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Kazipet Gets Railway Manufacturing Unit

Central government gives good news to Telangana
Direct and indirect job opportunities for 2500 people
Center implements Reorganization Act guarantee

Five decades of dream to be fulfilled



TPN , Telangana : In a significant development for Telangana, the central government has taken a major step towards fulfilling the long-standing demand for a coach factory in Kazipet. The establishment of the factory, set to cost around Rs. 500 crore, will provide direct and indirect employment to ap-

proximately 2,000 people, a boost for the local economy.

Kazipet has been a focal point for railway activities, particularly since the bifurcation of Andhra Pradesh. The demand for a coach factory in Kazipet dates back to the 1969 Telangana movement, with

residents agitating for a manufacturing unit in the region. In 2014, the central government included the coach factory as part of the bifurcation promises. The Telangana government allocated 150 acres of land, but the project faced several setbacks. Despite the promise in the Andhra Pradesh Reorganization Act of 2014, the project was delayed. In 2017, the central government announced that no new coach factories would be established, and instead, a coach factory was set up in Latur, Maharashtra, with a Rs. 625 crore budget.

Pressure from Telangana led to the announcement in 2023 of a railway wagon manufacturing industry in Kazipet, but this decision did not provide the same benefits as a coach factory. Locals argue that the wagon industry will only offer employment to around 2,000 people, while a coach factory could generate employment for up to 60,000 individuals.

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CM Revanth Orders Action on School Food Negligence

Provide nutritious food in a clean environment
Treat students like their own children
Order to remove negligent staff
CM asks collectors to conduct extensive inspections in hostels

TPN , Telangana : Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has issued a stern directive to district Collectors, instructing them to treat students in government schools, hostels, and Gurukul educational institutions as their own children and ensure they receive nutritious food in a clean environment.



Expressing strong dissatisfaction over recurring incidents involving poor food quality in schools, CM Revanth emphasized that action will be taken against officials and staff found neglecting their duties in this regard. He warned that those proven negligent will face removal from their positions. The Chief Minister further directed the Collectors to conduct regular inspections of schools, hostels, and Gurukuls, and submit detailed reports.

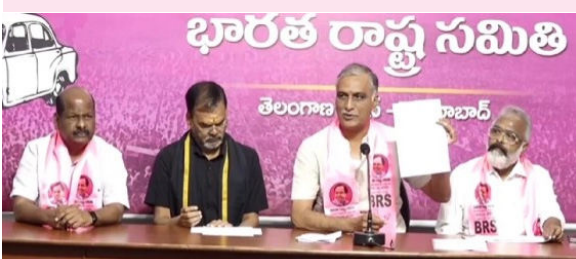
gently to restore the system to its rightful course.

Reaffirming the government's commitment to improving the education system, which he claimed had deteriorated over the past decade, CM Revanth stated that his administration is working dili-

Additionally, CM Revanth condemned those spreading false information to malign the government's efforts, particularly concerning student welfare. He instructed officials to take strict action against individuals spreading rumors and creating unnecessary panic among parents. The Chief Minister's directive underscores his resolve to improve the quality of education and ensure the safety and well-being of students across the state.

Harish Rao Accuses CM of Misleading on Musi Project

BRS is not against Musi
Against real estate business being done in Musi's name
Compensation should be paid to the victims as per the 2013 Land Acquisition Act
Revanth cheated Parliament
We will give Revanth a notice for violation of assembly rights



TPN , Telangana : BRS leader Harish Rao has fiercely criticized Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and the state government for allegedly hiding facts related to the Musi Riverfront project and the implementation of the Land Acquisition Act of 2013. Speaking to the media at Telangana Bhavan in Hyderabad on Thursday, Rao accused the government of misleading both Parliament and the public regarding the Musi project. He was particularly vocal about the demolition of houses under the Musi proj-

ect and the lack of proper compensation for affected residents.

Rao claimed that the current government, under CM Revanth Reddy, has been deceitful by providing false information to the Center, stating that no new houses would be demolished, while in reality, many houses had already been torn down. He questioned how compensation would be paid for these demolished houses and criticized the government's failure to follow necessary protocols, such as conducting surveys, issuing notices, or considering objections before demolitions took place. He stated that while the BRS party supports the revival of the Musi River, they oppose the real estate ventures being disguised as part of the project.

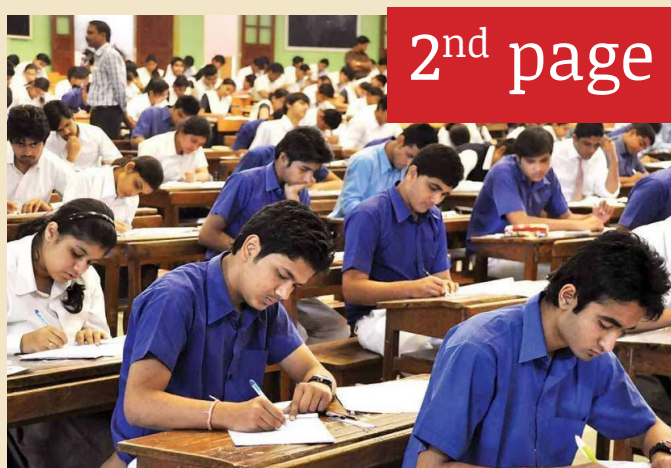
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Govt to Amend MPP Structure for Elections

TPN , Telangana : The state government is preparing for the upcoming Panchayat elections, expected to take place in the second week of February. A notification is likely to be issued on January 14, and elections will be conducted in three phases. In addition to election preparations, the government plans to introduce key amendments in the Panchayat Raj department. One significant change includes the formation of a Mandal Parishad President (MPP) with a minimum of five Mandal Parishad Territorial Constituencies (MPTCs).

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Big Changes in 10th Class Exams: 100-Mark Paper Introduced



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Happy Birthday

Dr. Bondada Raghavendra Rao,

Wishing a joyful birthday to the visionary

an impactful, innovative, and inspiring leader.



Manufacturing Unit

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Kazipet Junction, a key gateway to South India, is crucial for coal transportation and connects Northern and Southern India. More than 200 passenger and freight trains pass through Kazipet daily, making it one of the highest revenue-generating junctions in India. There has been increasing support for making Kazipet a full-fledged railway division, considering its importance in the region's rail network.

Despite the setbacks, the central government's decision to establish a railway manufacturing unit in Kazipet marks a long-awaited step in fulfilling a key promise made to the people of Telangana. However, local leaders and citizens continue to question whether this will provide the full benefits that a dedicated coach factory would have brought. The debate over the feasibility and the true impact of the project remains ongoing.

Misleading on Musi Project

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Rao accused the state government of using the Musi project as an excuse to divert state funds for personal profit, without benefiting the people who were displaced.

Rao further defended the 2014 Land Acquisition Act, which was introduced by KCR, stating that it provided displaced families with significant compensation and benefits, including larger plots of land and better housing. However, he condemned the current government's actions, claiming that it had failed to uphold the provisions of the Act and had handed out houses to Musi victims with no real ownership rights. He pointed out that the houses were provided with only assigned papers, and the residents had no claim over the properties.

Harish Rao emphasized that BRS would continue to fight for the rights of Musi victims, demanding that the state government provide adequate compensation as promised under the 2014 Act. He also promised to hold the government accountable for the pain and suffering caused to the displaced families.

Govt to Amend MPP Structure for Elections

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Currently, some mandals have MPPs with only three MPTCs. The government will introduce the MPP bill in the upcoming assembly session to bring about these constitutional amendments. These changes aim to enhance the functioning and representation at the local governance level, strengthening the Panchayat Raj system across the state.

Big Changes in 10th Class Exams: 100-Mark Paper Introduced

TPN, Telangana : The Telangana Education Department has announced significant changes to the 10th class exam pattern, just three months ahead of the exams. In a key decision, the department revealed that the 10th class exams will now have a single paper worth 100 marks. Previously, the exam was for 80 marks, with the remaining 20 marks allocated for internal exams.

The new decision removes the internal exam system entirely, meaning that the entire 100 marks will now come from the main exam. Students will need to adjust their preparation accordingly as they focus on the full 100-mark paper. The education department's announcement is expected to have a significant impact on exam preparations for the upcoming academic year.

Telangana CM Registers Details for Caste Survey

TPN, Telangana : Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy has registered his details as part of the ongoing social, economic, educational, employment, political, and caste survey being conducted by the state government. The survey aims to set a precedent for the entire country. A team comprising Hyderabad Collector Anudeep, GHMC Commissioner Ilambarthi, along with other officials, enumerators, and staff, visited the Chief Minister's residence in Jubilee Hills to complete the registration process.



After reviewing the progress of the survey and discussing public participation with the officials, the Chief Minister emphasized the need to expedite the caste survey's completion. He also instructed officials to ensure that all government

employees register their details in the survey. In addition, he called for a special drive to be organized for VVIPs, including IAS, IPS officers, MPs, MLAs, and other public representatives in Hyderabad.

This survey is an important step in gathering comprehensive data to support government planning and policy-making in Telangana.

Warangal's Transformation into Second Capital Nears

Congress Praja Government Makes Strides in Fulfilling Bifurcation Promises



Overhauling Workshop to a manufacturing unit and the establishment of the Kazipet Railway Division. These developments are expected to boost the state's growth. Warangal's reputation has been strengthened with the creation of the Technical Center and Mamunur Airport, and comprehensive development plans worth Rs. 4,962.47 crore are set to transform the city into the state's second capital.

TPN, Telangana : The Congress Praja government, led by Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, is working tirelessly to fulfill the promises made under the Andhra Pradesh Reorganization Act. Within a year of taking office, the government has made significant progress in implementing key division promises, ensuring the aspirations of the people are met.

Minister Konda Surekha highlighted the achievements, noting the upgrade of the Kazipet Railway

Minister Surekha emphasized that the Congress Praja government would continue to fight for the realization of all division promises. She credited the government's efforts for securing the railway coach factory and advancing work on the Kazipet division. Additionally, the long-awaited Mamunur Airport is now operational, further cementing Warangal's role in Telangana's development. Minister Surekha assured that Warangal's transformation is just the beginning and that the city's emergence as the second capital is on the horizon.

Seethakka Points Finger at KTR, BRS in Food Poisoning Case

TPN, Telangana : Minister Seethakka has raised allegations of a large-scale conspiracy behind the food poisoning incidents reported in the state. Speaking to the media on Thursday, she stated that the government would soon uncover those responsible for the conspiracy. "If the culprits are officials, they will lose their jobs," Seethakka said, hinting at a possible political motive behind the incidents. She specifically targeted the BRS and BJP, accusing them of granting permission for the ethanol company in Dilawarpur, Nirmal district, in 2023. According to Seethakka, the project was approved by KTR without consulting the local people. She also pointed fingers at Talasani Sai Kiran, who she claims acted as the director of the company. Seethakka questioned KTR's actions, accusing him of petty politics and attempting to shift blame onto the current administration. She emphasized that the truth about the project and its connections would be revealed soon.



TPCC Chief Discusses MLC Candidate Selection and Upcoming Elections

TPN, Hyderabad: TPCC Chief B. Mahesh Kumar Goud chaired an important meeting at Gandhi Bhavan on Thursday to discuss the upcoming elections for vacant MLC seats in Telangana, as well as the filling of nominated vacancies and the party's organizational structure.

The tenures of graduate MLCs representing Medak, Nizamabad, Adilabad, and Karim-

nagar districts—T. Jeevan Reddy (Congress), Kura Raghottam Reddy (teacher MLC), and Alugubelli Narsi Reddy (teacher MLC for Warangal, Khammam, and Nalgonda)—will end on March 29, 2025. The election process to elect new MLCs for these districts must be completed by that date. The Election Commission is set to announce the final list of voters for these elections on December 30.

In the meeting, Mahesh Kumar Goud met with ministers, in-charge ministers, MLAs, and DCC presidents to strategize for the graduate MLC elections in the Congress-held districts. AICC In-charge General Secretary Deepadas Munshi, along with ministers Uttam Kumar Reddy, Sridhar Babu, and Konda Surekha, were also present.

Talasani Refutes Allegations Over Nirmal Ethanol Factory



TPN, Hyderabad: BRS leader and former minister Talasani Srinivas strongly denied allegations regarding his family's involvement with the upcoming ethanol factory in Dilawarpur mandal, Nirmal district. Speaking to the media on Thursday, November 28, Talasani clarified that while his son, Talasani Sai Kiran, served as the director of the ethanol factory for three

months in 2016, no permissions were granted during his tenure.

"This is an attempt to defame me and my party. If anyone can prove that my son owns the factory, I will transfer ownership immediately," Talasani asserted.

The allegations stemmed from comments made by Bhuvanagiri Congress MP Ch Kiran Kumar Reddy, who claimed that the BRS government had granted permissions for the factory in 2022. He also accused Talasani's son of being the director of PMK Distillations Pvt Ltd, the company behind the ethanol project.

The factory has sparked protests from farmers in Nirmal district, who argue it would not benefit them. On Wednesday, farmers staged a sit-in on the national highway, and the government has since paused construction, with officials re-considering the factory's approval.

Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy Criticizes KTR and Harish Rao



TPN, Hyderabad: Minister Komatireddy Venkat Reddy sharply criticized BRS leaders KTR and Harish Rao for their lack of response to his previous comments. Speaking to the media, he questioned their entry into politics, remarking that they rose to power because of their connections as the son and daughter-in-law of Chief Minister KCR.

Venkat Reddy emphasized his own political journey, stating that he came from a humble background, specifically a farmer's family, and worked his way up. "If former CM KCR comes to my level, let's go to Gurukuls," he added, suggesting that KTR and Harish Rao lacked the same grassroots experience.

The minister also made it clear that he would not engage in dialogue with leaders like KTR and Harish Rao. His comments have sparked considerable attention, with a related video going viral on social media.



BRS-Congress Nexus Alleged- KTR

TPN , Hyderabad: Allegations of a covert understanding between the Bharatiya Rashtra Samithi (BRS) and Congress have sparked political controversy in Telangana. Critics claim that BRS leaders are indirectly aiding Congress, raising questions about their motives and interests.

The accusations center on claims that BRS members are acting as strategists for Congress and prioritizing "dark political interests" by purport-

edly supporting Chief Minister Revanth Reddy and his administration. Critics allege that this collaboration undermines governance and public accountability.

"Despite the ongoing chaos—whether it's farmers' struggles, tribal oppression, or the plight of flood-affected citizens—BRS leaders continue to shield Revanth Reddy from criticism," a political analyst observed. The claims further suggest that BRS leaders are

selectively ignoring issues, such as alleged mismanagement of disaster relief and accusations against the Hyderabad Disaster Response and Assets Monitoring Protection (HYDRA) agency.

The accusations also touched on the failure to address key concerns like child welfare, farmers' rights, and the oppression of tribal communities. Critics warn that the "lotus in their hands" symbolizes a hidden alliance

between the two parties, urging voters to remain vigilant.

These allegations come as the political landscape heats up ahead of upcoming elections. Opposition leaders are calling for greater transparency and accountability, challenging both the Congress-led government and BRS leaders to prioritize public welfare over political gains. As public sentiment simmers, political watchers anticipate more developments in this unfolding controversy.



BJP MP Raghunandan Rao Slams KTR



TPN , Hyderabad: BJP MP Raghunandan Rao launched a scathing attack on BRS leader K.T. Rama Rao (KTR), accusing him of poor governance and questioning the alleged nexus between the BRS and Congress.

In a fiery statement, Rao remarked, "If we had worked with Congress, you wouldn't be tweeting today; you'd be eating chips in Cheralpalli jail." He criticized KTR's tenure, alleging that a decade of BRS rule had damaged Telangana's economy, education, and healthcare systems.

Rao further claimed that BRS had failed to address the state's key issues, leading to a loss of public trust. "If you knew how to govern and solve people's problems, you wouldn't have lost power today," he said. Targeting BRS founder K. Chandrashekar Rao, Rao alleged that he has retreated to a farmhouse, avoiding public scrutiny.

Concluding his remarks, the BJP MP dismissed KTR's recent statements as "useless," asserting that BRS had lost both political power and direction. The sharp critique comes amidst escalating political tensions in Telangana, as parties prepare for the upcoming elections.

Kadiyam Srihari Launches Scathing Attack on BRS Leadership

TPN , Jangaon: Senior Congress leader and MLA Kadiyam Srihari criticized the BRS leadership, accusing them of corruption, mismanagement, and failure to deliver on promises.

Srihari alleged that the BRS government neglected farmers and job seekers during its decade-long rule, leaving sectors like education in disarray. "The Congress has a history of waiving farmers' loans. What has BRS done in 10 years except ruin the system?" he asked, accusing the



party of inciting farmers against officials.

Targeting Minister Harish Rao, Srihari dismissed his comments on bonuses as "bogus," likening his rhetoric to that of "a man bitten by a mad dog." He further accused KCR, KTR, and Harish Rao of amassing wealth by illegally acquiring thousands of acres of land, claiming their governance lacked ethics and honesty.

"I left BRS knowing its sins—its destruction, corruption, and ir-

regularities," Srihari declared, emphasizing his commitment to transparency as Jangaon MLA. He added that KTR, burdened by fears of legal repercussions for past actions, was attempting to gain public sympathy. "KTR is acting like a pumpkin thief, shrugging off accountability," he remarked. Srihari called on opposition parties to offer constructive advice to the government, accusing BRS of focusing solely on criticism while ignoring the state's pressing issues.

Kasam Venkateswarlu Targets KTR



TPN , Hyderabad: BJP State General Secretary Kasam Venkateswarlu strongly criticized the Telangana government, alleging negligence in key sectors like education, welfare, and home administration. He accused Chief Minister Revanth Reddy of mismanaging crucial departments and leaving administration in disarray.

Venkateswarlu highlighted the deplorable conditions in welfare hostels, claiming they have turned into "crisis hostels," with 51 student deaths reported due to food poisoning. He also alleged that 38 incidents of food poisoning occurred in Gurukul schools, questioning why no accountability has been established.

Responding to Minister Seethakka's claim of a conspiracy behind these

deaths, Venkateswarlu demanded evidence and criticized her failure to expose the alleged plot. "If this is a conspiracy, why hasn't it been revealed?" he questioned.

The BJP leader also took aim at K.T. Rama Rao (KTR), accusing him of deflecting issues with baseless criticisms of Prime Minister Modi and the BJP. "Drama Rao and Psycho Rao are busy trolling on Twitter, but fail to address real issues," he said.

Venkateswarlu further suggested that KTR should focus on governance rather than social media theatrics, even sarcastically recommending admission to Erragadda Mental Hospital for a few days. He called for immediate reforms to prioritize the welfare of poor and middle-class students.

Minister Inspects Gurukula School in Siddipet



TPN , Siddipet: Transport and BC Welfare Minister Ponnambalam Prahakar conducted a surprise inspection of the Mahatma Jyotirao Phule Gurukula School located at Double Bedroom Law in Siddipet town. The inspection focused on the cleanliness and quality of fa-

cilities in the school premises, including the ground, kitchen, and bathrooms. During the visit, Prahakar stressed the importance of maintaining a clean environment and instructed that any overgrown bushes be cleared. He also highlighted that 50% of the building rents had already been paid, and the owners should ensure that no pending works remain.

Prahakar engaged with staff members cooking in the kitchen, inspecting the rice and curries that had already been prepared. He warned that the increased mess and cosmetic charges must reflect in the quality of food, and any deficiencies would lead to action. The Minister also spoke with students in the classroom, inquiring about their education and food, assuring them that the government was

providing all necessary facilities for their well-being.

Prahakar further revealed that a committee would be formed in SC, ST, BC, and minority Gurukuls across the state, including DMHO, DRDO, DPO, and local Panchayat secretaries. The committee will visit these schools every 15 days to monitor conditions and prepare reports. He also emphasized the importance of regular health checkups for students.

In line with Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's vision, the Minister outlined measures to improve the quality of Gurukuls and ensure proper nutrition and cleanliness. He urged principals to report any issues to the District Collector and assured that the government would take all necessary steps to address them.

Revanth's Frustrated Governance: Jeevan Reddy



TPN , Hyderabad: Former BRS MLA Jeevan Reddy has launched a sharp attack on Telangana Chief Minister Revanth Reddy, accusing him of governing with frustration and failing to implement effective public policies.

Speaking from Armur, Reddy alleged that farmers across Telangana are dissatisfied with the Congress-led government, questioning if public governance means arresting farmers. He expressed concern over the perceived injustice faced by various communities during the Congress government's 11-month rule.

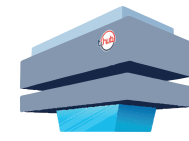
Reddy also criticized the CM for ignoring reprimands from the High Court on critical public issues, claiming that Revanth Reddy's approach has not evolved despite judicial interventions. "This government has failed to deliver public governance in Telangana," Reddy said, blaming the leadership for widespread discontent among the people.

The comments reflect growing tensions between the BRS and Congress as political rivalries intensify in the state.

Deputy CM Bhatti at Hemant Soren's Swearing-In



TPN , Telangana : Telangana Deputy Chief Minister Bhatti Vikramarka Mallu, along with top Congress leaders and other prominent figures from the India Alliance, attended the swearing-in ceremony of Jharkhand Chief Minister Hemant Soren. The event marked a significant political moment as leaders from various states came together in support of Soren's reappointment as the Chief Minister of Jharkhand. The presence of key political figures highlighted the continued unity within the India Alliance.



BRS to Hold Motorcycle Rally for Deeksha Divas



TPN , Hyderabad : The Bharat Rashtira Samithi (BRS) is preparing for Deeksha Divas on November 29 at Telangana Bhavan, with plans for a major rally featuring 4,250 motorcycles. Party leaders, including MLAs Padmarao Goud and Talasani Srinivas Yadav, have organized the event to commemorate the significance of this day in the Telangana movement.

A meeting was held on November 27 with party workers to strategize and ensure the success of the rally. Secunderabad MLA Padmarao Goud highlighted the historical importance of Deeksha Divas and urged party members from various municipal di-

visions—such as Adivarampet, Tarnaka, and Mettuguda—to participate. He encouraged each division to contribute 250 bikes, which will converge at Telangana Bhavan, starting from Chilkaiguda.

During the meeting at the MLA's camp office in Sitaphalmandi, Goud distributed party flags, scarves, and other materials to the leaders and workers. The gathering included corporators Samala Hema and Kandi Shailaja, as well as youth leaders and former corporators. The rally is expected to be a significant event in marking the Telangana movement's legacy.

Hero Nagarjuna Creates Buzz at Khairatabad RTA Office

TPN , Hyderabad : Bollywood and Tollywood star Hero Nagarjuna made a notable appearance at the Khairatabad RTA office recently, causing quite a stir. The actor visited the office to register his new Toyota Lexus vehicle, drawing the attention of fans and media alike.

As Nagarjuna arrived, RTA officials quickly arranged the necessary formalities, ensuring the smooth processing of documents for his new car. The actor, known for his charismatic presence, took time to pose for photos, further adding to the excitement.

However, Nagarjuna's arrival led to a massive traffic jam in the surrounding Khairatabad area. Akkineni fans gathered in large numbers, hoping to catch a glimpse of their favorite star. The influx of



fans caused significant disruptions to the flow of traffic, with police efforts required to manage the congestion. Motorists faced severe delays due to the unexpected traffic build-up caused by the crowd. Despite the challenges, Nagarjuna's visit remains a memorable moment for fans and onlookers alike.

Kavitha Demands Phule Statue at Assembly

TPN , Hyderabad : On the death anniversary of Mahatma Jyotirao Phule, BRS leader and MLC Kavitha paid floral tributes to his portrait, honoring his legacy as a social reformer. Kavitha praised Phule's efforts in fighting caste discrimination, promoting women's education, and uplifting the marginalized. She reiterated her demand for the installation of Phule's statue at the state assembly premises, a cause she has championed through protests. The tribute ceremony emphasized Phule's pivotal role in the fight for social justice, with Kavitha urging the government to honor his contributions.



Fire Breaks Out in Scrap Yard at Karwan



TPN , Hyderabad : A major fire broke out at a scrap yard in the Karwan area of Old City late Wednesday, causing extensive damage. The fire occurred at the yard located next to the Mahboob Function Hall, where large quantities of combustible materials were stored. As the fire ignited, massive flames quickly engulfed the area, threatening nearby properties.

Tension mounted as the fire spread rapidly, prompting authorities to shut down the power supply to the

affected area. Fire tenders from nearby stations rushed to the scene and worked swiftly to bring the flames under control. Police had to intervene to disperse the growing crowd of onlookers. While the cause of the fire is still under investigation, the damage is expected to run into lakhs of rupees. The incident has raised concerns over fire safety, particularly in areas storing large amounts of combustible materials. Authorities are continuing their efforts to determine the exact cause of the blaze.

KCR Felicitates Srinivas Reddy for 25 Years of Service



TPN , Telangana : Hyderabad: BRS Chief K. Chandrashekar Rao (KCR) recently felicitated Professor Srinivas Reddy, the central office secretary of the BRS, former MLC, and Telangana advocate, acknowledging his significant contributions to the state. During the event, Srinivas Reddy expressed that the honor was not just for him but for many Telangana advocates who have fought for the cause of the state.

Reddy praised KCR as the "charioteer of the movement" who not only awakened the Telangana spirit but also led the state to progress. He acknowledged that it was his good fortune to have worked alongside KCR

for 25 years, highlighting that without KCR, the formation of Telangana would not have been possible.

He further added, "A leader like KCR, who is so devoted to his people, is rare. His place in the hearts of the people of Telangana is eternal." Srinivas Reddy expressed sorrow at leaving Telangana for a necessary trip to America but emphasized that this was a situation beyond his control.

Reddy concluded by thanking KCR on behalf of all Telangana advocates for his tireless dedication and leadership in the state's movement.

Reactor Blast Triggers Massive Fire at Pharma Company



TPN , Sangareddy : A massive fire broke out at Aurora Life Sciences in the Khajipally industrial area of Sangareddy district early Thursday morning, following an explosion in a reactor located in the MB-2 block. The explosion is believed to have triggered the fire, which quickly spread across the facility.

Firefighters from various parts of the district were immediately deployed to contain the blaze. While authorities, including the police and management, have not disclosed the number of casualties, ambulances were seen transporting injured individuals to nearby hospitals. Firefighting teams continued their efforts to control the fire, which remained a challenge due to the intensity of the blaze.

The cause of the reactor explosion is still under investigation. Authorities are closely monitoring the situation as efforts continue to prevent further damage and ensure the safety of workers and surrounding areas.

Balakrishna Inaugurates Hyper Mart 'Value Zone'

TPN , Hyderabad: The new Value Zone Hyper Mart opened its doors in Nacharam on Thursday, marking a significant milestone in its expansion after its successful launch in Patancheru. The inauguration was attended by actor and politician Nandamuri Balakrishna, who serves as the brand ambassador for the hyper mart.

Value Zone is the vision of entrepreneurs P. Venkateswarlu, S. Rajamouli, T. Prasad Rao, and the late P. Satyanarayana. The store offers a wide range of products, including fashion, groceries, footwear, luggage, stationery, and more, focusing on delivering value to budget-conscious



shoppers. The hyper mart's expansive layout promises a comprehensive shopping experience, featuring both Indian and global brands at discounted prices.

Balakrishna praised the new outlet, calling it "the pride of Hyderabad" for its diverse product offerings and excellent shopping experience.

Ram Gopal Varma Denies Police Pursuit in Photo Morphing Case



TPN , Telangana : Tollywood director Ram Gopal Varma has addressed media reports claiming that he is evading the police in connection with a photo morphing case filed in Prakasam district, Andhra Pradesh. The case pertains to the alleged morphing of images of political figures, including Chief Minister Chandrababu Naidu, Deputy CM Pawan Kalyan, and Minister Nara Lokesh, which were shared on the social media platform X.

Media outlets had reported that Varma was "missing" and the Andhra Pradesh police were allegedly searching for him across Maharashtra and Chennai. However, Varma took to Twitter to clarify that he was not in hiding and had been working at his office. He stated that he had requested more time to appear for the investigation due to his ongoing film commitments. Varma also questioned the urgency of the case and criticized the media for sensationalizing the situation. His statement has sparked further debate.

Governor of Telangana Interacts with IPS Officer Trainees at Raj Bhavan



TPN , Hyderabad: The Governor of Telangana, Sri Jishnu Dev Varma, engaged with the 2023 batch of IPS officer trainees allocated to the state at Raj Bhavan on Thursday. During the session, the Governor stressed the importance of building strong connections with the public to ensure effective governance.

He emphasized that officers should travel extensively, engage with citizens, and address their concerns to build trust and

accessibility, which are key to good governance. The Governor also highlighted the values of honesty, dedication, and transparency, urging officers to remain steadfast despite challenges.

Congratulating the trainees on their assignment to Telangana, Sri Jishnu Dev Varma encouraged them to seize the opportunities for growth and innovation in the state's policing system.

The trainees were accompanied by Smt. Abhilasha Bisht, IPS, Director of the Raja Bahadur Venkata Rama Reddy Telangana Police Academy. The interaction provided valuable insights to the officers as they embark on their careers in Telangana's police service.

Rapid Depletion of Srisaillam Project's Water Raises Concerns

TPN , Telangana : The Srisaillam project, which recently reached full capacity due to heavy rains, is now facing a sudden and sharp decline in water levels. Official reports indicate that the reservoir's storage has dropped from 215 TMC (thousand million cubic feet) to 130 TMC as of Thursday, primarily due to excessive power generation activities by the right and left bank power plants operated by Andhra Pradesh and Telangana.



The reservoir's current water level has fallen to 867.40 feet from its full level of 885 feet. While power generation has ceased on the right bank, it continues on the left bank, contributing to an outflow of 35,315 cusecs daily.

Experts caution that if this rate of depletion persists, the reservoir could be emptied within the next two months, potentially leading to severe water shortages in the summer. The dual pressures of power generation and declining water levels underscore the need for balanced resource

management to ensure both energy production and water availability are sustained in the region.

Authorities are urged to address the issue promptly to mitigate the risk of a looming water crisis.

Farmers' Protests Against Ethanol Factory

TPN , Telangana : Protests by farmers in Dilawarpur, Nirmal district, against the construction of an ethanol factory have led the Telangana government to reconsider its plans. In response to the outcry, the government announced a review of the factory's construction permissions. District Collector Abhilash Abhinav has been directed to halt all construction activities.



Farmers have raised concerns over the potential environmental and livelihood impacts of the factory. Their protests also targeted the silence of local leaders on the issue. Addressing these concerns, Nirmal MLA Aleti Maheshwar Reddy released a press note on Thursday.

Reddy mentioned that he had already brought the matter to Chief Minister Revanth Reddy's attention.

Reddy appealed for calm, urging residents to pursue peaceful protests. "I stand by the decision of Dilawarpur's residents. Until the construction of the ethanol factory is permanently stopped, I will continue to act in their interest," he affirmed.

The MLA stated that he had previously urged officials to relocate the factory to a site far from residential areas. He also assured farmers in Gundampalli village of legal support and revealed that he had held two discussions with the Dilawarpur Joint Action Committee (JAC) lead-

The announcement has provided hope to farmers awaiting a resolution.

KCR Resurfaces on Social Media, Sparks Speculation of Political Comeback



accompanied by Gulabi Party leaders seated beside him. This unexpected appearance has led to discussions about the former Chief Minister's possible re-entry into active politics.

Insiders suggest that KCR's timing is strategic, coinciding with the Congress party completing a year in power. Speculation is rife that he may soon launch initiatives or campaigns to re-engage with the public and rejuvenate his party's presence in Telangana politics.

As his social media activity and public sightings increase, political observers are closely watching KCR's next moves, anticipating potential announcements or actions that could shape the state's political landscape.

TPN , Telangana : Gulabi Party leader Kalvakuntla Chandrasekhara Rao (KCR) has once again become active on social media, fueling speculation about his return to public life. A recent video of KCR driving a Benz car near

his farmhouse has gone viral, drawing significant attention.

The video, reportedly taken in the evening, shows KCR stepping out of his farmhouse while driving the car,

Remand of Patnam Narender Reddy Extended in Lagacharla Case

TPN , Telangana : The remand of Patnam Narender Reddy, the prime accused (A1) in the Lagacharla case, has been extended by the court until December 11, 2024. Reddy, a former MLA, was presented in the Kodangal court by police after his initial remand expired on November 27. Following this, the Junior Civil Judge issued orders for the extension.

farmers and locals allegedly attacking the Collector.

Reddy is accused of orchestrating the attack and was subsequently arrested and presented before the Kodangal Magistrate. He has been in custody for nearly 14 days.

The extension of Reddy's remand highlights the seriousness of the charges, as investigations into his alleged role in the incident continue. Authorities are closely examining the events leading up to the violence to establish accountability and prevent further unrest.

The case stems from a November 11 incident in Lagacharla, where the Vikarabad District Collector faced opposition during a visit to consult farmers about land acquisition for the proposed Industrial Corridor. The visit escalated into violence, with

SFI Announces Statewide Bandh

TPN , Telangana : The Student Federation of India (SFI) has announced a bandh of government schools across the state on November 30, 2024, in protest against the government's alleged negligence in addressing issues in the education sector. SFI state president R.L. Murthy criticized the government for its failure to act on repeated food poisoning incidents in schools, welfare hostels, and Gurukuls, which have reportedly led to student deaths. He accused the authorities of failing to provide proper supervision and protection for students and highlighted the absence of a dedicated education minister for over a year as a major concern.

"The state government has not even reviewed these pressing issues. This negligence is unacceptable. The Chief Minister must urgently address the problems in the education department, hostels, Gurukuls, and KGBVs and appoint an education minister immediately," Murthy demanded. Murthy warned that if the government does not take immediate corrective measures, SFI will escalate its protests across the state. He urged students and parents to support the November 30 bandh to send a strong message about the importance of resolving these critical issues.

The SFI's call for action comes amid growing concerns about the safety and well-being of students in state-run educational institutions.



Husnabad's New Municipal Building Inaugurated by Ponnam

TPN , Husnabad, Siddipet District: The new municipal building in Husnabad was inaugurated by Minister for Transport and BC Welfare, Ponnam Prabhakar, in a ceremony attended by District Collector Manu Chowdhury, Municipal Chairman Akula Rajitha, Commissioner Mallikarjun, and other local leaders.



Minister Prabhakar emphasized that the new building should act as a center for addressing public concerns and driving local development. He stressed the importance of collaborative efforts to enhance Husnabad's role as a regional hub, strategically positioned at the intersection of four districts.

kanta Rao, honoring his contributions to the region. He also assured continuous development efforts focusing on infrastructure, healthcare, education, and employment.

Prabhakar proposed naming the municipal office after Bopparaju Laxmi-

Urging unity among leaders, officials, and citizens, the Minister promised swift action on any pending issues and committed to advancing the region's growth agenda.

Awareness Rally on Traffic Safety, Drug Abuse



TPN , Suryapet, Huzurnagar: Students of Sri Chaitanya School, Huzurnagar, organized an awareness rally to highlight the dangers of traffic violations, drug abuse, and cyber fraud. Supported by local police, the rally aimed to educate the public about the risks of drug addiction, including marijuana and other intoxicants.

also emphasized the need for wearing helmets while riding two-wheelers to reduce accidents. The rally sought to inform the community about the increasing dangers of traffic violations and cyber crimes.

Sub Inspector Muthaiah, who participated in the rally, stressed the importance of preventing drug addiction, particularly among youth and students. He

The initiative was well-received by the community, bringing attention to critical social issues affecting both students and the wider population. It marked an important step towards creating a safer and more informed environment in Huzurnagar.

Tiger Kills Calf in Sonapur, Villagers Fear for Safety and Crops

Kumram Bheem Asifabad: A tiger killed a calf grazing in the forests of Sonapur village, near the Telangana-Maharashtra border, on Thursday morning, causing panic among locals. Villagers suspect the same tiger, which injured five cows in Dhaba village earlier this week, may be responsible for the latest attack.

crops due to the tiger's presence in the area. They have appealed to forest department officials for immediate action.

The incident occurred in Sonapur, part of Wankidi mandal, with the tiger reportedly spotted near an e-bridge close to Goyagaon village. The villagers, fearful for their safety, are now reluctant to harvest their cotton

In response, forest officials have installed CCTV camera traps and are deploying animal trackers to monitor the tiger's movements. They have advised villagers to avoid venturing deep into the forests and to refrain from setting up electrified fences, which could harm the tiger. Efforts are underway to prevent human-wildlife conflicts in the region.

Woman Gives Birth in Auto Due to Poor Road Conditions in Sangareddy

TPN , Hyderabad: A pregnant woman gave birth in an auto while being transported to the hospital, as the road leading to her village was impassable. The incident occurred on Thursday, November 28, in Puryanaik Thanda, a hamlet in Jharasangam mandal, Sangareddy district.

Banoth Swapna, in labor, was on her way to the Jharasangam Primary Health Centre when the poor road conditions forced her to deliver her baby in the seven-seater auto. Mandal health officials quickly transferred both mother and child to the health center for further care, and both were reported to be in good health.

When Dr. Ramya, the medical officer, inquired why the 108 emergency ambulance wasn't called, residents explained that due to the bad roads, no vehicles could reach the village. This incident has once again highlighted the urgent need for improved road infrastructure in rural areas.





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.

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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.

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 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.

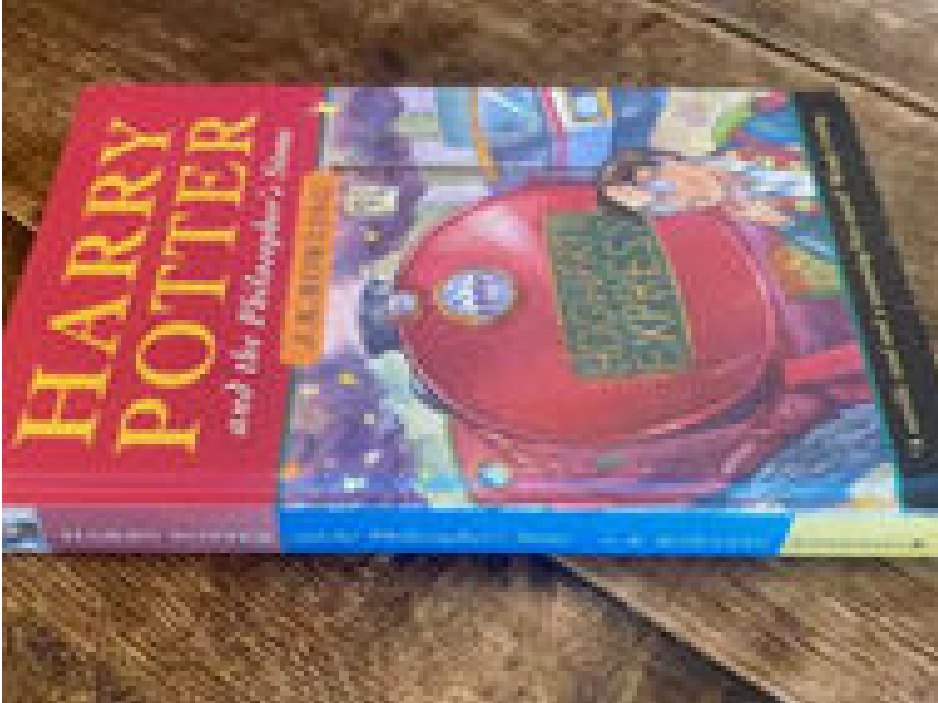
This move aligns with RIL's broader strategy of diversifying its business portfolio and focusing on low-carbon and sustainable energy solutions. The company sees significant potential in the helium market and aims to strengthen its position in the global energy and exploration sector. According to RIL's 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.

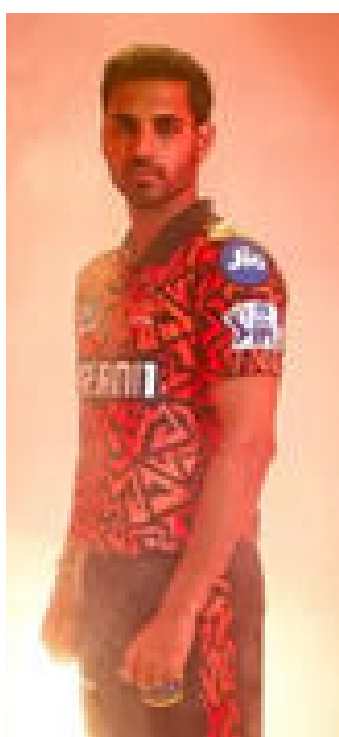
In the women's singles, 17-year-old Unnati Hooda caused an upset by defeating fourth-seed Pornpicha Choeikeewong of Thailand 21-18, 22-20, making it to the quarter-finals. However, Malvika Bansod, the second seed, was knocked out by fellow Indian Shriyanshi Valishetty, who won 21-12, 21-15.

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 Lalremtlunga 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 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.

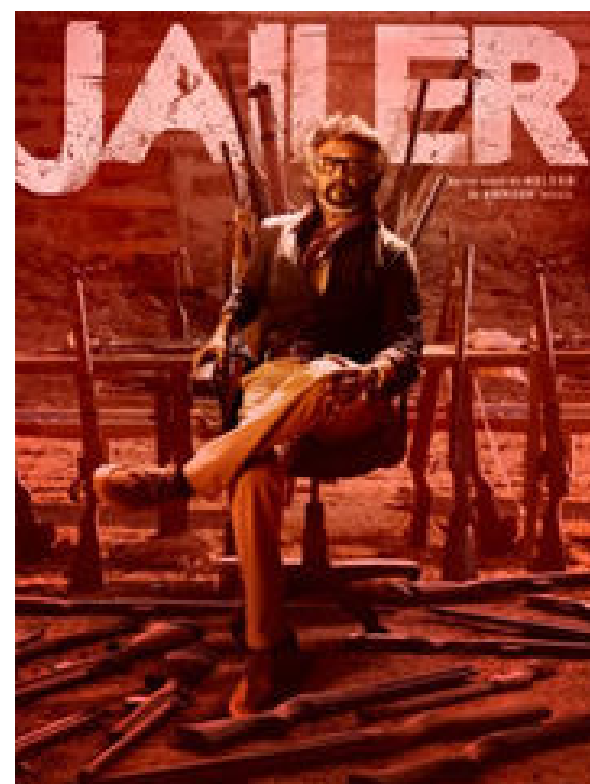
The music for *Sreegandhari* is composed by LV Ganesh Muthu, contributing to the film's eerie atmosphere and thrilling vibes. With its gripping storyline, strong performances, and engaging music, the film is expected to make a significant impact when it hits theaters in December.

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

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.