

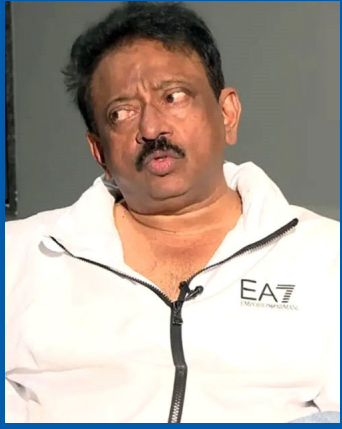
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## RGV's Defiance or Subtle Plea? The Saga Continues

**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** Controversial filmmaker Ram Gopal Varma finds himself in the spotlight yet again, but this time, it's not for a film. The director has been evading police searches as multiple cases have been filed against him across Andhra Pradesh for allegedly making derogatory remarks and sharing offensive posts about AP Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu,

# AP's EAGLE Taskforce to Combat Drug Menace



- Central office in Amaravati, unit offices in districts
- Eagle to investigate drug supply and control
- Decision to recruit staff on deputation

**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** The Andhra Pradesh government has taken a significant decision by issuing orders to establish 'Eagle,' a specialized force for drug control. The government announced that a central office would be set up in Amaravati, with unit offices in various districts to enhance the initiative's reach. The Eagle force will focus on investigating drug supply chains and controlling their transportation. To ensure efficiency, the government has suggested recruiting staff on deputation. Additionally, employees joining the Eagle force will be granted a 30% special allowance as an incentive. In another major move, the government has decided to establish five special fast-track courts to expedite the trial of drug-related cases. These courts will be located in Visakhapatnam, Rajahmundry, Vijayawada, Guntur, and Tirupati. The government informed the High Court about this decision and allocated ₹8.59 crores for the Eagle force's establishment and operations. **2 PAGE**



## Mega Brother Nagababu for Rajya Sabha?

- Elections scheduled for December 20; results on the same day.
- Reports suggest Nagababu has been finalized for one seat.
- YSRCP unlikely to contest in the Rajya Sabha election.

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# CM Naidu Attends Brother's Final Rituals at Naravaripalli



**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** Andhra Pradesh Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu attended the 11th-day rituals of his elder brother, Nara Ram Murthy Naidu, at their family village Naravaripalli in Tirupati district on Monday. Accompanying him were his wife Nara Bhuvaneshwari, son Nara Lokesh, and other members of the Nara family. Renowned actor and Ram Murthy Naidu's son, Nara Rohit, performed the final rites. Several prominent TDP leaders, including Minister Atchannaaidu, Nimmala Ramanaidu,

and Anagani Satya Prasad, also paid their respects and attended the ceremony. Nara Ram Murthy Naidu, a former TDP leader and MLA, passed away on November 16 at a private hospital in Hyderabad due to age-related health issues. He was 72. His final rites were performed in Naravaripalli, his native village. Ram Murthy Naidu represented the Chandragiri Assembly constituency in the Andhra Pradesh Legislative Assembly from 1994 to 1999 and was a respected figure in the region.



## Jagan Opens Up on Adani Deal "My Name Is Nowhere in the Report"

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*Happy Birthday*

**Dr. Bondada Raghavendra Rao,**

an impactful, innovative, and inspiring leader.

Wishing a joyful birthday to the visionary



## Minister Nadendla Assures Farmers of Quick Grain Procurement

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: In Krishna District On Thursday Civil Supplies Minister Nadendla Manohar assured farmers in Gudivada and Pamarru constituencies that the government is fully committed to supporting them and ensuring smooth grain procurement, despite challenges posed by climate change. During his visit to the district, Minister Manohar inspected the dry paddy fields and addressed a media conference at the residence of Gudivada MLA Venigandla Ramu. The Minister emphasized that the grain procurement process, which usually takes around 40 days, would be completed in just four days, thanks to urgent steps being taken to address climate-related issues.

“We are working day and night to support our farmers and ensure that the grain procurement process is seamless,” said Minister Manohar. “We have made several reforms to help farmers benefit from the grain sales, including providing assurance that the process will be smooth and hassle-free.” The Minister also highlighted the government’s efforts to speed up the payment process. “Farmers will receive cash in their accounts within 24 hours of selling their grain,” he added. Additionally, instructions have been given to millers to purchase grain with up to 24% moisture content. To further support farmers, the government has taken steps to procure 30 metric tons of

grain in Gudivada by the evening. Minister Manohar confirmed that outstanding funds have been released to avoid any issues with bank guarantees for millers. A new facility has also been introduced, allowing farmers to access bank guarantees in a 1:2 ratio. The government has arranged for sacks and transport vehicles to be provided to farmers through the Farmer Support Centers, ensuring smooth logistics and no delays in the procurement process. Minister Manohar urged farmers to contact the support centers for any assistance. The Minister’s visit and reassurances aim to give farmers confidence that their interests are being prioritized in these challenging times.



## Good News for Aqua Farmers Minister Promises Supply of Quality Electricity to Hatcheries

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: The aqua sector, which has been struggling over the past five years, is set to receive much-needed attention from the new alliance government. Aqua farmers have been facing significant challenges due to a lack of support from the previous government. In a positive turn, Power Minister Gottipati Ravikumar has assured that a concrete decision will be made soon to address their concerns.

On Thursday, Minister Ravikumar met with aqua farmers in Bhimavaram, West Godavari district, where farmers raised their issues, particularly regarding the supply of quality electricity to hatcheries. Minister Ravikumar responded positively, instructing officials to focus on areas with high electricity demand and identify locations for new substations to meet the requirements of the aqua sector.

The farmers also requested the government to reconsider the seasonal subsidy for hatcheries, which Ravikumar acknowledged, stating that officials would soon meet with hatchery owners to find a solution without imposing a significant financial burden. The minister emphasized that the problems of aqua farmers had already been discussed in the assembly, signaling that efforts to resolve these issues were already underway.

This proactive approach is part of the new alliance government’s commitment to improving the lives of farmers and addressing sector-specific challenges. Minister Ravikumar’s meeting with the aqua farmers marks the beginning of a focused effort to revitalize the struggling sector and provide lasting solutions.

## RGV’s Defiance...

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Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan, and Minister Nara Lokesh. Even as the police intensify their efforts to locate him, Varma appeared in a media interview, where he offered his version of events. In his signature style, the filmmaker claimed that he doesn’t believe Chandrababu Naidu or Lokesh would resort to “revenge politics” to target him. “Winning 164 out of 175 seats is revenge enough. Neither my posts nor my films influenced even a single vote,” he stated confidently. While Varma maintained his usual rebellious tone, his comments seemed to carry an undertone of caution. Critics argue that behind his bold words lies an indirect plea to the government to avoid punitive actions. The director, known for pushing boundaries, now appears to be treading carefully amidst growing speculation of an imminent arrest. During the YCP regime, RGV was known for making highly offensive remarks against top political figures, including Chandrababu and his family. Now, faced with mounting legal trouble, it seems Varma is attempting to temper his defiance while subtly appealing for leniency. Whether this strategy works remains to be seen as the legal proceedings against him unfold.

## Avinash Reddy’s PA Denied Anticipatory Bail

- Case registered against Raghav Reddy based on the statement by Varra Ravinder Reddy.
- Raghav Reddy absconding for sixteen days.
- Allegations of posting obscene content with Varra on Sharmila.

TPN, Kadapa: The Kadapa District High Court has dismissed the anticipatory bail petition filed by Raghav Reddy, the personal assistant to YCP leader and Kadapa MP Avinash Reddy. The case was registered against Raghav Reddy following a statement given by YCP social media activist Varra Ravinder Reddy, who was earlier arrested in connection with obscene posts.

Raghav Reddy, who has been on the run for the past sixteen days, filed for anticipatory bail, fearing arrest. However, the court rejected his plea.

The allegations against Raghav Reddy include collaborating with Varra Ravinder Reddy to



post obscene and defamatory content targeting AP Congress President YS Sharmila, along with Sunitha and Vijayamma. The dismissal of the anticipatory bail petition signals a continuation of the investigation and possible legal action against the accused.

## Minister Anam Highlights Changes in Tirumala Under NDA Government



TPN, Andhra Pradesh: Endowments Minister Anam Ramanarayana Reddy emphasized the significant improvements made in Tirumala during the first four months of the coalition government in Andhra Pradesh. Speaking to the media on Thursday, the Minister highlighted how the government has restored Tirumala’s former glory by addressing the challenges faced by devotees in the past.

Minister Reddy pointed out that, unlike before, common devotees now enjoy hassle-free darshan of the Lord. He stated that the administration has become more streamlined, resolving previous issues and eliminating controversies that once plagued the sacred temple town. Additionally, the quality of Srivari prasads has been greatly improved, with devotees expressing satisfaction.

The Minister also mentioned several reforms, including an increase in the allocation for 5,400 temples in the state for offerings, from Rs. 5,000 to Rs. 10,000. This initiative aims to enhance the spiritual atmosphere of the temples and monasteries. He further assured that the government would intervene if any monasteries started becoming overly commercialized.

Reflecting on the state of Tirumala under the previous government, Reddy criticized the loss of prestige and the removal of the complaint book. He emphasized that the current administration has reintroduced the complaint book, encouraging feedback from devotees. The government, under the leadership of Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, is committed to ensuring that no mistakes are made in offering prayers to Lord Venkateswara and maintaining the temple’s high standards of service.

## AP’s EAGLE...



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Recently Minister Nara Lokesh has proposed several proactive measures to curb drug use among the youth in Andhra Pradesh. He emphasized incorporating a dedicated chapter on the harmful effects of drug addiction into school curriculums, making awareness a foundational part of education.

During the third meeting of the ministers’ sub-committee on combating drug and ganja peddling, chaired by Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha, a resolution was passed to transform the AP Anti-Narcotics Taskforce into the Elite Anti-Narcotics Group for Law Enforcement (EAGLE) under the direction of Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu.

Lokesh suggested the use of drones to detect and eliminate ganja plantations and proposed forming EAGLE committees at educational institutions, villages, and ward secretariats to strengthen grassroots vigilance. Additionally, he recommended cutting off welfare benefits to families involved in cultivating or selling drugs, holding them accountable for such illegal activities. This initiative reflects the government’s commitment to tackling the drug menace and ensuring swift justice through dedicated resources and judicial support.

## Jagan Opens Up on Adani Deal...

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: YCP chief YS Jagan criticized the lack of visible implementation of manifesto promises in the state under the current government, asserting that only mafia activities and monetary distribution among them are evident. Jagan highlighted the significant reforms implemented during the previous YCP regime, including initiatives in education such as Amma Vodi, Nadu-Nedu, and TOEFL training, as well as advancements in the medical sector. Jagan emphasized that the real wealth creation occurred during the YCP government’s tenure, citing the construction of three ports as proof. He stated that efforts to create wealth included building medical colleges and improving infrastructure. Jagan also pointed out the poor condition of DISCOMS during the Chandrababu Naidu government, with debts and losses reaching ₹86,000 crores by the end of Naidu’s tenure.

To alleviate pressure on DISCOMS, Jagan explained that solar agreements were signed to provide affordable power to farmers. He highlighted that SECI (Solar Energy Corporation of India) proposed supplying solar power at ₹2.49 per kilowatt, marking a historic low in the state’s power tariffs. This agreement between the central and state governments, approved by the central power department and ERC, also exempted inter-state transmission charges. Jagan stated that this deal would save the state ₹1.10 lakh crores over 25 years. In contrast, Jagan criticized the Chandrababu Naidu government for signing solar power agreements at an average of ₹5.90 per kilowatt, labeling it an inefficient move. He countered claims questioning why Andhra Pradesh procured solar power at ₹2.49 while Gujarat produces it at ₹1.99, explaining that additional inter-state transmission charges would raise the cost to ₹2 if imported.

## Heavy Rains Expected in South Coast and Rayalaseema Red Alert Issued as Severe Cyclone Nears

TPN, Andhra Pradesh: A severe cyclonic circulation has formed between Sri Lanka and Tamil Nadu, with the India Meteorological Department (IMD) forecasting its likely intensification into a cyclonic storm in the coming hours. The storm is expected to make landfall between North Tamil Nadu and Mahabalipuram by the morning of November 30, bringing heavy rains and strong winds to the region. The cyclonic system, currently located about 110 km east-northeast of Trincomalee in Sri Lanka, is moving in a north-northwesterly direction. It is anticipated to cross the coast between Karaikal and Mahabalipuram, impacting both Tamil Nadu and Puducherry. The IMD has warned of very heavy rainfall in some areas of Tirupati and Nellore districts in the next 24 hours, prompting a red alert in these areas.



## AP Dy Speaker Comments on CID Investigation and IG Sunil Kumar

**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** At Renigunta airport, Raghuram Krishnam Raju expressed satisfaction with the Supreme Court's involvement in the investigation into his alleged mistreatment. He stated that the ongoing CID investigation is transparent, which led to the arrest of officers involved in his assault. Raju predicted that more arrests would follow soon.

He also pointed out that no one has responded to his accusations against Vijaypal, who he claims illegally arrested and mistreated him. Raju emphasized that the facts of the case are now coming out in court, shedding light on the truth.

Raghuram Krishnam Raju accused IG Sunil Kumar of having his private staff attack him. He hinted that more details about this involvement would emerge during the investigation. Furthermore, Raju urged the government to take swift action to prevent IG Sunil Kumar from fleeing the state or country.



Raju raised doubts about IG Sunil Kumar's caste declaration document, suggesting that an investigation should be launched into its authenticity. His remarks highlight the escalating tension surrounding the case and call for accountability in the ongoing investigation.

## YS Sharmila Demands Action Against Jagan Over Alleged Adani Deals

**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:**

APCC President Y.S. Sharmila launched a scathing attack on former Chief Minister Jaganmohan Reddy, accusing him of corruption and favoritism towards industrialist Adani. Speaking in Vijayawada's Suryaraopet on Thursday, Sharmila alleged that Jagan transformed Andhra Pradesh into an "Adani state" and signed blank cheques to benefit Adani. She claimed that Jagan received bribes totaling ₹1,750 crore in a solar power deal and sold a 10% government stake in Gangavaram Port, valued at thousands of crores, for just ₹640 crore.

Sharmila met with Governor Justice Abdul Nazeer, urging him to cancel power purchase agreements with Adani and take action against the alleged corruption. Addressing the media afterward, she accused Jagan of bypassing permissions and directly negotiating bribes with Adani. She challenged Jagan to take an oath on his children if he claimed to be free of corruption.

She expressed concern that these deals had tarnished India's reputation internationally and criticized Jagan for prioritizing personal gain over public interest. Sharmila also took aim at Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, accusing him of being afraid to act against Adani and Prime Minister Modi. She questioned the legality of the agreements with Adani and demanded the formation of a joint parliamentary committee to investigate Adani's alleged corruption. Sharmila concluded by highlighting the silence surrounding Adani's involvement in deals with SEKI, asserting that the Congress party would continue to push for accountability. Her comments have intensified the political debate over the state's dealings with Adani and raised questions about transparency and governance.



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## Gudivada Amarnath Refutes Allegations of Adani Power Deal



**TPN, Visakhapatnam:** Former Minister and YSRCP Visakhapatnam District President Gudivada Amarnath denied allegations of a power purchase agreement with Adani, calling them unfounded. Speaking in Visakhapatnam on the occasion of Phule's death anniversary, Amarnath clarified that the previous YSRCP government only signed an agreement with SECI, a central government organization, and not with Adani.

Amarnath challenged critics to provide evidence of any such agreement with Adani, stating he was ready to face any consequences if proven wrong. He accused the opposition of spreading baseless rumors about corruption involving YSRCP leader Jaganmohan Reddy. According to him, despite 15 years of allegations, no charges have been substantiated.

He also dismissed claims of a sixth installment in the power agreement, condemning it as part of a larger misinformation campaign. Amarnath reiterated that the accusations were politically motivated attempts to discredit the YSRCP government and its leadership.

His comments aim to clear the air amid ongoing political controversies surrounding power deals and alleged corruption.

## ACB Raids on Former Deputy CM's PA in Srikakulam Dist



**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** The Anti-Corruption Bureau (ACB) conducted extensive raids on Thursday in Lingam Naidupeta village, Jalumuru mandal, and Danta village, Kotabommali mandal, both located in the Tekkali constituency of Srikakulam district. The raids began early in the morning, targeting properties linked to Murali, a personal assistant (PA) to former Deputy Chief Minister Dharmana Krishna Das.

Murali, who has served as a government PA for the past five years, is suspected of amassing assets disproportionate to his known sources of income. Acting on credible information, ACB officials initiated searches at his residences in both villages. The authorities have cordoned off the area, restricting entry to ensure the search operations proceed without interference. The raids are expected to continue as officials thoroughly investigate Murali's assets and financial records.

This operation is part of the ACB's ongoing efforts to crack down on corruption and unaccounted wealth among government officials.

## AP High Court Fines Journalist Vijay Babu ₹50,000 for Politically Motivated PIL

**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:**

The Andhra Pradesh High Court imposed a ₹50,000 fine on journalist Vijay Babu, criticizing him for filing a politically motivated Public Interest Litigation (PIL). Vijay Babu, who served as the president of the Official Language Commission during the YSRCP regime, had filed a PIL alleging that individuals posting on social media were being unjustly arrested.

The court, however, dismissed the petition, stating that it lacked genuine public interest and was driven by political motives. It ordered Vijay Babu to pay the fine to the Legal Services Authority within a month, directing that the funds be used for the welfare of the disabled. In its remarks, the High Court questioned the necessity of filing a PIL on behalf of individuals who use expensive phones and electronic devices to post online. It emphasized that PILs should serve those unable to

voice their concerns, not those engaging in social media debates.

The court also condemned the misuse of social media, noting that vulgar language and personal attacks, especially against family members, have become rampant. It warned that using social media irresponsibly is a punishable offense and criticized the actions of those who work as "hired thugs" to spread negativity online.

This ruling underscores the judiciary's stance on the ethical use of social media and the importance of preserving the true intent of public interest litigations.



## TDP MLC Ram Gopal Reddy Alleges House Tax Fraud in Pulivendula

**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:**

TDP MLC Ram Gopal Reddy has leveled serious accusations against the previous YSR Congress Party (YCP) government, alleging widespread financial mismanagement and corruption in Pulivendula. Speaking at the Pulivendula municipality's general meeting, held after a two-month gap, Reddy criticized the YCP for misleading the public by portraying their governance as corruption-free. He pointed out that despite spending ₹650 crore on beautification projects in Pulivendula, essential infrastructure, such as CC roads and drainage systems, remains incomplete. He also noted that an additional ₹125 crore is needed to address these issues.

Reddy expressed frustration over the municipality's dire financial state, revealing that it could not even allocate ₹5,000 for basic expenses. He highlighted the lack of funds to manage issues like stray dogs and pigs. In a shocking disclosure, he mentioned that although he had paid ₹6,000 in house tax for his property, the amount had not been deposited into the municipality's account. The MLC further alleged that fake house tax receipts were circulating in



Pulivendula, raising concerns about fraudulent activities. He questioned how common citizens could cope if even a legislator faced such problems. Reddy assured residents that he would discuss the situation with the concerned minister to secure necessary funds for urban development. Additionally, he demanded the immediate distribution of TIDCO houses, emphasizing that money had been collected from the public for these houses as far back as 2018-19. His comments have stirred controversy and brought attention to the pressing financial and administrative issues facing Pulivendula.

## Silenced Voices Are Now Speaking Out Now - Minister Dola

- Dola alleges numerous atrocities by YCP leaders during their regime
- Emphasizes no forgiveness for those who committed mistakes
- Claims a major scam in power contracts

**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** Minister Dola Bala Veeranjanyaswamy criticized the atrocities allegedly committed by YCP leaders during their tenure. He remarked that opposition activists, once silenced by fear, are now beginning to speak out. "The voices that were once suppressed are now coming to light," he stated, adding that those who committed wrongdoings cannot be forgiven.

Bala Veeranjanyaswamy highlighted that the coalition government has been in power for five months and assured that no action has been taken to favor anyone during this period. However, he pointed out a significant scam in power contracts, particularly involving SECI (Solar Energy Corpora-



tion of India).

He accused the YCP leaders of holding press conferences merely to prevent further damage to their reputation. "They are trying to deflect the focus by creating diversions," he alleged. The Minister reiterated the coalition government's commitment to transparency and accountability in governance, vowing to address the alleged irregularities during the previous regime.

## Naren Ramanjula Reddy Slams Govt Over Misleading of Power

**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:**

Naren Ramanjula Reddy, YSRCP Coordinator for Kamalapuram, criticized Chief Minister Nara Chandrababu Naidu and the coalition government during a press conference. He accused Naidu of spreading misinformation and alleged that the so-called "yellow media" is misleading the public by concealing the government's false claims. Reddy claimed that the coalition government is engaging in a campaign of rumors to shift blame for issues caused by the previous administration. He particularly highlighted plans for toll charges on state highways, alleging that Naidu is preparing for a scandal under this pretext. He condemned the media for covering up these actions with what he described as "shameful writings."

He further accused the coalition government of deceiving the public to



gain power, stating that it has no real intention of serving the people. According to Reddy, many citizens share the view that the current government prioritized winning political favor over delivering good governance. Reddy's remarks add to the growing political tensions in the state, with both sides accusing each other of corruption and misinformation.



## YS Jagan Pays Tribute to Mahatma Jyothirao Phule on His Death Anniversary

**TPN, Tadepalli:** Former Chief Minister and YSRCP President, YS Jagan, paid tribute to Mahatma Jyothirao Phule on his death anniversary at the Tadepalli YSRCP Camp Office. Offering prayers at Phule's portrait, Jagan honored the leader's contributions to social equality and justice. The tribute event was attended by several key figures from the YSR Congress Party, marking a solemn occasion to reflect on Phule's legacy.

Among those present were YSRCP Central Office In-charge MLC Lella Appi Reddy, MLC R. Ramesh Yadav, former ministers Jogi Ramesh and Vidadala Rajini, former MLA Chevireddy Bhaskar Reddy, and YSRCP State Secretary Ankamreddy Narayana Murthy. The leaders gathered to remember Phule's tireless efforts to uplift marginalized communities and his role in promoting education and social re-



forms. Mahatma Jyothirao Phule is widely remembered for his work in advocating for the rights of the oppressed, particularly

in the areas of education and the abolition of untouchability. His contributions have left a lasting impact on social reform movements across India.

### MLA Gadde Rammohan Lays Foundation for Water Tank Road in Vijayawada East



**TPN, Vijayawada:** In a significant development for Vijayawada East Constituency, MLA Gadde Rammohan Rao laid the foundation stone for the water tank road works in Srinivas Nagar Bank Colony, 4th Division. The ceremony marks the beginning of essential infrastructure projects aimed at improving water supply and road connectivity for the local residents.

Addressing the gathering, Gadde Rammohan Rao emphasized the importance of ensuring access to fresh water for all, particularly in hilly areas. He reiterated a request made to the Minister the previous day, highlighting the need for at least two hours of fresh water supply for residents. He further stressed that since a large portion of the division lies in hilly terrain, providing a reliable water supply in these areas should be a top priority.

Rammohan Rao also acknowledged the challenges faced by people in hilly regions, particularly during heavy rains, and assured that the government is working to address these issues. He pointed out that while former CM Chandrababu Naidu often discussed infrastructure in meetings, the current administration is committed to tangible improvements.

"Our goal is to provide roads, underground drainage systems, and uninterrupted fresh water access to every household by 2047, without any hurdles," said Rammohan Rao, outlining the vision for the region's development. The foundation laying marks a crucial step towards fulfilling these objectives and improving the living conditions of residents in the area.



### Collector Dr. G. Lakshmi Sa Encourages Differently-abled Athletes on International Day

**TPN, Vijayawada:** On the occasion of the International Day of Differently-Abled People, a series of sports competitions were organized by the District Differently-Abled People and Elderly Welfare Department at the Indira Gandhi Municipal Stadium in NTR District on Thursday. The event was inaugurated by District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmi sa, who emphasized that disability is not a barrier to talent, and the real challenge lies in the mind. Dr. Lakshmi unfurled the national flag and interacted with the athletes, encouraging them to excel. In her speech, she stressed that disability is not a hindrance to one's abilities and that those with mental challenges are often more resilient than the able-bodied. She highlighted that with the right support, the differently-abled could achieve success in all aspects of life, including sports.

The Collector urged the participants to increase their self-confidence and make the most of the sports competition as a

platform to showcase their skills. She expressed that such events help in discovering hidden talents and boosting mental strength, which would inspire them to reach greater heights, both at the district and state levels.

The district's Differently-Abled People and Elderly Welfare Officer, V. Kamaraju, mentioned that over 300 athletes participated in the competitions, which included chess, carrom, volleyball, tricycle race, shot put, and discus throw. The athletes competed in various categories for juniors, seniors, men, and women. The winners in various categories were Bindu Sri, Yashwanth, Madhusree, Pradeep, Girisha, Niharika, and others from schools like Vijayameri School for the Blind, the Government Differently-Abled Boys' Home, and Madonna College. The event highlighted the importance of inclusion, encouraging differently-abled individuals to thrive in all fields of society.

## MP Kesineni Shivanth Calls for 10 Maternal and Child Health Centers in Vijayawada

**TPN, Vijayawada:** MP Kesineni Shivanth raised the issue of improving maternal and child healthcare in his constituency during a Lok Sabha session on Thursday, demanding the establishment of ten additional Maternal and Child Health/Care Centers in rural Primary Health Centers (PHCs). Speaking under Rule 377, he requested that the National Health Mission (NHM) allocate necessary medical staff, facilities, and funds to enhance services for pregnant women and infants.

The issue was highlighted following a review conducted in collaboration with the Medical and Health Department during the Disha Sam-path event in NTR District on November 5. According to MP Shivanth, the six primary health centers in the Vijayawada Parliament constituency serve a population of 1,135,129 people, including 17,624 pregnant women and 15,247 newborns. He stressed the importance of ensuring safe and effective institutional deliveries in these centers.

MP Shivanth appealed to Health and Family Welfare Minister Jagat Prakash Nadda to approve this proposal promptly to provide better healthcare services to the people of Vijayawada. He emphasized that these additional centers would help address the growing demand for maternal and child healthcare services in the region.



## MLA Kamineni Srinivas Inauguration of CC Roads and Community Facilities

**TPN, Kaikaluru:** On the morning of Thursday, the newly constructed CC roads in Peddagonnur Panchayat of Mudinepalli Mandal, Eluru District, were inaugurated. The roads, funded through NREGA (National Rural Employment Guarantee Act) funds, aim to improve local infrastructure and connectivity.

The inauguration ceremony was attended by MLA Dr. Kamineni Srinivas, along with NDA leaders, public representatives, and local residents. Dr. Kamineni Srinivas also inaugurated additional facilities, including a free water tanker and newly installed chairs and tables, all of which were made possible through the support of the KL Narayana Foundation.

This initiative reflects the government's commitment to improving rural infrastructure and providing essential services to the community. The newly constructed roads are expected to significantly enhance the quality of life for residents, providing better access to transportation and supporting local businesses. The provision of the water tanker and community seating further underscores efforts to meet the needs of the population in Peddagonnur Panchayat. Local leaders and residents expressed their gratitude for the initiatives and emphasized the positive impact of these developments on the community's well-being. Dr. Kamineni Srinivas praised the collaboration between government efforts and private foundations, urging further initia-

## Ward Counsellor Ramalakshmi Likely to Leave TDP Planning to Join Janasena



**TPN, Jaggayyapet:** Kanneboyina Ramalakshmi, the prominent Telugu Woman President of Jaggayyapet Constituency and a City 10th Ward Councilor, is reportedly considering parting ways with the TDP. Known for her strong presence in the Municipal Council meetings and her reputation as a firebrand leader, Ramalakshmi has been actively speaking up for the community. She was also identified as an unofficial opposition leader within the party. Raghuram, the TDP President of Vijayawada Parliament, has acknowledged her leadership, though tensions have been brewing within the party. Ramalakshmi's dissatisfaction grew after TDP MLA Sriram Tatayya failed to deliver on promises, including granting a TDP floor in the past. Additionally, when the TDP alliance came

to power, Tatayya welcomed YSRCP chairman Raghavendra into the party, which left Ramalakshmi unhappy and disillusioned with the party leadership.

Ramalakshmi, who also served as the District BC Women's President, has since renewed her active membership in the TDP but has been in talks with other political leaders. Reports suggest that she is now in discussions with District Jana Sena President Samineni Udaya Bhanu. Sources indicate that Ramalakshmi is preparing to join Jana Sena in the near future, signaling a potential shift in her political allegiance. This move would mark a significant change in her political career as she looks for a platform aligned with her values and aspirations.

## SP R. Gangadhar Rao Urges Speedy Justice and Effective Investigations

**TPN, Vijayawada:** In a monthly crime review meeting held at the District Police Office, District SP Sri R. Gangadhar Rao IPS directed police officers to expedite the investigation of pending cases and ensure quality investigations to achieve speedy justice for victims. He stressed the importance of friendly policing, focusing on women's and children's safety, and maintaining law and order across the district.

### Key Directions for Police Departments:

- Crime Against Women and Children:** The SP emphasized immediate registration of FIRs in cases of crimes against women and children, rapid investigation, and quick filing of charge sheets. He also proposed awareness programs in schools and colleges to educate children about inappropriate behavior like "bad touch."
- Ganja Eradication:** With a special state action

plan to make the district ganja-free, the SP urged officers to investigate both forward and backward links in ganja cases, form special teams for NDPS cases, and increase patrols in suspected areas.

- Thefts:** To prevent thefts, the SP instructed officers to enhance night beats, verify the movement of suspected individuals, and increase surveillance on criminal elements.
- Road Safety and Traffic:** The SP called for measures to prevent road accidents, including identifying accident-prone zones, installing signboards, and increasing visible policing during high-risk times. He urged constant vehicle inspections to ensure road safety compliance.
- Cybercrime:** With rising cybercrimes, the SP emphasized the need for a specialized cyber-

crime team to quickly resolve pending cases and raise awareness about digital safety.

- Investigation and Case Progress:** Officers were instructed to fast-track investigations, especially in murder, rape, property, and other serious cases, ensuring the timely arrest of criminals and the swift trial of cases.
- Community Engagement:** Police officers were urged to engage with the public in a friendly manner, actively listen to complaints, and work towards providing justice. They were also directed to visit sensitive villages to prevent potential law and order issues.

The SP concluded the meeting by reminding officers to maintain discipline, adhere to proper conduct, and work diligently to bring justice while upholding the integrity of the Krishna District Police Department.





## MLA GV Anjaneyulu Address Public Grievances at Central Office

**TPN, Andhra Pradesh:** Petitioners from various regions gathered at the TDP central office to file complaints on issues ranging from frauds to land disputes. Government Chief Whip GV Anjaneyulu, MLC Ashok Babu, and Andhra Pradesh State Buildings and Construction Advisory Committee Chairman Gottumukkala Raghuramarajulu listened to the grievances of the public and worked towards resolving them.

Several victims approached the leaders to report fraudulent activities and issues with property disputes. Among them were Orsu Kiran Kumar and Orsu Balayya from K.N.Kotla village in Kadapa district, who alleged that YSRCP leaders were conspiring to seize their inherited land by tampering with online records and making illegal registrations. They sought justice and action against the perpetrators.

Vakacharla Veeraiah from Mandam village in Guntur district raised a complaint about Chunchu Sudheer from Vadlamudi village, who allegedly took Rs. 50 lakhs from him under the false promise of obtaining an NOC for farm land in Vaikunthapuram. Veeraiah appealed for the return of his money and action against the accused.

AP Rama Rao from Prakasam district, who worked on development projects, complained of difficul-



ties in receiving payment for construction work done in Chenchugudelas in 2018-2019. He requested the release of pending bills.

Other complaints included land disputes, illegal property sales, and issues related to water supply for agriculture. JayaLakshmi Shah from Guntur district reported a case of fraud involving her mother's property being sold by a woman using fake documents. She demanded strict action against the officials and conspirators involved.

Leaders took immediate action, contacting relevant officials and working towards resolving these issues. The public appreciated the leaders' prompt responses in addressing their grievances.

## TIDCO Chairman Ajay Kumar & MD Sunil Kumar Met Home Minister Anitha

*Discussed the Security Concerns at TIDCO Complexes*

**TPN, Amaravati:** TIDCO Chairman Vemulapati Ajay Kumar and Managing Director Sunil Kumar met with Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha to discuss the security concerns at TIDCO housing complexes, particularly the NTR colonies.

During the meeting, Chairman Ajay Kumar submitted a memorandum requesting enhanced security measures at the TIDCO housing complexes. He urged the Home Minister to take necessary steps to prevent anti-social activities in these areas, emphasizing the need for better policing and surveillance.

Ajay Kumar proposed the establishment of police stations near TIDCO housing complexes that have a population exceeding 40,000. Additionally, he requested the creation of police outposts within the limits of complexes with populations of 10,000 or more to ensure faster response times and greater security presence.



Furthermore, the Chairman suggested the installation of CCTVs throughout all NTR colonies, along with strengthening the overall surveillance system, to deter criminal activities and enhance safety.

Home Minister Vangalapudi Anitha responded positively to these proposals, assuring that necessary actions would be taken to improve security and safeguard residents in the TIDCO housing complexes.

## Awareness Drive for Prime Minister Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) in NTR District



**TPN, NTR Dist:** NTR District Collector Dr. G. Lakshmi Shah emphasized the importance of the Pradhan Mantri Fasal Bima Yojana (PMFBY) in ensuring the financial stability of farmers impacted by natural disasters. During a meeting with the District Level Monitoring Committee and other officials, Dr. Lakshmi Shah highlighted that the central and state governments are fully committed to stabilizing agricultural income and providing assurance to farmers facing

crop yield loss.

The meeting, held on Thursday, focused on implementing the scheme for Rabi 2024-25, where the Collector unveiled posters to spread awareness about the crop insurance scheme. Dr. Lakshmi Shah explained that PMFBY is designed to help farmers recover from crop damage by providing financial support. The scheme is optional, but it is highly encouraged to ensure that farmers

benefit from the coverage. Officials were instructed to launch an extensive awareness campaign at the grassroots level to ensure farmers understand the procedures, including selecting eligible crops, premium rates, compensation calculation, and more. Tata AIG General Insurance Company will serve as the implementing agency in NTR District, with insurance units based on village, mandal, or district levels, depending on the crop.

For example, farmers growing paddy will pay a premium of Rs. 126 for an insurance cover of Rs. 42,000 per acre, while those cultivating gram will pay Rs. 56 for Rs. 28,000 per acre coverage. Farmers who have taken crop loans will have their premiums paid directly by the bank, while others can pay through various means, including Common Service Centers and the National Crop Insurance Portal.

The Collector urged farmers to make use of the scheme and contact Rythu Seva Kendras and agricultural officers for further details.

## Joint Raids Bust Illegal Red Sandalwood Trafficking in Annamayya Dist



**TPN, Rayachoti:** In a joint operation involving the police, forest department, and Tirupati Task Force, authorities successfully raided an illegal red sandalwood trafficking operation in the forests of Gadikota Seshachalam, Veeraballi Mandal. The smugglers, who were illegally cutting and transporting red sandalwood logs, were apprehended by the police and laborers' vehicle at Edigapalli in Veeraballi Mandal.

The operation led to the seizure of 20 valuable red sandalwood logs, worth approximately ₹17.42 lakh, along with an Innova car used for transportation. Twelve individuals were arrested, including 11 red sandalwood laborers from Vellore district in Tamil Nadu and a vehicle driver, Gandla Latif Bhasha (25), from Bhagat Singh Colony, Proddatur in YSR district. Rayachoti Sub-Division DSP Krishna Mohan held a press conference to announce the details of the operation, stating that the arrested individuals would be sent to remand for further investigation. The authorities continue to intensify efforts to curb illegal trafficking in the region. This raid marks another significant step in the ongoing battle against the illicit trade of red sandalwood in Andhra Pradesh.

## Visakhapatnam Police Collaborates with Parcel Services to Combat Drug Trafficking



**TPN, Visakhapatnam:** In a bid to curb the illegal trafficking of drugs and narcotics through parcels and e-commerce channels, Visakhapatnam City Police Commissioner Dr. Shankhabrata Bagchi, in collaboration with officials from the Narcotics Control Bureau (NCB), held a coordination meeting with representatives from various parcel services, courier companies, and e-commerce platforms.

The meeting, which took place at the City Police Conference Hall, focused on the growing issue of narcotic drugs being transported through parcels and couriers. NCB and city police officials presented information using PowerPoint presentations to raise awareness about the ongoing problem and its potential impact.

Dr. Shankhabrata Bagchi emphasized the importance of vigilance among parcel and courier service staff. He urged them to immediately report any suspicious activity related to parcel deliveries, especially if there are concerns about the sender, receiver, or contents of the parcels. He highlighted that in past cases, employees from courier and e-commerce companies had been implicated in drug trafficking, which made it essential for these services to be extra cautious.

He also warned that parcels could potentially contain not only drugs but also stolen property, dangerous chemicals, or materials used for illegal activities, such as bomb-making. To aid in identifying such threats, NCB officials provided guidelines on "red flag" indicators for suspicious packages.

The meeting was attended by key officials, including NCB Zonal Director Sachin Gorpade, Deputy Director General T.G. Venkatesh, and various DCPs, ACPs, and representatives from local parcel agencies. The session aimed to strengthen collaboration between law enforcement and private services to prevent the misuse of parcel services for criminal activities.

## Kakinada Collector UnCOVERS Illegal Rice Smuggling at Port

**TPN, Kakinada:** In a dramatic turn of events, Kakinada District Collector Shan Mohan conducted a surprise inspection at the Kakinada Port, uncovering 640 metric tons of Public Distribution System (PDS) rice on the ship Stella L, which was bound for West Africa. The rice, intended for the poor, was illegally smuggled aboard the vessel, prompting immediate action by the Collector and his team.

The inspection, which lasted from 11 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., involved a thorough search of the ship with the help of a team from the police, port, marine, revenue, and civil supplies departments. The team took samples of rice from five different rooms on the ship, testing suspicious samples on-site with chemicals. The ship, which has a capacity of 52,000 tons, was found to be loaded with 38,000 tons of rice, including the seized 640 tons of PDS rice. The Collector revealed that this rice, previously seized by former Civil Supplies Minister Nadendla Manohar and released with a bank guarantee, was likely being smuggled abroad. Further inspection revealed that other stocks on the ship were suspected to be boiled rice. The Collector confirmed that the authorities will take action after reviewing the receipts for the PDS rice.

In addition, on Wednesday night, officials discovered 1,064 tons of suspected PDS rice in the barge IV0073, which was preparing to load cargo for export. The rice was found to belong to Lavan and Sai Teja Exports. While the companies claimed the rice had been recently released with a bank guarantee, officials are continuing to investigate. The ongoing searches have raised suspicions about illegal rice smuggling under the guise of legitimate exports, with further investigations underway to determine the extent of the irregularities.



## 20 Kg of Ganja Seized, Four Arrested in Visakha

**TPN, Visakha:** In a major breakthrough, the Gopalapatnam police have arrested four individuals from Kerala for their involvement in the illegal ganja trade. The accused were caught at the Uttara Simhachalam railway quarters after being found in possession of 20 kg of ganja. The police revealed that the gang had purchased the drugs from the Alluri Seetharamaraju district and were smuggling it to sell in Kerala.

The arrested individuals were using four mobile phones for communication related to the illegal trafficking activities. Authorities have stated that rowdy sheets will be opened against the four suspects, and investigations into their properties will be carried out as part of the ongoing probe.



This operation is part of the Visakhapatnam City Police's continued efforts to combat drug trafficking and organized crime in the region. The authorities have vowed to intensify their crackdown on the illegal drug trade, which has become a growing concern in the city.

The police have also assured that further legal actions will be taken against the arrested individuals, with investigations into their connections and activities still underway. The seizure of 20 kg of ganja is seen as a significant step in curbing the spread of narcotics in the region.



## Narendra Modi: A Global Leader Recognized with 20 Prestigious International Awards

Since taking office as the Prime Minister of India in 2014, Narendra Modi has not only spearheaded transformative economic, environmental, and social reforms within India but has also established himself as a prominent global figure. His leadership has earned him recognition worldwide, with numerous prestigious awards and accolades that highlight his contributions to global peace, humanitarian aid, and the enhancement of India's influence on the international stage.

Under Modi's leadership, India has undergone significant reforms, such as the Goods and Services Tax (GST), Make in India, Digital India, and Swachh Bharat Abhiyan, which have reshaped the country's economic landscape. Simultaneously, his government has worked to improve the country's international relations and bolster India's standing on the global stage. These efforts have resulted in Modi being recognized with more than 20 international awards, many of which are the highest civilian honours awarded by various nations.

These accolades reflect not only Modi's personal influence but also India's growing stature in global diplomacy and international relations. His foreign policy initiatives have strengthened India's ties with countries around the world, focusing on strategic partnerships, regional stability, and global cooperation. Modi's efforts to enhance India's role in multilateral forums such as the United Nations, G20, and



BRICS have garnered widespread recognition.

In addition to diplomatic achievements, Modi's leadership has been lauded for his focus on humanitarian causes, particularly in areas such as poverty alleviation, sustainable development, and healthcare. His advocacy for climate action and renewable energy has earned him global recognition as a champion for environmental sustainability. Modi's role in promoting peace and conflict resolution has further contributed to his standing as a respected global leader.

The international awards conferred upon Modi are a testament to his leadership style, which blends pragmatism, vision, and diplomacy. Among these awards are the prestigious Padma Vibhushan, the Legion of Honour from France, and the Order of St. Andrew from Russia, which are among the highest honors a foreign leader can receive. These awards underscore the impact of Modi's leadership on both India's development and its role in fostering peace and cooperation on the world stage.

As India continues to grow as a global economic and political powerhouse, Modi's leadership remains instrumental in shaping the country's future, both domestically and internationally. His recognition with over 20 international awards further cements his legacy as one of India's most influential leaders in recent history.

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## Global Oil Market Outlook: OPEC, Geopolitics, and U.S. Shale Production



The global oil market is currently in a phase of moderation, with prices hovering in the range of \$70-74 per barrel — the lowest levels seen since the onset of the Russia-Ukraine war in February 2022. For major importers like India, this trend provides some relief, easing the financial burden of high energy costs. However, the outlook for next year remains uncertain, with a variety of factors influencing oil price trends. The decisions made during the upcoming December 1 meeting of the Organisation of Petroleum Exporting Countries (OPEC) will play a key role in shaping the market's direction in the short term.

OPEC, which includes some of the world's largest oil-producing countries, is expected to maintain its current output curbs during the meeting, extending the restrictions that were initially set to be eased gradually from next month. This decision will likely push the timeline for easing production cuts into the new year, as the group aims to balance supply and demand while managing price fluctuations. Much of the future oil price trajectory will depend on geopolitical factors, particularly the ongoing tensions between Russia and Ukraine, as well as the broader state of China's economy. Geopolitical developments are already having an impact, with oil prices rising briefly in recent days due to escalating tensions in the Russia-Ukraine conflict. However, the price surge was short-lived, and oil prices have since fallen back to around \$73 per barrel for Brent crude and \$69.18 for West Texas Intermediate. These fluctuations highlight the ongoing volatility in the market, where any shift in global events could dramatically alter price expectations.

Adding to the complexity of the situation is the political climate in the United States. The upcoming presidency of Donald Trump, if he secures the position, could also influence the global oil landscape. Trump's "drill baby drill" rhetoric, aimed at boosting domestic oil production, has raised speculation that U.S. shale oil companies may ramp up output. While this could lower gasoline prices for U.S. consumers — a key campaign promise — it could also push global oil prices down further, a scenario that oil producers may be reluctant to embrace. The fossil fuel companies backing Trump are focused on maintaining profits rather than increasing output at the risk of oversupply, which could soften global prices.

## The Dangers of Citizen Journalism: Idealism vs. Reality



Citizen journalism has gained significant traction in recent years, driven largely by advancements in technology and social media platforms. Elon Musk, after acquiring 'X' (formerly Twitter), has strongly advocated for citizen journalism, positioning the platform as a "digital town square" and a direct alternative to traditional media. He envisions a world where ordinary people, rather than professional journalists, shape the news cycle by sharing real-time, on-the-ground information.

However, while citizen journalism holds the promise of democratizing information and challenging the biases of traditional media, it has its own set of challenges. As Musk himself has claimed, citizen journalism allows for the aggregation of insights from people directly involved in events, bypassing the filters of traditional newsrooms.

This could be seen as an extension of the role citizen journalists have played historically, from freedom fighters during India's struggle for independence to ordinary citizens capturing critical moments like the assassination of President John F. Kennedy or the Mumbai terror attacks.

Yet, the rise of citizen journalism comes at a cost. The absence of editorial oversight means that platforms like 'X' have become breeding grounds for misinformation, hate speech, and extremist views. Recent events, including the rise of racist and misogynistic content, highlight the dark side of a decentralized, unregulated news ecosystem. Musk's vision, while well-intentioned, has inadvertently allowed these harmful elements to proliferate, turning social media platforms into echo chambers of bias and vitriol. Moreover, the idea that citizen jour-

nalism can fully replace professional journalism is deeply problematic. Journalism requires specialized skills—investigative techniques, an understanding of systems, and the ability to challenge those in power. While anyone with a smartphone can report on an event, they lack the expertise and accountability that trained journalists provide. As Shekhar Gupta, a senior journalist, once pointed out, "Give me citizen doctors and citizen lawyers, and I'll give you citizen journalists."

In conclusion, while citizen journalism offers valuable opportunities for people to share their stories, it cannot replace the professionalism and integrity of traditional journalism. The challenge for both citizen journalists and professional media is to strike a balance that ensures information is accurate, responsible, and accessible to all.

## The Rise and Fall of India's Aviation Industry: A Historical Perspective

As India neared independence in 1947, the country's aviation industry was poised for success, benefiting from two key factors. Firstly, there were two sound private airlines, Tata Airlines and Indian National Airways, which were financially stable and experienced in operating modern aircraft. Both airlines had also been supported by the government during World War II, when their planes were requisitioned for wartime services. Secondly, the country reaped long-term benefits from the war, which brought significant advancements in aviation infrastructure, including the construction of 48 aerodromes and expanded meteorological services.

Despite these favorable conditions, the Indian aviation industry faltered due to a series of poor decisions made by the government. The creation of the Air Licensing Transport Board in 1946, under Prime Minister Jawaharlal Nehru's administration, was one such blunder. The Board's decision to grant numerous licenses and approve over 100 route applications led to excessive competition, skyrocketing costs, and wasted resources. The situation worsened when, in 1950, the government ignored recommendations from a committee led by Justice GS Rajadhyaksha, which advised against nationalization and called for consolidation of airlines to ensure economic viability. Instead, the government pursued a nationalization agenda that ultimately crippled the industry. In 1953, the passage of the Air Corporations Act formalized the nationalization of Indian aviation. The government created Air India and Indian Airlines as state-run monopolies, stifling private enterprise. The rationale behind nationalization included the desire to better utilize resources, enhance defense capabilities, and plan the future of aviation on a national scale. However, the government's approach proved to be a disaster, stunting growth and innovation in the sector for decades.



It wasn't until 1994, with the repeal of the Air Corporations Act, that India's aviation market began to show signs of recovery. The sector was liberalized, allowing private carriers to re-enter the market. However, the rapid rise and fall of airlines, coupled with structural issues, has led to a high failure rate. By 2024, over 40 airlines have ceased operations or merged, highlighting the challenges of building a sustainable aviation industry.

Looking ahead, India is now the world's third-largest aviation market, and its domestic air travel is projected to grow exponentially by 2030. Yet, the country faces critical infrastructure challenges, including the need for more airports, upgraded facilities, and an efficient regulatory environment. To truly realize its aviation potential, India requires a comprehensive, long-term strategy for developing a sustainable and competitive aviation sector.

# PM Modi to Lay Foundation Stone of Maharana Pratap Horticulture University in Karnal

Prime Minister Narendra Modi will lay the foundation stone for the main campus of Maharana Pratap Horticulture University in Karnal on December 9, 2024, announced Haryana Agriculture and Farmers Welfare Minister Shyam Singh Rana on Thursday. The announcement was made during a ceremony marking the foundation day of the university in Karnal, with Indri MLA and Chief Whip Ramkumar Kashyap also attending the event.

Minister Rana emphasized the importance of agriculture to India's economy, highlighting the country's fertile land and the robust yields achieved by farmers, especially in Haryana. He noted that while all other sectors were impacted during the Covid-19 pandemic, agriculture remained a vital and operational sector. Rana stressed that addressing unemployment requires prioritizing agriculture, as it offers numerous opportunities, particularly in Haryana.

Rana also pointed to the need to shift focus toward cultivating coarse grains, which he believes offer better health benefits than traditional crops like wheat and paddy. He pointed out that farmers are facing diminishing profits from the cultivation of wheat and paddy, and excessive reliance on these crops has led to severe water scarcity issues. The promotion of coarse grains, according to Rana, could alleviate these challenges while promoting healthier food choices for the public.

The minister also touched on the university's naming as the Veer Shiromani Maharana Pratap Horticulture University, a name he personally proposed. Rana praised Maharana Pratap as the first freedom fighter and a figure respected globally for his valor.

Vice Chancellor Suresh Malhotra provided an overview of the university's achievements and expressed hopes that it would soon become a leading institution not just



in India, but internationally. The Haryana government, Rana assured, would continue to support the university's growth and development.

This significant project aims to bolster Haryana's agricultural sector and contribute to the global promotion of horticultural education and research.

# Priyanka Gandhi Takes Oath as MP Following Wayanad Victory

Priyanka Gandhi Vadra, Congress leader and daughter of Sonia Gandhi, was sworn in as a Member of Parliament on Thursday, following her resounding victory in Kerala's Wayanad constituency. The 52-year-old politician, who secured a massive win with a margin of over 4.1 lakh votes, took the oath in Hindi while holding a copy of the Constitution, marking a significant milestone in her political career.

Priyanka's victory in the Wayanad by-election adds her name to the list of Congress family members currently serving as MPs, joining her mother Sonia and her brother Rahul Gandhi in Parliament. This marks a rare occasion where three members of the same family hold elected positions simultaneously.

The Congress leader's political journey began in 2019 when she took the plunge into active politics and was appointed Congress General Secretary. With this victory, Priyanka Gandhi embarks on her first term as an elected representative of the people, five years after assuming a leadership role within the party. The win also marks a personal milestone, as she surpassed her brother Rahul Gandhi's vote tally from Wayanad.



However, Priyanka Gandhi's entry into Parliament comes at a challenging time for the Congress Party, which has faced setbacks in recent elections in states like Haryana and Maharashtra. Her leadership and influence will be closely watched to see if she can rejuvenate the party and help regain its momentum on the national political stage.

Often compared to her grandmother, former Prime Minister Indira Gandhi, due to their striking physical resemblance and similar style of communication, Priyanka has long been an influential campaigner for the party. She was instrumental in campaigning for her mother and brother, even before her own political debut.

On Wednesday, Congress leaders from Wayanad handed Priyanka her election certificate, extending their congratulations. Priyanka Gandhi's victory has set the stage for a new chapter in her political career, with her focus now on representing Wayanad and furthering her party's agenda in Parliament.

# Ek Nath Shinde unlikely to be deputy CM in new government

As the Maha Yuti coalition continues its crucial discussions to determine the new Chief Minister of Maharashtra, the Shiv Sena on Thursday expressed its admiration for Ek Nath Shinde, praising his "humility and sense of duty." While the party has hinted that Shinde may not serve as the deputy chief minister in the new government, it has left open the possibility of his inclusion in the upcoming Council of Ministers.

Ek Nath Shinde, 60, rose to prominence after leading a rebellion that toppled the Uddhav Thackeray-led Maha Vikas Aghadi government, which consisted of the Shiv Sena, Nationalist Congress Party (NCP), and Congress. After the collapse of that alliance, Shinde became the leader of the Shiv Sena faction that aligned with the Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) and eventually assumed the position of Chief Minister on June 30, 2022. His tenure as Maharashtra's CM lasted until November 27, 2024.

During Shinde's tenure, the state saw significant political changes, with BJP's Devendra Fadnis and NCP's Ajit Pawar both serving as deputy chief ministers in a government that was formed under the Shiv Sena's leadership. Shinde's political maneuvering and ability to consolidate power played a key role in his ascent to the top position in the state.

The ongoing discussions in the Maha Yuti alliance are set to decide the future political direction of Maharashtra, with key roles being discussed for various party leaders. While Shiv Sena has not indicated whether Shinde will retain the Chief Minister's post, the praise for his leadership highlights his crucial role in the party and state politics.



# Jaishankar Meets PM Modi Amid Concerns Over Attacks on Hindus in Bangladesh



External Affairs Minister S. Jaishankar held a meeting with Prime Minister Narendra Modi on Thursday to discuss growing concerns over the safety of Hindus in neighboring Bangladesh. This comes as protests have erupted across Bangladesh following the arrest of Hindu monk Chinmoy Krishna Das Prabhu on November 25 at Dhaka airport. Sources suggest that Jaishankar may make a formal statement on the matter soon, depending on the proceedings in both houses of the Indian Parliament. The arrest of Das Prabhu has sparked widespread outrage among the Hindu community in

Bangladesh, leading to massive protests demanding his release. The situation escalated when Saiful Islam Alif, a lawyer, was tragically hacked to death during a demonstration outside a court in Chittagong, where protesters were calling for Das Prabhu's release. The monk, who was later denied bail, faces charges of sedition.

The protests, and the violent reaction to them, have raised serious concerns about the safety and treatment of Hindus in Bangladesh, a predominantly Muslim country. The arrest and the subsequent unrest have drawn attention from both local and international communities, with many expressing concern over the potential for communal tensions to escalate further.

The Indian government, led by PM Modi, has been closely monitoring the situation, especially in light of the growing unrest. Diplomatic efforts are likely to intensify as the Indian leadership seeks to address the concerns of the Hindu diaspora and ensure that the situation does not worsen. Jaishankar's meeting with Modi comes at a critical time, and it is expected that the Indian government will take further steps to address the issue through diplomatic channels, ensuring that the rights of religious minorities in Bangladesh are respected while maintaining bilateral relations with the neighboring country.

# Waqf Bill anti-secular, will snatch rights of Muslims: Mamata Banerjee

West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee on Thursday strongly criticized the Waqf (Amendment) Bill, calling it "anti-secular" and accusing the Centre of undermining the rights of Muslims. Addressing the state assembly, Banerjee claimed that the bill would deprive Muslims of their rights and asserted that the central government had failed to consult with state governments before introducing the proposed amendments.

"This bill is anti-federal and anti-secular. It is a deliberate attempt to malign a particular section of society. It will snatch the rights of Muslims. The Centre did not consult with us on the Waqf Bill," Banerjee stated.



The Waqf (Amendment) Bill proposes changes to the existing Waqf Act, which governs the administration of Waqf properties in India. The amendments have sparked strong opposition, particularly from opposition parties, who argue that the bill violates the religious rights of Muslims. Critics be-

lieve the changes could lead to greater government control over Waqf properties, undermining the autonomy of the Muslim community in managing their religious endowments.

On the other hand, the ruling Bharatiya Janata Party (BJP) has defended the amendments, asserting that they are aimed at bringing greater transparency and accountability to the functioning of Waqf boards. According to the BJP, the changes will help eliminate corruption and ensure proper management of Waqf properties.

In response to the widespread concerns, a parliamentary committee has been formed to review the bill and address the contentious issues raised by various stakeholders. The debate over the Waqf (Amendment) Bill has intensified the political discourse around religious rights and government control, with different political parties weighing in on the implications for the Muslim community.

# Hemant Soren Sworn in as Jharkhand Chief Minister for Fourth Term

Hemant Soren, leader of the Jharkhand Mukti Morcha (JMM), was sworn in as the 14th Chief Minister of Jharkhand on Thursday in a grand ceremony at Ranchi's Morabadi ground. The 49-year-old tribal leader took the oath of office and secrecy administered by Jharkhand Governor Santosh Kumar Gangwar.

The event was marked by the presence of key leaders from the opposition I.N.D.I.A. alliance, including Congress President Mallikarjun Kharge, Leader of Opposition in the Lok Sabha Rahul Gandhi, and West Bengal Chief Minister Mamata Banerjee, among others.

Before the oath-taking ceremony, Soren, dressed in a kurta and pyjama, met with JMM President and his father, Shibu Soren, for a brief discussion. This marks Hemant Soren's fourth term as Chief Minister, following his victory in the recent assembly elections. Soren secured a commanding win in his Barhait constituency, defeating BJP's Gamlivel Hembrom by a margin of 39,791 votes.



The JMM-led alliance emerged victorious in the state's 81-member assembly, securing 56 seats, while the BJP-led NDA could only manage 24 seats. This victory has strengthened Soren's position as a prominent leader in the state.

Soren's reappointment highlights the continued support for his leadership and the JMM's stronghold in Jharkhand, as the state prepares for further development under his administration. The ceremony also underscored the solidarity within the opposition bloc, with key figures from the I.N.D.I.A. alliance signaling their backing for Soren's leadership in the state.



# Malaysia PM Reports Floods Displace Thousands Across Six States

More than 37,000 people have been displaced by severe flooding caused by heavy rainfall across six states in Malaysia, Prime Minister Anwar Ibrahim announced on Thursday. The floods, which have caused widespread damage, have left thousands in need of shelter and assistance.

Anwar revealed in a parliamentary statement that 322 temporary shelters had been set up in the states of Kelantan, Terengganu, Kedah, Perlis, Johor, and Perak to accommodate those affected by the floods. The worst-hit area is Kelantan, located on Malaysia's north-eastern border with Thailand. In Kelantan alone, 30,582 individuals from 9,223 families have been impacted by the relentless rains and rising waters.

The monsoon season in Malaysia, which lasts from October to March, is known for bringing intense rainfall and floods, particularly to the eastern coastal regions. Each year, these floods



displace thousands of people and cause significant disruption. This year, the severe weather conditions have once again put immense pressure on local communities and emergency services.

To manage the crisis, Malaysia's National Disaster Management Agency has been directed to coordinate with both federal and state agencies to ensure the safety of flood victims and residents throughout the duration of the monsoon season. Authorities have mobilized resources to provide immediate relief, including food, medical supplies, and temporary shelter, to those affected by the floodwaters.

While Malaysia frequently experiences flooding during the monsoon period, the scale and intensity of this year's floods have raised concerns about the ongoing challenges of disaster preparedness and response. As the floodwaters continue to impact communities, authorities are working to mitigate further damage and ensure that those affected receive the necessary support.



## Pakistan, China hold military level talks on counter-terrorism

Pakistan and China's military officials held crucial talks this week, focusing on counter-terrorism efforts and regional security concerns. General Zhang Youxia, the Vice Chairman of China's Central Military Commission (CMC), led a high-level delegation to Pakistan for discussions with Pakistan's Army Chief, General Asim Munir.

The talks, which took place on Wednesday, began with a one-on-one meeting between the two military leaders, followed by broader delegation-level discussions. The agenda of the meetings included topics of mutual interest, with particular emphasis on regional security dynamics, measures for enhancing stability, and further strengthening bilateral defense cooperation.

A central focus of the talks was Pakistan's ongoing counter-terrorism efforts, which have become increasingly important due to rising attacks on Chinese nationals working in Pakistan. The safety of Chinese citizens has become a significant issue, with China reportedly seeking a more proactive role in ensuring their protection. Despite this, Pakistan's Foreign Office has stressed that counter-terrorism cooperation between the two nations remains robust.

In addition to counter-terrorism discussions, the military delegations also addressed regional stability concerns. Notably, they exchanged views on the role of India in the region and the security situation in Afghanistan. The presence of terrorist groups in Afghanistan was highlighted as a critical issue that continues to affect regional peace.



## 'Hindu Monk's Arrest Unjust, Must Be Freed': Bangladesh Ex-PM Sheikh Hasina

Sheikh Hasina, the ousted prime minister of Bangladesh, has strongly condemned the arrest of a Hindu priest and the escalating violence that followed in the country. In a statement today, Hasina expressed outrage over the arrest of a prominent leader of the Sanatan religious community, calling for his immediate release. She also decried the burning of a temple in Chittagong and highlighted previous attacks on various religious communities, including mosques, churches, monasteries, and the homes of the Ahmadiyya community. "Religious freedom and the security of life and property for all communities must be ensured," Hasina said, underscoring the need for equal protection under the law for all citizens, regardless of faith.

The former prime minister also expressed serious concerns about the interim government's handling of the country's economy and law and order. She criticized the current authorities for failing to control the rising prices of daily necessities and for their inability to protect citizens from violence. "The current power grabbers have failed in every area.

## Biden Administration Plans \$725 Million Weapons Package for Ukraine



The Biden administration is preparing a significant \$725 million weapons package to support Ukraine in its ongoing war with Russia, officials confirmed on Wednesday. The new package, which is expected to be announced soon, comes as President Biden seeks to reinforce Kyiv's defenses before leaving office in January.

The package will include a range of anti-tank weapons from U.S. stocks, aimed at countering Russia's advancing forces. Among the supplies are land mines, drones, Stinger missiles, and ammunition for High Mobility Artillery Rocket Systems (HIMARS). Additionally, cluster munitions, typically used in Guided Multiple Launch Rocket System (GMLRS) rockets, are expected to be part of the package.

The formal notification of the weapons package could be delivered to Congress as early as Monday, although the exact size and contents may still change before President Biden signs it into law. This marks a notable increase in the scale of U.S. assistance, with previous presidential drawdown packages usually ranging from \$125 million to \$250 million. Biden has authorized approximately \$4 to \$5 billion in Presidential Drawdown Authority (PDA), which allows the U.S. to provide weapons from its current stockpiles.

The inclusion of landmines is controversial, as the United States has not exported them for decades due to concerns over civilian harm. Despite this, Kyiv has requested landmines since Russia's invasion began in 2022, and Russia itself has used them on the front lines. The mines being sent are non-persistent, meaning they are designed to be temporary and will not remain a threat to civilians after they are activated.

As Russia's forces continue to make significant territorial gains in Ukraine, the U.S. is ramping up military support to help bolster Ukraine's defenses. Meanwhile, President-elect Donald Trump has appointed retired General Keith Kellogg as his special envoy for the Ukraine conflict, with plans to find a swift resolution to the war, a key campaign promise.

## Ukraine Faces Escalating Energy Crisis Amid Ongoing Missile Attacks

Ukraine's energy infrastructure is under severe assault, with the country experiencing massive missile attacks targeting critical energy facilities. The attacks have prompted nationwide air raid alerts and urgent emergency power cuts, as temperatures plummet to freezing levels. Energy Minister German Galushchenko confirmed on Thursday that the country is facing extensive disruptions, with power outages affecting regions like Kyiv, Odesa, Dnipro, and Donetsk. The situation is dire, as Russia continues to target Ukraine's energy infrastructure, exacerbating the already difficult conditions of the war.

National grid operator Ukrenergo has been forced to implement emergency power outages to prevent a total collapse of the grid, while civilians have been urged to seek shelter as missile threats loom. The UN has raised concerns over the rising number of civilian casualties due to these attacks, highlighting that this winter could be the harshest since the conflict began. In Kharkiv, multiple missile strikes hit the city, though no casualties were reported. Explosions were also heard in Lutsk, adding to the widespread fear and uncertainty.

The missile strike comes just a day after U.S. president-elect Donald Trump appointed retired General Keith Kellogg as his special en-



voy for Ukraine, a move that has raised concerns regarding future U.S. military support for Ukraine. Trump, who campaigned on ending the war, has suggested that U.S. military aid could be used as leverage to push Ukraine into peace talks with Russia. However, critics worry that this might result in Ukraine making concessions, including ceding occupied territories or forgoing NATO membership, in exchange for an agreement.

Additionally, Ukraine is grappling with a recruitment crisis, as it faces a mounting shortage of troops to counter Russia's advances. The U.S. has urged Ukraine to lower its conscription age to 18 to bolster its ranks, but concerns remain about the long-term sustainability of the country's military efforts without sufficient reinforcements.

## Dhaka High Court Rejects Petition to Ban ISKCON's Activities in Bangladesh



The Dhaka High Court on Thursday declined to issue a suo motu order to ban the International Society for Krishna Consciousness (ISKCON) in Bangladesh. The decision came after the court was informed that the government had already taken necessary actions concerning the matter, The Daily Star reported.

The petition, submitted by Supreme Court lawyer Md Monir Uddin, was based on newspaper reports about ISKCON's activities in Bangladesh. Uddin requested the court to impose a ban on the organization and enforce Section 144 in the regions of Chattogram, Rangpur, and Dinajpur to curb its activities. The petition also sought to address growing concerns over violence and communal tensions in the country.

In response, the court instructed the attor-

ney general to report the government's actions. On Thursday, the attorney general's office informed the bench that three cases had been filed concerning the murder of lawyer Saiful Islam Alif and ISKCON's activities, leading to the arrest of 33 individuals. The court emphasized the importance of maintaining law and order and ensuring the safety of citizens and their property in Bangladesh.

The petition that led to the court's review accused ISKCON of being a "radical organization" that posed a threat to national security and fueled communal unrest. The petitioners, who included 10 legal professionals, also called for the prosecution of those responsible for the alleged murder of government legal officer Advocate Saiful Islam, which had sparked widespread protests and tensions.

The case highlights the growing concerns over the treatment of minorities in Bangladesh, with ISKCON's activities coming under scrutiny amid rising religious tensions. The court's rejection of the petition suggests that while the government is taking steps to address the issue, the matter remains contentious and continues to stir debate over religious freedom and security in the country.





# Markets Tumble Amid Volatility

Sensex Falls 1,190 Points, Nifty Down 360 on Weak Global Cues

Domestic stock markets were volatile on Thursday. Along with the monthly derivatives closing, negative signals from global markets led to a sharp decline. Rising US inflation and news that the US Fed will reduce its aggressiveness in cutting interest rates led to negative sentiment. The indices crashed as selling increased in heavyweights including IT and banking shares. Although they started flat in the morning, they reached daily lows as time passed.

The BSE Sensex, which closed at 80,234 in the previous session, started at 80,281 today. It touched an intraday low of 78,918. It reached an intraday high of 80,447. It finally closed at 79,043, with a loss of 1190 points. The NSE Nifty, which opened at 24,274, touched a low of 23,873 and a high of 24,345. It closed at 23,914, down 360 points. The Bank Nifty fell 394 points to settle at 51,906.

In the Nifty50, 4 companies gained while 46 lost. Adani Enterprises, SBI, Shriram Finance, and Cipla were the top gainers. SBI Life, HDFC Life, M&M, Infosys, and Adani Ports were the biggest losers. Media, PSU Bank, and Realty indices rose today. Bank, Finance, Auto, FMCG, IT, Metal, Pharma, Private Bank, Healthcare, and Consumer Durables indices lost.

Of the 2870 stocks traded on the NSE, 1537 gained and 1245 lost. Shares of 61 companies touched a lifetime high. 18 shares touched a 52-week low.

HSBC maintained its buy rating on real estate companies Godrej Properties, DLF, Prestige Estates and Shobha. Citi has given a sell rating to Colgate Palmolive. Abbott India launched its own pneumococcal vaccine. Sonata Software shares rose 3% after receiving a multi-mil-



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lion-dollar order in Australia. KEC International received an order worth Rs. 1704 crore from Power Grid Corporation. Goldman Sachs changed the rating of Amber Enterprises to neutral. Digital has approved the raising of \$ 75 million in paisa. SEBI has approved Angel One to act as a portfolio manager. Adani Solutions and Adani Green Energy shares touched the upper circuit for the second consecutive day. M&M shares fell after the Centre found that carbon emissions were above the prescribed level. NBCC shares rose 5% on orders worth Rs 916 crore.

## 1. Indian Renewable Energy Development Agency Ltd. (IREDA)

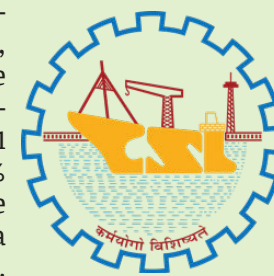
A government-owned NBFC specializing in renewable energy financing and



development projects in India. Revenue: ₹21.23 billion (TTM), showing robust growth of 40.69% YoY. Net Profit: ₹14.44 billion, reflecting a 44.83% increase YoY. EPS: ₹5.49; PE Ratio: 35.91. Recently approved to establish a subsidiary in the retail renewable energy sector. Expansion into hydro, wind, and solar energy projects with MoUs signed for international ventures.

## 2. Cochin Shipyard Ltd. (COCHINSHIP)

A leader in shipbuilding and ship repair, specializing in defense and commercial vessels. Revenue: ₹38.31 billion (2023), up 61.99% YoY. Q2 FY25 profit rose 4% to ₹189 crore with a 13% revenue increase. Dividend: Declared ₹4 interim dividend per share for FY25. MoU with Seatrion Letourneau USA to design rigs for off-



shore drilling. Benefiting from India's focus on strengthening naval infrastructure.

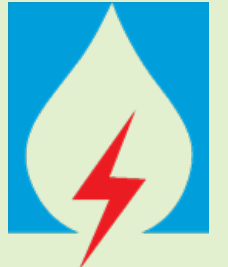
## 3. Bharat Dynamics Ltd. (BDL)

A defense PSU engaged in manufacturing guided missiles, torpedoes, and allied defense products. Consistent growth driven by strong order book and strategic defense contracts. Key beneficiary of India's Atmanirbhar Bharat initiatives in defense



## 4. SJVN Ltd.

A leading renewable and hydroelectric power producer in India, with diversified energy projects in solar and wind. Entered partnerships for international hydro projects. Increasing installed capacity and leveraging India's renewable energy goals.



## 5. Housing and Urban Development Corporation (HUDCO)

A government-owned financial institution providing loans for housing and urban infrastructure development. Stable profitability with a focus on affordable housing and urban renewal projects. Significant support from government initiatives for infrastructure development.



## India's Economic Outlook: Cautiously Optimistic with Positive Agricultural Prospects



India's economic outlook for the upcoming months is described as "cautiously optimistic," with agriculture poised to benefit from favourable monsoon conditions, higher minimum support prices (MSPs), and a steady supply of inputs, according to a report by the Finance Ministry.

The October edition of the \*Monthly Economic Review\*, released by the Department of Economic Affairs, highlights positive agricultural production prospects, which are expected to help keep inflation in check. Despite price pressures in select food items, the report indicates that food inflation will likely ease due to a bumper kharif harvest. The report anticipates that the favourable monsoon conditions and adequate reservoir levels will support both kharif and rabi crop sowing, boosting agricultural output.

The forecasted increase in rabi sowing, backed by higher MSPs, is expected to further strengthen agricultural growth and contribute to stable food prices. These developments provide a sense of relief on the inflation front, especially given the high food price volatility in recent months. The report also notes that high-frequency economic activity indicators in India showed signs of a rebound in October, following a brief slowdown during the monsoon season.

While global economic challenges remain a concern, the report suggests that India's economic resilience, particularly in the agriculture sector, is expected to provide a cushion against external uncertainties. The government's focus on increasing MSPs and ensuring input availability is seen as a key strategy for bolstering agricultural productivity, which remains a vital sector for India's economy.

## Adani Group Shares Surge; Adani Total Gas Soars Nearly 19%

Shares of nine out of the 11 listed Adani Group companies were trading higher during the morning session on Thursday, continuing a strong upward trend seen in recent days. Leading the gains was Adani Total Gas, which surged by 18.58%, followed by Adani Power, which jumped 11.44%. Adani Energy Solutions and Adani Green Energy also saw impressive gains, both rising by 9.99% on the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE).

Other Adani Group stocks that registered gains included Adani Enterprises, which climbed 5.32%, NDTV with a 3.35% rise, Adani Wilmar up 3.17%, Adani Ports increasing by 2.25%, and Sanghi Industries rising by 2.19%.

The upward momentum was not limited to Thursday, as all Adani Group stocks had ended sharply higher in the previous trading session on Wednesday. Adani Total Gas and Adani Power were the standout performers on Wednesday as well, soaring nearly 20% in value. The strong market performance of Adani Group stocks follows several days of positive movement, contributing to investor optimism.

The rally in Adani Group shares reflects a growing investor confidence in the conglomerate, despite earlier volatility. Investors seem to be reacting to positive market sentiment and the overall growth trajectory of the companies within the Adani Group, which span various sectors including energy, logistics, ports, and media.

While the group's stocks have faced scrutiny and regulatory challenges in the past, the recent gains suggest a turnaround in investor sentiment, with many now viewing the group's companies as a lucrative investment opportunity.



## Reliance Acquires 21% Stake in US Helium Firm for \$12 Million



Mukesh Ambani-led Reliance Industries Ltd (RIL) announced on Thursday, November 28, that its US-based subsidiary, Reliance Finance and Investments USA LLC, has acquired a 21% stake in the US helium gas exploration and production company Wavetech Helium Inc. (WHI) for \$12 million. The acquisition was formalized through a stock purchase agreement signed on November 27, 2024.

In a regulatory filing to the stock exchanges, RIL confirmed the transaction, stating that the subsidiary, Reliance Finance and Investments USA LLC, is a wholly owned step-down subsidiary of the company. Through the agreement, RIL has secured the 21% stake in WHI, a company incorporated in the US on July 2, 2021, which began commercial operations earlier in 2024. WHI specializes in acquiring, exploring, and developing underground helium gas reservoirs for extraction.

Helium is a critical element used in various industries, particularly in medical applications, scientific research, aerospace, electronics, and fiber optics. With the growing demand for artificial intelligence (AI) and related technologies such as data centers, helium's role in semiconductor manufacturing is set to expand. RIL anticipates that this trend will further drive the demand for helium, making the acquisition

strategically important.

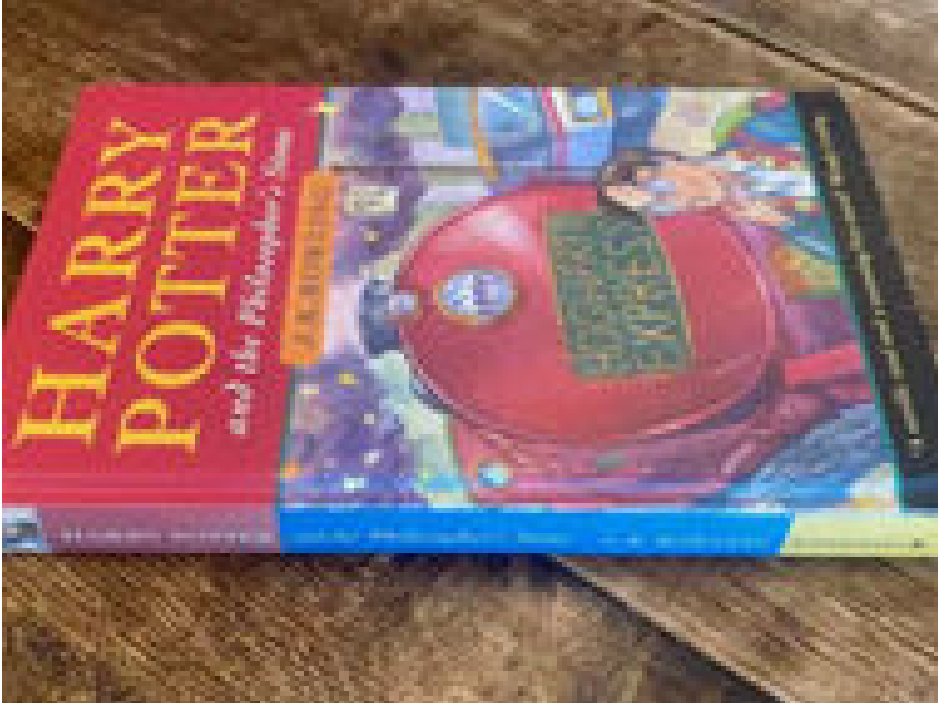
This move aligns with RIL's broader strategy of diversifying its business portfolio and focusing on low-carbon and sustainable energy solutions. The company sees significant potential in the helium market and aims to strengthen its position in the global energy and exploration sector. According to RIL's statement, no governmental or regulatory approvals were required for the transaction.

In terms of market performance, shares of Reliance Industries closed 1.67% lower at ₹1,271.35 apiece on the Bombay Stock Exchange (BSE) on the day the acquisition was announced. This came as RIL reported a subdued second-quarter performance for FY25, reflecting challenges in its core oil-to-chemicals (O2C) business.

For the July-September quarter of FY25, RIL reported a consolidated profit of ₹16,563 crore, a 4.7% decrease compared to the same period last year. Revenue from operations remained flat at ₹2,35,481 crore. Despite these challenges, the company reported a 2% year-on-year increase in consolidated earnings before interest, tax, depreciation, and amortization (EBITDA), which stood at ₹43,934 crore. The EBITDA margin for the



## Rare First Edition of Harry Potter Book Sells for Rs 38 Lakh In UK



A rare first edition of \*Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone\* has fetched an astounding Rs 38 lakh at an auction in the UK. The book, purchased for just 10 pounds over 30 years ago, was sold for £45,000 (around Rs 48 lakh) after a successful bidding war. The auction took place in Lichfield, Staffordshire, where Hansons Auctioneers hosted the sale, confirming the book's incredible value.

The copy of the book, bought by Christine McCulloch for her son Adam in 1997 from a bookstore in Stratford-upon-Avon, had remained hidden in a cupboard under the stairs in their Chesterfield home for years. It was only after the family learned about the significant value of first-edition \*Harry Potter\* books during the 2020 lockdown that they realized the treasure they had. Adam McCulloch described the discovery as a "pinch yourself moment" when the book was verified.

This particular first edition is one of the 500 hardback copies printed

during the initial 1997 run of \*Harry Potter and the Philosopher's Stone\*. Experts estimate the value of such rare editions ranges between 30,000 pounds (Rs 32 lakh) and 50,000 pounds (Rs 53 lakh), making this auction price within the expected range. The book's rarity and the ongoing global fascination with the \*Harry Potter\* series have contributed to its high auction value.

Christine McCulloch fondly recalled buying the book for her son, unaware of the future value it would hold. Adam's deep connection to the book, which started his lifelong fascination with the series, mirrors the experiences of countless readers worldwide who were captivated by J.K. Rowling's magical world.

This auction not only highlights the book's historical significance but also the lasting legacy of the \*Harry Potter\* franchise, which continues to capture hearts and drive interest decades after its initial release.

## Uber rolls out audio recording, rider preference, SOS button in India

Uber India has introduced several new safety features designed to enhance security for both riders and drivers, with a particular focus on improving safety for women. Among the new features are audio recording during trips, a women rider preference option, customizable safety settings, and an SOS button.

The audio recording feature allows both drivers and passengers to record conversations if they feel unsafe during a ride. These recordings are encrypted, stored securely, and can only be accessed by Uber if submitted as part of a safety report. This feature complies with India's one-party consent law and is now available across the country.

Additionally, Uber has launched a women rider preference option, which allows women drivers to select only female passengers. This feature, which was introduced based on feedback from women drivers, has been particularly useful for rides during late hours, providing a safer environment. So far, over 21,000 trips have been completed using this feature. Uber is also focused on increasing the number of female drivers in India, as



women currently represent just 2% of its driver base.

In a separate development, Uber is currently under investigation by the US Federal Trade Commission (FTC) over potential violations of consumer protection laws related to its Uber One subscription service. The FTC is scrutinizing the enrollment and cancellation processes of the program, which offers subscribers discounts on rides and delivery services for an annual fee. The investigation, which began earlier this year, stems from concerns over the ease of cancellation and sub-

scription terms.

Uber has stated that it is cooperating with the FTC and addressing questions about its cancellation policies. The company assured that Uber One members can easily cancel their subscriptions through the app, with the majority of cancellations taking less than 20 seconds. The FTC's investigation is part of a broader effort to safeguard consumers from misleading subscription terms, as seen in previous cases against companies like Amazon and Adobe.

## Apple to launch M4 MacBook Air soon

Apple is preparing for a major product roll-out in early 2025, starting with updated MacBook Air models powered by the new M4 chip. According to Bloomberg's Mark Gurman, production of the refreshed MacBook Air lineup, available in both 13-inch and 15-inch variants, is expected to begin soon, with a debut anticipated between January and March 2025. These new models will feature key internal upgrades rather than any major design changes, with a focus on improving performance and functionality.

One notable upgrade expected is an increase in base RAM, following the trend set by the M3 MacBook Air, which saw the base configuration jump from 8GB to 16GB. The new M4 MacBook Air is also rumored to feature a 12MP Centre Stage camera with Desk View support, replacing the current 1080p FaceTime HD camera. This change will cater to the evolving demands of remote work and modern productivity tools.

After the release of the M4 MacBook



Air, Apple is set to shift its focus to its high-performance desktop range, including the Mac Studio and Mac Pro. Reports suggest that the updated Mac Studio, originally expected in early 2025, will instead launch between March and June. It is expected to be powered by either the M4 Ultra or M4 Max chips, delivering a significant performance boost over previous models. Additionally, the new Mac Studio may feature Thunderbolt 5 ports, offering faster data transfer speeds and improved connectivity for professionals.

Later in the year, Apple is poised to unveil an updated Mac Pro, skipping the M3 generation altogether. The new Mac Pro is rumored to be equipped with the M4 Ultra chip, codenamed "Hydra," which could offer up to 32 CPU cores and 80 GPU cores, significantly outpacing the current M4 Max. It is also expected to support up to 512GB of unified memory, a dramatic upgrade from its predecessor's 192GB limit. These updates will provide high-end professionals with the performance capabilities they need for demanding tasks.

## Amazon develops video AI model



E-commerce giant Amazon has unveiled a new generative artificial intelligence (AI) model that is capable of processing not only text but also images and videos. This development, reported by \*The Information\* on Wednesday, is poised to reduce Amazon's reliance on the AI startup Anthropic and its popular Claude chatbot, which is currently integrated into Amazon Web Services (AWS).

The new AI model, codenamed Olympus, is a significant leap forward in the realm of large language models (LLMs). Unlike traditional LLMs that focus mainly on understanding and generating text, Olympus can analyze and comprehend visual content, such as images and videos. This capability allows users to perform more complex searches and tasks using simple text prompts. For example, a user could input a prompt asking to find a specific moment in a video, such as a "winning basketball shot," and the AI would identify and locate that scene within the footage.

By developing Olympus, Amazon aims to strengthen its AI offerings while reducing its reliance on third-party providers like Anthropic. Claude, Anthropic's AI chatbot, has become a key component of AWS, but with Olympus, Amazon seeks to create an AI system that can seamlessly process and understand a broader range of content types, including visual media. This move underscores Amazon's ambition to lead in the AI space and offer more versatile and integrated AI solutions to its customers.

The development of Olympus is expected to have far-reaching implications for various industries, from e-commerce to media and entertainment, where visual content plays a significant role. As AI continues to evolve, Amazon's new model promises to offer more advanced tools for content search, creation, and interaction, paving the way for a more immersive and intelligent digital experience.

## Gulab Jamun Paratha: The Street Food Mashup Taking Social Media by Storm

In the dynamic and ever-changing world of Indian street food, vendors have become the unsung pioneers of culinary experimentation, constantly pushing the boundaries of taste and tradition. Among their most unconventional creations is the now-famous \*gulab jamun paratha\*—a bold fusion of two beloved dishes that has left social media buzzing and food enthusiasts debating its merits.

The \*gulab jamun paratha\* combines the rich, deep-fried sweetness of gulab jamun with the savory, flaky goodness of a paratha. It's a dish that sounds almost too bizarre to be true, yet its growing popularity speaks for itself. The concept first gained attention a couple of years ago, but it has recently resurfaced, captivating food



lovers all over again.

The dish gained widespread attention when food vlogger Gaurav Wasan shared a video on Instagram. In the video, a street food vendor demonstrates the creation of the unusual treat. The process begins with a simple dough, which is rolled out and filled with two soft, syrup-soaked gulab jamuns. The vendor gently crushes the sweets before encasing them

in the dough, shaping it into a paratha. The filled dough is then placed on a hot tawa, where it sizzles and crisps up to golden perfection. The final touch comes when a generous drizzle of sugar syrup is added, further enhancing the dish's sweetness.

The combination of the rich, syrupy sweetness of the gulab jamun with the savory, slightly crispy paratha has raised eyebrows, with some calling

it a creative innovation and others questioning whether it's a culinary misstep. Regardless, this dish has undeniably captured the public's imagination and has people sharing their thoughts online in full force. Whether it's a culinary masterpiece or a bizarre experiment, the \*gulab jamun paratha\* continues to be one of the most talked-about street food innovations in recent times.



## Siddarth Kaul Announces Retirement from Indian Cricket

Fast bowler Siddarth Kaul has announced his retirement from Indian cricket, bringing an end to a career that saw him represent his country in six white-ball matches, picking up four wickets in T20Is. In an emotional Instagram post on Thursday, Kaul reflected on his journey, recalling how, as a child in Punjab, he had dreamt of playing for India. That dream was realized in 2018 when he was handed his T20I and ODI caps, marking a significant milestone in his career.

Kaul's first-class career has been impressive, with 297 wickets in 88 matches at an average of 26.77, including 17 five-wicket hauls. In List A, he claimed 199 wickets in 111 matches, and in T20 cricket, he took 182 wickets in 145 games. He was part of the victorious 2008 U19 World Cup team under the captaincy of Virat Kohli, which was a pivotal moment in his career.

In the Indian Premier League (IPL), Kaul played for multiple franchises, including Delhi Capitals, Sunrisers Hyderabad, and Royal Challengers Bangalore, taking 58 wickets in 55 matches. His most successful stint came with Sunrisers Hyderabad, where he was known for his deadly slower balls and yorkers, becoming a key figure in their bowling attack between 2017 and 2021.

Kaul recently played for Punjab in the Syed Mushtaq Ali Trophy and had a short County Championship stint with Northamptonshire earlier this year. His last appearance was in the Punjab-Haryana Ranji Trophy match in Rohtak.



In his retirement message, Kaul expressed his gratitude for the love and support throughout his career, thanking God, his family, teammates, the BCCI, and the franchises he represented. Coming from a family with a rich sporting background, including his father Tej, a former first-class cricketer and physiotherapist for the Indian team, Kaul's legacy is one of dedication and hard work. His brother, Uday, also a former cricketer, congratulated him on a remarkable career, praising his discipline and work ethic.

## PV Sindhu and Lakshya Sen Reach Quarter-Finals at Syed Modi International

PV Sindhu overcame a tough challenge to advance to the quarter-finals of the women's singles at the Syed Modi International Super 300 badminton tournament in Lucknow. The two-time Olympic silver medalist was tested by unseeded compatriot Ira Sharma in the second round. Despite winning the first game comfortably 21-10, Sindhu lost the second game 12-21, which pushed the match to a decider. However, the top-seeded shuttler recovered quickly and clinched the third game 21-15 to seal a 49-minute victory. Sindhu will face China's Dai Wang, ranked 118th in the world, in the quarter-finals. Wang advanced after defeating India's Devika Sihag 19-21, 21-18, 21-11 in another second-round encounter.



On the men's side, Lakshya Sen cruised into the quarter-finals after a dominant 21-14, 21-13 win over Israel's Daniil Dubovenko in just 35 minutes. Sen, the top seed, will now face compatriot Meiraba Luwang, who defeated sixth-seed Nhat Nguyen of Ireland 21-15, 21-13 to advance.

Former junior world number one Tasnim Mir also progressed after a 21-15, 13-21, 21-7 win over Anupama Upadhyaya.

In other men's singles results, Ayush Shetty secured a 21-12, 21-19 victory over Malaysia's Hoh Justin to reach the last-eight, while third seed Kiran George suffered a narrow loss to Japan's Shogo Ogawa, going down 21-19, 20-22, 11-21. Second seed Priyanshu Rajawat also made it to the quarter-finals after a comfortable 21-15, 21-8 win over Vietnam's Le Duc Phat.

In the women's singles, 17-year-old Unnati Hooda caused an upset by defeating fourth-seed Pornpicha Choeikeewong of Thailand 21-18, 22-20, making it to the quarter-finals. However, Malvika Bansod, the second seed, was knocked out by fellow Indian Shriyanshi Valishetty, who won 21-12, 21-15.

In the doubles categories, there were mixed results. In the men's doubles, the Indian pair Hariharan Amsakarunan and Ruban Kumar Rethinasabapathi won 21-18, 21-17 against Thailand's Phanyu Kaosamaang and Tanadon Punpanich. On the women's side, Rutaparna Panda and Swetaparna Panda defeated Dhanyaa Nandakumar and Arul Bala Radhakrishnan 21-15, 21-10. In mixed doubles, Dhruv Kapila and Tanisha Crasto triumphed 21-7, 21-13 over Mohit Jaglan and Lakshita Jaglan to move forward.

With Sindhu and Sen advancing to the quarter-finals, India's top players continue to impress at the Syed Modi International, which promises more thrilling action in the coming days.

## Bhuvneshwar Kumar Bids Farewell to SRH, Joins RCB

Indian pacer Bhuvneshwar Kumar has bid farewell to Sunrisers Hyderabad (SRH) after an illustrious 11-year stint with the franchise, leaving behind a legacy of unforgettable moments. In an emotional post on social media, Bhuvneshwar thanked SRH and its fans for the "unforgettable and cherished" memories he made during his time at the club. He expressed his gratitude for the unwavering love and support from the fans, saying he would carry those memories with him forever.



The 2025 IPL Auction marked a new chapter in Bhuvneshwar's career as he was bought by Royal Challengers Bangalore (RCB) for Rs 10.75 crore. This move takes him back to the M Chinnaswamy Stadium, where he had previously represented RCB in the 2009 and 2010 seasons. Bhuvneshwar's departure from SRH marks the end of a long and successful tenure, during which he became one of the most reliable pacers in the IPL.

Throughout his career with SRH, Bhuvneshwar played a crucial role in their bowling attack, contributing with his swing bowling and his ability to bowl in the death overs. He was known for his consistency and leadership skills, which earned him the captaincy role at SRH in recent seasons. His performances helped

SRH reach the IPL finals in 2018 and earn a spot in the playoffs multiple times.

Bhuvneshwar's post on X (formerly Twitter) included a compilation video of his best moments with SRH, showcasing his memorable wickets and impactful performances over the years. "After 11 incredible years with SRH, I say goodbye to this team. One thing unmissable is the love of the fans which has been splendid!" Bhuvneshwar wrote, acknowledging the special bond he shared with SRH supporters.

As he embarks on his new journey with RCB, Bhuvneshwar's legacy at SRH will always be remembered, and fans are excited to see how he will contribute to his new team.

## Liverpool Unbeaten in UEFA Champions League, Win Against Juventus

Liverpool maintained their perfect record in the 2024-25 UEFA Champions League with a 2-0 victory over Real Madrid at Anfield on Wednesday, while Aston Villa were left frustrated after a late goal was disallowed in their goalless draw against Juventus.

The high-profile clash saw Real Madrid, the reigning champions, look to extend their unbeaten streak against Liverpool, but it was the Reds who emerged victorious. Alexis MacAllister gave Liverpool the lead early in the second half, and despite Kylian Mbappé missing a penalty for Madrid, Mohamed Salah also missed a spot-kick at the other end. However, substitute Cody Gakpo sealed the win for Liverpool with a header in the 76th minute. This victory ensured that Liverpool remain the only team with a perfect record in the group stages, securing their spot in the knockout phase



with five wins from five games.

Meanwhile, Real Madrid, who have lost three of their five matches, are currently in the last qualifying spot for the knockout phase with six points. Coach Carlo Ancelotti

expressed support for Mbappé, who has faced criticism after his missed penalty. Borussia Dortmund also secured a 3-0 win against Dinamo Zagreb, with a goal from Jamie Gittens and a late brace from Ramy Bensebaini and Serhou Guirassy.

Aston Villa, who started their Champions League campaign with three straight wins, were denied a dramatic late victory against Juventus. Morgan Rogers scored a stoppage-time goal, but it was ruled out for a foul on goalkeeper Michele Di Gregorio, leaving the match at 0-0. Villa are just outside the top eight spots, with three fixtures remaining.

In other matches, Monaco suffered a 3-2 loss to Benfica, PSV Eindhoven came from behind to beat Shakhtar Donetsk 3-2, and Red Star Belgrade secured their first points with a 5-1 victory over Stuttgart.

## Chhetri's Brace Sends Bengaluru FC to Top Spot in ISL

Bengaluru FC secured a dramatic 2-1 win over Mohammedan SC at the Kishore Bharati Krirangan in Kolkata on Wednesday, with Sunil Chhetri rolling back the years to score a brace and send his team to the top of the Indian Super League (ISL) standings. This victory marked Bengaluru's third consecutive win against Kolkata-based clubs this season.

The match started with a strong showing from the home side, Mohammedan SC, who pressed Bengaluru early. Their efforts paid off in the eighth minute when Cesar Manzoki, rising high to meet a perfect corner from Mirjalol Kasimov, headed the ball into the net. This gave the hosts an early lead and Manzoki his first goal of the season.

Bengaluru FC struggled to break down Mohammedan SC's defense in the first half, despite enjoying the majority of possession. Ryan Williams created some opportunities, but the well-organized backline, led by Flo-



rent Ogier, kept Bengaluru at bay as the first half ended with the home side maintaining a slender lead.

The second half began with a golden opportunity for Mohammedan SC to double their advantage, but a misfired effort from Carlos Franca after a beautiful setup from Manzoki kept the score at 1-0. Bengaluru head coach

Gerard Zaragoza made a crucial change in the 53rd minute by bringing on Sunil Chhetri to inject more attacking flair.

Chhetri's introduction proved pivotal. In the 82nd minute, Bengaluru FC were awarded a penalty after Manzoki fouled Capo in the box. Chhetri stepped up and expertly slotted the ball into the left corner, becoming the first player in ISL history to score against all 15 teams. As the match neared its end, Chhetri completed his brace with a powerful header from a cross by Lalremtluanga Fana, securing all three points for Bengaluru.

Chhetri's performance, which included a vital penalty and the match-winning header, demonstrated his enduring quality, with the 40-year-old proving to be the difference maker in a thrilling contest.

Bengaluru FC will now face Odisha FC on December 1, while Mohammedan SC will travel to Jamshedpur to take on the Men of Steel on December 2.



# Nana Hyraanaa: The Colorful Anthem from \*Game Changer\* Hits the Airwaves

Ram Charan's fans are eagerly anticipating the release of his upcoming film \*Game Changer\*, which is set for a grand worldwide premiere on January 10, 2025. Directed by the renowned Shankar, \*Game Changer\* features an impressive cast, including Bollywood actress Kiara Advani and popular Rajolu star Anjali, who are playing the female lead roles alongside Charan. The film will be released in multiple languages, including Telugu, Tamil, and Hindi, creating a huge buzz among moviegoers.



True to Shankar's style, the song boasts stunning visuals set in grand and picturesque locations. The director is well-known for his visually spectacular films, and this song is no exception. It showcases beautiful landscapes, vibrant colors, and lively choreography, creating an unforgettable visual experience that perfectly complements the energetic tune. Fans are already predicting that "Nana Hyraanaa" will join the ranks of Shankar's most iconic and colorful music numbers, cementing its place as a chart-topping hit.

This song follows the success of the previously released tracks from \*Game Changer\*, such as "Ra Maccha," which has been creating waves with its infectious beats, and "Aharadi Aharadi," which is also receiving a great response from the audience. The upbeat and celebratory nature of these songs, coupled with Shankar's signature style, ensures that \*Game Changer\* will be remembered not only for its storytelling but also for its unforgettable soundtrack.

As part of the movie's promotional campaign, the team has been treating fans to exciting updates, and one of the most anticipated releases is the lyrical video for the song "Nana Hyraanaa." The third song from \*Game Changer\*, this vibrant and energetic track has already captured the attention of music lovers on social media. The full lyrical video for the song was released recently, and it's creating quite a stir online.

"Nana Hyraanaa" is penned by the talented Ramajogaiah Shastri and features vocals by two of the most iconic playback singers in the Indian music industry—Karthik and Shreya Ghoshal. The music for the track is composed by the renowned S. Thaman, who is known for his catchy, high-energy compositions that elevate the mood of any film.

As the countdown to the movie's release continues, the excitement around \*Game Changer\* grows, with fans eagerly awaiting the full musical and cinematic experience. With songs like "Nana Hyraanaa," the film promises to be an unforgettable visual and musical spectacle.

# Sankranthiki Vasthunnam's First Single Set to Release on December 3rd

Venkatesh is all set to entertain audiences with his upcoming film \*Sankranthiki Vasthunnam\*, which is slated for release on January 14, 2025. Directed by Anil Ravipudi and produced by Sri Venkateswara Creations, the movie is expected to be a family-friendly entertainer laced with a touch of crime elements, making it a perfect watch for audiences of all ages.



The film has already generated significant buzz with its music composed by Bheems Ceciroleo.

The first song, titled \*Godari Gattu\*, is scheduled for release on December 3rd, 2024. The song features Venkatesh and his on-screen wife, played by Aishwarya Rajesh, and the poster promises a beautiful romantic melody that captures the chemistry between the lead pair. The lyrics for \*Godari Gattu\* have been penned by the popular lyricist Bhaskarabhatla, and the song will be sung by Ramana Gopula, marking his return as a singer after

a long hiatus. The film is also generating excitement due to its picturesque locations. A significant portion of the movie is being shot in some of India's most scenic destinations, including Dehradun, Mussoorie, and Rishikesh. In these locations, a romantic song sequence featuring Venkatesh and his ex-lover, played by Meenakshi Chaudhary, is currently being filmed, adding to the anticipation for the movie's visuals and storyline.

\*Sankranthiki Vasthunnam\* promises to be a wholesome entertainer, blending elements of romance, drama, and suspense. With the creative direction of Anil Ravipudi and a talented cast, the film is expected to be a treat for families and moviegoers looking for an engaging cinematic experience. As Sankranthi 2025 approaches, fans are eagerly awaiting Venkatesh's return to the screen in this much-anticipated film.

# Teaser Drops for Vennela Kishore's 'Srikakulam Sherlock Holmes'

Vennela Kishore is all set to make a splash this Christmas with his upcoming film \*Srikakulam Sherlock Holmes\*. Directed by Writer Mohan and produced by Vennepusa Ramana Reddy of Sri Ganapathi Cinemas, this humor-filled crime thriller has already garnered attention with the release of its engaging teaser. Scheduled to hit screens soon, the film is creating buzz for its fresh take on the detective genre, blending humor with suspense.

by Writer Mohan. The film infuses local flavors, making the detective's journey more relatable and entertaining for audiences. Vennela Kishore delivers a hilarious yet impactful performance, blending humor with the seriousness of the case at hand.

In addition to Kishore's strong lead performance, the film features Ananya Nagalla and Siya Gautam as the leading ladies, adding depth and intrigue to the narrative. The cinematography, handled by Mallikarjun Naragani, enhances the film's atmosphere, while the music composed by Sunil Kashyap perfectly complements the thrilling yet fun elements of the story.

With the teaser already making waves, \*Srikakulam Sherlock Holmes\* is shaping up to be a gripping and entertaining ride, offering a perfect mix of fun, suspense, and unexpected twists. The movie is set to release under the distribution of Vamsi Nandipati, and expectations are high for this exciting blend of comedy and crime.

The story is set in the early 90s, as the opening sequence captures the news of former Prime Minister Rajiv Gandhi's assassination. Against this backdrop, Vennela Kishore takes on the role of a quirky yet determined detective from Srikakulam, who is faced with solving a complex criminal case. His portrayal of the eccentric but sharp-minded investigator adds a distinct charm to the character, setting him apart from the traditional Sherlock Holmes archetype.

What makes \*Srikakulam Sherlock Holmes\* stand out is the unique regional twist brought to the story.



# Hansika's Sreegandhari Set to Release in Telugu: Unveiling the Secrets of Gandharvakota

Hansika is set to captivate Telugu audiences with her upcoming film \*Sreegandhari\*, which will be released in Telugu under the same title. Directed by R. Kannan and produced by the filmmaker himself, the movie is being presented in Telugu by Raju Naik. Scheduled for release in December, \*Sreegandhari\* promises to be a gripping mystery, suspense, and horror thriller, packed with intriguing twists and secrets waiting to be uncovered.



The story of \*Sreegandhari\* is centered around the mysterious Gandharvakota Fort, a centuries-old structure built by a king. The fort holds many hidden secrets, and the plot revolves around a series of events that unfold as these secrets are gradually revealed. Hansika plays the lead role as the head officer of the Hindu Trust Committee, who embarks on a mission to uncover the secrets of the ancient fort. Her character is faced with numerous challenges and unexpected situations as she gets involved with the Gandharvakota

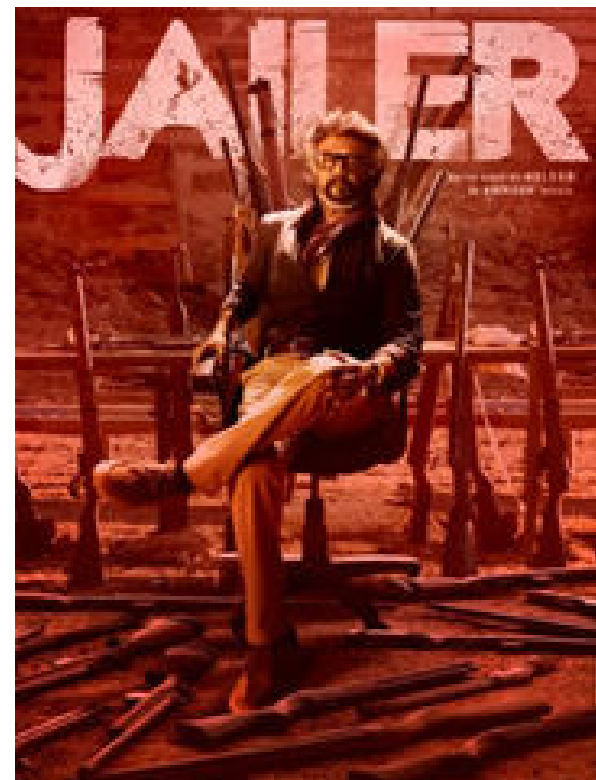
project. The film's suspenseful narrative promises to keep the audience on the edge of their seats, as it explores elements of mystery, horror, and thriller. The makers have assured that the film will not only provide an intriguing storyline but will also deliver a captivating cinematic experience that will appeal to a wide audience.

The music for \*Sreegandhari\* is composed by LV Ganesh Muthu, contributing to the film's eerie atmosphere and thrilling vibes. With its gripping storyline, strong performances, and engaging music, the film is expected to make a significant impact when it hits theaters in December.

Directed by R. Kannan and produced by Raju Naik, \*Sreegandhari\* is poised to become a standout movie in the suspense and horror thriller genre, promising to deliver a thrilling experience for Telugu moviegoers.

# Jailer 2 Shooting Set to Begin with Promo Launch on Thalaiva's Birthday

The much-awaited sequel to the blockbuster film \*Jailer\* is all set to begin its shooting, as recent reports from the Kollywood industry reveal exciting news. Directed by Nelson Dilipkumar and starring Tamil superstar Rajinikanth, \*Jailer\* made waves at the box office, and its sequel, \*Jailer 2\*, is expected to continue the success story.



According to the latest updates, the promo shoot for \*Jailer 2\* is scheduled to kick off on December 5, marking a significant milestone in the production of the film. What adds more excitement is the announcement that a special \*Jailer 2\* poster, along with a cool new look for Rajinikanth, will be unveiled on December 12, coinciding with the superstar's birthday. This will be a treat for his fans, who have been eagerly awaiting updates about the sequel.

The director, Nelson Dilipkumar, has already con-

firmed that the script for \*Jailer 2\* has been completed, and preparations for the shoot are in full swing. While the film's first installment featured a stellar ensemble cast including Ramya Krishnan, Vinayakan, Vasanth Ravi, Mohanlal, Shivraj Kumar, and Tamannaah, fans are eagerly waiting to see if these stars will return for the sequel. The producers are yet to clarify the cast lineup, leaving room for speculation.

Meanwhile, Rajinikanth is currently busy with the filming of his upcoming project, \*Kooli\*, directed by Lokesh Kanagaraj. Scheduled for a grand release in 2025, \*Kooli\* is another highly anticipated film that has generated buzz among fans and movie enthusiasts alike.

With \*Jailer 2\* poised for its promo launch and a promising storyline on the horizon, fans are in for an exciting time as the movie's production gets underway.