key projects like the

NH-163 corridor and highlighted the need for faster approvals and disbursement of compensation to farmers. Reddy questioned why farmers would part with their land without receiving proper compensation.

The Minister emphasized the importance of completing projects like the Hyderabad-Manneguda and Hyderabad-Srisailem highways, which are expected to significantly reduce travel time and improve connectivity in the region. He urged officials to expedite work and ensure all approvals are completed without further delay. Reddy concluded by stressing that the government is committed to improving infrastructure and serving the people, despite challenges.

## CM Revanth Reddy Launches Social Justice 3.0

**TPN , Delhi:** Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy declared that the caste census initiative, under the leadership of Congress, marks the beginning of Social Justice 3.0. He highlighted that from the days of Prime Minister Nehru to Indira Gandhi, policies like reservations for SCs/STs and nationalization of banks laid the foundation for social justice 1.0. Under Rajiv Gandhi, the introduction of voting rights at 18 and the Mandal Commission report completed the second phase. Now, with Sonia Gandhi, Mallikarjun Kharge, and Rahul Gandhi, Social Justice 3.0 has begun, with a focus on the caste survey. CM Revanth Reddy affirmed that Telangana's caste, economic, and social surveys are already 92% com-

plete, and once the survey is done, the state will advance Social Justice 3.0. He stressed the need for equitable resource distribution based on population, stating that the principle "the community with a larger population must receive its share of resources" must be implemented. On Constitution Day, speaking at the Samvidhan Rakshak Abhiyan event in Delhi, CM Reddy noted that Rahul Gandhi's nationwide movement for constitutional protection is vital. He criticized Modi's government for undermining the Constitution and called on people to unite in defending it, emphasizing that this battle is between defenders and enemies of the Constitution.



## Minister Surekha Lays Foundation Stone for Temple Development



Forest, Environment, and Endowment Department, Konda Surekha, visited the Sri Seetharamanjaneya Swamy Temple in Sabbitham village, Peddapalli district, today. Upon her arrival, she was warmly welcomed by Peddapalli MLA Chintakunta Vijayaraman Rao at Rangapur, where she participated in a rally to Sabbotham, greeting the people along the way.

At the temple, Minister Surekha was received with Poornakumbha and Vedic mantras by temple administrators and scholars. She then participated in special pujas for Sri Sitaramachandra and Anjaneya Swamy. The minister laid the foundation stone for temple development, with a Rs. 50 lakh grant from the Endowment Department's CGF funds.

In her address, Minister Surekha emphasized that the current government is focused on improving temple facilities for devotees, unlike the previous government, which focused only on showmanship. She announced that the Endowment Department will allocate Rs. 20,000 monthly to the Sri Seetharamanjaneya Swamy Temple and implement the Dhupa Deepa Naivedyam scheme.

Minister Surekha also highlighted ongoing temple development efforts in the region, including gold plating of the Yadadri and Vemulawada temples. The event was attended by local officials, including Peddapalli MLA Chintakunta Vijayaraman Rao, Collector Sriharsha, and other Congress leaders.



## Bandi Sanjay Kumar Criticizes Congress and BRS on Journalists' Rights

**TPN , Telangana :** Union Minister of State for Home Affairs, Bandi Sanjay Kumar, strongly criticized the Congress and BRS governments for their handling of journalists' rights, particularly in relation to the provision of house plots. In a recent statement, he questioned the hostility shown towards journalists, emphasizing that even if they have paid money, they should not be denied house plots.

Sanjay Kumar argued that the Supreme Court verdict on this issue was a result of the actions of the BRS and Congress rulers. He vowed that if the government fails to fulfill its promise of providing house plots to journalists as outlined in the manifesto, he and his supporters will stand with journalists in their struggle. He also warned that the BJP will make the same fate fall upon the Congress and BRS governments if they continue to disregard the needs of the media.



In a show of support, Sanjay Kumar reassured journalists, saying, "When BJP comes to power, we will provide house plots to all deserving individuals, including those in the JNJ society." He further stressed that the government must use its discretionary power to aid journalists, ensuring they receive the benefits they deserve.

## Patnam Narender Reddy's Bail Petition Hearing Rescheduled

**TPN , Telangana:** TPCC Chief Mahesh Kumar Goud has called on NSUI workers to continue their efforts until Rahul Gandhi becomes the Prime Minister. Speaking at the Constitution Day event at Gandhi Bhavan, Goud criticized the BJP for attempting to alter the Constitution drafted by Dr. B.R. Ambedkar. He expressed anger at the BJP and RSS for trying to amend the Constitution to suit their own agenda, while praising Rahul Gandhi for standing up to protect it.

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in the country to conduct such a survey. He stressed that the caste enumeration was being carried out under Rahul Gandhi's leadership, with input from intellectuals and experts, and stated that the BJP had no choice but to backtrack on its stance.

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# Telangana Leads with Caste Enumeration, Says TPCC Chief



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## MLC Kavitha Expresses Anger Over Repeated Food Poisoning Incidents in Schools



**TPN , Hyderabad :** MLC Kavitha has expressed strong outrage over the recurring food poisoning incidents in government schools, highlighting the tragic death of a tribal school student, Shailaja, and another poisoning incident in a government school in Maganoor, Narayanpet district. Kavitha condemned the state government's failure to address the issue despite the deaths of innocent children due to food contamination. She questioned the Congress government's accountability, saying, "Is this what public governance is?" In the latest incident, 40 students from the Maganoor Government High School fell ill after consuming contaminated midday meals on Tuesday. The students suffered severe abdominal pain, vomiting, and diarrhea, prompting the school staff and parents to rush them to local hospitals for treatment. Several students were transferred to Maktal Government Hospital due to their critical condition.

Kavitha criticized the Congress government, pointing out that just a week earlier, 30 students had fallen ill due to spoiled food in the same school, but no action had been taken. She expressed deep concern for the children, stating that it was heartbreaking to see them in pain after eating food with maggots. Kavitha demanded immediate action from the government to prevent further tragedies.

## Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy Challenges KTR to Rename BRS Back to TRS

**TPN , Telangana :** Bhuvanagiri MP Chamala Kiran Kumar Reddy has once again taken a jibe at BRS Working President KTR, challenging him to change the name of his party back to its original form, TRS (Telangana Rashtra Samithi). This comes after KTR's recent comments on CM Revanth Reddy's visit to Delhi, which Chamala criticized.



Chamala questioned KTR's commitment to Telangana, stating, "If your agenda is truly for Telangana, then my challenge to you is clear: Change the name of your party back to Telangana Rashtra Samithi." He also expressed discontent over KTR's remarks on Twitter, referring to them as hypocritical, adding that Telangana society does not have the

patience to entertain such "hypocrisy."

KTR had earlier responded to Revanth Reddy's press conference, making a statement about Telangana citizens' duties. Chamala's remarks intensify the ongoing political tensions between the leaders, with both sides exchanging sharp critiques.

## Niranjan Reddy Criticizes Congress Government Over Student Deaths



**TPN , Telangana :** Former Minister Singireddy Niranjan Reddy strongly criticized the Congress government in Telangana for its inaction following the recent deaths and food poisoning incidents involving students. His anger was particularly directed at the government's failure to address the death of Shailaja, a Gurukul student who succumbed after a prolonged battle with food poisoning. Niranjan Reddy also condemned the food poisoning incident in Maganur ZP High School, where more than 30 students fell ill.

Reddy questioned the government's negligence, stating that despite being in power for over a year, no ministers had been appointed to key departments such as education, home, and municipal affairs. He pointed out that recurring incidents of food poisoning in Gurukuls were a result of this lack of supervision and ineffective governance.

The former minister further criticized the Congress for tarnishing the reputation of Gurukul education, which had been highly regarded during the BRS rule. He emphasized that incidents of food poisoning in Gurukul schools and hostels were happening daily without any review or accountability from the government.

Reddy labeled the death of Shailaja as a "murder by the government" and demanded that authorities take responsibility for these incidents. He called for immediate, high-quality treatment for the affected students and urged the government to take urgent action.

## MLA Beerla Ilayya Slams KTR Over Criticisms of CM Revanth Reddy

**TPN , Telangana :** Telangana Government Whip, Aleru MLA Beerla Ilayya, launched a strong attack on BRS Working President KTR on Tuesday, accusing him of being irrational and harboring resentment toward Chief Minister Revanth Reddy. Ilayya criticized KTR's ongoing comments against the CM, describing his behavior as filled with "hatred, arrogance, and anger."



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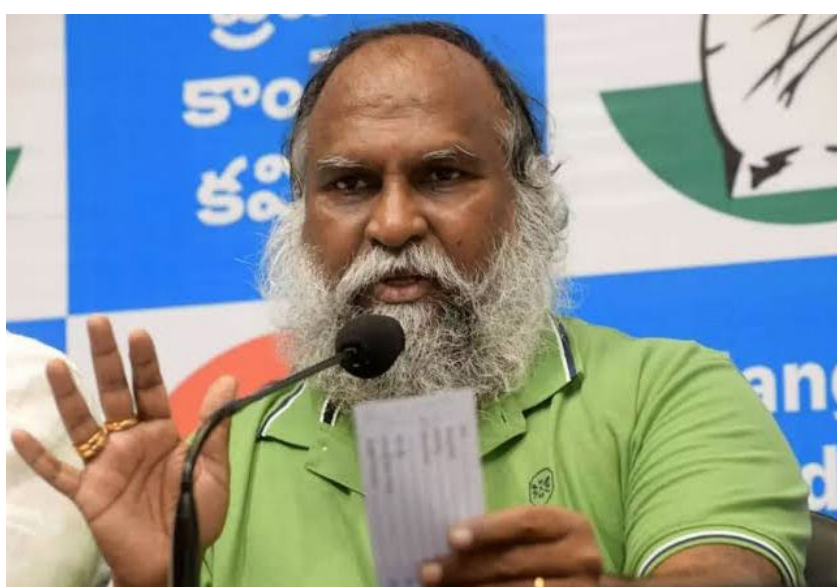
"KTR is attempting to block funding for Skill University and continues making baseless claims, saying that if the university is established, it will harm Revanth Reddy's image," Ilayya stated.

He further accused KTR of being out of touch with reality, recalling his past connections with Adani and special privileges.

Ilayya remarked, "KTR has lost his mind. I don't understand if he has a brain at all." He added that KTR's obsession with CM Revanth Reddy seemed to stem from "resentment and revenge." The MLA also pointed out KTR's continued criticism of the Skill University project, despite CM Revanth Reddy's decision to return a check from Adani to avoid

Ilayya reiterated the government's focus on welfare schemes, including a caste census aimed at empowering weaker sections of society, calling it a model for the country. He concluded by stating that criticizing CM Revanth Reddy was shameful, especially given the leadership's commitment to the people and welfare of Telangana.

## Jagga Reddy Criticizes KTR, Challenges His Right to Attack Congress



**TPN , Telangana :** Senior Telangana Congress leader Jagga Reddy has launched a scathing attack on BRS Working President K.T. Rama Rao (KTR), questioning his right to criticize the Congress party. Reddy pointed out that KTR, who is from a party that owes much of its rise to Congress, lacks the moral standing to target the Congress, a party with a 140-year history.

Reddy further challenged KTR's remarks about dismantling the Congress party, mocking his statement of tearing down Congress with his "bare hands." He questioned KTR's maturity and strength, sarcastically asking, "How old are you? How strong are you?" Reddy reminded KTR of his father, KCR's roots in Congress, asserting that KCR would not have become Chief Minister if Sonia Gandhi had not supported the creation of Telangana.

Jagga Reddy's comments highlight the ongoing rivalry and verbal confrontations between the Congress and BRS leaders since the Congress took power in Telangana.



## Chained Tank Damage Submerges Roads

Ranganath says roads are submerged due to damage to the chained tank system  
Hydra Commissioner says 61 percent of tanks have disappeared  
39 percent of tanks need to be protected  
Due to damage to the chained tank system



TPN , Hyderabad : Roads in Hyderabad are experiencing submergence even after minimal rainfall due to the deterioration of the chained tank system, according to Hydra Commissioner A.V. Ranganath. Speaking on the issue, Ranganath highlighted

that 61% of the city's tanks have disappeared, leaving only 39% intact. He stressed the urgent need to protect the remaining tanks to prevent further urban flooding.

The Commissioner explained that the chained tank system, once integral to the city's water management, has been heavily disrupted by urbanization and encroachments. Hydra, the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Assets Monitoring Protection agency, has launched an initiative to survey the city's tanks, determining their exact numbers, areas, Full Tank Levels (FTL), and buffer zones.

"Our priority is to protect the environment and natural resources amidst rapid urbanization," said Ranganath. He added that the state government

had established Hydra with the goal of providing a better environment and quality of life for future generations. The agency's objectives include protecting residents from natural disasters, conserving lakes, and safeguarding public properties such as parks and roads from encroachments.

Ranganath emphasized the importance of preserving the city's natural drainage systems to mitigate the impact of heavy rains. He urged collective efforts to ensure sustainable urban development while protecting Hyderabad's ecosystem.

Hydra's proactive measures aim to address long-term environmental concerns and reduce the recurrence of waterlogging, promising a more resilient infrastructure for Hyderabad.

## 574 Applications Received at Prajavani



TPN , Hyderabad : The Telangana government received 574 applications during the Prajavani program held on Tuesday, November 29, at Mahatma Jyotiba Phule Praja Bhavan in Hyderabad. Officials reported that the minority welfare department accounted for the highest number of applications, with 198 submitted.

were received. Of these, 46 grievances were department-specific, with 21 concerning the town planning department, followed by five for health and family welfare. Other departments, including electrical, sports, and housing, received fewer applications.

Other departments receiving significant applications included the energy department (99), panchayati raj and rural development (98), revenue (55), and education (26). Additionally, 4 applications were for Pravasi-related issues, while 94 were directed to other departments.

In the zonal category, Kukatpally zone led with 33 complaints, followed by Secunderabad (21), LB Nagar (14), Serilingampally (9), and Charminar (3). The Khairatabad zone reported no applications.

The previous Prajavani program on November 19 received 614 applications. State Planning Commission Vice Chairperson Dr. Chinna Reddy reviewed these submissions in person, highlighting the importance of addressing public grievances promptly.

On November 25, during a similar program attended by GHMC Commissioner Ilambarti, 126 applications

## Prominent Lyricist Kulasekhar Passes Away

Kulasekhar, who had been ill for some time, died while undergoing treatment at Gandhi Hospital  
Kulasekhar, who initially started his career as a journalist, made his debut as a lyricist through the film 'Chitram'  
The writer who wrote songs for films like Jayam, Bhadra, Santosham, Vasantham, Subbu and others

TPN , Hyderabad : Tollywood mourns the loss of renowned lyricist Kulasekhar, who passed away at the age of 53 while undergoing treatment at Gandhi Hospital in Hyderabad on Tuesday. The veteran lyricist had been battling illness for some time before his untimely demise.



Hailing from Visakhapatnam, Kulasekhar began his career as a journalist in Hyderabad before transitioning to film songwriting. Under the mentorship of legendary lyricist Sirivennela Seetharama Sastry, he made his debut as a lyricist with the film Chitram, directed by Teja.

Kulasekhar's songwriting prowess shone in films such as Jayam, Nuvvu Nenu, Bhadra, Santosham, Vasantham, Subbu, Ramma Chalakamma, Mrigaraju, and Sainikudu. Despite his early success, his career later faced setbacks, leaving him mentally distressed. Reports suggested that Kulasekhar faced legal trou-

bles and even served time in jail due to incidents stemming from his mental health struggles.

In recent years, Kulasekhar retreated from public life and stopped contributing to major film projects. His passing has left the film fraternity in sorrow, with many expressing their condolences and paying tribute to his contributions to Telugu cinema.

Kulasekhar is survived by his wife and two children. His legacy as a lyricist who created memorable songs during Tollywood's golden years will continue to be cherished by fans and colleagues alike.

## Telangana Governor Attends 75th Constitution Day Celebrations



TPN , Hyderabad : The Hon'ble Governor of Telangana, Sri Jishnu Dev Varma, graced the 75th Constitution Day celebrations as the chief guest at the High Court of Telangana in Ghansi Bazar, Hyderabad, on Tuesday, November 26, 2024.

The event commemorated the adoption of the Indian Constitution and highlighted its importance in safeguarding democratic values and rights. Governor Varma emphasized the Constitution's role in ensuring justice, equality, and liberty for all citizens. Dignitaries, legal professionals, and officials attended the celebration, reaffirming their commitment to upholding the principles enshrined in the Constitution.

## Streets Turn Red in Hyd, Locals Alarmed

TPN , Hyderabad : Residents of Venkatadri Nagar in Subhashnagar Division, near Jeedimetla Industrial Estate, were shocked on Monday as streets and roads turned red due to contaminated water flowing from a manhole. Streams of red-colored water spread across two roads, accompanied by a foul odor that left locals struggling to breathe. Upon investigation, residents discovered that the water was likely polluted by chemicals being dumped into the drainage system by nearby warehouses. Angry locals blamed negligence and improper waste management for the alarming situation. They have called on authorities to take immediate action against those responsible to prevent further environmental damage and health risks.

The incident has raised serious concerns about industrial pollution and the need for stricter regulations to safeguard public health and safety in residential areas near industrial estates.



## Hyderabad on Alert Against Illegal Immigration

TPN , Hyderabad : Amid unrest in Bangladesh, police in Greater Hyderabad have intensified checks to prevent the illegal entry of Bangladeshi immigrants. Trains arriving from Kolkata, particularly at Secunderabad and Nampally railway stations, are under strict surveillance following alerts from intelligence agencies.

questioning. In the past, illegal immigrants, including Rohingyas and Bangladeshis, were found to have settled in Hyderabad, often working as vendors, industrial workers, or in the construction sector. Some were discovered using fake documents such as passports, Aadhaar, PAN, and voter IDs. Recently, four Bangladeshis, including a minor, were detained in

Secunderabad, claiming to visit relatives in Chandrayangutta but later escaped police custody. Reports suggest that agents help illegal immigrants enter India, charging ₹5,000 to ₹6,000 per person. Hyderabad's Rajiv Gandhi International Airport (RGIA) has also emerged as a transit hub for Bangladeshi nationals heading to Gulf countries, with multiple arrests made for using forged documents. At the border, the Border Security Force (BSF) remains on high alert, particularly in West Bengal's Jalpaiguri district, where hundreds of Bangladeshis attempted to cross into India, citing violence in their homeland. The Border Guard Bangladesh (BGB) later intervened, taking them back.



Police teams from Hyderabad, Cyberabad, and Rachakonda commissionerates are conducting inspections in areas with a history of illegal immigration, including Balapur, Katedan, Mailardevpally, Falaknuma, and Pahadai Shareef. Residents have been urged to report suspicious individuals in their neighborhoods. Several suspects have already been detained for

## Tollywood Actor Sri Tej Accused of Fraud in Marriage Promise

TPN , Hyderabad : A zero FIR has been registered against Tollywood actor Sri Tej at the Gachibowli police station following allegations of deceiving a woman with a false promise of marriage. The complaint prompted the police to intensify their investigation.



This is not the first case against Sri Tej. Previously, the actor, known for portraying Chandrababu Naidu's character in films, was accused of having an extramarital affair. The affair reportedly caused emotional distress to the woman's husband, who tragically suffered a fatal heart attack upon learning about it. A case was subsequently filed at the Madhapur police station by the victim's family.

the actor to allegedly go into hiding. Authorities are actively searching for Sri Tej and have contacted individuals close to him to gather more information about his whereabouts.

While the legal proceedings in the earlier case are ongoing, the new allegations have surfaced, prompting

The police are pursuing leads in both cases to ensure a thorough investigation into the accusations.

## Old City Metro Corridor to Begin in January 2025

TPN , Hyderabad : The preliminary work for the Hyderabad Metro Rail Phase 2 network in the Old City corridor is set to commence in the first week of January 2025. The land acquisition process is already underway, with approximately 1,100 properties expected to be impacted due to the new alignment.

The Old City corridor will span 7.5 km, connecting the Mahatma Gandhi Bus Station (MGBS) to Chandrayangutta, with a total investment of ₹2,741 crore. Hyderabad Airport Metro Limited (HAML) is overseeing the project implementation.

Hyderabad Metro Rail Limited (HMRL) Managing Director NVS Reddy shared this update during the seventh anniversary of the Hyderabad Metro's first phase. He revealed that sketches for around 800 affected properties have been submitted to the Hyderabad District Collector. Demolition work on these properties is scheduled to begin in late December.

The metro expansion faced initial opposition from All India Majlis-e-Ittehadul Muslimeen (AIMIM) chief Asaduddin Owaisi during the previous government's tenure. However, his stance softened after modifications to the original plan were made.

The project aims to improve connectivity and enhance public transportation infrastructure in the historic Old City area, benefiting thousands of commuters.



# Protest in Nirmal Against Ethanol Factory Establishment



**TPN , Nirmal:** Members of a Joint Action Committee (JAC), along with locals and women, staged a rasta-roko in Dilawarpur mandal on Tuesday, protesting the establishment of an ethanol manufacturing factory in Gundampalli village. The protest, which lasted for about three hours, blocked traffic on the Nirmal-Bhainsa road, causing significant inconvenience to motorists.

Protesters raised slogans against the government for allowing the factory to be set up in their village, arguing that it would

pollute their farmlands and disrupt their livelihoods. The demonstrators demanded that the government intervene and relocate the factory.

Police arrived at the scene and assured the protesters that their concerns would be conveyed to the authorities. Following this assurance, the protest was called off, and traffic resumed. The Hyderabad-based company behind the ethanol factory has already acquired 60 acres of land and received the necessary permissions to begin construction.

# Protests at Food Poisoning Victim's Funeral

**TPN , Kumram Bheem Asifabad:** The funeral of 14-year-old Shailaja, a Class 9 student who died from food poisoning at a Tribal Welfare department Ashram school in Wankidi, was marred by intense protests against the government's handling of the case. Shailaja passed away on Monday at NIMS, Hyderabad, after being one of 64 students hospitalized following a meal at the school's hostel in late October.

As Shailaja's body arrived in her village, authorities imposed heavy security measures, restricting public and media access. Check-posts were set up up to 10 kilometers from the village, and even Shailaja's parents were reportedly denied time to mourn before the funeral. Villagers, along with local

organizations, staged protests, initially preventing officials from handing over the body. The protest ended after the Additional Collector assured compensation, a job, and a house under the Indiramma housing scheme for the family.

Shailaja's parents, however, expressed dissatisfaction with the compensation package, demanding five acres of land, additional compensation, and a government job. Meanwhile, several opposition leaders, including Asifabad MLA Kova Lakshmi, were prevented from visiting the village, with Kova Lakshmi placed under house arrest. Speaking to the media, she accused the government of causing Shailaja's death through neglect.



# Asifabad MLA Kova Lakshmi Placed Under House Arrest



**TPN , Asifabad :** Asifabad MLA Kova Lakshmi was unexpectedly placed under house arrest while attempting to visit the family of Shailaja, a student who tragically died from food poisoning. Kova Lakshmi, a member of the Gulabi Party, was on her way to offer support to the grieving family when police intervened and imposed a heavy security presence at her residence.

Her arrest has sparked outrage among her supporters, who view this action as an overreach. The incident has raised questions about the nature of public administration and the restrictions placed on elected officials trying to engage with constituents. Kova Lakshmi's followers have expressed strong discontent, questioning whether such measures are justified when visiting families of victims. The political tensions surrounding the issue continue to unfold.

# Ramagundam Police Destroys 521 kg of Ganja Worth Rs 1.30 Crore

**TPN , Telangana :** Ramagundam commissionerate police destroyed 521.544 kilograms of ganja, valued at Rs 1.30 crore, on Tuesday. The contraband had been seized in connection with 64 cases registered across police stations in Peddapalli and Mancherial districts since 2021.

The destruction took place at the Venkataramana Incinerator Factory in Manakondur, Karimnagar district, in accordance with environmental pollution norms. The process was conducted in the presence of advocates, after obtaining permission from the court under the NDPS Act. Samples of the seized ganja were collected before the destruction for forensic testing.



# 13 Telangana Districts Achieve 100% Census Survey Completion

**TPN , Hyderabad:** Telangana's extensive socio-economic and demographic census is nearing completion, with 92.6% of households surveyed. Out of 1,17,58,491 identified residences, 1,08,89,758 have been covered. Thirteen districts have successfully completed 100% of the survey, while Sangareddy and Medchal-Malkajgiri stand at 88.1% and 82.3%, respectively. Additionally, 17 districts have exceeded 90% completion.

In the Greater Hyderabad Municipal Corporation (GHMC) area, the survey is pro-

gressing well, with 76% of the 25,05,517 identified households surveyed so far.

Data entry for the completed districts is underway, with computerized entries finalized for 12,85,871 households. District in-charge officers stress the importance of accuracy in data entry, with thorough cross-checking procedures and secure storage of documents. The census, which collects vital socio-economic, educational, and political data, is expected to be instrumental in shaping targeted welfare policies and programs in Telangana.

# KRMB Headquarters to Shift to Andhra Pradesh by End of Academic Year

**TPN , Hyderabad:** The Krishna River Management Board (KRMB) is set to relocate its headquarters to Andhra Pradesh by the end of the academic year, in accordance with sub-section 85 (2) of the Andhra Pradesh Reorganisation Act (APRA) 2014. The Act mandates that the KRMB's headquarters be situated in the successor state of Andhra Pradesh.

The Andhra Pradesh government has expressed its commitment to supporting the transition, with efforts underway to provide office space in Vijayawada. This move is aligned with the state's focus on developing Amaravati as its new capital. While the previous AP government proposed office space in Visakhapatnam, the new government has opted for Vijayawada for logistical and administrative reasons.

Currently, the KRMB operates from Jala Soudha in Hyderabad, where office space is provided free of cost by the Telangana government. The Andhra Pradesh government is expected to offer a similar arrangement. Various stakeholders, including the Saaguneeti Vinayogadharula Sanghaala Samakhya and MP Kesineni Sivanath, have supported Vijayawada as the preferred location for the KRMB headquarters.

The KRMB will continue discussions to ensure a smooth transition, fulfilling legal obligations while addressing logistical needs.

# Woman and Son Feared Dead After Jumping Into Manjeera River

**TPN , Sangareddy:** A woman and her son are feared to have drowned in the Manjeera River after allegedly attempting suicide in Chinthakunta village, Andole mandal, on Tuesday evening. The mother-son duo, identified as Vadla Balamani (45) and Vadla Shyam (28), reportedly jumped into the river, possibly due to family issues. The police are currently attempting to recover their bodies. Authorities are investigating the incident, and the search operation is ongoing to locate the remains. This tragic event has left the community in shock, as relatives and locals express their disbelief at the family's sudden and devastating loss.

# Quacks Practicing Allopathy Raided in Telangana

**TPN , Hyderabad:** The Telangana State Drug Control Administration (TSDCA) has raided the clinics of two individuals practicing allopathy without a valid MBBS qualification. The raids were conducted in Nelamarri village, Suryapet district, and Kawadipally village, Abdullapurmet mandal, Rangareddy district. In the first raid, Madoju Kanakachary's clinic in Nelamarri was found to be stocking 24 varieties of drugs. In the second operation, Mohd Rawoof's clinic in Kawadipally was discovered to have 51 varieties of drugs, including high-end antibiotics, steroids, painkillers, anti-ulcer drugs, and analgesics, worth Rs 54,880. Both individuals are suspected of illegally selling these drugs without the required drug licenses.



The TSDCA emphasized that stocking and selling drugs without a proper license is a violation of the Drugs and Cosmetics Act and is punishable by up to five years in prison. The Director-General of DCA, V.B. Kamalsan Reddy, urged the public to report such illegal activities via the toll-free number 1800-599-6969, available between 10:30 AM and 5:00 PM on working days.

# TGSPDCL Officers and Agent Arrested for Bribery in Hyderabad

**TPN , Hyderabad:** A Telangana State Power Distribution Corporation Limited (TGSPDCL) assistant engineer, a lineman, and their agent were arrested for bribery by the Telangana Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) on Tuesday, November 26. The accused have been identified as Balam Naik (Assistant Engineer), Hemanth Naik (Lineman), and their agent B. Mahesh.

According to the ACB, the officers demanded a total bribe of Rs 15,000 from a consumer for clearing a line clearance request to shift an 11 KV power line. Balam Naik sought Rs 10,000, while Hemanth Naik asked for Rs 5,000. The bribe was to be paid through Mahesh, who acted as a receiving agent. The ACB officials conducted a chemical test on the



seized money, confirming the bribe. The trio was later presented before the First Additional Special Judge for SPE and ACB cases, Hyderabad.

The ACB has encouraged citizens to report incidents of bribery through their toll-free hotline, 1064.

# Hyderabad Police Seize and Crush 1,540 Unauthorized Sirens and Horns

**TPN , Hyderabad:** As part of a special drive to tackle traffic congestion and improve road safety, Hyderabad traffic police seized and destroyed 1,540 unauthorized sirens and multi-tone horns. On Tuesday, November 26, the confiscated items were crushed under a road roller along Toli Chowki Road. The operation was part of the ongoing 'ROPE' (Removal of Obstructive

Parking and Encroachments) initiative.

Hyderabad Police Commissioner CV Anand stated that the drive would continue across the city, aiming to remove encroachments and clear carriageways. He emphasized that clearing footpaths and roadways from obstruction was crucial to reducing traffic congestion. Additionally, he highlighted that many roadside vendors were from other states, supported by local mafia elements, and occupying public spaces.



CV Anand called for greater collaboration among citizens, politicians, and various departments to address the city's traffic challenges, noting that about 88 lakh vehicles are on the roads daily. He also urged drivers to be more responsible in parking their vehicles.



## 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.

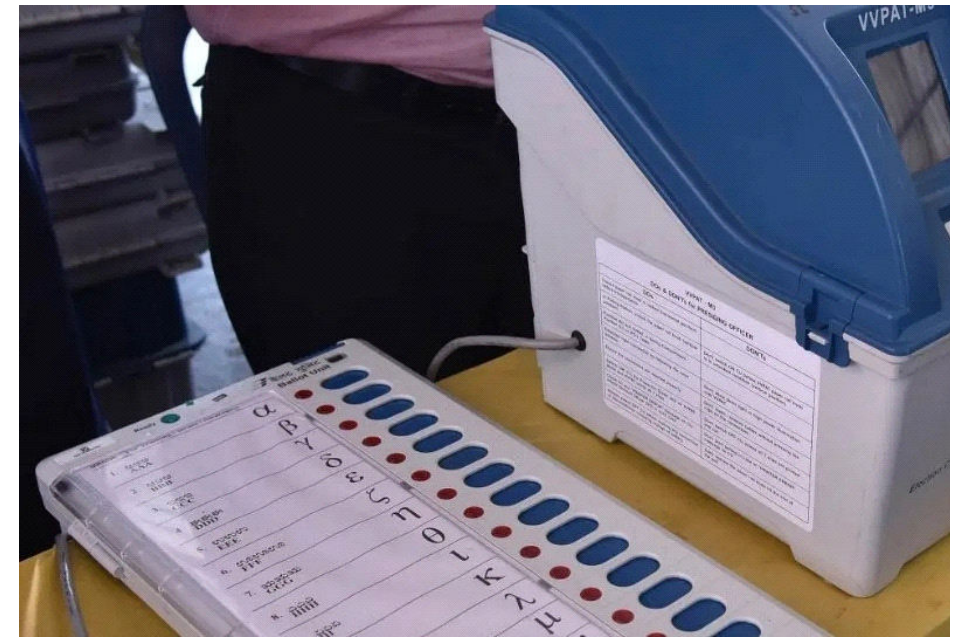
Once we arrived, however, our concerns seemed misplaced. Saudi Arabia warmly welcomed its visitors, and we found ourselves blending in just as easily as we would in other cosmopolitan cities like Abu Dhabi or Dubai. Surprisingly, we didn't encounter the much-feared religious police, which had been a 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.

## "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.

## "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-

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

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.



## 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-

# 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 Fiumicino, 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.

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.

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.

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

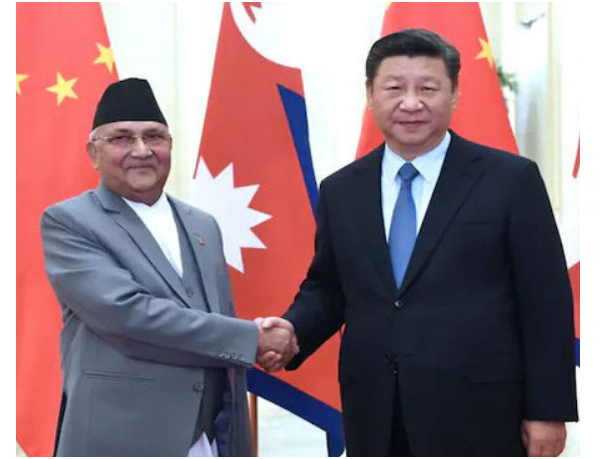
Jaishankar also highlighted the global stress caused by ongoing conflicts, urging nations not to be passive observers but to take initiative in finding common ground, particularly in Ukraine and West Asia, to move toward a more peaceful and stable world order.

## 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**



### 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.

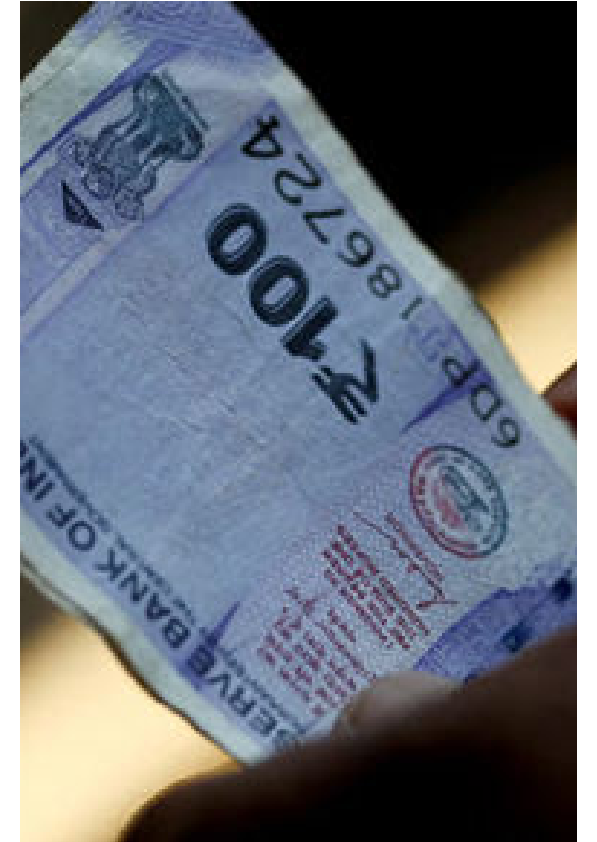


### 5. PolicyBazaar (PB Fintech)

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.

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.



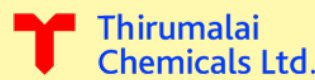
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rupee weakened by 5 paise to settle at 84.33 against the dollar. Restaurant Brands Asia shares rose the most in 9 months today. RVNL received a letter of acceptance from South Central Railway. Enviro Infra Engineering IPO was subscribed 65.07 times 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.



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 Infi 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

## 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.



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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.

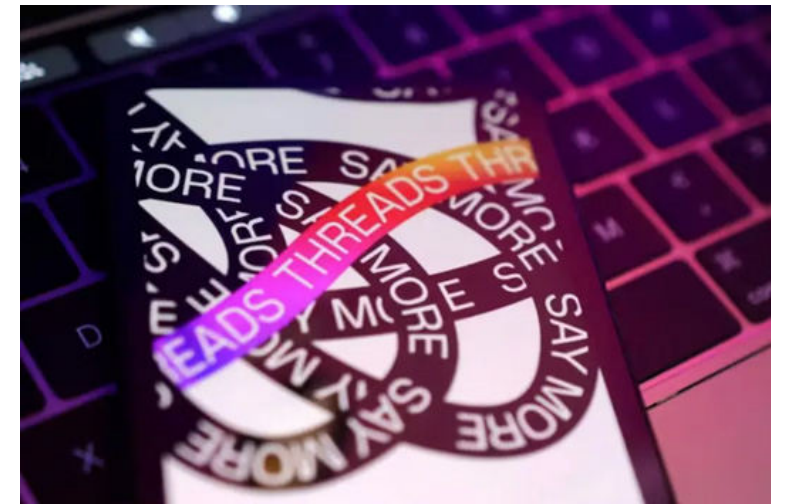
In conclusion, frozen foods can be both convenient and healthy, as long as you're freezing them yourself and following proper storage practices.

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

Meta's microblogging platform, Threads, a competitor to (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.

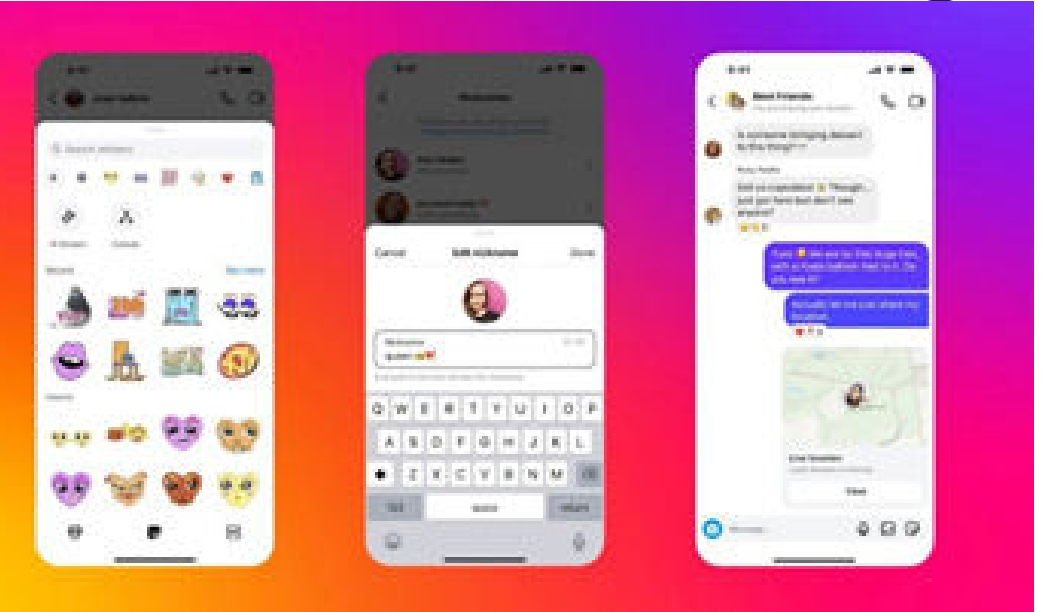
Meta's move to offer users more control over their content feeds follows recent changes in the platform's algorithm, which emphasizes showing more posts from users' followed accounts. The new default feed feature builds upon this shift, further personalizing the user experience on Threads and offering 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-An-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 stars.  
**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, Luvnith 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 Wadhwa, 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 Shedje (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 Chameera

### 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, Kwena 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 Shahrukh 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, Prasad 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, I can take some treatment, 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.



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.

*\*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.

## 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.